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Girl Scout cookies, apparently falling from heaven, cause scouts, from left, Jill Wise, Dina Johnson and Shelly Slyker to day dream about the annual cookie sale that will begin Friday with the ringing of Tall City doorbells. Related story Page 1B. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

## China poised to give Vietnam punishing blow

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Three Chinese infantry divisions fighting for every mile against tough opposition have pushed 12 miles into Vietnam's northeast corner and may be poised to cut a highway link to Vietnamese troops concentrated in Lang Son, intelligence sources in Bangkok reported today.

In Peking, a Chinese government official said today China's "punishment" of Vietnam is not finished. Japan's Kyodo news service reported. The source said China will not back down leaving the military situation as it is, Kyodo said.

Moving under darkness Wednesday night, the Chinese, possibly numbering as many as 30,000 men and backed by tanks, punched into Vietnam's coastal province of Quang Ninh and halted within 12 miles of Highway 4, the sources said. The highway links the coast with Lang Son, a border town 50 miles inland.

Vietnam was rushing reinforcements up to Lang Son, and analysts believe a major battle was brewing around the town. If the Chinese are able to deal a final blow to the Vietnamese, the analysts say, Peking will probably withdraw most of its invasion force from Vietnam.

In Hanoi, Vietnam's vice foreign minister, Nguyen Co Thach, said China is massing forces on the border for an "attack on Vietnam on an even larger scale than Saturday," the beginning of the invasion, Radio Hanoi reported.

The sources here said the three Chinese divisions encountered "fierce fighting, with heavy losses on both sides" as they moved deep into Quang Ninh on Wednesday.

The invasion route the Chinese followed is a river valley stretching from China southwest into Vietnam. The intelligence sources described the area as "rugged and mountainous."

After cutting Highway 4, the Chinese commanders could decide to swing inland and try to cut Highway 1 south of Lang Son. That highway is the lifeline between Hanoi and the Lang Son front.

Heavy fighting has been reported for several days around the border village of Dong Dang, seven miles from Lang Son. Foreign reporters who visited Lang Son Tuesday said they were told the Chinese were holding the hills on one side of Dong Dang, and the Vietnamese held the hills opposite them.

Bangkok sources believed the Chinese planned to deal a final blow to the Vietnamese, then in three or four days withdraw most of the forces who poured across the frontier Saturday with the declared aim of putting down border provocations.

But Japan's Kyodo news agency said a government official in Peking told it if Vietnam moved regular forces into the area to replace the militia that has been doing most of the fighting, the fighting would go on. The intelligence sources said Hanoi was in fact moving regular army reinforcements up to the border to relieve militia units battered in the first days of fighting.

At the other end of the 450-mile border, Vietnamese troops stationed in northern Laos were reported moving into Hoang Lien Son province, where the Chinese captured the major town of Lao Cai on Tuesday.

## U.S. oil companies announce cuts

By JEAN-CLAUDE BOUIS

NEW YORK (AP) — Citing the cutoff of Iranian oil exports, several U.S. oil companies have announced cutbacks in production to conserve available crude oil, a move that could further reduce the flow of gasoline to neighborhood pumps.

Shell Oil Co. said Wednesday the cutback will involve all refined products. Shell announced a 5 percent to 8 percent cutback in the amount of crude going into its refineries, beginning March 1.

Atlantic Richfield Co. said it would soon have to limit sales of some petroleum products.

"It is more responsible to allocate now than wait for the summer driving season to spring the news. Spreading the limited supply around is the proper way to deal with a shortage," ARCO Vice Chairman W.F. Kieschnick said Wednesday. He gave no details on his company's allocation plans.

The Phillips Petroleum Co., which already has reduced gasoline deliveries to its dealers by 15 percent, announced that it would double that reduction to 30 percent, according to today's editions of the New York Times.

Texaco and Continental Oil Co. are among other companies already allocating gasoline. In addition, Exxon, Gulf and other large suppliers of crude oil also have cut sales to refineries in order to conserve the product.

Meanwhile, Libya raised its oil prices by 5 per cent "across the board" Wednesday, a spokesman for Occidental Petroleum Corp. said.

The spokesman, who asked that his name not be used, said the increase was "around 68 cents per barrel across the board and that averages out to about 5 percent."

Occidental is one of Libya's biggest customers of crude oil.

There has been virtually no rise in consumer prices as a result of the special increases by OPEC members because not much oil is involved. But should OPEC decide the market will bear higher prices, it could speed up its graduated 14.5 percent general price rise scheduled for this year.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer, has stepped up its production by about 1 million barrels a day and has begun charging higher prices for the extra oil.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait magazine Al Hadaf reported today that several Persian Gulf oil states are trying to persuade Saudi Arabia to agree to another increase in the price of oil but the Saudis are resisting.

It said oil ministers of the smaller states are meeting with Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, to get him to agree to an increase to prevent the international oil companies and other middlemen from making huge profits as a result of the shortage in world oil supplies caused by curtailment of Iranian production.

Neither Shell nor ARCO was a big customer of Iranian oil, but both noted that the shutdown of Iranian production had all but dried up the spot market.

"In addition to the tightened crude market, we have seen a cutback in the availability of refined products we normally can purchase from others in the United States and abroad," a Shell spokesman said.

U.S. oil industry analysts say the loss of Iranian oil is potentially as serious as the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo, but won't reach that stage unless crude oil from Iran stays out of the pipeline for several more months.

But oil sources quoted by Al Hadaf said Saudi Arabia is opposed to another increase so soon after the one announced by OPEC in December. Two other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, last week raised some of their prices by 7 percent.

In Vienna, Austria, OPEC announced Wednesday it would meet March 26 to discuss supply shortages caused by Iran's political turmoil. Also to be discussed are the higher prices on the spot market, which OPEC blamed on "speculative traders."

While the spot market, where oil not sold under contract changes hands, is

small, many oil companies use it to provide flexibility, for example. Supplies of some products such as jet fuel are tight because some companies rely on the spot market to meet demand.

The Iranian supply, which amounted to just 5 percent of U.S. crude oil needs, was used to adjust inventories. Its loss sent prices for what is available on the spot market soaring, as countries more dependent on Iran than the United States go there to make up their losses.

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The analysts expect the price of gasoline to rise about 2 cents a gallon for each quarter Iran remains shut down, but say that Iran could be up to adequate production levels a month after it decides to resume operations.

## Mansion meeting on oil reported

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements disclosed today that a top-level meeting of state officials was held at the governor's mansion Wednesday night to begin work on the Texas version of a national energy plan.

In attendance, Clements told a news conference, were Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Bill Clayton, Attorney General Mark White, Railroad Commissioners John Poerner, Mack Wallace and James Nugent and members of Clements' staff.

Also there were former presidential adviser Walt Rostow, now a University of Texas professor, and William Fisher of the UT Bureau of Economic Geology.

Clements said the group met to "establish a common ground to properly represent the so-called Texas position as regards energy."

"It was a most successful meeting,

strictly non-partisan," said Clements, Texas' first Republican governor in over a century.

Clements said a position paper is being prepared that will be the basis for an address he will make at the National Governor's Conference in Washington next week.

Asked to summarize Texas' position, Clements said it "takes issue with the national energy policy as a policy of conservation — not a policy of energy. We feel the solution to the problem is the production of energy."

"We have procrastinated long enough — we must do something," said Clements, who built a fortune in the oil drilling equipment business.

The United States' energy policy, he said, is the "worst offender in our deficit in balance of payments ... and is a terribly serious issue as to national security."

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## Khomeini promises national vote for Iranians within two weeks

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has promised a national referendum in two weeks so the Iranians can say if they want the Islamic republic he promised them as the goal of their revolution.

It will be the first of four national votes planned by the 78-year-old religious leader and his aides.

An announcement by Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan's provisional government said the voters would be asked one question: "Do you favor an Islamic republic?"

Bazargan said earlier the referendum would be followed by the election of a constitutional assembly to approve a new constitution abolishing the 2,500-year-old monarchy and establishing the republic. After the assembly adopts the constitution, there will be another referendum to approve it. Then a Parliament will be elected and will name a government to replace Bazargan's provisional cabinet.

Local press reports said the draft constitution prohibits persons of wealth or influence from participating in the government. This presumably is to bar those who wielded power during the regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, driven from Iran Jan. 16.

Khomeini said, while he led his revolution from exile, that he wanted

a republic built around the tenets of Islam.

But in the 10 days since his revolution succeeded, the Western "decadence" decreed by the ayatollah has been seen creeping back into Tehran's street scenes and lifestyles.

Many young women who draped themselves in the black chador veil during the year-long struggle to topple the shah no longer cover their sweaters and jeans.

The movie theaters Khomeini and his Shiite mullahs wanted closed are reopening and again are showing foreign films.

But liquor is hard to find and Tehran's red light district set afire by religious militants Jan. 29 remains quiet.

Occasional gunfire is heard at night, but there is less of it, and regular policemen have taken over directing traffic from Khomeini's Islamic police force.

Schools have reopened. Shops and banks are slowly reopening at Khomeini's urging to get the economy going again after months of chaos.

Guerrillas of Khomeini's revolutionary committee seized several American diplomats at the Hilton Hotel Wednesday night but released them shortly after when the provisional government intervened, Depu-

ty Prime Minister Amir Entezam reported.

It was believed that the Americans were consular officers working on the evacuation of Americans. Entezam said revolutionary units operating in the city frequently made such "mistakes." But he said legislation is being drafted to bring the forces of both the revolutionary committee, which in effect is a separate government, and those of the provisional government under central control.

Sgt. Ken Kraus of Lansdale, Pa., the 22-year-old Marine freed by the government Wednesday after a week in captivity, left for the United States today on a Pan American evacuation flight.

"I'm glad to be going home," Kraus told reporters as he boarded the plane. He showed no sign of ill treatment.

Kraus was wounded slightly in the guerrilla attack on the U.S. Embassy Feb. 14 and was taken by a group of guerrillas from the hospital where he was being treated. His whereabouts were not known until Wednesday, when the government announced he was charged with shooting at Iranians and would be put on trial. He was freed Wednesday evening after U.S. Ambassador William H. Sullivan spent the day in contact with senior government officials.

## Homeowners may pay less for insurance

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Homeowners in the Midland area would pay less for their coverage under proposals being considered by the State Board of Insurance.

Both the SBI and the Texas Insurance Advisory Association (which represents the insurance industry) have proposed decreases in homeowners insurance in the North-Northwest rating territory.

That rating territory — one of three used for homeowner and extended coverage rating — includes Midland, Ector and other adjoining counties.

The three-member board will decide whether to adopt the recommendations of its staff or the TIAA, or to reject both and adopt different figures.

The changes proposed for the North-Northwest rating territory include the following with the SBI proposals first followed by the TIAA proposals:

Homeowners, minus 5 to 7 percent, minus 2.5 percent. (Statewide average, minus 2.3 percent, plus 4.6 percent.)

Tenant homeowners, minus 3.7 percent, minus 2.5 percent. (Statewide average, plus 2.9 percent, plus 4.6 percent.)

Farm and ranch owners, minus 10.5 percent, minus 6.8 percent. (Statewide average, minus 9.3 percent, minus 5.1 percent.)

Fire, statewide, plus 1.5 percent, plus 1.4 percent. For dwellings, minus 1.9 percent, minus 2.1 percent. For farms, plus 3.1 percent, plus 6.1 percent. For all other, plus 3.8 percent, plus 3.8 percent.

Extended coverage, minus 6.6 percent, minus 5.9 percent. Statewide coverage, minus 13.5 percent, minus 12.6 percent.

There are seven categories under extended coverage, depending on the type of construction used. They include: frame, minus 0.5 percent, minus 0.3 percent; brick, plus 4.2 percent, plus 4.2 percent; wind resistive and semi-wind resistive, plus 5.0 percent, plus 5.0 percent; dwellings, minus 16.6 percent, minus 15.8 percent; farms, minus 13.0 percent, minus 8.7 percent; and not otherwise classified, plus 7.3 percent, plus 7.3 percent.

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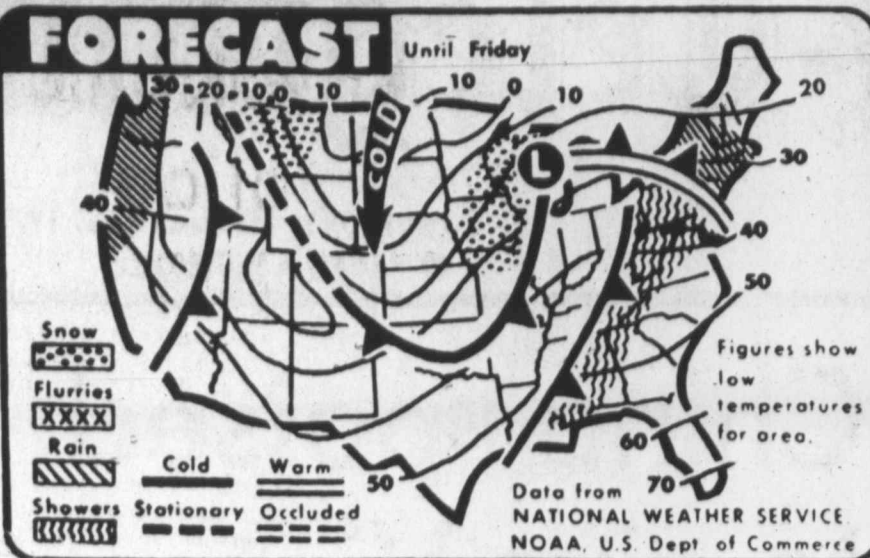
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Shows are expected until Friday morning from the central Gulf to New England. Rain is forecast for the northern half of the Pacific coast...



Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a.m., shows clouds around a storm center in Wyoming with bands reaching through the upper Mississippi Valley to southern Texas.

New Orleans turns tough in negotiations

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With Mardi Gras written off as a loss, the city has turned tough in negotiations with striking police...

The offer came after Joe Valenti, a Teamsters negotiations specialist, said he intended to reach a settlement...

As you know, we have been meeting in marathon negotiations, and we are close to the point of exhaustion...

Civil District Judge Richard Garvey has issued a preliminary injunction against the strike, which orders the 1,100 striking officers back to work.

He said he would issue contempt citations and fines against striking police only if the city requested such action.

So far, Garvey twice has ordered members of the Teamster-affiliated Police Association of Louisiana to stop the strike pending court hearings on whether it is legal.



A security guard walks past Mardi Gras floats stored in a warehouse Wednesday that have been idled by a policy strike in New Orleans. At right is the king's float in the Rex procession, which is considered the main event of the carnival.

Ugo La Malfa named new premier of Italy

ROME (AP) — A 75-year-old Sicilian politician who for years has been calling for economic austerity and wage controls has been given the task of trying to become Italy's first non-Christian Democrat premier in 33 years.

President Sandro Pertini announced he is tapping Ugo La Malfa, the bony-faced, spectacled leader of the tiny Republican Party, following the failure of four-time Premier Giulio Andreotti to put together Italy's 37th post-war government.

Andreotti handed in his mandate after 19 days of talks during which he failed to win any agreement between

the two giants of Italian politics — his Christian Democrats and the Communists, the largest Marxist party in the West.

Andreotti had tried to succeed himself after the Communists pulled out of a five-party parliamentary majority. The Communists declined to re-join the alliance unless they were given cabinet posts, a request steadily rejected by the Vatican-backed party.

The 80-year-old Socialist Pertini summoned La Malfa on Wednesday and said he will name him premier designate.

It could mark a milestone in this country where all governments have been dominated by the Christian Democrats since 1945, with 12 Christian Democrats taking turn as premier. The Christian Democrats have also been the main pillar of pro-Western and pro-NATO policies here.

La Malfa is firmly pledged in favor of the West but he has repeatedly come out in favor of bringing the Communists into the government, provided they agree on austerity and wage controls.

One of his key points is "putting Griffin Bell won't allow cases to be dropped"

Man convicted on tax charges back in jail

A man convicted last week of income tax charges was in Midland City Jail today, despite the fact that he has sufficient bond money posted.

Byron F. Patterson of Odessa was convicted last week in Midland on income tax charges. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. Monday raised Patterson's bond, pending sentencing and appeal, from the \$5,000 he had posted to \$10,000.

Patterson, who had said he would appeal the bond increase, refused to sign the new bond and late Monday was taken into custody by U.S. marshals.

Officials said the only change in the new bond, other than the face amount, was a restriction which would forbid Patterson to leave Midland or Ector counties without permission from the court.

contents ahead of alliances," meaning he is willing to take in any partner who agrees with him on what has to be done.

In a television program last year La Malfa confronted Luciano Lama, the powerful Communist labor leader and sharply attacked union policies seeking higher wages and other improvements for workers.

Official comments from most parties were favorable to Pertini's choice. But La Malfa, often described as Italy's doomdayer for his relentless pinpointing of troubles and illusions, said he faced a formidable task.

Whitlow indicted for murder in death of 14-year-old girl

The Midland County grand jury Wednesday indicted James Earl Whitlow, 20, of 1710 Butternut Lane, for murder.

Whitlow was arrested Sunday in connection with the shooting death of a 14-year-old Midland girl.

The Midland man was in City Jail early today in lieu of \$50,000 bond, authorities said.

Midland police officers found the body of Poetry Lashan Brazell, 14, in Hogan Park shortly before 8 a.m. Sunday.

Police have said it is believed the eighth grade student at Alamo Junior High was killed shortly before 2 a.m. after an argument.

The teen-ager had been shot four times with a .22-caliber weapon, police said.

Officers said they believed Miss Brazell and Whitlow had been standing outside Whitlow's car, which they said had been parked when the shooting took place at the spot in the park where the body was found.

Whitlow was arrested Sunday afternoon in the 400 block of East Texas Avenue and was charged Monday.

International Reading Association plans bilingual teaching program

The Permian Basin Chapter of the International Reading Association is planning a program entitled, "Techniques and Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Regional Service Center.

Teresa Marmolejo, bilingual coordinator of the Ector County Independent School District, will be the guest speaker.

She earned a B.A. degree from Texas Woman's University and an M.A. degree in supervision from the University of Texas in the Permian Basin.

As a helping teacher in the Midland Independent School District, she wrote a curriculum guide including many diagnostic tests and supervised bilingual teachers.

The techniques and materials presented in her program can be used by any teacher or volunteer with bilingual students, she said.

The meeting is open to the public.

Jack Moore to oppose Thomas for Place 3

Former city Personnel Director Jack M. Moore, 65, has announced he will oppose incumbent Carroll M. Thomas for Place 3 on the Midland City Council in the April 7 city election.

Thomas is seeking re-election to that post.

In a prepared statement, Moore said he would like to use his past experience and desire to represent the citizens of Midland.

"My goal will be solutions of value for present and future problems," he said. "I pledge to do my best for the people of Midland."

He has lived in Midland since 1946 and "at age 65, I should qualify for the 'City Father' terminology."

Moore retired in December 1978 as director of personnel for the city of Midland after working for the city 10 years.

His duties with the city included recruiting and counseling employees, serving as chairman of the Accident Review Board and serving as defensive driving coordinator and certified instructor for that course and for first aid.

Moore previously had worked 30 years with Dowell, Division of Dow Chemical Co., in engineering, management and training.

He was listed in the second edition of "Engineers of Distinction, a Who's Who in Engineering" by the Engineers' Joint Council. He served in local offices and received the Service Award from the Society of Petroleum Engineers from AIME.



Jack Moore

dent of the Downtown Kiwanis Club where he was named Citizen of the Year in 1973.

He also is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Texas City Personnel Directors and Toastmasters International.

His civic participation includes the United Way, having served as a member of the budget committee, a loaned executive and on the President's Cabinet.

For the Chamber of Commerce, Moore served as chairman of the education committee and is a team captain with the M Squad.

He also is on the advisory committee for vocational office education and is a member of the board of executors for the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum.

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Friday. A little cooler tonight and Friday. Low tonight in the upper 20s. High Friday in the lower 60s. Gusty winds diminishing tonight and becoming west to northwesterly at 10 to 15 mph.

ANDREWS, LAMESA, BIG SPRING, STANTON FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Friday. Wind and some blowing dust. Cooler tonight and Friday. Low tonight in the lower 20s. High Friday in the lower 50s. Wind warnings in effect on area lakes this afternoon. Gusty winds changing from southwesterly and westerly to northwesterly and diminishing to 10 to 15 mph tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High 69 degrees. Overnight Low 47 degrees. Sunrise today 6:41 a.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:23 a.m. Precipitation: Last 24 hours 0 inches. This month to date 0.28 inch. 1978 to date 6.42 inch.

Table with 2 columns: LOCAL TEMPERATURES and 2 rows of temperature data for various times of day.

Table with 2 columns: SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES and 2 rows of temperature data for various cities.

Texas thermometer

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low, Pcp. Lists temperatures for various Texas cities.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy and mild today with scattered showers and thunderstorms central and east ending early tonight. Cloudy and turning cooler late tonight and Friday. High 68 to 72. Low 48 to 52. Winds upper 20s Panhandle to near 40 extreme southeast. Highs Friday near 60 northwest to mid 60s southeast.

Windy, slightly cooler weather seen for Basin

The ever-changing West Texas weather flaunts no exception to the saying "If it's not one thing, it's another." Today, it was the winds whipping up the dust and dropping temperatures.

The day before, it was warming up. Some time before that, it was cold accompanied by sleet, snow and drizzling rain.

Winds in the Midland-Odessa area this afternoon were to become westerly at 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Tonight, the winds are to decrease to 10 to 15 mph and are to be blowing from the west and northwest.

The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport has issued wind warnings on area lakes this afternoon.

Winds in the Andrews, Lamesa, Big Spring and Stanton areas were to increase to 20 to 30 mph and gusting from the west and southwest this afternoon. By tonight, the winds were

The weather elsewhere

Thursday

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Pre, Clk. Lists weather conditions for various cities.

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Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy through Friday. Windy north with some blowing dust mainly South Plains. Highs mostly in the 60s except 70s Big Bend. Lows upper 20s to 30s. Panhandle to near 40 extreme south. Highs Friday upper 60s Panhandle to the mid 60s south.

North Texas: Mostly cloudy and warm through Friday. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east and central through Friday. Highs 65 to 75. Lows 35 to 45.

South Texas: Considerable late night and morning cloudiness, dense fog and light drizzle otherwise partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy through Friday with warm and humid days and mild at night. Scattered mainly afternoon and nighttime showers and thunderstorms, a few heavy thunderstorms possible more numerous Southeast Texas. Highs 70s and 80s. Lows 50s and 60s.

Fort Arthur to Port O'Connor: South and southeast winds 13 to 20 knots and 18 to 13 knots tonight. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Dense fog and haze will reduce visibilities and create a hazard to navigation. Winds and seas higher in and near scattered thundershowers.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: South and southeast winds 13 to 20 knots today and Friday and 19 to 13 knots tonight. Winds briefly higher and gusty near shore during the afternoons. Seas 5 to 7 feet. Dense fog and haze will reduce visibilities and create a hazard to navigation. Winds and seas higher in and near widely scattered thundershowers.

The low tonight is to be in the upper 30s in the area covering Midland, Odessa, Rankin, Big Lake and Garden City. Friday's high is to be in the lower 60s.

Wednesday's high was 69 degrees, said the weatherman. And the low reading this morning was 47.

The record high for a Feb. 21 is 85 degrees in 1972. The record low for a Feb. 21 is 19 degrees in 1966.

Sunset today will come at 6:41 p.m. The sun will rise Friday at 7:23 a.m.

Elsewhere, dense fog reduced visibility to near zero and created hazardous driving conditions early today across much of the eastern half of Texas.

Forecasts called for continued shower activity in the Panhandle and for developing shower activity in Southwest Texas. Showers and thundershowers were also forecast for late in the day in the eastern half of the state.

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DEATHS

Joe M. Peterson

LAMESA — Services for Joe M. Peterson, 83, of Lamesa, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church...

Miss Stephenson

Graveside services for Norma C. Stephenson, 58, of 1011 W. College Ave., were held Wednesday in Resthaven Memorial Park...

Floy B. Richards

LITTLEFIELD — Services for Floy B. Richards, 79, of Littlefield, father of Jimmy Richards of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Hammons Funeral Home...

Miss Stephenson died Monday in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born March 7, 1920, in Sipes Spring. She spent her early life in Breckenridge and attended schools there.

Richards died Tuesday. He was married to Annie Sinclair Dec. 22, 1920, in Vinson, Okla. He had lived in Littlefield nine years.

Other survivors include his wife, three sons, three daughters, a brother, 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pulp, paper strike continues to wind down

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Employees at two more mills reached tentative agreements Wednesday as a prolonged West Coast pulp and paper strike continued to wind down.

Meetings to explain the offer were scheduled for Thursday for the 151 members of the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers at Crown Zellerbach Co.'s mill in Fairhaven, Calif. A ratification vote was scheduled for Friday.

Meanwhile, 515 members of the AWPWP local at a Georgia Pacific mill in Toledo, Ore., will hear an explanation of a revised offer Friday and vote Monday. They had rejected an offer Sunday.

If those contracts are approved, it will leave about 4,200 AWPWP members on strike at 15 mills, owned by eight companies in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

Audrie Manning

ROSCOE — Mrs. Charles (Audrie) L. Manning, 76, mother of Allen Z. Manning and Marvin Manning, both of Midland, died Wednesday in a Snyder hospital.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of Roscoe with the Rev. Robert Sloan, pastor, officiating. Burial was to take place in Lone Wolf Cemetery in rural Roscoe.

She was born April 29, 1902, in Coryell County. She married Charles Melvin Manning Sept. 4, 1920, in Gatesville.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1953.

Other survivors include a son, C.M. Manning Jr. of Monahans; four daughters, Mrs. Bob Merrick of Big Spring; Mrs. Leroy Light of Burdy, Mo.; Mrs. C.S. Posey of Snyder, Birdie Scott of Sweetwater; two sisters, Gladys White of Evant and Hattie Franklin of Roswell, N.M.; three brothers, Jim Smith of Evant, Ira Smith of Baytown, and Jack Smith of Hamilton, 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

J.D. Dobson

Jesse D. "Pappy" Dobson, 77, of 1200 Tennessee Ave. died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth James, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

International Order of Odd Fellows services will be held at the cemetery.

Born Nov. 8, 1901, in Red River County, Dobson was reared there. He worked for the T&P Railroad before joining Magnolia Oil Company in 1924. Dobson moved to Chalk in 1923 and he lived there until 1943, when he moved to Houston.

He moved to Midland in 1944 and became associated with the Superior Oil Company, where he worked until 1966. He retired in 1966.

Dobson had been in failing health for two years. He was a member of IOOF No. 384.

Survivors include three sons, C.D. Dobson of Baton Rouge, La., James E. Dobson of Irving, and Bobby D. Dobson of Midland; a daughter, Betty Jean Jones of Hebronville; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Jimmy (Barbara) Roberts of Hurst, and Mrs. Don L. (Sue) Copeland of Wabash, Ind., 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

R.W. Rodgers

WICHITA FALLS — R.W. "Dub" Rodgers, 65, of Wichita Falls, brother of Pearl Condon and Sylvia Bunt, both of Midland, died Wednesday at his home here following a brief illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home in Midland with Mann Rankin, Christian Science reader, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in Midland.

Born Dec. 19, 1913, in Fort Worth, Rodgers was owner-operator of Penny Wise Fruit Stand in Albuquerque, N.M. After sale of the business, he moved to Wichita Falls in December 1977.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Other survivors include his wife, two daughters, two sisters and five grandchildren.

Rev. Thornton

LUBBOCK — Services for the Rev. Orlan Andrew Thornton, 62, of Lubbock, father of Sheila McCormick and brother of J.P. Thornton, both of Midland, are pending with Rix Funeral Directors here.

Thornton died Wednesday at his home. He was minister of the United Pentecostal Church here and associate pastor of the Southside Apostolic Church. He also had served as pastor of churches in Jal, Eunice, Grants and Tucumcari, N.M., as well as one in Plainview.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, two brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

Archives has free packets of family history

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Archives, anticipating renewed interest in genealogy as a result of "Roots II," has prepared free family history packets.

As the nation's permanent repository of federal records, the Archives has millions of documents pertinent to genealogical research.

It was at the Archives that Alex Haley began his 13-year search for his African origins, starting with the 1870 census.

"Roots," the television series two years ago based on Haley's book, is credited with a 70 percent increase in research requests to the Archives. Public use of the documents has dropped off since, but the Archives anticipates "Roots II," being televised nationally this week, will renew interest.

The free genealogical information can be obtained by writing to Correspondence Branch (NNCC), National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

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Columns of smoke pour out of one of the volcano craters in the Dieng mountains in Central Java Wednesday. The eruption killed 175 persons from poisonous gas and smoldering lava. (AP Laser-photo)

175 die in volcanic eruption

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Search teams combed villages in the Dieng Mountains of central Java today, moving villagers from the path of lava streams and poison gas spewing from volcanic Mount Sinila and a second crater in the area.

The toll from the eruption early Tuesday rose to 175 dead and more than 1,000 injured, officials said. More than 17,000 persons have been evacuated.

Suffocating gas and clouds of ash still blanketed several villages as teams of troops, police and villagers evacuated persons from threatened villages.

Only persons with gas masks were allowed in within several miles of the erupting crater to search for more bodies.

Officials said two rivers in the area had carried the lava for six miles, poisoning the water and preventing its use for irrigation. A third river appeared to have been blocked, threatening the livelihood of villagers in the Banjarnegara district through which the river flows.

The lava also blocked roads, hampering rescue efforts.

The Dieng Plateau, a tourist attraction because of its volcanic craters, was declared off limits to visitors and roads into the mountains were closed.

More help was sent to the stricken district from other provinces and from Jakarta, the capital.

The eruption is Sinila's fourth in 51 years and the first since 1959.



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'WE'VE JUST TAKEN ANOTHER LOOK AT IRAN'

ART BUCHWALD

## 'You're a winner' IF you will open the letter

WASHINGTON — It seems every time the mailman comes he delivers another large envelope addressed to me announcing that I have either won a GIANT SWEEPSTAKES, or have a CHANCE of winning one if I will just open the letter.



Art Buchwald

I want you to know that these are not pieces of impersonal junk mail. They are addressed "Dear Art and Ann," and go something like this: "We're happy to inform you that you have almost won a \$150,000 solar home, \$20,000-a-year for life, a three-month cruise around the world or a Gillette double-edged razor. You do not have to do anything to win one of these prizes except subscribe to Drowning magazine, the new bi-monthly publication devoted to people who can't swim. Even if you don't subscribe to our magazine you have an opportunity to participate in a drawing for an all-day trip up the Amazon (air fare not included) or a portable screwdriver with your initials on it.

"This is how you can win: Rub the blank white square below. If a buffalo appears in the space, then you are one of the really lucky ones who may be moving into your new solar-heated \$150,000 house next month. If a turkey shows up your name automatically goes into a box for the \$20,000-a-year for life annuity. If no animal appears in the white space YOU HAVE NOT LOST. You are eligible for an oil

change at the gasoline station of your choice.

"Wait, there's more. Because we believe Drowning magazine will not only appeal to your desire to learn more about what happens when you sink to the bottom of the sea, we are offering the first one million subscribers a chance to win 1,000 gold-minted coins dredged up from a Spanish galleon which sank off the coast of Florida in 1665. These coins are practically yours if you act NOW.

"Art and Ann, I'll be very hurt if I don't hear from you this week.

"Love, "Judy Hammer" I must admit that even I get sucked in by this kind of mail, and my wife also gets very excited the day a sweepstakes letter arrives.

The other afternoon when I came home she couldn't contain herself. "We've just won a three-year-old racehorse," she said hugging me, "and it will probably win the Kentucky Derby."

"What do we have to do for it?" I wanted to know.

"Nothing," she said, "but take out a health and accident policy which will guarantee us \$10 a day for 12 days in any city-owned hospital in the country."

"And for that we get a race-horse?"

"We do if our insurance policy number matches the winning number of the Irish Sweepstakes."

"I'm not sure I want a horse," I said. "If he wins the Kentucky Derby the sportswriters won't give us any peace."

"She went through some other letters. "All right, then, how would you like a 707 Boeing jet with leather seats designed by Gucci?"

"That sounds more like it. How do we win that?"

"I'm not sure. All the letter says is 'Dear Art and Ann. You have won a 707 Boeing jet airplane. Please fill out this card and enclose \$29.50 for luggage tags. These tags will be placed in a computer, and if your tag is selected the Boeing will be delivered to your hangar or any airline terminal gate that you specify. All cards with checks must be in no later than March 1."

"I don't see how the sweepstakes mailers do it," I said. "They give so much and ask so little in return."

My wife agreed. "And people say there is no such thing as the American dream."

## Mark Russell says

Thanks to Susan Ford and Patty Hearst, February is Marry Your Bodyguard Month.

Are you listening, Bess and Mamie?

As the snows continue to batter Chicago, the natives are trying to figure out why Mayor Daley is so angry.

The new Iranians in Washington are cutting costs at the old embassy, now known as the Ayatollah Hilton. Instead of removing the pictures of the shah, they simply painted on a white beard and turban.

## BROADSIDES



**BIBLE VERSE**  
O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. — Jeremiah 10:24.

## the small society by Brickman



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Land deal may prove big ripoff

By JACK ANDERSON  
WASHINGTON — Koniag Inc. is a native Alaskan development corporation that federal investigators believe has attempted one of the biggest public-lands ripoffs of this century. Evidence gathered by the Justice and Interior Departments indicates that Koniag claimed more than 600,000 acres of valuable government land for "phantom" native villages that exist only on paper.

A federal grand jury indictment of some of the parties involved was quashed by a former Bureau of Indian Affairs official. So we sent our associate Hal Bernton on an investigative foray into Alaska, where he dug up the facts.

Koniag claimed the land under provisions of the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The law was designed to give the state's Eskimo, Aleut and Indian population an economic base with which to ease their transition from the isolated village life of their ancestors to the realities of the 20th century.

But the driving force behind Koniag Inc. is no simple, semi-literate Eskimo fisherman or Indian trapper. He is an articulate, acerbic newspaper editor with a talent for lobbying and a weakness for alliterative invective toward anyone who crosses him. His name is Karl Armstrong and he is Koniag's executive vice president.

When residents of Kodiak banded together to fight Koniag's attempted land grab, Armstrong described the Citizens Action Group in a local newspaper as "a mob of malcontents making malicious mischief through misleading information."

He added darkly: "It is not easy to find out just what this weird secret society is — or who it is. Like the Ku Klux Klan, it hides."

Armstrong was stretching poetic license to the point of arrant nonsense. Our associate Hal Bernton had no trouble locating members of the Citizens Action Group, and he found them neither weird nor mysterious.

They are local businessmen, ranchers, hunters and fishermen who are concerned and angry about what they see as Koniag's illegal move to gain ownership of valuable timberland worth millions of dollars. The land that Koniag seeks is located on the federally owned island of Afognak.

Seven of the 16 villages for which Koniag Inc. claims federal land under the 1971 act have been challenged as paper phantoms, imaginary entities that are not entitled to grants of federal land. After initially certifying all seven as eligible, the Bureau of Indian Affairs was reversed by higher-ups in the Interior Department on six of the alleged villages.

where they have a sense of place, who am I to argue with them?" Armstrong was once the editor of the Kodiak Daily Mirror. His successor in the editorship, Nell Waage, won a national award for her editorial writing. But when the Mirror published some articles critical of some of Armstrong's friends, he denounced Waage as a "racist bigot."

The odd thing about Armstrong's fierce championing of native Alaskan rights is that his credentials as a native — and thus his credibility as the executive officer of the native development corporation — are almost as ephemeral as the villages that Koniag Inc. has claimed land for.

Armstrong's initial application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for certification as a native was rejected because he could show only that he was only three-sixteenths native Alaskan. Eligibility for "native" status requires at least one-fourth native ancestry. But Armstrong protested, and the BIA gave him legal status as a native.

**KREMLIN KUDO:** It's always flattering to be denounced by the running dogs of totalitarianism. Over the years, we have basked in the warmth of attacks by dictatorial regimes of every persuasion.

Still, it's not every day that the Soviet Union's most prestigious cultural organ, the Literary Gazette, calls us skunks.

The magazine's New York correspondent, Iona Andronov, described us as purveyors of "political and bedroom lies," and called my associate, "Lovely Les" Whitten, so revolting that "many Washington newsmen avoid him in disgust."

Coming from a publication that has savaged every Soviet writer who has spoken out for freedom, this is high praise. What puts the frosting on the cake, though, is the word we have from senior U.S. intelligence officials that correspondent Andronov, like many other Soviet journalists, has for years been an agent of the Kremlin's notorious secret police, the KGB.

## The Country Parson by Frank Clark



"Hearing a good sermon sets a fellow to thinking about some of his sins which the preacher hasn't dared mention."

## Howdy, Geophysicists

The Tall City of Midland is proud and pleased to be the host city today and Friday to the 23rd Annual Exploration Meeting of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society, with headquarters in the Midland Hilton.

The session is expected to attract several hundred geophysicists from over West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, and far beyond.

The meeting has as its theme, "1979 — Ending a Decade of Progress."

And it has been just that — a decade of progress for geophysicists, who, aided by modern and more sophisticated equipment and methods, have played and are playing a most significant role in the expanded oil and gas exploration endeavor of the '70s.

But while reviewing activities and achievements of the '70s, which is fine and dandy, it really is to the 1980's that the Permian Basin geophysicists are looking.

And this ties in perfectly with the subject of the keynote address, "The Expanding Role of

Exploration Geophysicists," which will be delivered by T. Norman Crook of Houston, president of the National Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

The upcoming decade promises to be an even more exciting period for geophysicists here and elsewhere as they pursue their all-important labors in helping the nation solve its energy problem by locating additional oil and gas reserves. It is a tremendous undertaking, certainly, but the geophysicists aren't backing off from their challenging assignment.

The technical papers which will be presented by distinguished geophysicists from across the nation, will be keyed to this very challenge facing all geophysicists of doing an even better and more thorough job for their respective firms, for their profession and for their nation.

Yes, Midland is glad to have the Permian Basin Geophysicists meeting here, and Midlanders join in bidding them welcome and in inviting them back to the Tall City as often as possible in the future.

## J.A. exceeds quota

Congratulations are in order for Midland Junior Achievement, Inc., which has just completed its annual finance campaign on a highly successful note, exceeding its \$60,000 quota.

And at the same time congratulations also are directed to all those interested individuals, groups and business firms who contributed to the success of the effort through their prompt and generous response in this most worthy community endeavor.

This actually is the second year in a row that Midlanders have seen fit to provide adequate finances to conduct the J.A. program which teaches high school students the principles of the American free enterprise system by helping them organize and operate their own miniature businesses.

It is not at all surprising that Midlanders, a vast majority of whom are outspoken advocates of the free enterprise system, would give strong financial support to Junior Achievement, but it was not until a year or two ago that J.A. gained sufficient stature in the community to get the attention it so richly merits. Additional funds, of course, could be used to a good advantage in broadening the scope of the

program, and this added support undoubtedly will come at the appropriate time. This is the Midland way.

Junior Achievement this year has expanded its program to include "Project Business," which is reaching additional youths.

Junior Achievement, incidentally, is the nation's oldest youth economic education program. Through J.A., youth learns the business of business.

Midland well may be proud of its Junior Achievement program and the effective job it is doing.

## IT HAPPENED HERE

30 YEARS AGO (Feb. 22, 1949):

An annual family celebration marking the birthday of C.C. McCargo of Grandfalls was held Sunday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. H.N. Phillips and Mr. Phillips, 1904 W. Texas St. The honoree was observing his 81st birthday.

Jno. P. Butler, Ed Darnell, Charles L. Klapproth, J. Holt Jowell, R.B. Cowden and George W. Glass are attending a Masonic meeting at El Paso, where a special degree is being put on by Scottish Rite Masons.

Tugboat Jones, new football coach at Midland High School, will address tonight's meeting of Methodist Men in the First Methodist Church.

## NICK THIMMESCH

### Terrorism in Rhodesia is overlooked by Americans

WASHINGTON — What if terrorists shot down two commercial passenger planes, say, over Chicago's O'Hare, New York's Kennedy or Los Angeles International, with great loss of life? Egads, there would be a burst of outrage, a further lunge to the right, congressional investigations and perhaps mea culpas by apologists for so-called liberation fronts.

Well, two such planes were shot down by missiles fired by terrorists of Joshua Nkomo's Marxist "Patriotic Front" in the past six months. A third was pierced by ground fire but didn't crash. The crashes took 97 lives. But Rhodesia lives with atrocities, and the United States, as a rule, doesn't.

Too many of us regard the "Patriotic Front" as something U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young has praised, and his boss, Jimmy Carter, wants to include as part of any settlement in Southern Africa. Indeed, if Westerners do anger over Africa, it is only after such terrorists have killed whites.

Hans Iver Hansen miraculously escaped death twice in the first shoot-down of a Rhodesian passenger plane. He survived the crash which killed 38, and he also managed to elude Nkomo's men who massacred 10 survivors at the crash site.

Hansen, 36, was here last week, incredulous that we don't understand what is going on in Rhodesia, a nation of 6,500,000 blacks and 250,000 whites, which he says is trying to change "uniquely" to a "racially coopera-



Nick Thimmesch

tive" society. "Americans have no respect for black people," he told me, as a sort of shocker. "It takes an air crash which whites can relate to — or an atrocity on whites — to get your attention. The truth is that 80 to 90 percent of the terrorists' victims are blacks, but they get no notice in your press."

"Nkomo is a gangster and bandit. He should never be let in on any settlement. But in politics, there are compromises, so I think Ian Smith will let him in."

"I don't understand your President Carter, who says he's a born-again Christian, supporting the anti-Christian 'Patriotic Front' with a veto right. I don't understand the World Council of Churches giving them aid. I don't understand why the civilized world doesn't deplore these terrorists' kidnaping black children to intimidate their parents."

Hansen and his wife Diana were aboard that Rhodesian plane last Sept. 3 when it was hit by a Soviet

Sam-7 missile and crashed. "I grabbed her hand and said, 'Only God can save us,'" he recalled. "We were in the back end, and it broke off. The rest of the plane looked like a cement mixer. Eighteen of us got out a hole in the side, and ran about 100 meters away from the flames."

"Five went off to look for a village, and the rest of us waited. We heard gunfire, so Diana and I hit the ground. The others huddled and stood up when the terrorists told them they had come to help them. They took their jewelry and valuables and then mowed them down with their rifles. Diana said 'Pray, it is the only help we will get.'"

"The terrorists left, so we crawled back near the plane. But they came back to loot the luggage and also to bayonet the crash victims. I heard a bayonet go through a small child's skull. We lay there, like dead, for one hour. They finally left, and we ran into the woods but weren't rescued until well into the next day."

"If small fanatical groups can put a nation to ransom this way with one missile, what do we have left? Rhodesia learned white superiority from the very British who now scorn us. Now we are trying to integrate our nation. I don't see a man's face as black or white."

"You know, 80 percent of our security forces are blacks. Ian Smith is guarded by blacks. I served under black officers. All of us want to stay. We have no alternative, if you like

Africa as I do. The rest of Africa is dictatorship, many bloody, and Rhodesia isn't that. You cannot wipe Rhodesia off the map, though life might become miserable for us.

Hansen is Danish born, came to Africa at 13 when his farmer father decided there was more opportunity there than in Denmark. Hansen farmed for years and then got into the fresh water sardine business at Kariba Lake, where he lives.

"I'm not leaving Rhodesia," he says as a determined white (20,000 have left). "We have a good future if these Marxist terrorists can be stopped. I intend to live my life as normal, and that means flying in our planes, too. Most Rhodesians, black and white, are fatalistic. If you die, you die."

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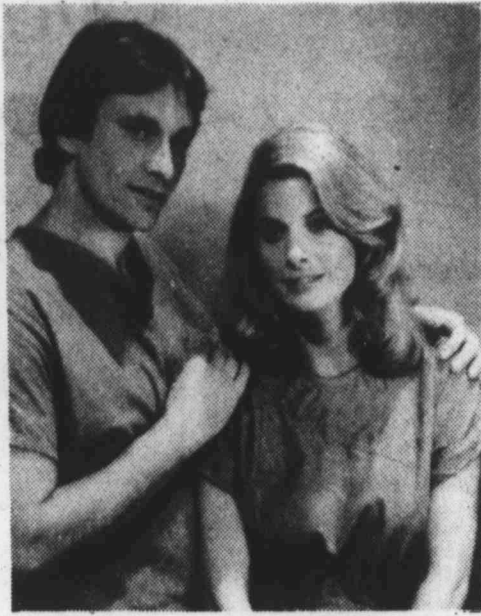
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# Evening TV Schedule



## ROMEO

David Ackroyd stars as the hospital Romeo — a married doctor with a short memory about his status — and Kathryn Harrold stars as a vulnerable young intern on the hospital staff, in the conclusion of "Women in White," Thursday, Feb. 22.

Stuart Whitman plays Dr. Ken Dalton, a heart surgeon whose wife has been appointed chief of staff of a major hospital just when his own career is in eclipse. Patty Duke Astin stars as a nurse with a terminally ill father.

(Stations reserve the right to make last-minute changes.)

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8:00	Quincy	Hawaii Five-O	ABC Special: "Roots: Next"	Pasiones	M.T. Moore Bob Newhart	Nova "Memories"	700 Club
9:00	Women in White Pt. 3	Barnaby Jones	Generations" Part 5	24 Horas	Movie: "They Only"	Jacques Cousteau	Praise
10:00	News Tonight	News M.A.S.H.	News Starsky	Hermanos Coraje	Kill Their Masters"	Soundstage	Melodyland The Life
11:00		CBS Late Movie:	& Hutch Mannix	Variedades De Medianoche	Maverick	Growing Years	Faith Temp. Life Of Riley
12:00	Tomorrow	"Columbo"			Night Gallery	Portrait	

## Lufthansa suspect promised \$300,000 to set up robbery

NEW YORK (AP) — Louis Werner, latest suspect in the \$5.8 million heist at the Lufthansa German Airlines cargo hangar at Kennedy Airport, was promised \$300,000 to set up the robbery, an FBI affidavit says.

The affidavit, filed Wednesday in federal court in Brooklyn by agent Thomas Sweeney, also said Werner was arrested on information supplied by a Peter Gruenwald, to whom he gave \$10,000 to buy silence. Gruenwald is a Lufthansa employee who is being held as a material witness in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Werner, 47, was arraigned Wednesday, and U.S. Magistrate Simon Chrein set bail at \$1 million.

Gruenwald, 39, of Levittown, N.Y., was arrested Saturday along with Angelo Sepe, 37, of Mattituck. Sepe is being held under \$1 million bond.

Werner and Sepe have been charged with violation of the Hobbs Act, which means forceful theft from a company doing interstate commerce, theft from an interstate shipment, possession of goods taken from an interstate or foreign shipment and conspiracy.

The robbers got an estimated \$5 million in cash, the largest robbery haul in the nation's history, and about \$800,000 in jewels.

Sweeney's affidavit said Werner also had been "instrumental" in causing a delay that prevented a Brink's armored truck from picking up the money at the Lufthansa cargo building as scheduled, three days before six bandits made off with it in a raid before dawn Dec. 11.

The affidavit said Werner was promised \$300,000 for his role and had already received \$80,000.

According to the document, Gruenwald said Werner admitted taking part in the robbery, gave him \$10,000 to keep quiet about what he knew, and

used some of the money to buy a van. Gruenwald said Werner had planned to flee to Florida, the affidavit said.

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Midland-Electronic once a year if there is any trouble at all hearing tests will be given at the Belton Hearing Aid Service office on Thursday and Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday 9-12.

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# Today is George's Birthday

By SAM HARTZ

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today is Washington's Birthday, not to be confused with last Monday, the federal holiday.

George may have understood such things. He wasn't born on either of those days, but on Feb. 11.

Thus, Washington could have three birthday celebrations. Or four, if you count Feb. 12, 1798.

It's all a bit puzzling, but the first change stemmed from England's adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1750. Washington had been born under the Julian or "old style" calendar on Feb. 11, 1731. The switch moved the date 11 days.

So after that, was his birthday on Feb. 22? Yes, in most places, but not in his hometown of Alexandria, Va. The good citizens there stuck with tradition and cele-

brated on the old date, Feb. 11. George went along.

But perhaps Alexandria residents didn't know that Washington, through his secretary, had sent word in 1792 to Thomas Jefferson about his birthday preference.

"T. Lear has the honor to inform Mr. Jefferson that the president considers the 22nd day of this month as his birthday, having been born on the 11th, old style," wrote Tobias Lear.

Washington's diary contains this entry, seven years later:

"Feb. 11 (1799) — Went up to Alexandria to the celebration of my birthday. Many maneuvers were performed by the uniform corps and an elegant ball and supper at night."

On Feb. 22, 1797, an even more elegant ball was held in Philadelphia,

then the seat of government. The attendance was 12,000.

What about Feb. 12, 1798? Because Feb. 11 fell on a Sabbath that year (no dancing), the Alexandria celebration was moved a day. Noted the obliging

Father of his Country: "Feb. 12 — Went to a ball given by the citizens of Alexandria in commemoration of my birth."

The Monday Holiday Act of 1968 provided the fourth day on which to celebrate the first president's birthday.

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# Today's stock market report

## New York Exchange

NEW YORK (AP)—Today's selected national prices for New York Stock Exchange issues:

Sales	PE	High	Low	Last Chg.
ACF	2.10	119	30	30
AM Int'l	1.34	280	18	18
AMSA	1.31	25	25	25
Amstar	1.31	25	25	25
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## Overextension by consumers termed myth

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—The "Overextended Consumer" exists only in the realm of economic myth, announced Citibank this week, while conceding that total consumer debt now exceeds \$1.148 trillion, a record high.

The debt charts follow "a normal path," it comments. Debt expansion is not out of line with previous experience, it maintains. It has been "fueled by the rapid growth of consumer income," it explains.

"Consumers typically step up the pace of their borrowing during periods of rapid economic growth," it assures us. And, it continues, "there's no evidence to substantiate" overextension.

When Citibank speaks, millions listen, including those in the White House. Its research is respected, it says, and its opinions are followed. But Citibank also makes its money by lending. Credit is its business.

And, since almost all of us are borrowers, credit is also the business of consumers. Hence, humbly stated, here are some reasons why consumers may disagree with Citibank—why they may feel overextended.

—In 1951, reading from Citibank's own charts, extensions of installment credit (mortgages excluded) as a ratio of disposable income was 10. By the second quarter of 1978 it had risen to a record 19.

—In 1960, again based on Citibank charts, the ratio of installment credit repayments to disposable income was about 28.5. In 1978 it reached and exceeded 34 percent.

—These heavier burdens come despite increases in takehome pay. Though wages have risen, the percentage of takehome pay that must go to repay installment debt has risen even faster.

—Federal Reserve Board figures show that total consumer debt, which includes home mortgages, amounted in 1965 to only a bit over 25 percent of net worth. By the beginning of 1978 it had topped 50 percent.

—The explanation is suspect that longer repayment terms, such as five years instead of three on an automobile loan, makes repayments easier. Those terms add greatly to the amount of interest paid to the lender.

—Credit eligibility is simpler than it used to be. This can be viewed as a positive development, but there's a possible negative too. It can be argued that lending standards have been lowered, such as through bank credit lines that tend to skip the traditional credit check.

—Many families are dependent on two incomes, and have in fact been allocated credit based on total household income, even though one of those jobs may be somewhat tenuously held and subject to layoff.

—Despite faults, there must be something to those consumer surveys in which people maintain they are unable to save, are at their debt limits and are worried about their ability to cope with inflation.

—It is true that rather than buying frivolously, consumers have used credit to buy durable goods, such as furniture and automobiles that will serve for years to come. But they still have to pay for them.

—And it may be necessary to live a bit dangerously, to use other people's money, as they say, in order to succeed. But some borrowing is needed for necessities of life, rather than for the improvement of it.

The level of credit may be in line, as Citibank states. It makes sense, for example, for credit levels to rise as the 1950s baby boom, now of household formation age, passes through the economy.

But that is only one explanation for all the credit being offered and accepted. No matter who borrows and how much, they must repay. A loan well used takes a load off the shoulders, but it can bend them too.

The conflict between Citibank's view of credit—call it debt—and the popular view of the overextended consumer might distill down to an essential difference of view between lender and borrower.

Some borrowers of late seem to have the worried looks and sagging shoulders of people who carry a burden, which is hardly the perspective from which to comment on the nation's economic health.

By WILLIAM GLASGALL

## Stocks in the spotlight

NEW YORK (AP)—Sales, 4 p.m. price averages of the fifteen most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than \$1 million.

Stock	Price	Change
IBM	168 1/4	+1/4
AT&T	42 1/2	+1/2
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## Dow Jones averages

NEW YORK (AP)—Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 1,148.25, up 1.75 points from 1,146.50.

Index	Value	Change
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- Defend himself against other motorists while driving to the gas station.
- Analyze the station attendant's handwriting on the credit card bill for the gas.
- Figure out his car's yearly gas consumption by using the metric system.
- Write a reminder to himself in shorthand to ask for an increase in mileage pay.
- Think about entering the commodity futures markets for added income.
- Go home and forget his troubles while basking in the aroma of hot homemade bread baking in the oven.

But, James Bramlett, director of the Midland College Department of Community Services, pointed out that many of the classes which cover this knowledge meet on the same nights. So, it's up to the individual to pick and choose.

"This is a very interesting course selection," Bramlett said. "I don't recall when we've had such diversification among six subjects."

The course in graphoanalysis, taught by Delores Gaines, is a scientific approach to analyzing an individual's handwriting. Once the procedure is learned, it is possible to gain insight into the writer's motivation. Graphoanalysis is used by teachers, police officers, counselors, psychologists, credit managers and parents.

Classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays for six weeks. Cost of the course if \$12 and students assemble in Room 106 of the Occupational-Technical Building.

A five-week introduction to the metric system, directed by Bryant Saxon, enables students to understand and work with metric measures.

Along with a history of the system, Saxon will present conversion methods pertinent to length, area, volume, mass, liquid and temperatures.

Students will meet in Room 106 of the Occupational-Technical Building from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. Course fee is \$10.

Midland College is certified to teach defensive driving and offers eight hours of intensified instruction over a three-day period.

The next session will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Room 100 of the Occupational-Technical Building. Course instructor is Larry Freeman and fee is \$12 per person. Graduates are entitled to a special savings on their auto insurance.

For those who "used to take shorthand" but feel they have become rusty and need to regain the fine points, Maxine Jarnagin will hold a five-week brush-up course on the Gregg system.

During the 20 hours included in this course, students will concentrate on improving both speed and accuracy. Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 106 of the Occupational-Technical Building. Course fee is \$20 and books may be purchased at the college bookstore.

Those who cherish good food now can take the time to learn to bake "from scratch" while Rosemary White conducts her three-week course covering exact procedures. Yeast and sourdough breads are part of the curriculum.

Classes are limited to 12 students. They will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in Room 104 of the Occupational-Technical Building. Course fee is \$11.

Speculation is what the commodity futures market is based on, and those who would like to stick a toe in the water can do so by taking Doug Forshagen's three-week explanatory course.

Introduction to the Commodity Futures Markets will teach the use of futures in speculating on the rise and fall of prices. Forshagen will explain the mechanics of trading, various market strategies and the application of "leverage" in buying or selling gold and silver.

Interest rate futures, cattle, cotton and protection against inflation or deflation also will be covered.

Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in Room 106 of the Occupational-Technical Building. Course fee is \$8.

Persons may pre-register for any of these courses in Room 140 of the Occupational-Technical Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. More information may be obtained by telephoning 684-7851, extension 147 or 216.

**DR. NEIL SOLOMON**  
**No cause for worry**

Dear Dr. Solomon: For many years, artificial sweeteners have made my diet, which is restricted because of diabetes, more palatable and therefore easier to maintain. Now both saccharin and cyclamates have been indicted as a possible cause of cancer. Have I been endangering my health all these years, and should I now discontinue use of these sweeteners?—Mr. G.W.

Dear Mr. W.: There have been many conflicting statements about the carcinogenicity of saccharin and cyclamates. This results from the massive doses used in testing products on animals. Obviously, such tests cannot be done on humans. The question then becomes: If a product causes cancer in massively exposed animals, does that mean it will cause cancer in moderately exposed humans?

Dr. Irving Kessler, in experiments done at the John Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, has tried to answer this question in regard to saccharin and cyclamates. He reviewed the use of these substances by 519 patients with confirmed bladder cancer and by an equal number of controls (people who did not have cancer). His conclusion? Neither saccharin nor cyclamates are likely to cause cancer in humans, at least at the level of ingestion reported by the patients in the study.

It would appear that you have no cause for concern as long as you use these substances judiciously.

Dear Dr. Solomon: How can a woman know when she has syphilis?—Denise R.

Dear Denise R.: The only sure way is to see a doctor for a physical examination and a blood test. Syphilis may be diagnosed at almost any stage by a blood test, except during the first three weeks after contact. Too many victims of syphilis have been given a false sense of security by getting a blood test right after the exposure only to have the disease show up as long as three months after becoming infected. Any woman who suspects infection should see a doctor right away.

Dear Dr. Solomon: Is it possible for the sickle cell trait to turn into the serious form known as sickle cell anemia?—Ms. C.A.

Dear Ms. C.A.: No. Not in the same person.

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# Saudis resisting oil price increase

KUWAIT (AP) — Several Persian Gulf oil states are trying to persuade Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest producer, to agree to another increase in the price of oil but the Saudis are resisting, the Kuwait magazine Al Hadaf reported today.

It said oil ministers of the smaller states are meeting with Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, to get him to agree to an increase to prevent the international oil companies and other middlemen from making huge profits as a result of the shortage in world oil supplies caused by curtailment of Iranian production.

But oil sources quoted by Al Hadaf said Saudi Arabia is opposed to another increase so soon after the one announced by OPEC in December. That increase envisaged a four-step boost during 1979, which would raise prices by 14.5 percent by October.

Two of the Persian Gulf producers, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, last week announced a 7 percent increase, amounting to about \$1 per barrel. They defended their action by saying the major oil companies and middlemen were selling oil on the spot market at up to \$7 per barrel more than the price fixed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

On Wednesday, Libya raised its oil prices by 5 percent, or 68 cents a barrel, a spokesman for Occidental Petroleum Corp. said in Los Angeles.

An OPEC announcement issued in Vienna Wednesday said the organization would hold an extraordinary meeting in Geneva on March 26 to discuss oil supplies in the light of events in Iran and the activity of "speculative traders." The announcement did not refer to a possible price increase.



Frank Royse Jr.

## Geologists set program

Frank Royse Jr., senior staff geologist and district geologist for the Thrust Belt District of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., will be the speaker for the Tuesday meeting of the West Texas Geological Society.

The event will start at 11:30 a. m. in the Midland Hilton Ballroom.

Royse is a Distinguished Lecturer sponsored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. His topic will be "Structural Geology of Western Wyoming-Northern Utah Thrust Belt and Its Relation to Oil and Gas Accumulation."

Persons who will attend the meeting should make reservations with the West Texas Geological Society office by 5 p. m. Friday.

Royse earned a B.S. degree in Geological Engineering at the University of Nevada and an M.A. degree in Geology at the University of Wyoming.

His professional experience started in 1952 on a Continental Oil Co. seismic crew in Wyoming. He worked with a Conoco seismic crew in West Texas and New Mexico in 1953 and 1954 and after a tour in the Army, he worked in Greenland from 1956 to 1958 with the U.S. Civil Service. He became senior staff geologist and district geologist for Chevron in 1958 in the Thrust Belt District.

## McCulloch wildcat set

Five B's Oil Co. of Odessa announced location for a 1,900-foot wildcat in McCulloch County, 6.5 miles northwest of Brady.

It is No. 1 L. E. Smith, 506 feet from south and 990 feet from east lines of W. V. Green survey No. 23. Ground Elevation is 1,784 feet.

The location is nine miles southeast of the depleted McCulloch County Shallow oil and gas field.

## RRC issues mine permit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Amistad Fuel Co., San Antonio, has been issued a permit to surface mine sub-bituminous coal on a 1,100-acre tract in Coleman County, the Texas Railroad Commission said Wednesday.

The permit is the first to mine bituminous coal in Texas.

The company, a subsidiary of Kaiser Cement and Gypsum Corp. of Oakland, Calif., expects to mine 200,000 tons of coal per year, most of which will be used at the Kaiser cement plant in San Antonio.

The permit area is about 18 miles south of Santa Anna and 26 miles north of Brady.

## Monsanto finals gasser

Monsanto Co., operating from Midland, has completed its No. 1 Juarez as the second well in the Rogers (Ellenburger gas) field of Ward County, four miles north of Pyote.

The well finished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 1,360,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 18,588 to 18,670 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 18,700 feet where five-inch liner was set.

The well is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 96, block F, G&MMB&A survey and 1/2 mile south of the discovery well, Monsanto No. 1 Rogers.

## Geneva site for meeting

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The OPEC oil cartel will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, on March 26 to discuss supply shortages caused by Iran's political turmoil and the higher "spot" prices that have resulted, the organization announced Wednesday at its Vienna headquarters.

The announcement blamed "speculative traders" for the volatile price situation on the spot market, the free-bidding open market that accounts for only a small volume of the oil trade. Most crude oil is sold under long-term contracts.

The announcement by Rene G. Ortiz, secretary-general of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, refuted earlier reports that the oil ministers would be meeting to discuss possible increases in OPEC's standard prices.

# Questions answered on energy situation

By MARK POTTS  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The interruption of Iranian oil production has led to a situation that Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger says is "prospectively more serious" than the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo. Yet most Americans have found no reason to agree.

Even though prices are rising and

that supplies can be stretched further later.

**Q. IS THAT WHY** Texaco and several other oil companies are limiting the amount of gasoline they sell to dealers now?

**A. Yes.** Gasoline consumption drops in winter anyway, as bad weather curtails driving. With crude oil supplies uncertain, the companies want a lot of gasoline on hand at the start of summer so they can switch to heating oil production early for next winter.

**Q. What's all this doing to consumer prices?**

**A. That's not quite clear.** The base price of crude oil, from which other products are refined, was set by the Jan. 1 OPEC increase at \$13.35 per 42-gallon barrel. That price has generally held. But Saudi Arabia, the key nation filling the gap left by Iran, has placed a higher price on the extra 1 million barrels a day it is producing over its usual 8.5 million barrels. Other nations have done the same.

So far, there has been virtually no rise in consumer prices due to these special increases, because not much oil is involved. But should OPEC decide the market will bear higher prices, it could speed up its graduated 14.5 percent general price rise scheduled for this year.

**Q. THEN WHY AM I** paying more for gasoline and heating oil?

**A. In both cases, that's the result of the Jan. 1 OPEC increase, which added about a penny per gallon to the prices of each product.**

In addition, some gasoline dealers, taking advantage of supply tightness, are increasing profit margins. In the case of heating oil, the price of which is not regulated by the federal government, the rise is quicker because a lot of heating oil comes from the spot market, where prices are higher. This is passed on to the consumer.

**Q. Isn't this whole thing just a scam** dreamed up by the oil companies to squeeze a few more pennies out of me at the gas pump?

**A. There's little to support that** off-made accusation. In fact, the companies have appeared less concerned than the government, and say mandatory controls will be unnecessary.

government officials warn there could be mandatory controls on oil use soon, there are no lines at service stations. Gasoline can still be bought on Sunday. And there have been no widespread shortages of any kind of fuel.

So why the fuss? Here are answers to some common questions:

**Q. Since Iran only supplied 5 percent** of the United States' crude oil needs, why is the loss of the oil so important?

**A. Five percent doesn't seem much,** but officials say it is enough to tighten supply. One official put it this way: "Imagine if 5 percent of the nation's drivers were told they couldn't get gas any more."

Actually, the nation's loss so far is more like 2.5 percent because other oil-producing nations are making up some of the absent production. But experts say even that is enough to cause worry.

**IT IS ALSO** important to realize that other countries, particularly in Europe, have been far more dependent on Iranian oil than the United States. Iran had produced 10 percent of world supply, and gaps elsewhere are being filled from the same sources to which this nation must turn. The result: a worldwide supply squeeze.

So, officials say, the world faces serious problems in the event of unexpected trouble like the oil field fire in Saudi Arabia two years ago. And U.S. supplies were tight even before Iran's cutoff.

**Q. Oil imports** have been running high in recent months, and the last tanker of Iranian oil just arrived. Why are there problems now?

**A. High oil imports** are the result of massive orders placed by the oil companies late last year to get oil before the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' price rose 5 percent Jan. 1.

Nevertheless, supplies of some products such as jet fuel are tight because some companies rely on the spot market to meet demand. That is where sales not covered by long-term contracts take place, and although it accounts for only about 5 percent of oil supplies, it is important because it is used to adjust inventories.

**THE LOSS OF** Iranian oil has all but dried up the spot market, and sent prices for what is available there soaring, as countries more dependent on Iran than the United States go there to make up their losses.

**Q. All right, there's a problem.** But why are the warnings so dire?

**A. Experts say if the shutdown in Iran** lasts beyond a couple of more months, it could cause serious problems next winter.

In addition, analysts say the government is apparently taking advantage of the situation to try one more time to convince Americans that they should conserve energy, evidently in the belief that a good scare might change wasteful habits once and for all.

**Q. Will Iran's current steps to re-**sume production solve the problem?

**A. Not necessarily.** Even if oil begins flowing soon, the amount may be limited by mechanical problems, government quotas, or political problems that could crop up in the future. The theory, then, is to save now so

## 71 strikes reported

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas operators made 59 natural gas discoveries and 12 oil finds between Feb. 1-15, the state railroad commission said Wednesday.

The gas discoveries included 17 in South Texas, 13 in Southeast Texas, 11 in the Refugio area and four each in East and West Central Texas. Three finds were reported in the San Antonio area, two each in East Central Texas, around San Angelo and Midland, and one in North Texas.

In the same two-week period, drillers reported 148 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes.

## Three men recognized

Three charter members of the Petroleum Accountants Society were recognized at the organization's Wednesday night meeting in Ranchland Hill Country Club.

They are Nick Dragisic, with Joseph I. O'Neill Jr.; Ted Witte, with Fred H. Fuhrman, and Robert B. Conaway, with Adobe Oil & Gas Corp.

The association was organized in 1954 in Midland.

Wednesday's speaker was Ruben Madrid who discussed the oil situation in Mexico.

## Champlin stakes site for Glasscock wildcat

Champlin Petroleum Co. of Midland spotted location for a 9,900-foot wildcat in Glasscock County, 22 miles southwest of Sterling City.

The prospector is No. 1 Dooley, one mile northeast of a 6,490-foot dry hole and 660 feet from north and east lines of section 62, block 2, T&P survey.

### LEA WILDCAT

Pogo Producing Co., operating from Midland, has announced location for a 12,200-foot wildcat in Lea County, N.M.

It is No. 2-L-921 State, 660 feet from south and 2,110 feet from west lines of section 21-21s-34e and 16 miles southeast of Halfway.

The prospector is four miles southwest of the Wilson (Strawn gas) field and two miles north of 12,886-foot Morrow gas production in the Grama Ridge area.

### AMOCO TEST

Amoco Production Co., operating from Levelland, spotted a 14,500-foot Morrow wildcat in Lea County, N.M., five miles southeast of Halfway.

It is No. 1-Y Federal Communized and will be spudded 1,980 feet from north and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 27-20s-33e. The location is three miles north of the Hat Mesa field.

### BASS PROJECT

Bass Enterprises Production Co. of Midland No. 2 Hat Mesa has been staked 1/2 mile north of the Hat Mesa (Morrow gas) field of Lea County.

The drillsite is five miles southeast of Halfway and 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 3-21s-32e. It is contracted to 14,500 feet.

### EDDY WELL

Continental Oil Co. No. 1-34 Federal has been completed as a Morrow gas well in Eddy County, six miles west of Center in the Springs multipay area.

The well finished for a calculated, absolute open flow of 10,200,000 cubic

feet of gas per day, through perforations from 10,296 to 10,300 feet.

Total depth is 10,595 feet and seven-inch casing is set at 10,427 feet.

On four-point gauges, the well flowed through a 1.750-inch opening and the flow ranged from 1,386, to 3,253,000 cubic feet per day. Tubing pressures varied from 3,557 to 3,051 pounds.

The well is 960 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 34-20s-26e and 1.5 miles northwest of Morrow gas production in the Catclaw Draw field and one location southeast of the Pennsylvania gas production in the Springs field.

### BARNES WELL

J. C. Barnes Oil Co. of Midland No. 2 Big Chief Communized has been completed as a Morrow gas well in an undesignated area in Eddy County, eight miles east of Carlsbad.

It is 3/4 mile south of the same operator's No. 1 Big Chief which was completed in 1978 as a Morrow gas discovery.

The No. 2 Big Chief finished for a daily flow of 2,800,000 cubic feet of gas, through a 24/64-inch choke and perforations from 12,160 to 12,464 feet.

Total depth is 12,740 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at total depth.

The location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 22-22s-28e.

### PECOS WILDCAT

Floyd Ison of Fort Stockton announced plans to drill a 1,500-foot wildcat in Pecos County, 15 miles southwest of Fort Stockton.

The project is No. 1 Mitchell, 467 feet from north and east lines of section 20, block 121, G&S&F survey, abstract 8564.

The site is 1.5 miles southeast of the Oates (790 Permian) field.

It was reported earlier in error that the operator was Floyd and Sons.

# DOE moving toward new pricing regulations

By J.P. SMITH  
The Washington Post

The Energy Department is moving toward a new pricing rule that would allow oil companies to impose an extra charge of nearly 2 cents a gallon on gasoline over the next year, according to oil industry and administration sources.

While he has not given final approval, Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger has indicated to DOE officials that he would like to implement the gasoline pricing rule change soon after March 1.

"My expectation is that that will probably be done fairly quickly," one Energy Department official said Wednesday.

DOE has already said that gasoline prices will go up 9 cents per gallon over the next two years as a result of inflation and the oil cartel's recent price hike.

With the new pricing rule DOE is expected to announce, gasoline prices would increase a total of 12.4 cents a gallon over the next two years. As a result, gasoline prices nationwide will average \$1 to 84 cents by the end of 1980. DOE planners, however, say the biggest increases will come in the year ahead — nearly 5 cents from inflation and the oil cartel, and nearly 1.8 cents from the new pricing rule.

Last year Schlesinger and President Carter had both expected to send the new congress a measure that would allow for decontrolling gasoline prices — a goal announced in Carter's 1977 energy message. Schlesinger and the oil industry have repeatedly argued that gasoline price controls have denied the oil companies the necessary incentives to convert enough refineries to produce the unleaded gasoline required by environmental rules.

American Petroleum Institute officials have warned that without decontrolling gasoline — which makes up about 42 percent of the refined products sold in the United States — there could be a shortage of unleaded gasoline in the years ahead.

Aside from gasoline and aviation fuel, all oil product prices have been decontrolled. Last month, DOE sent Congress a measure to decontrol aviation fuel.

After ruling out immediate gasoline price decontrol as politically infeasible, DOE and the oil industry are now saying that the new, so-called "tilt" pricing rule is the next best thing. Under "tilt" pricing, oil companies would be allowed to charge gasoline buyers at the pump some of the crude oil and processing costs for other products, such as heating oil.

As an example, a refinery that allots 42 percent of its total output to gasoline and the rest to other products such as fuel oil, would be allowed to hang 55 percent of its oil prices and 65 percent of its processing costs on gasoline prices.

Unlike gasoline decontrol, DOE has the power to put the expected ruling into effect without seeking congressional approval.

Despite Schlesinger's repeated concerns over the lack of sufficient incentives for increasing unleaded refining capacity, most of the major oil companies' reported profits for the refining sector indicate that earnings have gone up rather than down over the last 4 years. In addition, domestic refineries have been operating at over 90 percent capacity over the last two years, while foreign refineries have been operating at less than 70 percent of their capacity.

In a related development Wednesday, Phillips Petroleum Co. and Atlantic Richfield announced that they plan to join other major oil companies in allocating supplies to their dealers.

Phillips spokesman Brooks Garner said that his company will begin reducing deliveries to its dealers by 15 percent beginning March 1. While Phillips, the nation's 12th largest oil company, buys no oil from Iran, Phillips said it is reducing deliveries to its customers because under DOE regulations, the company has been forced to supply other refiners. Phillips also said that the tight oil market conditions have increased demand for the Oklahoma-based company's oil products in many of the 31 states where it operates.

Other major oil companies who are now allocating supplies, primarily of gasoline, include Texaco Inc., Standard Oil Co. of California (Chevron), Shell Oil Co., and Continental Oil Co. (Conoco).

## DRILLING REPORT

### ANDREWS COUNTY

David Fasken No. 16-1-Y Fee, drilling 1,720 feet in lime.

David Fasken No. 17-29-Y Fee, id 4,900 feet, pumped 17 barrels oil and 230 gallons of acid.

Amoco Production Co. 3-H David Fasken, id 13,305 feet, testing on 16-64 inch choke, no gauges.

BORDEN COUNTY

Harvey E. Yates No. 1-23 Key, id 8,471 feet, ran tracer survey from 8,272 to 8,471 feet, swabbed 42 barrels formation water in 4 hours.

CHAVES COUNTY

Depeco Oil No. 1 Amoco-State, drilling 9,300 feet in lime and shale.

CRANE COUNTY

Southland Royalty No. 3 Eudaly, id 3,273 feet, drilling on cement retainer at 2,277 feet.

Southland Royalty No. 1-1 Gulf-E8, drilling 6,100 feet in lime and shale.

CHOCCKETT COUNTY

Atlantic Richfield Co. No. 15-F University, drilling 2,670 feet in lime and anhydrite.

Southland Royalty No. 1-26 Todd, id 1,500 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Southland Royalty No. 4-67 Todd, id 1,627 feet, waiting on tank battery and heater.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-44 Ingham, drilling 730 feet, set 8-5/8 inch casing at 720 feet.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-47 Ingham, not reported, set 5-1/2 inch casing at 4,520 feet.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-1 Dudley, id 16,792 feet, perforated 16,300-17,375 feet, acidified with 250 gallons.

Texasco, Inc. No. 7-D A. R. Kincaid Tractor, id 7,200 feet, plubbed 7,200 feet, flowed 96 hours on 16/64 inch choke, tubing pressure 900 psi, gas rate 841 mcf, burning 28 hours for pressure build up with tubing pressure 1650 psi.

Amoco Production Co. 1-5-C Todd, drilling 800 feet in red bed and anhydrite.

DAWSON COUNTY

Rial Oil No. 1 Green, drilling 6,270 feet in lime and shale.

Petroleum Exploration and Development Funds No. 1 Stewart, id 7,580 feet, burning 18 barrels oil and 28 barrels water.

ECTOR COUNTY

Amoco Production Co. No. 4-AV Midland Farms, id 13,170 feet, circulating.

EDDY COUNTY

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-GP State, drilling 1,672 feet in sand and anhydrite.

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-8 Teldyne, id 13,263 feet, shut in, waiting on completion unit.

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-GF State, id 11,800 feet, preparing to plug and abandon.

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-K Federal-G, drilling 11,000 feet in lime.

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-GO State, id 12,800 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Southland Royalty No. 1-14 State, id 11,560 feet, shut in for bottom hole pressure building.

Southland Royalty Co. No. 1-24 State, id 11,800 feet, preparing to move in tubing and completion unit.

Southland Royalty Co. No. 1-A Parkway-State, drilling 7,643 feet in lime and shale.

HNG Oil Co. No. 1-35 Williams, id 13,100 feet, running 1/2-inch casing.

Amoco Production Co. 3 Ross-Federal, drilling 7,070 feet in lime.

Morris R. Antwell No. 1 Federal, drilling 4,651 feet in lime, made trip and tested blow out preventer, lost returns at 4,611 feet, recovered circulation by 4,623 feet.

Barnes Oil Co. No. 3 Big Chief, drilling 11,555 feet in shale.

Delta Drilling Co. No. 1 Carrasco, drilling at 12,860 feet.

Harvey Yates No. 1-22 Amoco-State, drilling 8,440 feet.

GAINES COUNTY

Estoril Producing Co. No. 1 Smith, id 1,100 feet, preparing to test perforations from 4,918 to 4,982 feet after acidizing with 8,000 gallons.

Britton Management No. 1-33 Hodges, id 7,700 feet, plugged back total depth 5,857 feet, swabbing, no gauges.

Getty Oil Co. No. 1 R. Jameson, id 5,518 feet, plugged back total depth 2,488 feet, pumped San Andres perforations from 5,252 to 5,457 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY

Amoco Production Co. No. 1 McArthur, drilling 18,171 feet in lime, shale and dolomite.

The Lovelady No. 2 Hayden Baker, id 16,625 feet, pumped 96 barrels oil in 24 hours, final report until completed.

IRION COUNTY

Union Texas No. 1-44-10 Farmer, id 1,240 feet, tripped in hole with over-

shot, pulled out of hole with fish, spotted 2 barrels of 20 percent acid at 17,055 feet, acidized Canyon perforations from 6,900 to 7,902 feet with 5,000 gallons, ball out perforations.

LEA COUNTY

Grace Petroleum No. 1 Whitten-Federal, id 2,732 feet in salt, pulled out of hole to change bottom hole assembly.

Getty Oil Co