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Carter hopes to stay to see treaty signed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's unannounced hope is to witness the final signing of an Egyptian-Israeli treaty as the climax of his dramatic Mideast peace mission.

This historic possibility, broached Monday by both Egyptian and Israeli leaders, was reinforced by U.S. officials.

When a Carter aide, who asked not to be named, was questioned about a possible treaty signing during the trip, he replied cryptically, "We have said on several occasions we would hope to bring this (treaty search) to an early conclusion."

In Cairo, Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said Carter's trip "will most likely lead to a signing." Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, noting his government's acceptance of U.S. suggestions for wrapping up a treaty, told a congressional audience:

"Let us hope Egypt will join the effort. Then if this happens, in a short period of time, we may have the ceremony of signing."

Khalil's analysis, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press, was pointed and upbeat: "When an American president puts down all his stakes, it is natural that it has to have a positive result."

White House press secretary Jody Powell said Carter will arrive in Cairo Thursday afternoon for talks with President Anwar Sadat and proceed to Jerusalem Saturday evening for talks with Begin.

Although Powell said there were no present plans for a three-way meeting

among the leaders, the U.S. official who asked anonymity did not rule out a reconvening in the Middle East of the summit started last year at Camp David, Md.

Carter will be away from Washington at least a week, officials said, and longer if there are three-way talks or treaty signing.

Mrs. Carter, who will accompany the president, postponed for five days a trip to Massachusetts, Ohio, Missouri and California that was to have begun March 14.

Begin, before going to New York City Monday night, told reporters he will fly home Wednesday to prepare for "the memorable visit."

While expressing optimism, the Israeli prime minister noted that a Middle East peace seemed at hand several times since the Camp David talks last September.

"The world was happy and then came the disappointment," Begin said.

Egypt and Israel have been stalemated since November over the future of the Palestinian Arabs and other controversial issues surrounding the treaty.

After a series of meetings between Carter and Begin beginning last Thursday, the U.S. mediation effort appeared near collapse. But late Sunday, after their fourth session, there was a sudden reversal.

Carter gave Begin new and still-secret U.S. proposals for breaking the deadlock. They were submitted to the Israeli cabinet, which voted Monday to accept them.


Begin then reported the cabinet action to Carter at a 10-minute White House meeting, which was sandwiched between two Carter-Sadat phone conversations. Powell's announcement of the presidential trip followed.

The prime minister later met with more than 50 U.S. senators. Several senators who were present said they gained the impression one major U.S. proposal deals with assurances to Israel that Egypt would live up to peace treaty terms despite what other arrangements it might have with Arab governments.

In Jerusalem, Israeli officials who saw Carter's proposals said they involve compromises on a timetable for negotiations on Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, and on the priority of the proposed treaty might take over other Egyptian or Israeli treaties.

ABC News reported from Washington that one proposal suggests the United States take over Israeli air bases in the Sinai Peninsula and sign a mutual defense treaty with Israel.

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Two compromises vital to Mideast treaty hopes

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Carter's proposals to break the impasse on an Israel-Egypt peace treaty involve two compromises on the linkage issue and watered-down language in the treaty's priority clause, Israeli officials said today.

If Egypt agrees to the three changes, which Israel accepted on Monday, Carter will still face an unresolved problem on his visits to Egypt and Israel this week: the question of when the two countries exchange ambassadors after signing the treaty.

Details of Carter's ideas, which have not been made public, were given to The Associated Press by officials who saw the recommendations that were forwarded to the Cabinet by Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The officials asked not to be identified.

A major concession on Israel's part, the officials said, was in agreeing to a non-binding target date on the negotiations to set up Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

Israel refused to be bound firmly to a timetable, arguing that the Palestinians and Jordan have refused to

join peace talks and Egypt could abrogate the treaty with the claim that Israel hadn't tried hard enough.

The new language, to be in a joint Israel-Egypt letter, has Israel agreeing to conclude the negotiations in 12 months but with no commitment to set up the machinery of Palestinian autonomy, the officials said.

Observers saw this as an effort to find a middle path between Israel's desire for the treaty to stand on its own and Egypt's need for a link between the peace pact and progress toward a general peace for the Middle East, including the central Palestinian issue.

A similar compromise is offered for a clause in the treaty which now says the pact stands "independently of any instrument external to this treaty."

This, sources said, will be modified with language saying that phrase does not contradict the Camp David framework for a general Mideast peace. Again, this adds a measure of "linkage" without setting deadlines or penalties for non-compliance.

The priority clause of the draft treaty is one which Egypt wanted modified because it said, "in the event of a conflict between the obliga-

tions of the parties under the present treaty and any of their other obligations, the obligations under this treaty will be binding and implemented."

Egypt has defense pacts with other Arab countries, and this language seemed to nullify Egypt's obligations to its brother Arabs.

The proposed compromise, one official said, involves a change to a negative phrasing which will say something like: this treaty will not take priority over any other agreement just as no other agreement can take priority over this treaty. Both sides, then, can claim their interests are protected.

There were varying reports on whether these changes will alter treaty language itself or whether interpretive notes will be attached to the text.

In Israel's view, the major remaining issue with Egypt is on the exchange of ambassadors, which will be covered in an annex to the treaty. Israel wants the exchange to take place nine months after the treaty is signed, at the time Israeli troops withdraw from half of the Sinai Peninsula.

Midland area susceptible to outbreak of rabies

The Midland area will be more susceptible to a rabies epidemic this year or the next, based upon the direction in which rabies outbreaks are spreading, said Dalton Byerly, director of Midland's Animal Control Shelter, Monday.

"So far we've been lucky," he said. "There are no known domestic animals with rabies in Midland."

But springtime brings out the mating instinct of animals, especially that of skunks, Byerly said.

Already, more skunks are being killed on highways, as they become more active during the breeding season.

And skunks are a prime suspect for rabies in this area, Byerly noted.

Texas is "endemic" with rabies, said Jewel Smith, chief sanitarian for the Midland City-County Health Department. He said that's the major reason why persons should get their animals vaccinated for rabies and to be wary of loose animals.

In 1978, Texas had the largest number of reported cases of rabies since 1961, with 563 animals confirmed as having the disease, according to a Texas Department of Health spokesman.

This year, rabies already is twice as bad in some parts of the state as last year, according to the spokesman.

He said one death among humans was recorded in Texas last year — in Fort Bend County. The victim was

a native of Guanajuato, Mexico, and it is believed he was exposed to the virus in Mexico before crossing the border.

Midland County has had seven or eight cases reported in the past few years. The last one involved a rabid fox, Smith said Monday.

One person currently is undergoing rabies treatment after being bitten by a dog. Smith pointed out that the Midland City-County Health Department is the supply point for rabies vaccine for all the surrounding counties.

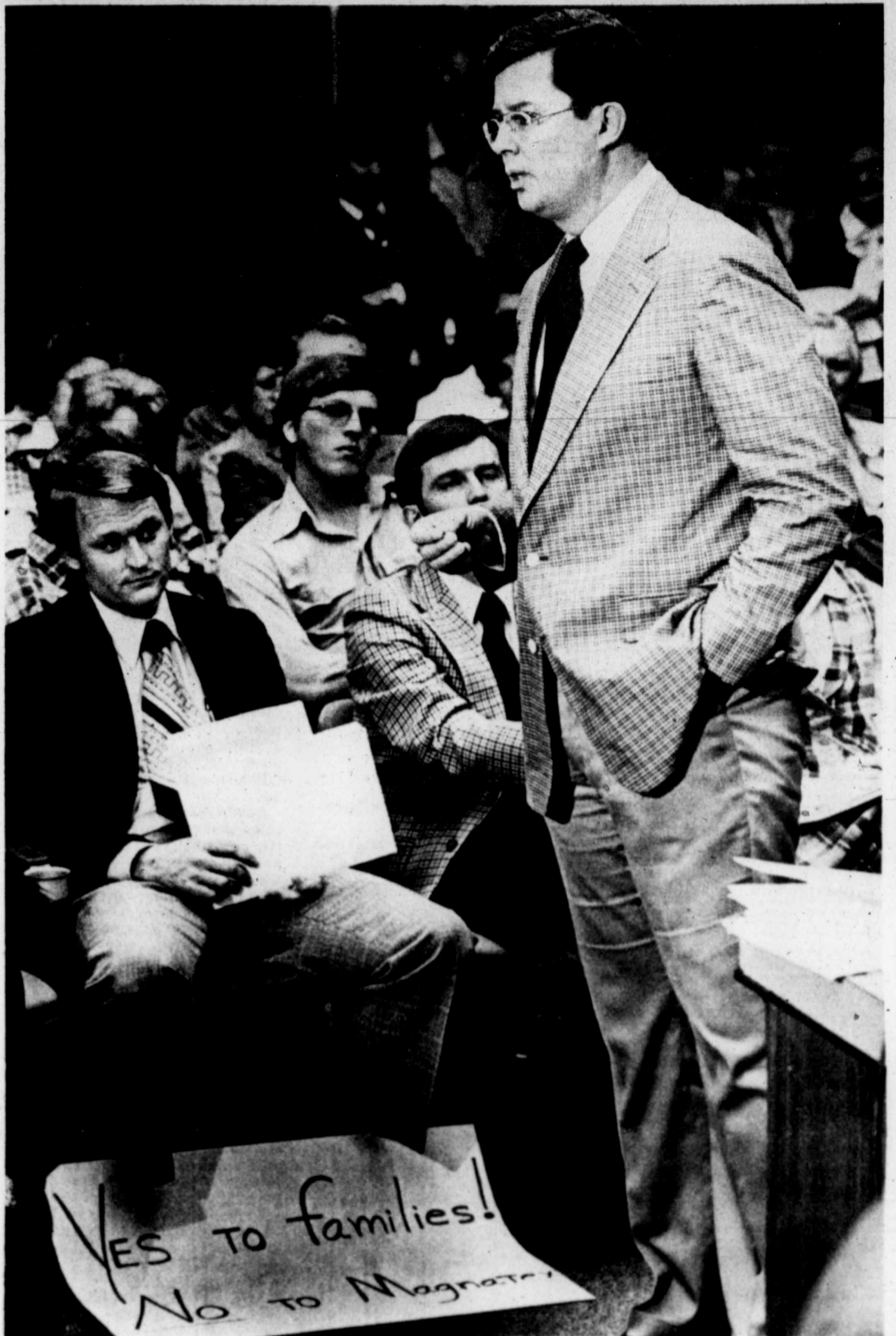
Determining if an animal is rabid before coming into contact with it sometimes is not easy, he said.

One example occurred in Matagorda County, where 23 persons had to take rabies shots after playing with a 7-week-old puppy. The puppy had been given to some children by their grandmother who had no idea the animal had been exposed to the virus, Smith recalled.

The largest number of rabies cases in wildlife are diagnosed in skunks, said the agency spokesman, backing up Byerly's remarks. Last year, skunks accounted for 449 cases of rabies in Texas.

Since skunks do live close to man, particularly in rural areas and small towns, there is always the chance that a pet will come into contact with a

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The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday was greeted by 100 or so mostly angry Midlanders in City Hall during a meeting to hear arguments concerning an application by Magnatex Corp. to construct a shopping mall in the northwest

portion of the city. Harrell Feldt, right, an attorney representing Magnatex, addresses the commission and crowd, while Steve Melcer of 3002 Meadowbrook Lane listens while sitting in front of a protest sign. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

Shopping center concept OK'd by planning group

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

It was like a three-act play competition, replete with actors appearing before judges in a long skit — the conclusion leaving onlookers on the edges of their chairs.

At the end of the six-hour drama Monday night, Magnatex Corp. had received a favorable recommendation from the city Planning and Zoning Commission on the general concept of its proposed retail shopping center, to be called Midkiff Plaza, at the southeast corner of Loop 250 and North Midkiff Road.

The commission sat as a seven-member tribunal, listening to the testimony from company officials and protesting area residents before giving judgment.

On a 5-2 vote, with Margaret Purvis and George Veloz the dissenting members, the move to favorably recommend changing zoning on 45.517 acres of land to LR-2 and on 2.136 acres to LR-1 passed.

The commission will study further the proposed planned district for townhouses and the preliminary plat.

WHEN THE PROPOSAL first came before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Jan. 15, residents living in a residential area south of the proposed center appeared at the meeting to register their complaints.

Some of those complaints were noted and changes made in the preliminary plat, with the new form showing a buffer zone of townhomes between already existing single-family dwellings and the shopping center.

Harrell Feldt, representing Magnatex, outlined the retail proposal, saying the burden to prove the plan

worthwhile had been placed upon the back of Magnatex, represented in this case by the corporation's president, Charles H. Priddy.

"I want to say in all good faith and candor to the people here," Feldt began, "that the point I would like to make is there are certain parameters that Magnatex has lived within in this development."

"We would like to demonstrate that this is the best use for that land and

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develop it to be compatible with the areas around it."

Referring to comments reportedly circulated in recent weeks about the firm and its shopping center, Feldt said, "We are not the shark seeking to swallow the goldfish. That is not in the best interest of the community."

FACING THE ATTORNEY and the commission were signs with printed slogans protesting Magnatex and the shopping center. Slogans included "I'm just a fish about to be eaten by Magnatex," "We feel betrayed in Emerson Heights" or "What's happening to Midland zoning protection?"

The shopping center would be across the road from the Midland Park Mall, and Feldt said this is important to Midkiff Plaza.

While Midland Park Mall will have about 750,000 square feet of space, the plaza will have about 425,000 square

feet. "This is bigger than any shopping center that now exists in this city."

With the conclusion of his opening statement, Feldt then called on his "witnesses," or supporting characters, to further develop the plot.

Craig Eaton, an urban planner with a Dallas firm, said Magnatex had taken another look at the plan and decided it could live without Whitney and Lanham streets connecting into the shopping center.

INSTEAD, WITH THE buffer zone, the streets would deadend and small parks would separate the streets from the townhouses.

Loop 250, proposed to run along the same route as FM 868, should take most of the traffic to the area without putting too much on to Midkiff, Garfield and Wadley streets, Eaton contended.

Speaking slowly and deliberately, Eaton said Magnatex is giving about 20 percent of its land to the city for the Loop's rights of way. "At today's land prices, it makes you look at the highest and best uses of the land," that being a shopping center, he said.

Following Eaton was Dr. Richard Johnson of Dallas, an economics expert with Southern Methodist University.

Pointing out there are \$162 million in shopping center sales to be had in Midland, Johnson said there exists an increasing need for shopping center space in the Tall City.

"BIG INVESTORS don't want to go to strip, or small, shopping centers. They need the maximum exposure," said Johnson.

In a few years, Midland will be a million square feet short of shopping

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DEATHS

'Buss' Collins

GORMAN — Services for Henry A. "Buss" Collins, 90, of Gorman, father of Arthur Collins of Midland, were Sunday in Higginbotham Funeral Home here.

Burial was in Gorman Cemetery. Collins died Friday in an Eastland hospital.

He was born Nov. 4, 1888, in Cedar Town, Ga., and moved to Eastland County when he was 7 years old. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was married to Willie Clara Hood Jan. 10, 1915, in the Victor Community. He was preceded in death by a son.

Other survivors include his wife, three sons, a daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Fannie L. Server

FRIENDSHIP — Services for Fannie Lee Server, 93, of Lamesa will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Friendship Methodist Church in Milam County. Burial will be in Friendship Cemetery directed by Green Funeral Home of Cameron.

Mrs. Server died Monday after a long illness.

She was born in Milam County and moved to Lamesa in 1970. She married P.D. Server in May 1904 in Milam County. He died in January 1957. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters, Wattle Short of Lamesa and Florine McCracken of Tahoka; two sons, Walker Server of Welch and Irwin Server of Ropesville; a brother, Clifford Walker of Buckholts, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Rendie Norris

PADUCAH — Services for Rendie Norris, 82, of Paducah, mother of Bernice Clark of Midland, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Griffith, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery directed by Norris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Norris died Sunday at her home after a lengthy illness.

She had been a Cottle County resident since 1910. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a Baptist.

Other survivors include two sons, a brother, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

C.H. Dodson Sr.

FORT WORTH — Services for Clyde H. Dodson Sr., 71, of Fort Worth, father of James "Doc" Dodson of Midland and Mrs. Arno Thies IV of Portland, Ore., formerly of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Forest Hill Presbyterian Church here. Gause-Ware Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dodson died Sunday in a Fort Worth nursing home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Nov. 3, 1907. He had lived in Fort Worth most of his life.

Other survivors include a son, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Voyager 1 leaving

Jupiter for Saturn

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Voyager 1 spaceship is sailing away from its dramatic meeting with Jupiter while happily exhausted scientists today begin tinkering with their wealth of new information.

The Voyager, which soared 172,475 miles from Jupiter's swirling, multicolored clouds Monday morning, has turned its television eyes on the large moons that circle the planet like colorful, cosmic jewels. Scientists saw the unexpected almost immediately.

"It's been an overwhelmingly successful encounter," said Edward Stone, chief scientist for Voyager. "We accomplished everything we intended to accomplish and we have observed things we didn't expect to see."

The unmanned ship, meanwhile, was pronounced healthy as it begins the second leg of its mission, a 20-month voyage to golden Saturn and its brilliant rings.

Raymond Heacock, Voyager systems manager, said the trip through Jupiter's harsh radiation field caused a few problems, but nothing that should endanger the rest of the mission.

Man still 'serious'

A Midland man remained in serious condition today in Midland Memorial Hospital after he suffered injuries in a two-vehicle accident near Hogan Park Sunday night.

According to reports, Juan Flores, 18, of 511 E. Estes Ave. was a passenger in a car driven by Jesse Rogers of 510 E. Estes Ave. The Rogers car and a pickup being driven by Earl Wayne Wimberly, 38, of 3127 Roosevelt Ave., collided about 10:50 p.m. Sunday on Wadley Avenue, said officials.

Wimberly and Rogers were treated and released at Midland Memorial Hospital for lacerations, a hospital spokesman said.

Earnest Sellers

ANDREWS — Services for Lance Cpl. Earnest Richard Sellers, 19, of Santa Anna, Calif., and formerly of Andrews will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Singleton Funeral Home here with the Rev. Billy Stone of the Bible Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Andrews Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home and the Lubbock unit of the Marine Corps Reserve. The Marine Color Guard of Lubbock will participate in graveside services.

Sellers died Sunday as the result of a motorcycle accident near Anaheim, Calif.

The Andrews native was a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter mechanic stationed at Santa Anna, Calif. He previously had lived in Andrews, Abilene and Anchorage, Alaska. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dan Sellers of Andrews; his grandparents, Henry Wolfe, Vivian Bagley and Reggie Bagley, all of Andrews, and T.L. Sellers of Abilene, and three sisters, Tracy Sellers of Odessa and Rochell Sellers and Tonya Sellers, both of Andrews.

Joseph C. Nelson

Graveside services for Joseph C. Nelson, 89, of Austin, father-in-law of Mrs. Nugent (Edie) Brasher of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Nelson died Saturday in an Austin hospital.

He was born Oct. 10, 1888, in San Antonio. He studied law at the University of Texas. Nelson was a businessman and banker in San Antonio for several years. In 1947, he moved to White Sands, N.M., and worked with the U.S. government. In 1951, he moved to El Paso and established an accounting firm.

He worked as an engineer for the Boundary Commission of the U.S. government, and worked on building the Amistad Dam.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ernie Nelson, who had lived in Midland.

Other survivors include a stepson, Paul Wilkinson of Fredericksburg.

Ann Campbell

Services for Ann B. Campbell, 55, of Houston and formerly of Midland, were to be at 3 p.m. today in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Houston with the Rev. John Ward officiating. Burial was to be in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery directed by Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Campbell died Sunday in a Midland hospital.

She was born Jan. 2, 1921, in New York City, N.Y., where she spent her early life. She moved to Houston in 1952. She had worked for Gulf Oil Co. and was working for the City of Houston in the planning department at the time of her death.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Campbell of Midland; a daughter, Barbara Ann Campbell of Houston; a sister, Marie Polaksy of New York, and a granddaughter.

The family has asked that memorials be made to the Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation in lieu of flowers.

More extensive flooding expected

By The Associated Press

It's a grim fact of winter life in much of the Midwest: rising temperatures mean rising waters. But this year's heavy snowpack has some officials worried that current flooding is little more than a trickle compared with things to come.

Erie Jones, director of the state emergency services department in Illinois, said Monday the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers believes the Rock River, in the northern part of the state, may experience the worst flooding in its history.

Under the worst conditions, engineers said, Rockford, Ill. — the state's second largest city with 160,000 population — could soon be under 10 feet of water in some residential and business districts. The Rock River flows through the heart of the city.

"There's going to be flooding, and people should take precautions to protect their possessions and their homes if they're in flood plains," Jones said.

Some businesses, especially those located on or near the river, have already moved expensive equipment out of basement storerooms.

Jones said Gov. James Thompson has asked the Corps of Engineers to assist residents of Moline and Milan, who must raise levees on the Rock River in anticipation of flooding. If the river floods just the community of Milan, Jones said \$100 million worth of property could be destroyed.

Weekend flooding that claimed at least 12 lives inundated much of the Midwest, the Southeast and portions of the Northeast. Some areas began to dry out by Monday, but some didn't.

Nearly 1,000 people were trapped by high water in a Grand Rapids, Mich., apartment complex and flash flooding was reported in sections of the Carolinas.

In Nebraska, melting snow and the breakup of thick ice on rivers and streams in the eastern-

third of Nebraska had river watchers concerned Monday.

Roy Osugi, hydrologist at the Omaha Weather Service, said he suspected there would be some flooding this week, "but it is hard to say to what degree."

He said moisture or the lack of it, thawing and ice action would determine what kind of flooding might occur, adding that concern for flooding now is considerable, following the heavy, wet snow — up to 10 inches in

places — that fell in eastern Nebraska over the weekend.

More than 40 families were evacuated from the town of Shelby in northwestern Indiana as flood waters poured through a break in a dike along the swollen Kankakee River.

Lake County Civil Defense coordinator Donald Zisoff said the river reached a record 11.84 feet — two inches higher

than last spring when hundreds of homes were flooded.

In western New York Monday, melting snow and rising water forced the evacuation of more than 100 families.

"It's pretty disastrous-looking," said Hanover Police Chief Jack Kohler, where 300 residents had been evacuated by boat Sunday and Monday.

To the South, residents in Georgia, Alabama, Florida were busy mopping up after the Saturday and Sunday storms.

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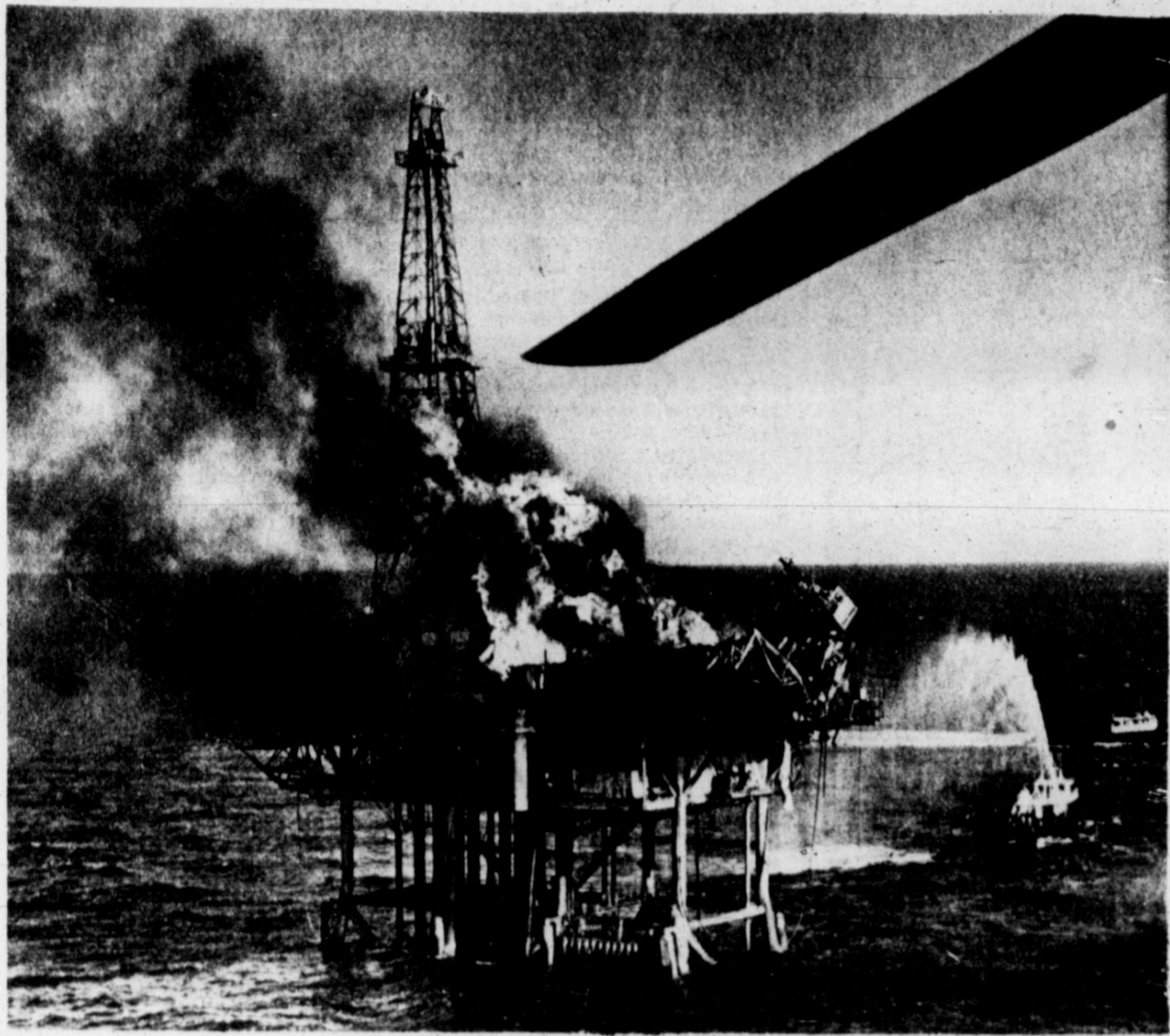
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Smoke and flames rise from an offshore gas well in the Gulf of Mexico 45 miles southwest of Morgan City, La., following an explosion Monday. Three men were killed and six are missing while another

27 escaped in a survival capsule. The blade of a Coast Guard helicopter is at upper right. (AP Laserphoto)

At least three dead at well blaze

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Experts at fighting wild well fires are looking for a way to control a blaze at an offshore natural gas well in the Gulf of Mexico, still burning after an explosion that killed at least three workers.

Three bodies were found Monday after the blast on the drilling platform 45 miles south of Morgan City, La. Five men are missing and feared

dead, but 27 escaped the rig in a "survival capsule," an unsinkable lifeboat kept on deck for such emergencies.

Red Adair, the well firefighter from Houston, Texas, visited the site Monday to see how the fire might be controlled.

One possible solution, officials said, would be to drill a relief well — a complicated procedure in which an

other well would be aimed at the shaft of the wild gas line. When the wells intersect, mud could be pumped down and the fire extinguished.

The Coast Guard said a fire barge doused the wind-whipped flames and tried to cool the white hot steel through the night with 5,000 gallons of water per minute.

A spokesman said a Coast Guard cutter and a helicopter were aiding in the search for the missing men.

James King, a spokesman for Placid Oil Co. of Houma, said the dead and missing — none of whom has been identified — worked for Penrod Drilling Co. and other companies under contract to Placid.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the fire started about dawn Monday during drilling in 40 feet of water. It said the well was down to 14,615 feet when the drill pipe stuck. Some gas escaped when workers tried to remove the pipe, triggering the explosion and fire.

It was not immediately known whether the men died in the explosion or when they leaped into the sea from their drilling rig.

Four of the 27 survivors were hospitalized at Lafayette with what King described as minor injuries.

Although the rig's derrick melted under the heat of the flames within five hours and the Gulf was thick with debris, the Coast Guard said there was little danger of pollution.

Station closings could cause prices to climb

By MARK POTTS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Gasoline prices, which have risen about 2 cents a gallon since Jan. 1, will continue to go up sharply over the next few months — especially if the government forces service stations to close on weekends, analysts said Monday.

But just how large the increases will be or when they will come is uncertain, the experts add, because of continued questions about world crude oil supply.

"The key variables to me are the OPEC price, which has yet to be determined, and the marketplace," said Eugene Nowak, an oil industry analyst at the Wall Street firm of Blyth Eastman Dillon.

The price increase since the first of the year varies by area because of local market factors. For example, regular-grade leaded gasoline bought at a full-service station now costs an average 76.8 cents per gallon in Chicago, up from 74.8 cents two months ago, according to the Lundberg Letter, a gasoline industry newsletter. The average price in Newark, N.J., has risen from 65.6 cents per gallon to 67.4 cents.

The price rise for unleaded gas is even more pronounced. Motorists in

Omaha are now paying an average 80.5 cents a gallon, up from 77.3 cents in January. Cincinnati prices are up from 73.4 cents to 75.6 cents.

Dan Lundberg, publisher of the Lundberg Letter, says the increases so far this year are mostly the result of inflationary pressures on dealers, who have some margin under government controls to push prices up.

Lundberg said the impact of the rise in OPEC crude oil prices that became effective Jan. 1 is just now being felt. He also points out that in the next few weeks, prices will rise as much as a nickel because the Department of Energy loosened price controls last week.

This move, known as the "tilt," allows refiners to pass along more of their costs to consumers. The move is designed to encourage companies to build refineries, but it will also raise gasoline prices 10 cents in the next two years, the DOE estimates.

Prices will also rise in the next few weeks because of the supply squeeze brought on by the Iranian revolution. Several OPEC members have raised oil prices on their own to cash in on the tight supply, and this will soon be felt at the gas pump.

OPEC could decide when it meets later this month to raise crude prices even more than the 3.9 percent increase scheduled April 1. Nowak, who predicts a 10-cent-a-gallon rise in the price of gasoline by the end of 1979, said that would change his prediction. "If the OPEC price goes higher, that would be a bit conservative," he said.

Nowak says he is more optimistic, though, than Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, who said last week prices of unleaded gasoline could top \$1 a gallon a year or so from now, with leaded regular up to 75 cents.

Lundberg, on the other hand, is pessimistic. He said the inflationary pressure that drove prices up in January and February "is a trend that we are likely to see continue." He said prices could rise 15 more cents by year's end.

Two Conoco hands retire

Continental Oil Co. has announced the retirement of Othel D. Giles and Raymond E. Talley. Each has more than 36 years of service with the company.

Giles joined Conoco's Production Department in 1942 as a pumper and became roustabout at Denver City in 1956 and roustabout first class in 1961.

He moved to Levelland in 1967 and was promoted to maintenance man in 1974. He has been maintenance operator in the Levelland area since 1978.

Talley joined Conoco's production department in 1942 as roustabout in Denver City and was promoted to production foreman in 1957. In 1965 he became head roustabout and has been head maintenance operator since last year.

Hunts add to holdings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Texas oil millionaires Nelson Bunker Hunt and William Herbert Hunt have increased to 7.5 percent their holdings in Global Marine Inc., the Los Angeles-based offshore oil drilling firm has reported.

William R. Thomas, senior vice president of finance and administration for Global Marine, said the firm was unaware of the Hunt brothers' expanded interest until Friday, when it received a copy of a Securities and Exchange Commission filing in the mail.

In the SEC filing, the Hunt brothers reported that they had purchased 130,000 shares of Global Marine stock on the open market between Jan. 23 and Feb. 12, bringing their total holdings to 328,200 of the company's 4.4 million shares outstanding.

"We had not been aware of their interest," Thomas said. "We knew there had been some activity in our stock in major transactions and we had been interested in knowing who the real buyers were."

When news of the Hunt acquisitions reached Wall Street, trading in the company's stock was halted half an hour before the New York Stock exchange closed Friday. Shares closed at \$15.75, up .625 cents.

The filing stated that the Hunts purchased the stocks with personal funds and used margin accounts in some cases. The SEC statement said the brothers have spent a total of \$3,806,782 on their acquisitions.

Dow H. Heard, a Dallas attorney, said the Hunts made the purchases for investment purposes and have no present plans for a major corporate transaction involving Global Marine.

The SEC filing further disclaimed any current plans to change the present board or management of the firm, which built and operated the controversial Glomar Explorer for the CIA.

After suffering losses in 1976 and 1977, Global Marine reported record earnings of \$8.2 million or \$1.85 per share on revenues of \$124.5 million in 1978.

Texaco stakes project near Midland opener

A stepout has been staked to a recently completed flowing Atoka oil discovery in Midland County, 11 miles southeast of Midland, and wildcat operations have been reported in Reeves, Howard and Glasscock counties. The new Midland County project is

ENERGY OIL & GAS

Texaco Inc. No. 1 A. A. Bradford Estate one mile south and slightly west of Texaco No. 1-AB Midland Fee, opener and lone producer in the Bradford Ranch (Atoka oil) pool.

The new project, scheduled for an 11,160-foot bottom, is 1,200 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 12, block 38, T-3-S, T&P survey.

The No. 1-AB Midland Fee was completed in January for a daily flowing potential of 263 barrels of 45.7-gravity oil, plus nine barrels of water, through an 11/64-inch choke. The gas-oil ratio during the potential test was 468-1.

The strike is 3.5 miles west of the depleted Azalea, South (Strawn gas) field.

HOWARD EXPLORER

W. C. Blanks of Midland announced drillsite for a 10,200-foot wildcat in Howard County, 11 miles north of Big Spring.

It is No. 1 Coleman, 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 28, block 32, T-2-N, T&P survey and one mile southwest of the Luther, Southeast (Siluro-Devonian oil) pool.

GLASSCOCK WILDCAT

Sun Oil Co., operating from Midland, spotted its No. 1 McDowell as a 7,800-foot wildcat in Glasscock County, 14 miles northwest of Garden City. There is no nearby production.

The prospector is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 8, R. R. Wade survey.

REEVES TESTER

The Reeves wildcat will be spudded by Gulf Oil Corp. 18 miles east of Pecos.

Scheduled as No. 4 S. E. Ligon-Ste, it is 990 feet from north and east lines of section 16, block 7, H&GN survey.

It is contracted to 6,950 feet to seek gas production. The site is one location northeast of Gulf No. 3 Ligon, an active project now drilling below 12,976 feet. It also is 1/2 mile south of dual Ellenburger and Devonian gas production in the Worsham-Bayer field.

MIDLAND WELL

Cities Service Oil Co. No. 4611 Dora Roberts Devonian Unit has been completed in the War-San (Devonian) pool of Midland County, 20 miles southwest of Midland.

Operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 3,100,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 11,718 to 11,798 feet and from 12,241 to 12,277 feet. Gas-liquid ratio is 18,648-1, with gravity of the condensate 59.6 degrees.

The upper set of perforations was acidized with 11,000 gallons. The lower set was acidized with 2,500 gallons and fractured with 22,500 gallons.

Total depth is 12,468 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at 12,466 feet. The plugged back depth is 12,225 feet.

Wellsite is 2,030 feet from south and 650 feet from west lines of section 46.

Report to raise doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Questions about whether Saudi Arabia can continue to produce enough oil to meet the needs of the United States are expected to be raised this week in a special congressional report.

Sources in the administration and Congress say the Senate Foreign Relations Committee report will state that the Saudis' production capacity is severely limited.

According to one report, by The New York Times, the study concludes that if Saudi Arabia produced 14 million to 16 million barrels of oil a day, it would take only six to 10 years for the country's supply to peak.

Saudi Arabia currently produces 10 million barrels daily. But some analysts think it must produce 14 million to 16 million barrels a day to meet the needs of the United States and other Western countries.

The conclusions were based partly on documents subpoenaed from the Exxon Corp., which denies there are any production problems in Saudi Arabia.

Jury selection begins today

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A federal judge set the stage for jury selection in the nuclear contamination trial of the late Karen Silkwood after denying a motion by the Kerr-McGee Nuclear Corp. to be removed from the \$11.5 million suit.

Defense attorneys argued on Monday that the statute of limitations had expired before the nuclear subsidiary of the Kerr-McGee Corp. was added as a defendant.

block 41, T-3-S, T&P survey. The field has four other Devonian gas wells.

CRANE OILER

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1084 W. N. Waddell has been completed as the second Wichita-Albany oil producer in the Running W multipay field of Crane County.

One and seven-eighths miles southwest of the other Wichita-Albany well, it finished for a daily flowing potential of 97 barrels of 36-gravity oil and 100 barrels of water, through a 22/64-inch choke. The gas-oil ratio is 1,814-1.

The completion was through perforations from 3,064 to 5,641 feet. Stimulation, if any, was not reported.

The total depth is 6,200 feet and plugged back depth is 6,060 feet.

A re-entry project, it originally produced in the sand Hills (Wolfcamp) pay.

Wellsite is 1,047 feet from north and 900 feet from east lines of section 13, block B-21, ps1 survey and 20 miles northwest of Crane.

REEVES OUTPOST

HNG Oil Co. of Midland announced location for a one and three-quarter mile west outpost to gas production in the Reeves, North (3200 oil and gas) field of Reeves County, seven miles southwest of Orla.

It is No. 1-16 State, 1,707 feet from south and east lines of section 16, block 57, T-3, T&P survey. The contract depth is 3,250 feet.

The location also is 7/8 mile southwest of the Hays (Deleware oil) pool.

TOM GREEN TEST

SUNEX Energy Corp. of San Angelo spotted location for a 4,700-foot test four miles southeast of Wall in Tom Green County.

It is No. 1-B Herbert Untermyer,

Testers, strike reported

A pair of wildcats and a discovery have been reported in West Texas.

Blair Exploration, Inc., of Midland No. 1 A. C. Fillingim is a 7,500-foot wildcat 10 miles northwest of Tahoka in Lynn County.

Drillsite on ground elevation of 3,255 feet is 467 feet from north and east lines of section 165, block 12, EL&RR survey.

There is no nearby production.

GAINES WILDCAT

J. J. Travis of Midland No. 1 ODC is a 3,600-foot wildcat in Gaines County, three miles north of Loop.

The test is 467 feet from north and 2,350 feet from east lines of section 13, block C-33, ps1 survey. Ground elevation is 3,600 feet. The location is 1.5

one location east of production in the Sjuan Peak, North (Canyon oil and Strawn) field.

Drillsite is 1,980 feet from south and 990 feet from east lines of section 137, block 11, SPRR survey. Elevation at ground level is 1,945 feet.

STERLING PROJECTS

Ventures Ltd. of San Angelo announced three projects in the one-well Stringer (San Angelo) field of Sterling County, 11 miles southeast of Sterling City.

The No. 5-11 Stringer is 1,588 feet from south and 1,296 feet from east lines of section 11, block 11, SPRR survey and one location west of the well.

The No. 6-11 Stringer is 2,422 feet from north and 771 feet from east lines of section 11, block 11, SPRR survey and 990 feet north of the producer.

The third test, No. 7-11 Stringer, is 2,422 feet from south and 335 feet from east lines of section 11, block 11, SPRR survey and one location northeast of the well.

The contract depth on each of the tests is 1,600 feet.

BORDEN WELL

Bobby Bonner of Midland No. 1 Tunner has been completed as a east offset to production in the Borden (Spraberry) field of Borden County, 10 miles northwest of Gall.

It finished for a daily pumping potential of 32 barrels of oil 38-gravity oil and 60 barrels of water, through perforations from 6,492 to 6,508 feet. Treatment was not reported.

The gas-oil ratio is 785-1. Total depth is 7,464 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 6,849 feet.

Location is 933 feet from north and 1,200 feet from west lines of section 46, block 32, T-6-N, EL&RR survey.

miles northeast of the Loop, Northeast gas pool.

STRIKE FINALS

Champlin Petroleum Co. of Midland No. 1 I. W. Terry has been completed as a Canyon discovery in Sterling County, 20 miles southwest of Sterling City.

It finished for a daily-flow of 80 barrels of 44.1-gravity oil, through perforations at 8,112-8,134 feet after 2,000 gallons of acid.

Bottomed at 9,800 feet, the project has 5.5-inch pipe set at 9,289 feet.

Location is 1,030 feet from south and 3,145 feet from east lines of section 2, T. B. Wilson survey. It is three miles northwest of the Deck (Cisco) discovery well.

DRILLING REPORT

CHAVES COUNTY

Flag-Redford Oil Co. No. 6 Hahn-Federal, drilling 4,000 feet.

CRANE COUNTY

Gulf Oil No. 1084 W. N. Waddell, id 4,200 feet, photo 4,900 feet. Initial potential flow 97 barrels oil and 100 barrels water in 24 hours through Wichita-Albany perforations from 3,064 to 5,641 feet on 22/64 inch choke, gravity 36 degrees, gas-oil ratio 1,814-1.

Southland Royalty No. 5 Eudaly, id 1,975 feet, set cast iron bridge plate at 1,570 feet, perforated from 1,506 to 1,528 feet, swabbed dry, preparing to acidize.

Southland Royalty No. 1-11 Gulf-Eudaly, id 1,700 feet, logging.

CHROCKETT COUNTY

Rial Oil No. 4-A University, drilling 372 feet in lime and anhydrite.

Rial Oil No. 10-F University, drilling 8,100 feet in lime and shale.

Southland Royalty No. 1-36 Todd, id 1,566 feet, acidized perforations from 1,210 to 1,278 feet with 500 gallons, preparing to set cast iron bridge plate and perforate the Queen perforation.

HMI Operators No. 1 Mesa-University, id 2,465 feet, pump jack down, no production.

C. F. Lawrence & Associates, Inc. No. 4-D Todd, id 1,250 feet, ran and set 4 1/2 inch casing at 1,250 feet, waiting on cement.

Texaco Inc. No. 7-D A. R. Kincaid Tract, id 4,200 feet, photo 7,200 feet, conducting packer leakage test.

Texaco Inc. No. 8-D A. R. Kincaid Tract, drilling 1,500 feet in lime and shale.

Champlin Petroleum Co. No. 1-5-C Todd, id 4,200 feet, moving in completion unit. Champlin Petroleum Co. No. 1-5-B Todd, drilling 1,543 feet in shale, 1,000.

DAWSON COUNTY

Rial Petroleum No. 1 Ray Cline, drilling 7,404 feet.

EDDY COUNTY

Southland Royalty No. 1-14 State, id 11,400 feet, preparing to fracture perforations from 11,214 to 11,312 feet.

Southland Royalty No. 1-24 State, id 11,000 feet, preparing to take 4-point test.

Southland Royalty No. 1-A Parkview, drilling 18,000 feet in lime and shale.

Southland Royalty No. 1-23-A State, id 4,945 feet in lime and sand.

Gulf No. 1 Marguardt-Federal, id 11,670 feet, shut in.

Gulf No. 2-GM State, id 10,821 feet, took drillsite test from 10,870 to 10,921 feet, open with strong blow increasing to 255 psi on 3/4 and 1/2 inch chokes at end of 15 minute initial flow, gas to surface in 3 minutes, 60 minute initial shut in, 60 minute final flow, open with strong flow on 3/4 inch choke, pressure increased to 75 psi in 40 minutes and decreased to 6 psi at end of final flow, 2 hour final shut in, recovered 500 feet of gas cut mud and water and 800 feet of water, no milling junk.

David Paskon No. 3 Ross Federal, id 9,863 feet, laying down drillpipe and preparing to run casing, waiting on cement.

Carrazco, id 13,100 feet, rigging up service equipment.

Ota Pecos No. 4 Gourley Federal, id 2,506 feet, pumped 6 barrels oil and 87 barrels water in 24 hours, preparing to take potential test.

Morris R. Antwell No. 1 Federal, drilling 7,658 feet in shale, took drillsite test from 7,223 to 7,250 feet, open 2 hours with no blow, recovered 3 feet of mud.

Barnes Oil Co. No. 3 Big Chief, drilling 12,110 feet in lime and sand.

FISHER COUNTY

General Crude No. 1-18 Morton, drilling 2,779 feet in lime and shale.

GAINES COUNTY

Britton Management No. 1-53 Hodges, id 8,796 feet, shut in for repairs.

Getty No. 1 R. Jameson, id 5,518 feet, testing, no gauges.

Getty No. 2 R. Jameson, id 5,320 feet, testing, no gauges.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

Relco Petroleum No. 3 Edwards, id 1,150 feet, shut in for pressure buildup.

IRION COUNTY

Union Texas No. 1-44-10 Farmer, id 7,240 feet, pumped 10 barrels load oil and 80 barrels load water in 24 hours.

Meaco Properties No. 1-3880 Busby, drilling 6,310 feet.

Resources Investment No. 1-18 Cox, id 8,000 feet, recovering load, through perforations from 7,480 to 7,545 feet.

LEA COUNTY

Morris R. Antwell No. 1 Buddy, drilling 1,100 feet in salt and anhydrite.

Getty No. 1-18 Cline Riga, id 14,600 feet, treated perforations from 14,222 to 14,426 feet with unreported amount.

Getty No. 1-29 J State, drilling 15,036 feet.

Getty No. 1-36 State, drilling 3,976 feet.

Britton Management No. 2 Temple, id 5,130 feet, swabbing, no gauges.

Grace Petroleum No. 1 Whittenburg, id 5,305 feet, set packer, waiting on cement.

Sabine Production No. 4-5 State, drilling 10,578 feet in lime, shale and sand.

Union Oil No. 1 Paducah-Federal, drilling 1,176 feet in anhydrite and salt.

Union Oil No. 1-14 Pipeline-State, drilling 4 hours on 12 1/2 inch choke, no production.

Tipperary Oil & Gas No. 1 Wier-Stein, id 1,000 feet, pumped 14 barrels oil and 118 barrels water in 24 hours.

Gulf No. 1-30 Lea State, drilling 3,044 feet in lime.

'Nature's quirks' add to cabochon collection

ANDREWS—Unlike diamonds and many other "precious" gems, the beauty of many stones is in their imperfection.

Take agate. Butch and Rita Foreman have hundreds of polished, uncut cabochons whose flaws, thanks to nature's quirks, cause rock hounds and stone buffs to rave.

"That's a geologic oddity," Dave Foreman, the couple's father and father-in-law, said of a six-panel display of cabochons.

The 1,500 convex-cut stones displayed in, of all places, his grocery store, represent about 3,600 man-hours of work from 1961 to 1969 by his son, a silversmith, who today is specializing in turquoise jewelry, and his wife.

"THIS IS SUPPOSED to be the largest cabochon collection in the world—more than the Smithsonian Institution has," said Dave Foreman.

"Every one of them is hand cut, hand polished," he said.

The Foreman collection of cabochons is strictly due to pride and an adoration of the patterns, shades and colors in agate. Most of the appealing imperfections are oxides of iron in the hard-but-brittle chalcedony variety of quartz tagged by many names: banded, flame, the fern-like moss, eye, onyx, plume, crazy lace, bouquet and place-name agate peculiar to a locale.

The Foreman collection includes a Texas agate called Balmorhea, a Mexican agate labeled San Carlos, and another Texas agate Butch Foreman christened Long Walk, owing to the four- or five-mile hike required in the Davis Mountains to reach the agate's location.

"There's a lot of theories" on the formation of the patterns, colors and shades in the rock, he said.

PERHAPS FOREMAN'S most prized cabochon is a plume agate set in a gold mount.

"That stone is very, very rare," Dave Foreman said. "They said it is the finest plume in existence, it's not for sale," Dave Foreman said.

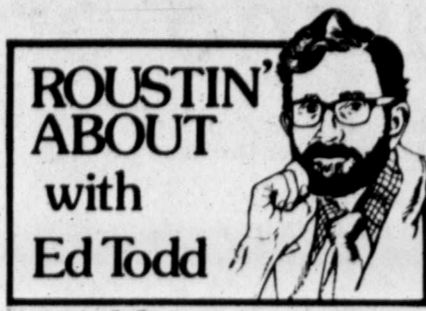
The appraised value was in the thousands of dollars.

"Oh," interjected his son, "I guess enough money could get it, but we don't consider it for sale."

Titles are affixed to cabochons to "reflect the feeling of the rock hound," the father said.

A moss agate was titled "Without Form and Void," for it brought to mind the earth as described in Genesis 1, Foreman said.

"Yeah, rock hounds always find names," he said.



ROUSTIN ABOUT with Ed Todd

A plume agate was named Sea Weed.

A CRAZY LACE stone took on the name "High Waves, Heavy Clouds."

The silver-haired Butch Foreman, who largely is self-taught in gem cutting and polishing and in silversmithing, started the cabochon collection to impress gem dealers and other rock hounds.

"It occurred to us that some of this stuff was going to be scarce," said Butch Foreman. "It's just...stuff for our own personal collection."

Butch Foreman got hooked on rocks early on.

Years later, as he got into working with silver, he started delving into turquoise, coral and mother-of-pearl.

"Back in '63, silver was a low-line," and cost about 50 cents an ounce on the market. Today, at \$9 an ounce, its value has multiplied 18 times, Butch Foreman figured.

"A dyed-in-the-wool rockhound (then) wouldn't mess with turquoise," Butch Foreman said. "He worked in agate."

In the earlier days, lapidarians shied from the turquoise mainly because it "is more subject to breakage and color change. It was common stuff" and hence not in demand.

THAT ALL CHANGED, and turquoise in the late 1960s and early 1970s became popular. Wearing it was almost a fad. Quality was not all that important, said Butch Foreman.

It is today, though, and those who really appreciate the stone are demanding high-quality turquoise, Foreman said.

"It's a more valuable piece of merchandise. It's a supply and demand thing just like diamonds."

Butch and Rita Foreman practice their craft in their "junk room" in the back of the store. They make most of their jewelry—rings, necklaces and whatnots—"from scratch."

In their storeroom are literally tons of raw rock from here and abroad yet to be cut and re-cut and polished.

"It amazes me," Mrs. Foreman said, "what comes out of rock even after all of these years we've been into it."

Her helpmate agreed. "Yeah, it's tedious. It's just something you have to like to do."



Butch and Rita Foreman of Andrews reputedly have the world's largest collection of cabochon. They're silversmiths and avid rock hounds. (Staff Photo)



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Pill may lead to birth of twins

Dear Dr. Solomon: I recently gave birth to twins, the only one in my family, as far as I know, ever to have done so. I'm also the only one in my family to have ever been on the Pill. Is there a connection between the two?—Mrs. A.R.

Dear Mrs. R.: No cause-and-effect relationship has been established, but Dr. Kenneth J. Rothman of the Harvard School of Public Health has an interesting statistic. He found that 25 sets of twins were born to 1,609 mothers who conceived within a month of discontinuing oral contraceptives, a rate of 1.6 percent. The 4,393 other women in the study conceived more than a month after terminating use of the Pill, and their twinning rate was close to the average—1.0 percent.

While these figures, by themselves, don't prove anything, they do imply that the chances of having twins are increased if conception takes place shortly after the use of birth control pills is discontinued.

Dear Dr. Solomon: There have been a number of deaths in our family recently, and in each case a relative was approached for permission to do an autopsy. Is there really anything to be gained from this practice? How often is permission granted?—Mrs. E.T.N.

Dear Mrs. N.: The postmortem examination of bodies provides an incomparable means for improving medical standards. Many times it is the only way to determine the exact cause of death, or the damage done by a disease.

In recent years there has been an unfortunate decline in the number of autopsies performed. Dr. William C. Roberts, of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, reports that

shortly after World War II, autopsies were performed on about half of all patients who died in a hospital; in the mid-1970s, however, this figure had dropped to about 22 percent.

Dr. Roberts notes that an autopsy is one way of checking on the treatment received by a patient, and that autopsies result in a changed diagnosis of the cause of death in as many as one-quarter of the cases. From a medical standpoint, therefore, the decrease in the number of autopsies is not a welcome trend.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I was just told I have high blood pressure. I can't imagine how I might have gotten it. What causes high blood pressure?—Mr. N.K.

Dear Mr. N.K.: No one knows for sure why the arterioles clamp down, causing hypertension. In some cases, tests may show that hypertension is related to some other diseases. But in most cases, the cause of hypertension is not known. Doctors use the term "essential" to describe this type of hypertension.

Doctors think "essential" hypertension may be caused by:

1—Some problem in the kidneys or glands called adrenals which send chemicals into the blood stream, causing hypertension.

2—Emotions (everyone's blood pressure rises if they get excited, angry, nervous, etc. Some people's blood pressure rises more than others. These people are called hyper-reactors or pre-hypertensives, and they are more likely to develop hypertension), and/or

3—Heridity; that is, the tendency to have hypertension may run in some families.

Senate to consider deceptive trade legislation

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Consumers would bear the new responsibility of proving businessmen knowingly cheated them in deceptive trade practice cases under a bill forwarded to the Senate Monday.

The Senate Economic Development Committee approved the measure 7-0 after 4½ hours of public testimony.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Bill Meier, D-Eules, and one of the measure's fiercest opponents, Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, cross-examined witnesses in a preview of future floor debate.

Similar legislation in the House was sent to a subcommittee.

"The present law is not only inequitable, but it has retarded commerce in Texas," said Meier.

Under present law, the businessman must prove he did not cheat the consumer.

Triple damages—the awarding of three times the actual amount lost—would be prohibited in most cases by Meier's bill. The legislation would also exclude breach of warranty cases from being tried under the act.

Unreasonable settle-

ment demands can be used as coercion under the present law, said attorney Jack Ayres of Dallas.

"People can be penalized by triple damages because of a mistake, incorrect speech or an error in judgement," he said.

A real estate agent who passed on misinformation recently was ordered to pay \$17,300 because a new roof actually was a substantially repaired roof, said Mark Hanna, an attorney for the Texas Association of Realtors.

"This puts the realtor in the position of simply not being able to respond to legitimate inquiries from the buying public," Hanna said.

The plaintiff in that suit, Clayton Boyer, testified later and said \$9,000 of the award was for attorneys fees made necessary by defense delays. He said the leaky roof caused \$400 interior

damage to his house and had to be replaced.

Other opponents attacked removal of triple damages and warranty cases from the law.

"For the type of people I represent, it's very important to retain warranty and treble damages," said Steve Cochran, a Bexar County legal aid attorney who defends low income persons.

Meier said warranty

cases could be tried under a different law, the uniform commercial code.

Joe Longley, former head of the attorney general's consumer protection division, said businesses are not leaving Texas because of the law.

Meier pointed out to the committee that Longley has advertised

in the state bar journal his willingness to take triple damages cases.

"I want to be sure we're talking about your pocketbook in this bill," the sponsor said.

Two Cincinnati police officers shot to death early today

CINCINNATI (AP)—Two Cincinnati police officers were shot to death early today when one or both occupants of a car they had stopped opened fire, police said.

One of the alleged assailants also was killed, though police said they did not know whether he was slain in the shootout or died when he attempted to flee and his car crashed into a utility pole.

Missing person case 'routine'

Midland police are treating the disappearance of a 24-year-old Midland woman as a routine missing persons case, after a woman identifying herself as Ruth Orlene Baker called police Monday night.

Mrs. Baker had been reported missing Sunday by her husband, Gary Lee Baker, after she reportedly failed to come home from the grocery store. Her abandoned car had been found in a supermarket parking lot.

Police said they received a call Monday night from a woman who claimed to be Mrs. Baker. The caller said she was safe and would be home in a few weeks.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Feb. 28, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Preston Washburn, 3534 Hyde Park Ave., a girl.
Sgt. and Mrs. Juan Manuel Carrillo, 2105 E. Front Ave., a girl.
March 1, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel Lopez Jr., 606 S. Marienfeld St., a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Thomas Kidd, 1506A S. Baird St., a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ray Cruse, 503 E. California Ave., a girl.
March 2, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Angel Perales, 304 E. Hickory Ave., a boy.

a block from the shooting scene.

The other passenger in the car, a woman, was hospitalized with a broken leg.

Police said no charges were filed immediately.

The dead policemen were identified as officer Dennis Bennington, a 27-year-old father of two who was shot in the chest, and officer Robert Seiffert, a 31-year-old father of three who died at Bethesda Hospital after surgery for a head wound.

Police did not immediately release the names

of the couple in the car.

Capt. Edward Ammann, commander of District 4, said the shootings occurred after Seiffert had stopped the car and Bennington, in another cruiser, joined him. Police said they did not know why the officers stopped the car.

Seiffert contacted police radio dispatchers but did not complete his transmission, Ammann said.

Moments later a civilian used the police radio in one of the cruisers to report that both officers had been shot, he said.

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4	P185/75R14	Glass radial Black	46.80	35.14	2.05
5	CR78X14	Steel radial White	67.93	49.95	2.15
4	P195/75R14	Steel radial White	73.10	54.53	2.36
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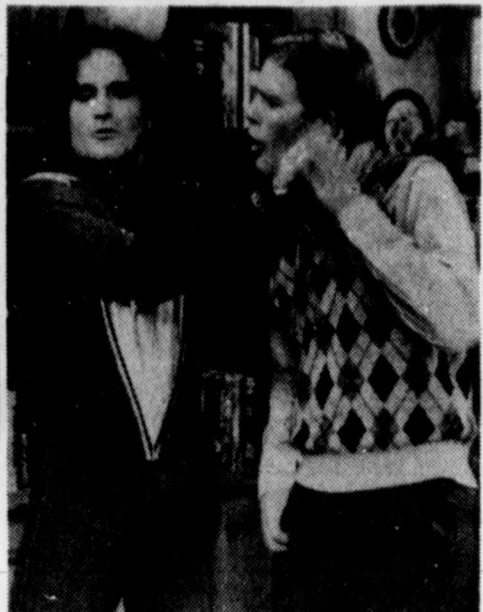
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Perhaps Mork's ("Mork & Mindy" star Robin Williams, left) hold on Richie ("Happy Days" series star Ron Howard) is an attempt to understand pain when the space traveler makes a visit to the 1950s in order to clear up some confusion he has about human relationships in "Mork Returns," on ABC's "Happy Days," Tuesday, March 6.

Mork made his first earthly appearance on "Happy Days" last spring. He returns to Milwaukee, Wis., and Richie, Fonzie and their college crowd.

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

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USDA advises consumers on shopping

WASHINGTON (AP) — With food prices continuing to climb, the Agriculture Department is telling consumers how to shop more efficiently and that groceries really are taking a relatively smaller bite of a family's take-home pay.

Officials say the reports are not part of a conscious effort by USDA to propagandize food costs because such analyses are issued regularly by various agencies in the department.

Russ Forte of the department's Office of Governmental and Public Affairs said Monday two reports about food costs issued in the last week were coincidental and that there is "no campaign" to provide the news media with information to help soften government reports of spiraling food prices.

The department predicts retail food prices now are "most likely" expected to rise 8.5 percent this year, compared to an earlier forecast of 7.5 percent. But experts say the earlier predicted range of this year's gain, 6 percent to 10 percent, is still possible, depending on weather and other factors.

Last week the department issued a "feature" report about how food "takes a smaller bite of your take-home pay almost every year" and provided figures back to 1929 to support that claim.

Fifty years ago, the report said, the national average expenditures for food required 23.4 percent of disposable income.

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House tax relief group rejects 'ag use' break

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee has rejected a new attempt to withhold an "agricultural use" tax break from corporations.

The action came Monday as the committee moved toward a final decision on a bill implementing the 1978 Tax Relief Amendment.

An 8-4 vote against denying the "agricultural use" tax break to corporations settled the issue in committee but it is sure to arise again on the House floor.

The committee planned to take its final vote on the bill (HB1060) today after Rep. Wayne Peveto, D-Orange, said he wanted more time to analyze the latest draft of the measure.

Rep. Bob Davis, R-Irving, committee chairman, a committee decision today would assure the bill a place on next Monday's calendar for House debate.

Peveto and Rep. Stan Schlueter, D-Salado, reopened the issue of

"agricultural use" appraisal of corporation-owned farm, ranch and timber land for taxation — probably the most sensitive matter in the bill.

Farm, ranch and timber land would be assessed for taxation on its ability to nourish crops, livestock and trees — not its value on a rising real estate market.

Peveto said that would be an incentive for corporations to compete with individuals to buy farms and ranches that are offered for sale.

"We are going to see much faster depletion of the family farmer and rancher, and more land will fall under the ownership of large corporations," he predicted.

He said corporate ownership of timber land was so widespread in East Texas that giving corporations the tax break would "almost completely destroy" the tax bases of 11 counties.

But Davis pointed out the bill prohibits taxing timber on anything less

than its current assessed valuation. Rep. Bennie Bock II, D-New Braunfels, said the idea behind "agricultural use" valuation of land was not so much to encourage family farming as to keep land in production.

"If corporations can do such a better job of producing livestock and crops, why aren't they in it today? Corporations just can't cut it because they have bureaucracy laid on bureaucracy. It's the good independent businessman who can do the job," Bock said.

Peveto also failed on a clear voice vote to reduce the productivity break given timber land to less than what farms and ranches would receive.

"A six-inch rain won't wash out a timber crop. A drought won't kill it," he said.

But Rep. Jim Browder, D-Coldspring, said, "Trees are susceptible to more than agriculture — freeze, pine bark beetles, fire and trespassers cutting trees."

Vietnam fears 'withdrawal trick,' demands unconditional pullout

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A Vietnam announced today it is willing to negotiate with China once all Peking's troops have left Vietnam's soil and ended a more than two-week-old frontier war.

But a Vietnamese Foreign Ministry statement said if Chinese leaders were trying a "withdrawal trick" in order to escalate the war then Vietnam would fight on "in the spirit of general mobilization."

The statement said Chinese troops had to withdraw "completely and unconditionally from Vietnamese territory before any negotiations take place."

It also said China was forced to announce it was withdrawing Monday because it found itself in "difficult circumstances" — military losses, support Russia and others were giving Vietnam, and even objections to the war in China. It said any negotiations would take place at the vice foreign minis-

ters' level at a time and place to be agreed on at a later date. Hanoi Radio reported fighting was continuing in Lang Son province north of the Vietnamese capital and claimed Hanoi's troops killed or wounded more than 700 Chinese in fighting Monday in Hoang Lien Son province in the northwest.

Nhan Dan, the Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper, said earlier that Peking's announcement that Chinese troops began pulling out Monday, 16 days after the invasion started, was "contrary to the real situation in the battlefields."

China "is stepping up its aggression, and its troops are frantically destroying Vietnamese villages," said the paper.

The Vietnamese army newspaper, Quan Doi Nhan Dan, said Peking was "feverishly pouring more Chinese troops into Vietnam," and asked: "Who can believe that China will withdraw

when its southward crusade has just begun?" The Vietnam News Agency said President Ton Duc Thang ordered "mobilization throughout the country to protect the nation and to win the aggressive war waged by the Chinese expansionists."

It said the president signed a decree ordering all citizens of military age to join the armed forces.

"All necessary manpower, material and financial resources shall be mobilized to meet the needs of war for national salvation," the decree said.

Bangkok intelligence sources said they had no evidence of a Chinese pullout, but intelligence reports frequently lag behind battlefield events.

Some of these sources said China might be following a scorched-earth policy in withdrawing and that this could be the stepped-up aggression Vietnam referred to. Other intelligence

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Nation's cancer death toll increasing despite huge research expenditure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cancer mortality is killing an overall increasing number of Americans each year because of death which has risen since 1971, Con-Schneiderman, associate director of the National Cancer Institute.

At the same time, the mortality rate from heart disease, accidents and influenza and pneumonia has been dropping. Dr. Marvin Schneiderman told a Senate health subcommittee Monday.

smoking are subtracted, "total cancer mortality has been declining overall." Schneiderman said that among persons 45 and younger, both the incidence and mortality rates for cancer are declining.

"The decreases have come about, in part, through reduced incidence of breast cancer in young women, lung cancer in younger men and

the childhood leukemias and Hodgkin's disease," he said. Schneiderman said the survival rates for leukemia among children and for Hodgkin's disease have "improved significantly."

While both the death rate and the incidences of cancer are still on the rise, Schneiderman said, the rate of increase in both categories has shown signs of leveling off in the past five years

or so. From 1969 through 1976, the number of white men contracting cancer rose at an annual rate of about 1 percent from 1969 through 1976. He said the rate among white women rose by 1.8 percent. Among blacks, the incidence rate rise was 1.8 percent for men and 1.7 percent for women.

The hearing was called by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

