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No sanctions to be imposed against U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Arab leaders will impose at least a partial economic boycott against Egypt but will not impose sanctions against the United States at the Baghdad conference, official sources reported today.

Despite a call from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for economic war against the United States, the sources said the ministers meeting here have neither the authority nor the inclination to impose sanctions against any country except Egypt.

The delegates showed little enthusiasm for Arafat's call for sanctions against the United States because it sponsored the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Foreign ministers of 16 Arab countries, meeting to plan retaliatory action against Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israel, listened impassively Tuesday as the Palestine Liberation Organization's chief told them they should not sell oil to the United States or buy from it because President Carter "plotted this conspiracy."

"It is taken for granted that Sadat's regime will be punished, but don't just hit the tail of the snake, hit the head of the snake, the United States," said Arafat.

"I urge you to make an oil boycott against the United States. I urge you to make a trade boycott of the United States. I urge you to make a petrodollar boycott of the United States."

"We should stop buying big American cars and other products. If you move your petrodollars around, several huge American companies would collapse."

Iraqi Vice President Saddam Hussein Warne seconded the demand for anti-Americans measures. But the applause at the end of Arafat's impassioned speech was light, and the key minister at the meeting, Prince Saud Al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia, did not join in it.

The outcome of the meeting is dependent on the Saudis since the only economic action against Egypt that might have any effect is termination of their financial aid, now nearly \$2 billion a year, and withdrawal of their petrodollar deposits from Egyptian banks. Egyptian officials do not expect this to happen because it would undermine Sadat's moderate regime and open the way to a radical Egyptian government that would not be welcomed by Saudi Arabia's conservative royal rulers.

Any oil embargo voted by the meeting was unlikely to extend any farther than Egypt, and that would be meaningless since Egypt produces all the petroleum it needs and has a surplus for export. No retaliatory economic action against the United States was expected.

The meeting, which continued today, was called to implement anti-Sadat resolutions voted at a summit meeting last November in a vain attempt to square the Egyptian president out of signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Midland signs contract for transportation grant

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

After a month of delays, the Midland City Council Tuesday signed a grant contract with the federal government to put MidTran back on a road toward completion.

A \$147,840 grant to get MidTran rolling was approved by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration in early February.

But the City Council had wanted to pen its signature until wording of various phrases could be changed.

MidTran is a public transportation system designed specifically for Midland's needs and has been in the works about two years.

With the city's approval, Transportation Coordinator John Schafer now will advertise for bids on seven light transit buses needed for the system.

"I am still looking at the end of summer," Schafer said, referring to date for operation of the program.

"There are a lot of external factors" that can affect that date, he added.

Obstacles could include approval of bids or acquisition of vehicles, according to John Ingram, president of MidTran.

Although the city has worked a month with the Department of Labor and Department of Transportation in changing the contract's wording, there still exists some wording with which the city is not altogether happy.

"But we can live with it," City Attorney Joe Nuessle told the council Tuesday.

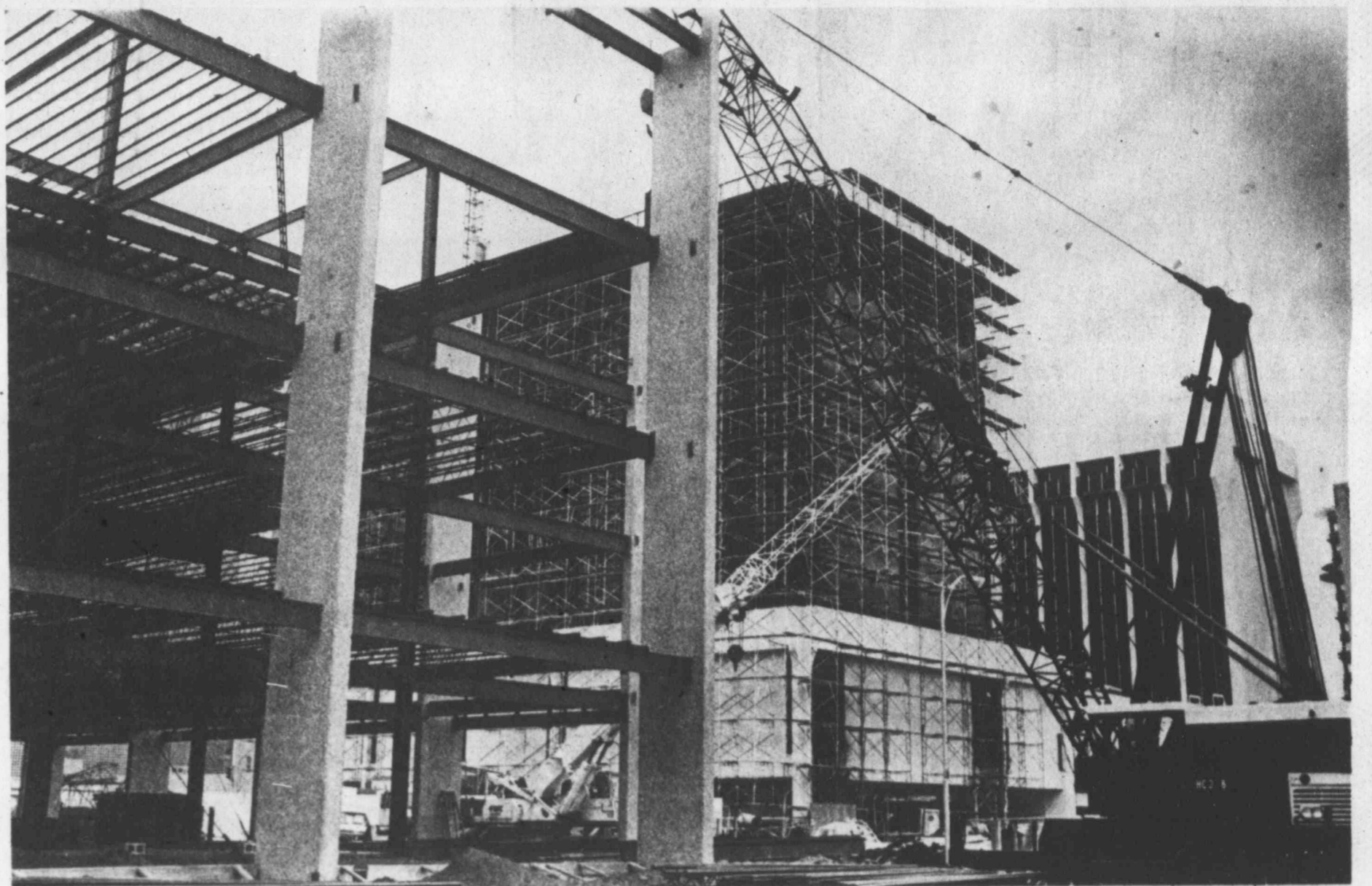
One "problem" has to do with taxis...with making sure the city would not be liable if a taxi company went out of business and tried to blame it on MidTran, according to Schafer.

The council voted 5-1 to sign the contract. Councilman Carroll M. Thomas registered the only negative vote.

MidTran is a "unique concept," Ingram said, adding it calls for broadening the entire scope of transportation in Midland.

It is based on a demand responsive system in which people will either subscribe as riders on a regular basis — such as downtown office workers — or give 24-hour notice when they need the service.

"As long as we're not limited by external forces, we won't be limited by inside (problems)," Ingram said.



Midland's construction has continued at a brisk pace — building permits for February approached last February's record — and the downtown sector reflects that as do other areas of the Tall City. Marathon Oil Co.'s building, seen going up Tuesday at the intersection of Main Street and Missouri Avenue, eventually will be a four-story, penthouse-topped structure. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

Carter opts for gradual decontrol

By The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Carter has decided to decontrol domestic oil prices gradually and to support legislation to impose an excess profits tax on oil companies, administration sources said Tuesday. Lifting controls could eventually add a total of about five cents a gallon to gasoline prices.

Carter has the power to end controls on June 1, but legislation would be required to impose an excess or "windfall" profits tax on companies whose earnings would be greatly increased by decontrol. Such tax proposals have generated strong opposition from the oil industry in the past and have been bottled up in Congress.

Sources said Carter has not decided whether to propose his own tax measure or support tax legislation that would unquestionably originate in Congress in the aftermath of decontrol.

Under present law, about half of the oil produced in this country is subject to federal price controls and sells at less than half the present world market price. Lifting controls would permit prices on this oil, which constitutes about one-quarter of total U.S. consumption, to rise to the world level, now about \$13.34 a barrel.

Decontrol will contribute to higher gasoline prices and the rate of inflation, and it may aggravate Carter's immediate political problems. But the president believes that in the long run it will result in less reliance on oil from the troubled Middle East, White House sources said.

The final form of Carter's new energy program, which will include the

decontrol measure, still has not been decided. He had planned to announce the program in a televised message to the nation Thursday. But he decided to delay the announcement until next week after differences arose among his advisers over some of the elements of the program and the forum that should be used for announcing it.

Although an exact date and forum for the announcement has not yet been selected, a Carter adviser said that since the program will include no drastic measures to solve the energy problem, "it won't be on television."

"This will be a moderate, long-term program, so we don't want to create any sense of crisis by going on TV," he said.

Any increase in gasoline prices resulting from decontrol would be in addition to whatever increase results from the 9 percent price increase and surcharges approved Tuesday by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The American Petroleum Institute said that lifting controls over a three-year period would mean motorists could expect to pay 1.6 cents a gallon more in 1979, 1.7 cents more in 1980 and 1.8 cents more in 1981.

Jody Powell, Carter's press secretary, declined to confirm or deny that the president had decided to decontrol oil prices.

At a White House press briefing, Powell said Carter was "considering a series of rather difficult and largely unpleasant options" for his energy package.

"He has today indicated less than complete satisfaction with some of

the proposals that have been submitted to him and has asked that they be reworked," Powell said.

"But we will be announcing, certainly within the next week or so, the actions this administration plans to take to deal with the problem we face that is so clearly illustrated by this increase."

Carter's chief inflation adviser, Alfred E. Kahn, has opposed decontrol of oil prices on grounds it would add to the already soaring rate of inflation.

Midland College votes 13.7 percent pay hike

By SUSAN TOTH
Staff Writer

With the majority of their building program behind them, Midland Junior College District trustees Tuesday voted a 13.7 percent average increase for college employees.

"We haven't always been able to compensate our employees as we would have liked to because of tight budget restraints," Board President Jack Huff said. "Now we feel is the time to bring our people up to the true level of compensation they deserve."

Faculty salaries will be increased by 14.2 percent, auxiliary staff salaries by 13 percent and administrative salaries by 13.3 percent, trustees announced after a 45-minute executive session.

In addition, Chaparral Center Manager Larry Campbell will receive a

one-time \$1,000 bonus for "a job done well in the early stages of Chaparral Center," Huff said.

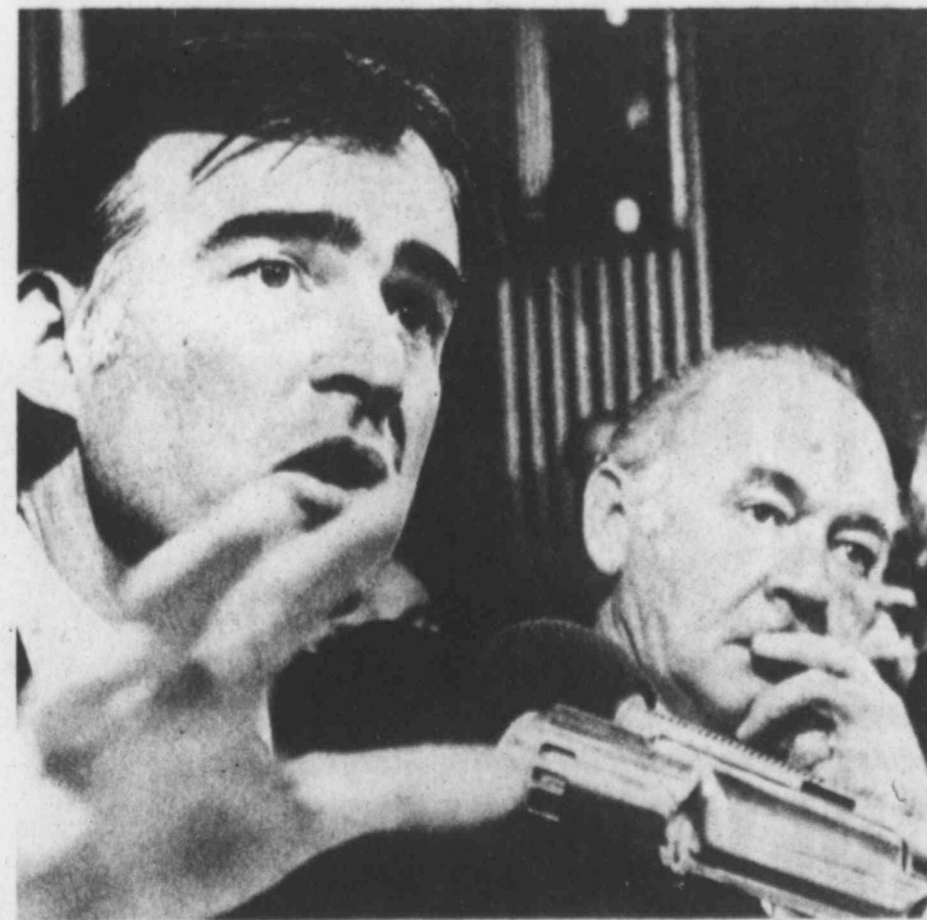
While the increases do not fall within the federal guidelines recently suggested by the president, Huff said salaries at Midland College have been low since the institution's beginning because of the expenses of building the campus.

Now salaries can be brought up to the level they should have been all along, he said, without an increase in the budget or the tax rate.

In other business, trustees agreed to place "No Smoking" signs in Chaparral Center with only designated areas allowed for smoking.

Trustees also appointed a Blue Ribbon Energy Committee to look into ways of cutting energy costs at the

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California Gov. Jerry Brown testifies before the Senate Energy Committee as Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, right, listens. (AP Laserphoto)

Gov. Brown blames British

Only 'miracle' can revive Sohio pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP) — California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. is accusing British interests of trying to torpedo a pipeline project the Carter administration considers vital to moving Alaska oil to the rest of the nation.

A Standard Oil of Ohio official denied Brown's accusation — leveled Tuesday at a Senate Energy Committee hearing — but said only "a miracle" can revive the California-Texas project now.

Meanwhile, Republican legislators at the hearing said Brown was merely engaging in presidential politics with his testimony.

California's Democratic governor suggested Sohio's attempts to abandon the pipeline project were orchestrated by its parent firm, British Petroleum, after the London-based company decided it had nothing to gain from the plan.

"I'm not going to be pushed around by a foreign company that wants a few extra pennies of profit," Brown testified, citing British Petroleum's 52-percent ownership of Sohio.

Brown said he warned BP officials in London in 1977 that if they wanted the pipeline built, they'd have to meet stiff California anti-pollution rules. Their only response, Brown testified, was: "They gave me a cup of tea."

Brown and Sohio board chairman Alton W. Whitehouse Jr. traded heated accusations at the hearing called to determine if the \$1 billion project can be salvaged.

Once unloaded at the proposed terminal, the oil would be shipped over an existing pipeline to Midland, Texas, for distribution to refineries in other parts of the nation.

Both Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger and Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus testified that the pipeline is badly needed to move the glut of Alaska oil building up on the West Coast to the Midwest and the import-dependent East.

Committee Chairman Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., noted, "There's nothing I know of by which we can force Sohio to build the pipeline if it doesn't want to."

Sohio officials announced earlier this month they planned to abandon the project after four years of delay in obtaining needed permits. But following a meeting with Schlesinger last week, they agreed to wait another six months before making a final decision.

"If somebody can work a miracle fast enough, then fine... we would build it," Whitehouse testified Tuesday. "But in all candor, I will tell you — I don't think it will happen."

Sohio officials say a chief stumbling block has been their inability to get permits from California state agencies controlled by Brown.

But Brown accused Sohio of "welshing" after Whitehouse acknowledged the firm is having second thoughts about a previous promise to spend \$83 million in helping other polluters in the area

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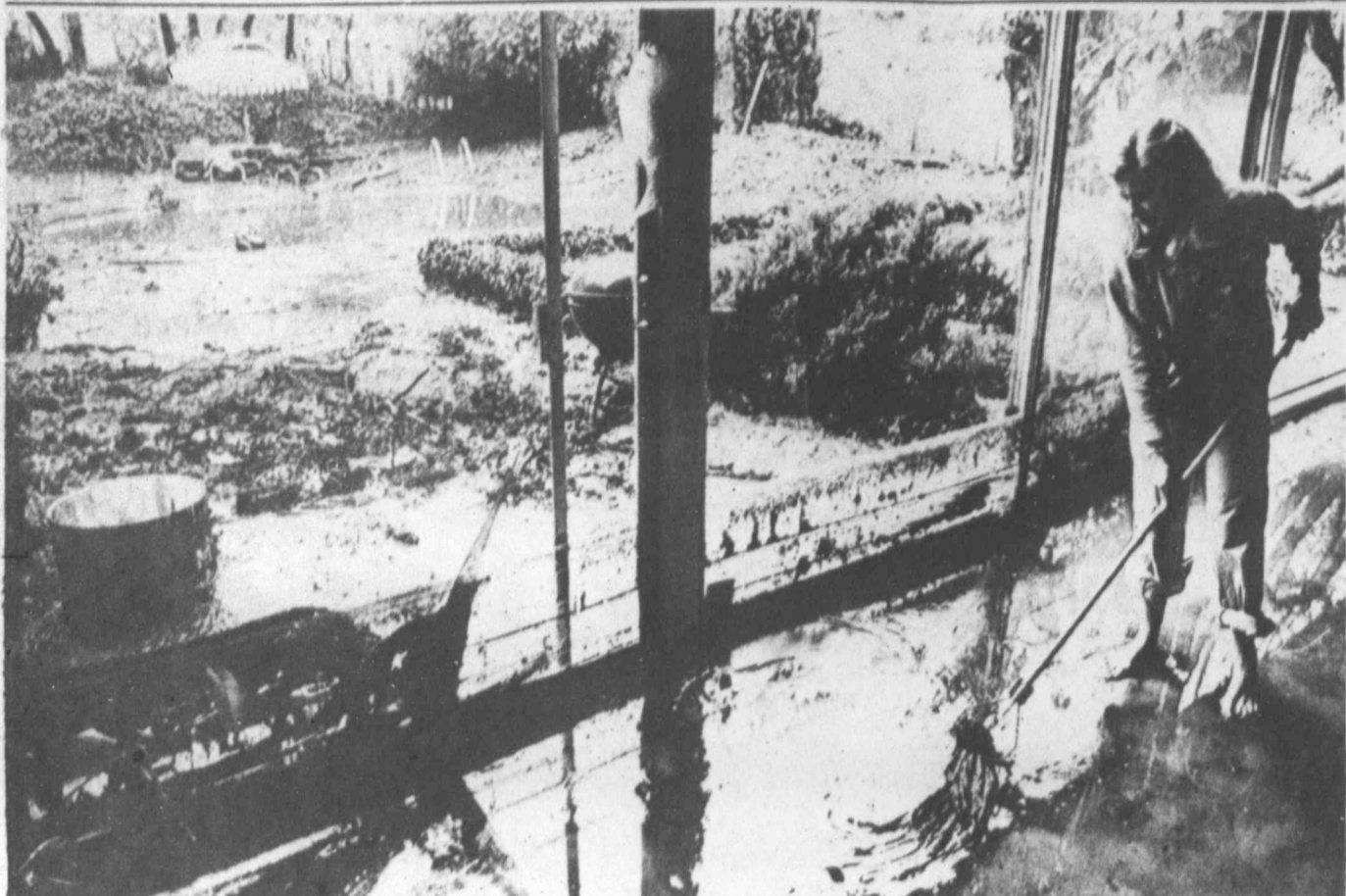
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Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. High Thursday in the mid-70s. Details on Page 8A.

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Mopping up the living room of her home in the Mandeville Canyon section of Los Angeles is Carlotta Bennet. Mud and water fill her swimming

pool, top left, and cover her back yard. Almost two inches of rain fell in the Los Angeles Basin Tuesday. (AP Laserphoto)

Southern Californians may see second dose of rain, snow, mud

By The Associated Press

Mudslides, flooding, and more than two inches of rain were left behind by the first thrust of a blustery Pacific storm as it moved into southern California.

And forecasts for today warned that Tuesday's deluge could be repeated along with heavy snows in the northern Rockies as a second front pushes southeastward.

Midwesterners, meanwhile, were watching the storm closely, hoping for an extended break in the wet weather that would allow their swollen rivers to continue receding.

Winter storm watches were posted for northern parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Nevada and California. A traveler's advisory was issued for North Dakota, where snow and freezing rain was expected.

At Los Angeles Civic Center Tuesday, the rain measured 2.08 inches. Pasadena had a 24-hour rain total of 3.22 inches, and amounts near two inches were recorded at Santa Barbara, Long Beach, Santa Ana and Ontario.

Gale-like winds and high seas knocked an oil tanker off course as it was leaving Los Angeles Harbor early Tuesday. The 1,000-foot vessel smashed into the dock and hit a ferryboat, severing a fuel oil line.

Rock- and mudslides closed down some canyon roads and police reported a 16-car pileup on the Hollywood Freeway.

In the Midwest, muddy floodwaters from the Illinois and Rock rivers prevented more than 2,000 people from returning to their homes, according to the Red Cross.

Officials said it could be more than a week before most of the homeless would be able to return.

Sections of Illinois farmland were underwater, and several roads were closed as the water streamed along a 9-mile section of the low-lying high-

way between Hardin and Kampsville.

The war against a week of flooding moved at a slower pace upstream where the swollen Illinois continued to recede. At Peoria, the river stood at 27.4 feet Tuesday, less than 10 feet above flood stage, and it was expected to drop another two feet by Thursday, according to the National Weather Service.

Elsewhere around the country, snow changing to rain was expected from the Ohio Valley through the northern plains.

Temperatures around the nation early today ranged from 11 in Bradford, Pa., to 72 in McAllen, Texas.

Here are some early morning temperatures and weather conditions around the nation.

Eastern — Atlanta 58, partly

cloudy; Boston 32, clear; Cincinnati 31, clear; Cleveland 24, clear; Detroit 25, clear; Indianapolis 32, clear; Louisville 35, clear; Miami 65, clear; Nashville 42, clear.

Kansas City gets new mayor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Richard Berkeley, relying on a well-organized, well-financed campaign, overcame a strong Democratic advantage in party registration to become Kansas City's first Republican mayor since 1925.

The 47-year-old city councilman collected 58.1 percent of the votes in Tuesday's election to defeat Bruce Watkins, a fellow city councilman seeking to become the first black to occupy the mayor's office.

About 126,000 people — 56 percent of those registered — voted in the non-partisan election, the most since 138,800 turned out in 1942.

"I feel great, stimulated and pleased. I couldn't feel better," said Berkeley, who will become Kansas City's first Jewish mayor. He added that he hoped Watkins would stay in city government.

Watkins, who came in first in last month's non-partisan primary, expressed his disappointment in a concession speech.

Democrats reject plan

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Association of Democratic County Chairmen have rejected a proposal to hold a presidential primary on a different day than regular party primaries in 1980.

The group adopted a resolution Monday opposed to "any presidential primary held separate from the regular general primary of the party or using any separate ballot from that used in the party's regular general primary."

Sen. Jack Ogg, D-Houston, has introduced legislation for a presidential primary in March before the party primary elections in either May or July.

County chairmen said they opposed the Ogg bill because it would encourage cross-over voting by members of one party in the other party's primary.



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Garwood won't allow questioning

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (AP) — The Marine Corps wants to question Pfc. Robert Garwood about his 14 years with Vietnamese communists, but Garwood's attorney is saying "No way!"

The civilian lawyer, Dermot G. Foley of New York City, said Tuesday that the questioning could violate Garwood's rights against self-incrimination.

Garwood, 32, is accused of desertion in time of war and collaboration with the enemy since his disappearance in Vietnam in September 1965.

A military team is to investigate the charges, which could carry a penalty of death by a firing squad. Garwood, who returned to the United States on Sunday, is confined to a military hospital at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Lt. Col. Art Brill, a Defense Department spokesman, said Tuesday that a Marine officer would arrive Thursday to question Garwood.

"No way!" Foley said. "I'll tell you that right now. No way will he (Garwood) participate in the case against him."

Foley, who contends that Garwood "has a hell of a strong case to make against any kind of collaboration," also said he might tell Garwood not to talk to psychiatrists at the hospital.

Foley said military law permits interrogators and doctors to be subpoenaed to testify at a court-martial. The concept of doctor-patient confidentiality does not exist under military law, he said.

Foley said he wanted Garwood to receive whatever psychiatric care might be necessary.

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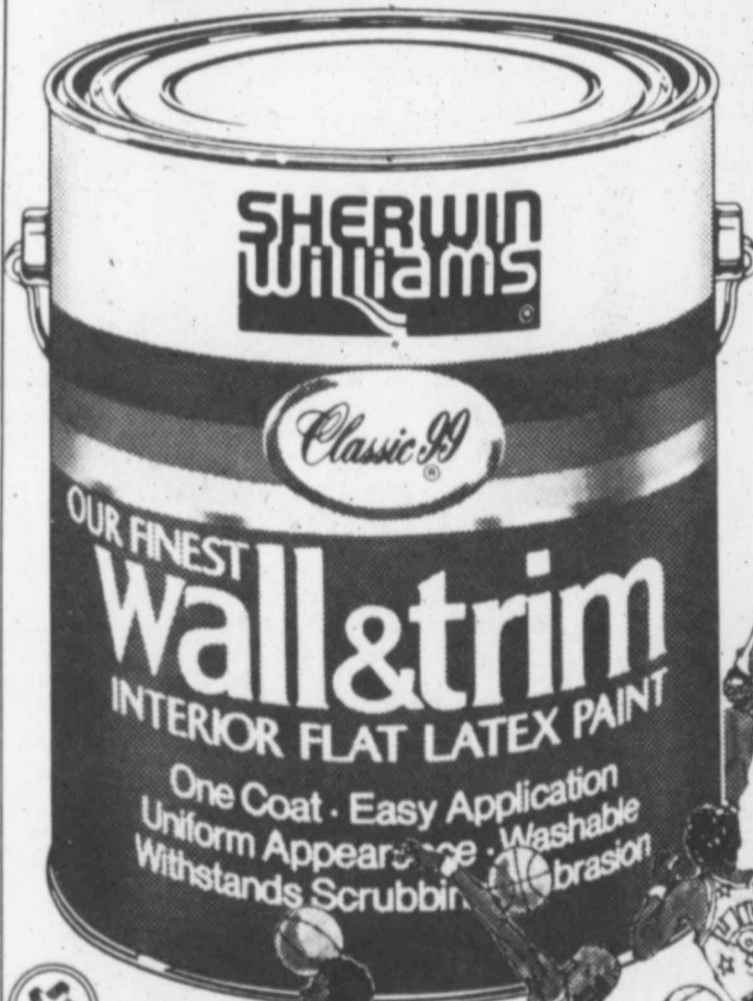
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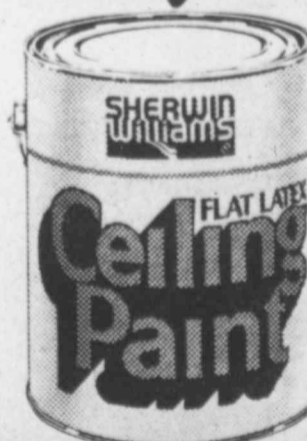
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By PAUL STEVENS

History, tradition highlight Indians' improving identity

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The American Indian is beginning to feel much better about himself through a heightened awareness of his tribe's culture and history, Jay Hunter maintains.

"In the last 10 years, there's been a greater realization of the contributions Indians have made to society," said the 70-year-old Indian. "This gives a lot of people a favorable identity."

A Winnebago, Hunter has taught and preserved the traditions of his ancestors while adopting the customs of a white society that moved his own people from reservation to reservation six times, until the tribe settled in eastern Nebraska.

Hunter, who sports a digital watch but wears his long silver hair in the traditional style of old, has spent a half-century attempting to instill the

best of both worlds in younger Indians — as a teacher in Kansas and Arizona and for the past 10 years as director of one of the nation's largest Indian centers.

Hunter retired earlier this month as executive director of the Mid-America All-Indian Center, an organization he helped found.

The \$2 million building, one of 72 Indian centers nationwide, houses centuries-old artifacts valued at more than \$1 million. But equally important in Hunter's mind, it bridges a cultural gap for Indians moving to urban areas.

"Our one objective for having an Indian center is to enhance the life of Indian people within the community and those Indians making the transition from reservations to urban areas," Hunter said in an interview.

The arrowhead-shaped center on the Arkansas River, located where the Wichita tribe camped and traded

more than a century ago, offers the city's 3,000 Indians such services as job counseling and placement, medical care, alcoholism treatment and social activities.

Participation in the programs has been great, Hunter said, but interest in cultural effects preserved in the museum has seen a resurgence in recent years.

"I think we provide an opportunity for young people to recoup a lot of the culture that would have been lost," Hunter said. "We're going through a period when the younger people are trying to recoup as much as they can."

The recent increase in interest in the past is not seen by Hunter as an outgrowth of the phenomenon created by Alex Haley's "Roots" — a novel of Haley's search for his black ancestry.

"I don't think our Indian people have maybe given a lot of thought to

that," Hunter said. "We know we're natives of this country and we don't have to go looking around to see where we came from."

Hunter was born on the Winnebago reservation near South Sioux City, Neb. His parents moved to Wichita in 1930 to join their son, who was attending college. Etta Hunter, now 92, still lives here with her son and his family.

Hunter recalled that his mother's education was limited to eight grades in government schools, but he went on to receive a bachelor's degree and do graduate work at the University of Southern California. The value of education is paramount, he said.

"I feel education is the answer for our Indian problem," Hunter said. "I've always been of that theory, because education increases earning power. When earning power increases, you have an opportunity to be stronger politically."



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At St. Louis, Mo.

Lamar 85, Detroit 87

South Regional

At Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee 97, E. Kentucky 81

West Regional

At Lawrence, Kan.

Weber St. 81, New Mexico St. 78

Second Round

East Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

Rutgers 84, Georgetown 70

Midwest Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

St. John's 75, Temple 70

South Regional

At Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee 97, E. Kentucky 81

West Regional

At Lawrence, Kan.

Weber St. 81, New Mexico St. 78

Third Round

East Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

Rutgers 84, Georgetown 70

Midwest Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

St. John's 75, Temple 70

South Regional

At Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee 97, E. Kentucky 81

West Regional

At Lawrence, Kan.

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Fourth Round

East Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

Rutgers 84, Georgetown 70

Midwest Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

St. John's 75, Temple 70

South Regional

At Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee 97, E. Kentucky 81

West Regional

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Fifth Round

East Regional

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Rutgers 84, Georgetown 70

Midwest Regional

At St. Louis, Mo.

St. John's 75, Temple 70

South Regional

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East Regional

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Rutgers 84, Georgetown 70

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Final

At St. Louis, Mo.

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House Texans oppose latest budget boosts

WASHINGTON— Here's how area House members were recorded on major roll call votes March 8 through March 14. There were no Senate votes.

HOUSE

WAGE COUNCIL. The House passed, 242 for and 175 against, a bill (HR 2283) extending the life of the Council on Wage and Price Stability for one year, increasing the council's annual budget to \$8.48 million and expanding its staff from 39 to 233. The council, a White House adjunct, monitors President Carter's wage and price guidelines. It lacks authority to impose wage and price controls. The bill was sent to the Senate.

Rep. William Moorhead, D-Pa., a supporter, said:

ROLL CALL REPORT

"A vote against this bill amounts to throwing up your hands in despair—or else putting all your chips on a very restrictive fiscal and monetary policy with all of the accompanying risks or recession or worse. To me the choice seems very clear."

Rep. Robert Bauman, R-Md., an opponent, said: "Only in the wonderland that is the Congress, could we possibly think we are addressing the problem of inflation by not only extending... and agency that is virtually useless and ought to be abolished, but by increasing its budget by 300 percent... and its staff from 39 permanent employees to 233."

Members voting "yes" wanted to keep the Council on Wage and Price Stability in operation.

Reps. Charles Wilson, D-2, Jim Mattox, D-5, Bob Eckhardt, D-8, Jack Brooks, D-9, Jake Pickle, D-10, James Wright, D-12, Joe Wyatt, D-14, Mickey Leland, D-18, and Martin Frost, D-24, voted "yes."

Reps. Samuel Hays, D-1, James Collins, R-3, Ray Roberts, D-4, Phil Gramm, D-6, Bill Archer, R-7, J. Marvin Leath, D-11, Jack Lightower, D-13, Kika de la Garza, D-15, Richard White, D-16, Charles Stenholm, D-17, Kent Hance, D-19, Tom Loeffler, R-21, Ron Paul, R-22, and Abraham Kazen, D-23, voted "no."

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-28, did not vote.

COMMITTEE OVERLAP. The House voted, 208 for and 200 against, to create a select committee whose mission is to examine the House committee structure and recommend ways to make it less cumbersome. With an estimated annual budget of \$500,000, the new panel will address the problem of overlapping jurisdictions that makes it difficult for the House to move on national problems such as energy and inflation. In recent years the House has made similar attempts at streamlining itself, but with little success.

Opponents generally thought this new committee was itself an example of the "bureaucratic overlapping" it seeks to combat.

Members voting "yes" favored creation of a special committee on committees.

Hall, Wilson, Mattox, Eckhardt, Brooks, Wright, Wyatt, de la Garza, Leland, Gonzalez, Kastenbaum, Frost, and "yes."

Collins, Roberts, Gramm, Archer, Pickle, Leath, Lightower, White, Stenholm, Hance, Loeffler, and Paul voted "no."

BALANCED BUDGET. In a vote of 201 for and 199 against, the House decided not to allow a budget-balancing amendment to be offered in the debt ceiling bill. The effect of the vote was to turn away the proposed amendment, which sought to require Congress to balance the federal budget beginning in fiscal 1981, unless by a two-thirds majority Congress permitted a deficit in a given fiscal year. This vote came prior to passage of HR 2234, which raised the national debt ceiling to \$830 billion through September. HR 2234 was sent to the Senate.

Members voting "yes" argued that the debt-ceiling bill was the improper vehicle for a balanced-budget amendment.

Members voting "no" wanted an opportunity to offer their budget-balancing amendment to the debt ceiling bill.

Wilson, Mattox, Eckhardt, Wright, Gonzalez, and Frost voted "yes."

Hall, Collins, Roberts, Gramm, Archer, Pickle, Leath, Lightower, Wyatt, de la Garza, White, Stenholm, Leland, Hance, Loeffler, Paul, and Kazen voted "no."

Brooks did not vote.

New cancer drugs may be 'naturals'

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)— The most promising new drugs in the war on cancer may prove to be as old as the human body itself, three researchers say.

Drs. Jordan Gutterman, Karl Isselbacher and Saul Green are each involved in developing a different natural anti-cancer substance to fight the disease that causes one of every six deaths in the United States.

This new generation of natural drugs, most of which are still experimental, have the advantage of being produced normally by the human body, the doctors said at an American Cancer Society seminar.

Thus they are less poisonous than conventional anti-cancer drugs, which often make patients violently ill and can even induce new tumors.

The new drugs also have in common an element of mystery: doctors know they work, but not how or why.

Also a mystery is their precise chemical composition. "It could be we are looking at different parts of the same elephant. I don't know that yet, but I think it's possible," Isselbacher, of Massachusetts General Hospital, said in an interview.

The best-known of the natural cancer fighters is interferon, which was first isolated in 1957.

Tests in Sweden have shown that interferon doubled the survival rate of children with bone cancer. Doctors at 10 U.S. medical centers, including Gutterman at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, have just begun using it on patients with cancers of the lymph system, bone marrow, skin and breast. The \$2 million trial is sponsored by the cancer society.

Isselbacher has found that another promising anti-cancer drug, known as CAGA, can cause a 90 percent reduction in growth rates for human breast and pancreatic cancers transplanted to mice. Unlike interferon, which is species-specific—meaning that only human interferon will work in humans—CAGA from humans works equally well against hamster tumors.

Green, of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, has discovered a substance he calls nHG, which has killed some human tumors in mice as quickly as 24 hours after injection into their blood.

But all three of the natural cancer drugs are expensive. The interferon used in the U.S. tests costs up to \$450 a day per patient, said Gutterman, co-director of the trial.

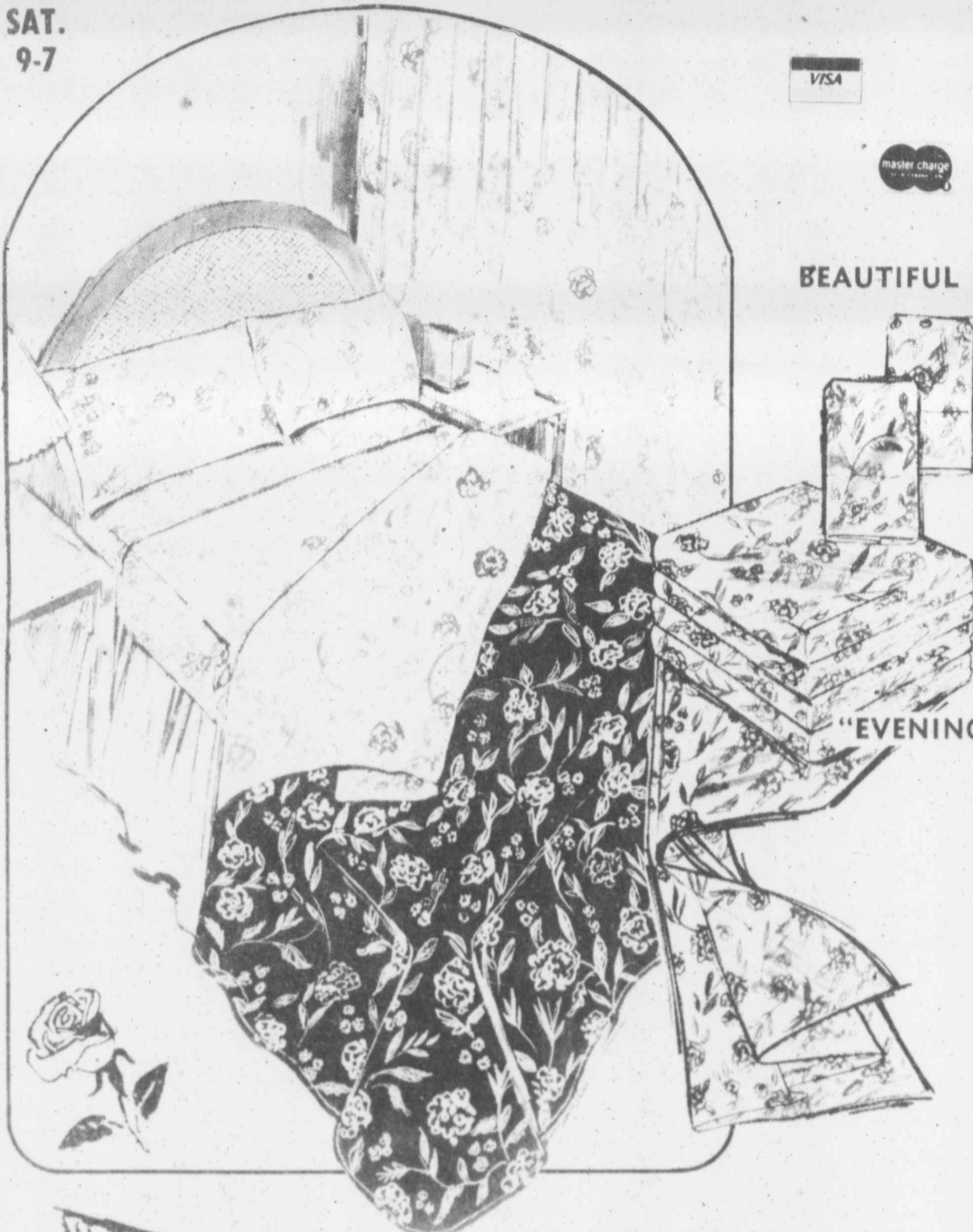
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DEATHS

Minnie R. Harris

Services for Mrs. Bryant (Minnie Rieta) Harris Sr., 71, of Garden City were held Monday in Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home here. Officiating was the Rev. David Pohl of Birdwell Lane Methodist Church in Big Spring, assisted by the Rev. Tim Winn of Big Spring.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. She died Sunday in a Big Spring hospital.

Mrs. Harris was born Feb. 15, 1908, in Midland County and was reared on a ranch southeast of Midland. She was the daughter of pioneer rancher W.A. "Buddy" Hutchison.

She was married to Bryant Harris Sr. Jan. 24, 1931, in Hobbs, N.M. They moved in 1952 to Glasscock County, where they ranched. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garden City.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Bryant Harris Jr. of Brownwood and David Harris of Midland; two daughters, Barbara Hall of Deming, N.M., and Diane Berger of Alice; a brother, N.T. Hutchison of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; a sister, Lois Benedict of Roswell, N.M., and 13 grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials be directed to the Methodist Home of Waco or the Midland Diagnostic Cancer Clinic.

Doyle Forbus

BIG SPRING — Services for Doyle Forbus, 63, of Lubbock and formerly of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with Dennis Lynn, minister of Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock, officiating. Burial was to be in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Forbus died Monday in a Lubbock nursing home after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 19, 1915, in Lorraine. He moved to Lubbock in 1967 from Big Spring. He was married to Marie Berryhill in January 1962 in Big Spring.

He worked for the Lubbock Post Office as a custodian for 11 years until retiring in December 1978. He was a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; two stepdaughters, Janette Ruth Kirby of Altus, Okla., and Kay Harris of Lubbock; two sisters, Novilene Bailey of Odessa and Vada Pace Paylor of Andrews, and five grandchildren.

Childress 57 years ago. She was married to S.N. Lanham Sr. on Aug. 9, 1919, in Childress County. He died Nov. 18, 1977.

Mrs. Lanham did alterations for a Lubbock clothing store for many years. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Other survivors include a son, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Kittie C. Barton

ABILENE — Services for Kittie C. Barton, 82, of Abilene, sister of Presley Powell of Midland, were Tuesday in Mabene-Allen Funeral Home here. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mrs. Barton died Sunday in an Abilene hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born July 19, 1897, in Fayetteville County. She was married to Lafayette Barton in 1936 in California. They moved to Abilene in 1952. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was graduated from Spur High School and Simmons College in Abilene.

Mrs. Barton was a salesperson for Minters Department Store here for many years and for Broadway Department Store in California.

She was a member of the J.O.Y. Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church, the Women's Club of Abilene and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Barton was a volunteer worker at Hendrick Medical Center, the Rehab Center and Abilene State School.

Other survivors include two sisters and two brothers.

Donna J. Harris

Donna Jean Harris, 46, of 810 Gulf St. died Tuesday at her home.

Services were to be at 4 p.m. today in Garden Assembly of God Church with the Rev. John Long of Memorial Christian Church officiating.

Burial was to be in Pullman, Wash.

She was born Dec. 9, 1932, in Pullman, Wash. She had lived in Midland 10 years and was a retired nurse.

Survivors include her husband, Harold M. Harris; three stepsons, John Harris of Midland, Richard Harris of Austin and Gavin Harris of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Linda Rogers of Austin; a daughter, Leslie Adams of Andrews; her mother, Ruth Sevdy of Pullman, Wash., five sisters and a brother.

Clarence Dodd

MASON — Clarence Dodd, 76, brother of Gordy Dodd and Mrs. R.D. Estep, both of Big Spring, died Tuesday in a Mason hospital after a long illness.

Services are pending with Mason Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Grit Cemetery near Mason.

He was born March 11, 1903, in Mason County. He was married to Maurine Chattman Dec. 20, 1929, in Camp San Saba. A lifelong resident of Mason County, he was employed by the city of Mason. He was a Lutheran.

Other survivors include his wife, two daughters, a brother and three sisters.

Council votes to bug summer insect nuisances

By LANA CUNNINGHAM Staff Writer

The "pesty" problem of flies and mosquitoes multiplying a thousand-fold during the warm summer months in areas with large amounts of animal droppings may be cured by adding more insects.

Midland City Council Tuesday, meeting in regular session in the City Council Chambers, voted to go ahead with an innovative approach to insect control.

Although the agenda was relatively short, the session did not end until 10 p.m. with only a 75-minute break for supper.

Lee Ellis, involved in pest management in California, outlined his program of using beneficial insects, or parasites, which feed on flies and mosquitoes, as a means of controlling the problem.

Spraying provides a short term solution, he said. But the more the city sprays, the more the insects become immune to the insecticide, he claimed.

The largest problem comes from areas where there are a large number of animal droppings, such as poultry and hog farms, Ellis said.

He estimated Midland would need about 200,000 of the gnat-like parasites, "applied" to areas every two weeks to deal with the problem, which reaches its peak around August or September.

Army keeps eye on nerve gas

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah (AP) — The Army is monitoring air samples to determine whether there was any contamination from the explosion of 26 landmines containing a deadly nerve agent.

An Army spokesman said air quality experts should know today the results of Tuesday's blast.

The deteriorating mines, each containing about two gallons of the nerve agent VX, were blown up at a remote area of this big base in the western Utah desert. Destruction had been postponed twice because of adverse wind conditions.

It was the first time in 10 years the Army released a chemical weapon into the atmosphere. Before 1969, however, Dugway was a center of open-air chemical and biological testing. It was near here in 1968 that 6,400 sheep died, apparently from nerve gas.

Army officials said after the explosion that there had been no evidence of contamination, but Col. James R. Klugh, base commander, said the area around the blast site would receive a decontamination treatment anyway.

The Army said it was necessary to destroy the mines where they were found because of their decaying condition. The site was 30 miles from the nearest populated area in a remote sagebrush-filled area of the 850,000-acre testing center.

The mines were found in January by an Army patrol. The Army said they had been discarded and forgotten during a heavy period of open-air testing in 1963.

Donating city park land opposed by builders

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Home builders say it's like robbery for cities to force them to donate park land, but Rep. Herman Lauhoff said the alternative might be a situation like Houston's.

The supply of softball diamonds is so short, he said, that they now have 40-minute games, "and we only get two strikes and no foul balls."

Lauhoff, D-Houston, said he opposes a bill requiring cities to pay full market value for land they require developers to set aside for parks. If they don't pay within a year of platting, the developers could put houses on the land.

The bill was heard Tuesday by the

Using the spraying and parasite programs together would not hurt anything, the insect expert said.

Cost for the parasites would be about \$100 a month, with an additional charge for Ellis to come to the Tall City two more times on a consulting basis and to check on the effects of his program.

The first of three park sites in the fast-developing north and northwest sections of Midland was approved for purchase.

The five-acre site will be located adjacent to a 10-acre school site and will cost the city \$44,150, which includes the Realtor's fees.

Cost per acre was \$8,750, said Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Kuhn.

The site is in an undeveloped area north of FM 868 and next to a future Mockingbird Lane and between Garfield and Midkiff streets.

Sewer line connections from the main line to homeowners' lines on houses owned by Henry Culp will be checked by the city and replaced if broken, the council decided.

Culp, a contractor, said the four-inch clay pipes installed from the main sewer line to the homeowner's property have been breaking. The question had come up as to who should pay for installing new line — the homeowner or the city.

According to Culp, the line is on city property and a plumber must get permission to work on it. The homeowner has to pay for the work, although that piece of line belongs to the city, he said.

The city sewer service charge should cover costs of replacing that line, Culp maintained, or the rates should be raised to cover such work.

"The homeowner has to pay an \$80 sewer tap charge for that line and then the city says the homeowner must pay to have it fixed," Culp said, adding that most plumbers don't have the equipment to work on the specific line in question.

According to Fred Baker, director of public works, the city ordinance calls for installation of useable line to a homeowner "but does not say we should maintain them."

But he agreed the city should be responsible for replacing the broken line if it has not been damaged by the homeowner.

While the council agreed to check Culp's lines, it declined to change the ordinance.

Requests from the Human Relations Council for the city to note the 1979 Christmas in April program scheduled for April 28 were approved. Morrison Brown with the program said this year's goal is to repair 30 houses with \$12,000.

After 90 minutes of debate on a special permit request by Robert Puckett concerning use of an accessory building on his lot, the council denied the permit, saying the matter should be settled in court.

A public hearing on zone ordinance changes, the first major revisions since 1963, was held with no opposition appearing.

In other action the council passed an ordinance increasing taxi fares, changed an ordinance to allow an ice cream vending truck to use a bell and approved zone changes for A.A. Thomas Jr., Roy Moran and Exeter Corp.

House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, then was referred to a friendly subcommittee for more study.

Committee chairman Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, left no doubt where he stood.

"I think this is a good bill, and that cities have overstepped their boundaries in attempting to confiscate land," Lewis said.

Vernon Smith Jr. of Dallas, vice president of the Texas Association of Builders, said forced dedication of park land was "becoming more and more of a problem in our industry."

"That's nothing but sticking a gun in your ribs and taking your sack of money and putting it somewhere else," Smith said.

Bob Findlay of Arlington, a past president of the association, said the land dedication makes houses more expensive.

He observed that land developers were not present at the hearing.

"The developers can't speak out freely because the coercion that takes their land also coerces them into silence," Findlay said.

Corpus Christi's city manager, Marvin Townsend, said his city requires developers to set aside 5 percent of a subdivision for parks. This has guaranteed each new neighborhood a small amount of recreational space, he said.

Mayme Lanham

LUBBOCK — Services for Mayme B. Lanham, 79, mother of S.N. Lanham of Ozona, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. James Schoeneck, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Jack Welch, retired Baptist minister, assisting.

Burial was to be in City of Lubbock Cemetery directed by Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lanham died Monday in a Lubbock hospital after a lengthy illness.

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Washington legalizes prescribed marijuana

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Washington has become the fifth state to permit medicinal use of marijuana.

Gov. Dixy Lee Ray signed the legislation Tuesday that will provide marijuana free to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment and to glaucoma victims.

"I hesitated for a while, but I decided you are right," the governor told Corlie Hapeman, a cancer patient from Seattle who waged a one-woman campaign for the law.

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Increase will add to nation's woes

By ALEXANDER AUERBACH The Los Angeles Times

While Tuesday's OPEC price increase was less than some analysts had feared, the move is certain to compound the nation's problems in dealing with already accelerating inflation.

Americans will be paying the tab not only at the gasoline pump but also in the form of higher price for a host of other goods and services. And the risk of higher unemployment and recession this year is increased, economists said.

The big question, according to experts contacted by The Times, is the extent to which members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will impose—and the market will accept—surcharges of up to \$4 a barrel. Use of surcharges was approved by the group in Geneva along with the flat 9 percent price increase of \$1.20 a barrel.

If all OPEC members imposed a \$4 surcharge—an unlikely event—America's spending for imported oil this year would be almost 50 percent more than the 1978 outlay.

Even if the increase is much smaller than that, the OPEC action puts more pressure on President Carter to decontrol prices of domestic oil even faster than he had planned to in order to encourage greater U.S. production. While decontrol would raise output, it would also stoke inflation, the economists said.

Both the stock market and currency exchanges responded well to news of the oil price hike, apparently because traders had anticipated much steeper increases.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 16.34 points to close at 871.36, scoring its largest single-day advance since its record rise of 35.34 points last Nov. 1.

The U.S. dollar moved upward against most major European currencies and against the Japanese yen, and gold fell about \$4 an ounce from last week's levels. Since the United States is the largest importer of oil, and its currency is used in most oil deals, the dollar generally declines with price hikes. But traders apparently recognized that the OPEC move would hurt other nations' economies even more than America's.

Gold, seen by some investors as a hedge against uncertainty, often rises in price when the dollar weakens.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., who is chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, said after a meeting of nearly an hour with President Carter that the OPEC move was motivated by "a combination of greed and punitive doctrine."

The "punitive" element, he indicated was a desire by the Arab oil producers to strike back at American support for the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement and at America's failure to curb its consumption of imported oil.

Hodding Carter III, a spokesman for the State Department, called the increase and surcharges "untimely and unjustified," adding, "We deeply regret that the OPEC nations are taking advantage of the present tight oil market conditions, which result from the interruption in Iranian oil exports, to raise the price of oil."

Alfred E. Kahn, chairman of the Council of Wage and Price Stability, said the price increase "hurts every American consumer," and added, "It can only complicate our prospects of trying to bring inflation in our economy under control. We must recognize, however, that it makes little sense to try to raise our wages and prices to recover this loss. To do so is to pass on the cost to others."

The impact most immediately visible to consumers, said members of the oil industry, will be up to a 3-cent increase in the price of gasoline at the pump, possibly as early as mid-May.

Joseph Tovey, a Wall Street investment banker, believes that "by Labor Day, when the OPEC increase has passed all the way through the system, it could easily add a nickel to the pump price of gasoline."

Natural gas imported from Mexico will also cost more, because its price is tied to the OPEC oil price for an equivalent amount of BTUs of heat, Tovey said.

The price hike will have a ripple effect through many parts of the economy far from the gasoline pump or home furnace. The entire plastics industry, for example, uses petroleum as a "feed stock" or raw material, so that OPEC's move will affect the cost of everything from pocket combs to polyester blouses.

NAR finals Penn strike

An upper Pennsylvanian oil discovery has been completed two miles north of Knott in Northwest Howard County by North American Royalties, Inc., of Midland.

The discovery, No. 1 T. W. Williams Estate, was completed for a 24-hour flowing potential 233 barrels of oil and 12 barrels of basic sediment and water, through a 12/64-inch choke. The gas-oil ratio is 1,750-1.

Completion was through casing perforations from 9,266 to 9,304 feet after a 1,500-gallon acid treatment.

The total depth is 10,868 feet and seven-inch casing is set at 10,665 feet. The plugged back depth is 10,574 feet. The operator has not released formation tops.

The wellsite is 2.5 miles northwest of the Knott, West (Pennsylvanian reef) field and 1,787 feet from north and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 11, block 34, T-2-N, T&P survey.

Adobe project gauges Ward Ellenburger gas

Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland announced it has an Ellenburger gas discovery in the Barstow multipay field of Ward County at its No. 3 Barstow Unit.

A former Fusselman producer, it flowed at the rate of 10,300,000 cubic feet of gas daily on a production test through a 20/64-inch choke.

The flow was from pay behind casing perforations from 19,690 to 19,717 feet.

Adobe, who owns an average 26 percent interest in the 5,740-acre Barstow Unit on which the discovery is located, said the test volume includes approximately 50 percent of carbon dioxide.

Operator was preparing to take four-point tests on last report.

The location is 1,320 feet from northeast and 514 feet from northwest lines of section 35, block 33, H&TC survey.

Operator now plans to recomplete No. 4 Barstow Unit which originally was completed as a Fusselman gas well perforations from 17,271 to 17,347 feet for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 170 million cubic feet of gas per day in 1971.

Total depth is 19,892 feet in the Ellenburger.

Location is 1,325 feet from northwest and 2,146.7 feet from northeast lines of section 155, block 34, H&TC survey.

PROJECTS SET

Anderson Petroleum, Inc., of Ozona stake a trio of projects in the Ozona (Canyon sand gas) area of Crockett County, 26 miles southwest of Ozona.

No. 4-8-P Elmer Hoover Hatton Estate is 1/2 mile north of production and 1,484 feet from north and 1,046 feet from west lines of section 8, block MM, T&SL survey. Ground elevation is 2,396 feet.

Anderson No. 2-55-A Clegg-Becker is 5/8 mile east of production and 5,244 feet from north and 7,426 feet from west lines of Rannels County School Land survey No. 55. Ground elevation is 1,953 feet.

Anderson No. 1-11-A L. B. Cox Jr. is 1,983 feet from north and 1,386 feet from east lines of section 11, John H. Gibson survey. Ground level elevation is 2,462 feet.

Each of the projects will be drilled to 7,500 feet.

WILSON WELL

William B. Wilson & Sons of Midland No. 2 Kenemer has been completed as the second well in the Carlsbad (Strawn reef oil) pool of Tom Green County, three miles north of Carlsbad.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 26 barrels of 46.6-gravity oil and eight barrels of water, through perforations from 5,688 to 5,801 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 28,846-1.

Scheduled as a wildcard in an attempt to reopen the Kenemer (Strawn sand oil) field, it was drilled to 6,325 feet and five and 5.5-inch casing was set at 5,938 feet. The plugged back depth is 5,898 feet.

Wellsite is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 7, block 16, H&TC survey.

COKE WELL

Ray W. McDonald of Abilene finished his No. 2 Exxon-Harris Estate as the second well in the Lygay, East (Strawn lime oil) field of Coke County, eight miles south of Silver.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 25 barrels of 43-gravity oil, no water, through perforations from 5,590 to 5,598 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 1,540-1.

The operator fractured the pay with 22,500 gallons.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 479, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

MEAS EXENDER

Gasco Properties of Midland No. 1-3085 Sugg has been finished as a one and seven-eighths mile southeast exender to the northeast side of the Ela Sugg (Wolfcamp gas) pool of Irion County, 20 miles northeast of Barnhart.

It completed for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 1,617,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 7,383 to 7,406 feet after 1,500 gallons of acid.

The gas-liquid ratio is 32,447-1. Total depth is 8,201 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented at 7,613 feet. The plugged back depth is 7,613 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,000 feet from the most easterly east line of section 3085, block 28, H&TC survey.

Operator called the following tops on ground elevation of 2,274 feet: Seven Rivers, 615 feet; Grayburg, 1,067 feet; San Angelo, 1,913 feet; Dean, 5,402 feet; Wolfcamp, 5,555 feet and Canyon, 7,050 feet.

McCULLOCH TRY

RESCO of Midland No. 1 Sally Taylor has been spotted one location west of production in the four-well McCulloch County portion of the Stacey Grant (Strawn gas) pool, three miles east of Stacey.

The drillsite for the 1,700-foot operation is 660 feet from the north and 352.5 feet from the east lines of section 54, Borough Brothers survey, abstract 1671.

COITTE PROJECT

Bass Enterprises Production Co. of

RRC may get name change

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Railroad Commission of Texas, in business since 1891, might get a new name during this session of the Legislature.

A bill to rename the agency the Texas Energy and Transportation Commission was sent Tuesday to a subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy Resources for more study.

Rep. John Whitmire, D-Houston, is the measure's sponsor.

The railroad commission began regulating transportation in Texas in 1891. It was given its first authority over the oil and gas industry in 1917.

Judge opens avenue for gasoline hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has approved new regulations that are permitting oil companies to increase gasoline prices by as much as a nickel a gallon over the next two years.

U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. on Monday approved the "tilt" regulations after finding that the Energy Department had adequately considered the environmental impact of the rules before issuing them.

The regulations are designed to increase the supplies of unleaded gasoline by permitting oil companies to tack onto gasoline more of their refining costs.

The rules are called "tilt" regulations because they allow refiners to tilt the impact of price rises. This will result in gasoline prices going up more than other petroleum products to compensate for the extra costs of producing unleaded gasoline.

The rules were challenged in court by the Center for Auto Safety and consumer advocate Ralph Nader. They said the pricing rules should be delayed because their environmental impact had not been carefully studied.

Their argument was that the regulations would cause "permanent and irreversible" harm to air quality because they would increase the price spread between more expensive, but cleaner, unleaded gasoline and cheaper, but dirtier, leaded fuel. And that, they said, would result in motorists switching to leaded gas.

Robinson said the Energy Department had relied on an Environmental Protection Agency study and a fuel usage survey by General Motors Corp. to conclude that fuel switching would not significantly harm the environment.

Energy Department officials have predicted that, with the tilt rules, the maximum increase oil companies could impose on consumers would be 5.1 cents a gallon over the next two years.

Three West Texas counties gain locations for wildcat explorers

Dorchester Exploration, Inc., of Midland No. 1 ACF has been staked as a 12,500-foot wildcat in Dawson County along the Dawson-Martyn County line.

It is 660 feet from north and east lines of labor 13, league 263 Kent County School Land survey and 5.7 miles southwest of Patricia.

The drillsite is two and one-quarter miles west of the Milegro (Fusselman oil) pool. Elevation is 2,885 feet.

GAINES EXPLORER

David Fasken of Midland No. 1-3 Doss is a new 5,800-foot wildcat in Gaines County, five miles southwest of Seminole and 3/8 mile southeast of a 2,180-foot dry hole.

Location is 1,667 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 3, block A-21, psi survey. Elevation is 3,265 feet.

HOCKLEY AREA

Cotton Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 1 Hackfield is to be drilled as a 10,200-foot wildcat in the Y.O.C. (Pennsylvanian) field of southeast Hockley County, six miles northwest of Ropesville.

The field produces at 9,900 feet. The new test, one-half mile northeast of the field, is 467 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of labor 21, league 20, Wichita County School Land survey.

Southland Royalty Co. of Midland has reported potential tests on a pair of wells in an undesignated (Morrow gas) area of Eddy County, N.M., 12 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

The No. 1-24 State finished for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 2,723,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 11,422 to 11,562 feet.

Total depth is 11,880 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

The location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 24-19s-29e.

Southland No. 1-E-14 State Communized was completed for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 1,342,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 11,214 to 11,312 feet. The pay was acidized with 7,000 gallons and fractured with 90,000 gallons.

Total depth is 11,566 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 11,554 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 14-19s-29e.

CHAVES WELLS

Flag-Redfern Oil Co. of Midland announced two new wells in the Tom Tom (San Andres) area of Chaves County, 10 miles south of Kenna.

The No. 6 Hahn-Federal potentialized for a daily flow of 115 barrels of

24.1-gravity oil and six barrels of water, through perforations from 3,943 to 4,018 feet. Pay was treated with 150 gallons and the gas-oil ratio is 209-1. The flow was gauged through a 13/64-inch choke.

Hole is bottomed at 4,100 feet and 4.5-inch pipe is set at total depth.

Location is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 27-7s-31e.

Flag-Redfern No. 3-26 Southland reported a daily pumping potential of 136 barrels of 24.7-gravity oil and 48 barrels of water, through perforations from 3,961 to 4,031 feet.

The gas-oil ratio is 191-1. Total depth is 4,100 feet and 4.5-inch pipe is set at 4,098 feet.

Wellsite is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 260-7s-31e.

MIDLAND TEST

Parker & Parsley, Inc., of Midland No. 1-A Golladay has been spotted as a 9,300-foot test in the Midland County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

It is eight miles southeast of Midland and 2,451 feet from south and 825 feet from east lines of section 37, T-2-S, A. P. Veazy survey No. 147.

WARD LOCATION

Mobil Oil Corp. staked No. 1-AK State as a new test in the Caprito (Middle Delaware) field of Ward County, seven miles northeast of Quito.

Stated for a 6,600-foot bottom, it is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 2, block 18, University Lands survey.

It is one location west of production.

UPTON TESTER

John L. Cox of Midland No. 1-26 Half is a new test 1/2 mile northwest of production in the Old Upland (Bend) field of Upton County, 13 miles northwest of Rankin.

The operator staked location 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 26, block Y, TCRS survey.

Contract depth is 10,500 feet.

SPRABERRY TEST

John L. Cox No. 1 Carolyn will be drilled as an 8,700-foot test in the Upton County part of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 10, block A, ELARR survey, abstract 589 and six miles north of Rankin.

GAINES WELL

Hytech Energy Corp. of Midland No. 1 Smith Unit has been completed as the 10th well in the Loop, Northeast (Yates) field of Gaines County, two miles north of Loop.

Operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 770,000

cubic feet of gas per day, from open hole at 3,320-3,449 feet after a 30,000-gallon fracture treatment.

The well is 1,980 feet from south and 1,420 feet from east lines of section 7, block C-23, psi survey.

It is one location northeast of other production.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY Jaki Hamon No. 2 Orson, drilling 9,940 feet.

Williams E. Henson Jr. No. 2-AZ University, id 3,897 feet, testing.

BORDEN COUNTY Harvey E. Yates No. 1-23 Key, id 8,474 feet, pumped 22.8 barrels oil and no water; perforations from 7,962 to 7,990 feet.

Aikman Petroleum Inc. No. 1 Drum, drilling 6,610 feet in lime and shale.

CHAVES COUNTY Exton Corp. No. 1 Morgan-Federal, drilling 3,737 feet.

CRANE COUNTY Gulf Oil Corp. No. 130 McKnight, id 4,960 feet, in stalling electrical equipment.

CROCKETT COUNTY Southland Royalty No. 1-36 Todd, id 1,586 feet, pld 1,250 feet, 4 1/2 inch casing at 1,586 feet, acidized Morrow perforations from 962 to 1,128 feet with 1,800 gallons, fractured with 20,000 gallons and 24,000 pounds sand, estimated calculated absolute open flow 1 mcf per day, waiting on pipeline connection.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-44 Ingham, preparing to drill.

Champion Petroleum Co. No. 1 Doolley, id 9,660 feet, finished going in hole with bit, conditioned mud and pulled out of hole, shut down for 12 hours for repairs, now picking up new drill pipe.

Great Western Drilling Co. No. 3-1 Sutton, drilling 6,944 feet, tripping for bit.

Parkco Inc. No. 8-D A. R. Kincaid Trust, id 8,100 feet, pld 8,052 feet, flowed 24 hours on 13.94 inch casing, 1,240 mcf per day, tubing pressure 1,650 psi.

Texas Inc. No. 9-D A. R. Kincaid Trust, id 8,100 feet, pld 8,052 feet, preparing to back off 5 1/2 inch casing, located casing leak from 277 to 300 feet.

DAWSON COUNTY Miller Exploration No. 1 C. D. Benson, id 12,198, plugged and abandoned.

EDDY COUNTY Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 Margard Federal, id 11,270 feet, 5 inch liner from 11,270 to 11,450 feet, acidized Morrow perforations from 11,139 to 11,545 feet with 1,200 gallons, calculated absolute open flow 4,500 mcf per day.

David Fasken No. 4 Shell-Federal, drilling 4,358 feet in lime.

Southland Royalty No. 1-A Parkway-State, id 11,740 feet, run logs, preparing to perforate.

Southland Royalty No. 1-23 A-Ida, drilling 1,700 feet in sand and anhydrite, set 13-3/8 inch casing at 418 feet.

Harvey E. Yates No. 1 Travis, drilling 2,545 feet.

Delta Drilling No. 1-Y Anadarko, id 2,800 feet, set 8 1/2 inch casing at 2,800 feet.

Harvey E. Yates No. 1-22 Amoco, id 12,350 feet, perforated from 12,277 to 12,309 feet, very weak blow increasing to 7.53 feet in 30 minutes, no gas in surface, swabbed 24 barrels fluid in 6 swab runs.

General Crude No. 1 Caracas, id 13,100 feet, acidized with 4,500 gallons, perforations from 12,876 to 12,931 feet.

J. C. Barnes Oil Co. No. 3 Big Chief, id 12,741 feet, mixed mud to put down annulus to kill well, flowed back and recovered most mud, mixed mud to 13.5 feet in annulus.

Florida Gas Exploration No. 7 Ross Draw, drilling 7,825 feet in lime and shale.

FISHER COUNTY General Crude No. 1-A Newhouse, drilling 3,970 feet in lime.

Getty No. 1-36 State, drilling 10,360 feet.

Estoril No. 1 Union-Federal, drilling 41 feet.

Adobe No. 1 Boradges, reversed out sand from 7,451 to 7,536 feet, set packer at 1,347 feet, swabbed 60 barrels of fluid with 24-hour flare, open to pit and swabbed well dry, preparing to plug and abandon.

Adobe No. 1 Hannah, plugged back depth 13,800 feet, shut in for pressure buildup to take 4-point test.

Adobe No. 1-Hannah, plugged back depth 13,800 feet, shut in for pressure buildup to take 4-point test.

Gulf No. 1-YR Lea State, id 10,770 feet, perforated overall from 9,229 to 9,302 feet, tested packer, went in hole with tubing and shut down due to high water.

Gulf No. 1-30 Lea State, id 10,800 feet, picking up and testing tubing, shut down overnight.

Gulf No. 1-D Lansdale-Federal, drilling 10,778 feet in lime, preparing to take drillsite test from 10,563 to 10,778 feet.

Fisco Drilling Company incorporated New Address April 1st RT. 1 BOX 572-A Big Spring, Texas phone 915-393-5211

COITTE PROJECT Bass Enterprises Production Co. of

Midland No. 2 C. Havins is a new test in the Stescott (Atoka) pool of Cottle County, 13 miles southeast of Paducah.

The project, slated for a 6,400-foot bottom, is 467 feet from north and west lines of T. J. Richard survey, SF 23439.

IRION OFFSET

Simpson-Mann Oil Producers of San Angelo No. 1-1 Lillian Brooks and others will be drilled as a northwest offset to production in the two-well MIM, Northwest (San Angelo) pool of Irion County, five miles southeast of Mertzon.

Location for the 1,600-foot test is 330 feet from south and 1,747.52 feet from west lines of K. N. James survey No. 1. Ground elevation is 2,334.3 feet.

SECOND WELL

The second well has been completed in the Brooks (Canyon oil) pool of

Irion County, eight miles east of Mertzon.

It is Simpson-Mann Oil Producers No. 2 M. D. Bryant Estate.

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BRIDGE

Good sense needed by bridge players

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

If sensible bridge players were hairs, the world would need a wig. Look at the foolish way South played today's hand.

North dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q J 10 7 6
♥ K 4 2
♦ K J 9 2
♣ 5

WEST
♠ 4
♥ Q 7 6
♦ 6 4
♣ K Q J 8 7 4 3

EAST
♠ 5 3
♥ 10 9 8 5
♦ Q 10 7 5
♣ 10 9 6

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 8 2
♥ A J 3
♦ A 8 3
♣ A 2

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♣ 3
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ K

South took the ace of clubs, drew trumps, cashed the ace of diamonds

and lost a diamond finesse to the queen. East returned the ten of hearts, and South had to lose either a heart or a diamond. Down one.

ODD FINESSE

South should take the ace of clubs, two trumps and a club ruff. Then he leads the deuce of diamonds from dummy.

East must play low, since the ten or queen would make matters easy for South. Declarer then finesesses with the eight of diamonds.

If this finesse lost, West would be unable to make a safe return. A heart or diamond would give South a free finesse; a club would let dummy ruff while South discarded a heart.

DAILY QUESTION

As dealer you hold: S-4; H-Q76; D-64; C-KQJ8743. What do you say?

ANSWER: Most good rubber bridge players would pass; but there is nothing wrong with a bid of three clubs if you are not vulnerable, especially if the opponents are vulnerable. Most tournament players would surely bid three clubs if not vulnerable.

Nicollette Larson knows to take care of herself

By EVE ZIBART
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Two or three years ago, when Nicollette Larson was first out on the road with Hoyt Axton and Commander Cody and the Lost Planet Airmen, she learned a hard lesson about self-preservation.

"The first year and a half, I was up all night every night drinking, trying to keep up with the band. You party all night, or go back to somebody's room and sing all night, then you're hoarse the next day and you never catch up.

After a while you either have to get more and better highs, or you fall apart, or you quit."

So these days, Larson takes her pleasures on the wheel, roller-skating for miles at a time down the hard, flat L.A. beaches with her sleeve pushed up to the elbows and her thigh-length chestnut hair reemerged into two braids (the skates Linda Ronstadt wears on the cover of *Living in the U.S.A.* were a gift from Larson).

Now, amid the faded gentility of her Westbury Hotel room, she holds tight to her midwestern sensibility. She is unfazed by the livid Manhattan afternoon light, by the washed-out television, the parade of visitors or her slight hoarseness. She has discarded her high boots for a pair of fur-lined moccasins only a mother could love. She plants her elbows in front of her crossed legs and plops her chin into her palms.

"I AM TRYING," she says with mock concentration, "to keep a cool-your-blessings attitude."

At 26, Nicollette Larson is waiting in the wings of the Great Popular Success, like a show which previews well in Philadelphia but wavers in Boston. Her first solo album, unpretentiously titled "Nicollette," is No. 15 in Billboard, and her single, Neil Young's wistful "Lotta Love," is teetering just below the magic top 10 and has already been certified gold. If the next single does well, and her first tour gets good notices, and she gets enough national exposure, she might join the ranks of the few female vocalists making the big bucks. If not... "Well," she says, "I just can't worry about it. I can always sing."

Larson is one of a flock of women — Bonnie Bramlett, Merry Clayton, Wendy Waldman, Emmylou Harris, Janie Frick — who have entered the music business through the studio door, working up from road-tour apprentice to studio-session journeyman. It is no goldbrick road; Harris has built a wide popular audience, but Waldman's albums have not broken through the critics' circle to com-

mercial success.

To Larson, who says she never consciously considered a solo career, singing backup was the logical step. "I wanted to sing, and working backup was a way to do what I wanted to do and make money at the same time.

"I never even daydreamed about a Nicollette Larson record. Not that I didn't think I was capable — I just thought it was pretty great to be singing backup without the pressure of having to be the host. 'Welcome to the show, thanks for coming out tonight, here's a little number'... All I had to do was sing and shake a tambourine."

Through the arbitrary blessings of radio airplay, Larson is touring a half-dozen major cities with a band that includes members of Little Feat and the Doobie Brothers, contemplating an offer for her first commercial — three minutes for Pioneer for \$7,500 — and casting a quizzical glance toward a film future. To get that far, however, she has to navigate a trial by fire at New York's Bottom Line ("I just hope nobody throws anything at me") and a daily schedule of 6 p.m.-to-midnight rehearsals.

TELLING THIS, SHE grimaces. "There are certain things I don't have control of yet."

Larson grew up in Kansas City, one of six children who lorded it over her siblings when she was promoted to "the adults' choir" in the fifth grade. She attended the University of Missouri at Kansas City for three semesters — "All I learned in college was that I didn't want to be in college" — and worked her way through a series of odd jobs, moving to San Francisco in 1974.

"I was the secretary to a construction company, and the alarm clock went off at 7 o'clock. I hated it. If I was destined to be a secretary, I might as well be secretary for a record company or a production company. I mean, I was typing up plastering orders and I didn't care. I felt like I should at least care about what I was doing."

She took a job with the Golden State Country-Bluegrass Festival, through which she met most of the Bay Area bands and picked up a few local engagements. Late in 1975 she transplanted to Los Angeles and began touring with Axton, then as lead singer for the Lost Planet Airmen.

"I sang lead in the Cody band really out of default, because nobody else could," she shrugs. "I thought, 'If they're gonna let him sing, then I ought to, because I can do better than that.' And I had some seniority in the band."

Punch line tries to get laughs

By JAY SHARBUTT

NEW YORK (AP) — They may sound silly. They rented a big loft near seedy Times Square, liberated seats from a failed porn movie house and, \$17,000 later, launched a theater strictly for laughs.

But Manhattan Punch Line is no joke, even though it officially opens here April Fool's Day — Sunday — in its 100-seat, seventh-floor aerie high above the beautiful midtown Port Authority bus terminal.

MPL is the newest of Fun City's 100-plus off-off-Broadway emporiums. Where it differs from most is that it only serves humor; the only tragedians on stage are those whose gags are dead on arrival.

"There are companies that do only farce, satire or cabaret," says MPL's Steve Kaplan. "But we're the only place that explores humor in all its forms, from Moliere to stand-up comedy and even film."

Kaplan, 27, a bearded, Brooklyn-born director, acting teacher and "failed stand-up comic," is one of Manhattan Punch Line's three founders and El Supremos. The others are Faith Catlin, 29, an actress, and Mitch McGuire, 42, an actor. All of them, says Ms. Catlin, are off on "a 10-year blind date" — 10 years being the length of lease for their loft.

French composer opens 'Umbrellas'

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Michel Legrand, a composer who keeps getting restless and moving on to new projects, is doing his first job of recycling.

He came to New York early this year to help out as the 1964 movie "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," for which he wrote the music, was turned into a stage musical. It's now a hit, running at the Public Theater. Lyricist Sheldon Harnick adapted Jacques Demy's libretto into English. Everything is sung, nothing spoken.

"A friend said, 'Why don't you do this on the stage?'" Legrand says. "Little by little this idea started to sneak in and finally I think it is a good time. Fifteen years have passed since the movie. It is the same score and same length, 90 minutes, but the look on stage is very, very different."

He said he hadn't written new music, just trimmed or added a couple of bars here and there. "I did new orchestration, for 11 musicians instead of 60. I'm not bored."

Legrand also has a new LP out in America, "Le Jazz Grand," with five pieces he wrote, arranged and conducted. It's on Gryphon Records. "La Pasionaria" features Phil Woods; "Malagan Stew" features Gerry Mulligan; "Iberia Nova" features John Faddis; "Basquette" and "Southern Routes," the latter being all of side one, are by a 20-piece band.

Lately, Legrand has been scoring a lot of movies, which has come to bore him. "I want to quit that because I'm an adventurer. What I really want to search for and try to find is some new rapport between the screen and music."

"I read a book in Paris last year, a beautiful love story called 'Blind Love.'"



Faith Catlin, executive director of Manhattan Punch Line, holds poster advertising the theater's comic attractions as Steve Kaplan and Mitch McGuire, rear, the theater's artistic and production directors, respectively, back her up. (AP Laserphoto)

MPL IS MORE than a little bit if we extend a run. And we've got good ones, with Broadway credits. "In fact, they're so good we're worried they might get work and leave," sighs McGuire, attempting a straight face and failing.

He's from Chicago, does both TV commercials and stage work here that has varied from "King Lear" in no tights to "Oh! Calcutta" in no tights. He's credited by his partners with making MPL a reality.

Kaplan had the idea of a comedy theater. Ms. Catlin supplied the name, but McGuire — the most experienced in woes of theater-starting — actually got them committed to working on it.

"HAD TO. I'VE been in situations where I helped begin a theater and wound up doing it all

myself," he said. Ms. Catlin winked and added: "So now it's just the three of us doing it all by ourselves."

She spoke in jest and held up a file box. It contained names of theater pals who volunteered long hours to turn the loft from a 5,000-square-foot void into a many-styles home for laughter.

MPL lurks in an old building on West 41st Street. The street has seen better days and may see them again amid hints the Times Square area actually is reviving. Indeed, a few doors away is the just-refurbished Trafalgar, now a house for British plays.

MPL, a non-profit theater, initially will operate Thursdays through Sundays, but in time will be open seven days a week, McGuire said.

ITS FIRST EPIC Sunday is Donald Wollner's "Flagship," a satire that poses a question TV may already have answered: What if TV's ratings systems were replaced by an 11-year-old boy named Spike?

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