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COMING SUNDAY

The Easiest Rider?

How does a motocross racer jump hills, go around "berms" and generally smoke the competition without firing up his engine? Sunday's West Texas Life takes a look at one kind of racer who never runs out of gas.

A Special Kind of Pride

Pride in the effort will be a main result of the Special Olympics track meet being held today for special education youths from Midland schools. Lifestyle editor Wanda Mouton writes on that subject — pride — in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.

Humble Beginning, Rich Story

The Permian Basin oil industry began with hurried late-night drilling beside a railroad track in 1923. In Sunday's R-T, Associated Press writer Mike Cochran looks at the Basin's development and raises the question of how much oil is left.

More radiation escapes plant

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh today urged all residents within 10 miles of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant to stay indoors at least throughout the morning following a new release of radioactive gas from the crippled facility.

Paul Critchlow, Thornburgh's spokesman, said: "We are advising people within a 10-mile radius to stay indoors throughout the morning until further instructions are handed down. There is no need for an evacuation. There was a series of uncontrolled bursts of radiation from about 6:40 a.m. until about 9 a.m. this morning."

Traffic was jammed on the streets of Harrisburg 10 miles from the plant and in surrounding communities. Service stations were jammed with cars and pedestrians hurried along the streets to head indoors.

Businesses shut down early and overburdened telephone lines were jammed in the area.

There were conflicting explanations of what caused the new release of radioactivity. Critchlow said the release occurred as workers carried radioactive waste from one storage area to another.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Frank Ingram first said in Washington that the release occurred as an automatic part of the recirculation of reactor cooling water. But shortly thereafter, he said his information may have been wrong.

Critchlow said, "We are urging people to stay calm and not to panic. There is no need for evacuation at this time."

"Our people do not believe there is any immediate

danger. The suggestion to stay indoors is precautionary only."

Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger said today in Washington, meanwhile, that Wednesday's accident at the power plant was serious, but "it underscores how safe nuclear power has been in the past."

Schlesinger's remarks came in answer to questions at a public appearance about two hours before the new emission of radioactivity from the plant was reported.

Thornburgh had said earlier today he was consid-

E.C. McCabe, section chief with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said a 30 millirem per hour reading was taken south of the plant after the release and was rapidly decreasing. He said that "is not an indication of a serious problem. It is indicative of a gaseous pocket that was released and dissipated."

The governor's press office said there was a reading of 1,200 millirems per hour at the plant vent, from which the gases escaped.

The average American is exposed to 100 to 120 millirems of radiation per year, including radiation from everything from space to X-rays.

A millirem is a term used to measure absorption of radiation by body mass.

Harrisburg, the state capital is in Dauphin County, which has a population of more than 220,000. Lancaster County has a population of more than 319,000; York more than 262,000; Cumberland 158,000.

In addition to Harrisburg, the cities of Lancaster and York are in the affected area.

Earlier, officials had said a controlled release of low-level radiation was still beaming from 250,000 gallons of highly radioactive water inside a disabled nuclear power plant, and experts said the water might have to be buried in lead or evaporated.

But at that time federal authorities said the radiation was contained inside the plant's 280-acre perimeter and no longer was a threat to neighbors of the power plant.

"Based on what we've been able to see so far, the danger is over for the people off site," said Charles Gallina, an NRC investigator who rushed to the scene after the reactor's cooling system malfunctioned early Wednesday.

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ering evacuating all the nearly 1 million residents from a four-county area surrounding the facility. The counties are York, Dauphin, Lancaster and Cumberland.

"The heavier dose of radiation that was released into the atmosphere will be dissipated by noon," Critchlow said.

"The company had hoped to shut the reactor today. But they are finding more fuel damage than they anticipated and that this apparently is resulting in the increased radiation discharge."

"We do not have any assurances that this will not happen again," he said. "The emissions have stopped. Levels are pretty much down to normal," Critchlow said at about 10:45 a.m.

National Guard and local civil defense authorities were put on special alert.

Pardon issued in 1939 but mislaid until now

LAPWAI, Idaho (AP) — David Miles maintained for more than 40 years that he was innocent of a manslaughter conviction that sent him to jail for nine months. Idaho's governor apparently agreed and granted him a pardon, but nobody told Miles until this year — 40 years after the pardon was issued.

Miles, 74, was convicted in 1937 of criminal manslaughter in connection with the death of Joe Kipp, a Nez Perce Indian, and served nine months in the Idaho County Jail and the state penitentiary.

Pardon proceedings on Miles' behalf were initiated earlier this year. But a clerk digging through old records discovered that on April 14, 1939 — only five days after Miles finished his jail term — he was given a full pardon by then Gov. C.A. Bottolfsen, now dead.

It was a pardon that, until a few

weeks ago, he never knew existed. Miles, in an interview with the Lewiston Morning-Tribune, said he never got a copy of the pardon or any notice that it had been issued.

He said that following his release from jail he was rejected for job after job because of his criminal record, and that ultimately he became an alcoholic. In 1952 he was ordained a Presbyterian minister, he said, but was shunned by congregations.

"It followed me no matter what I did, not matter how hard I tried to be a Christian," he said.

Miles maintained through the years that he was wrongfully convicted. To those who would listen, he would show a tattered letter from a Grangeville lawyer who had prosecuted his case.

The letter, written in 1954 by former

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1,000 absentee voters possible for joint election of April 7

Upcoming joint election for city, school and hospital district officials will draw more than 1,000 people to vote absentee — if Midlanders follow last year's patterns.

Don Furgeson, school district business manager, said as of this morning 580 persons had cast absentee votes in the April 7 election, 527 of them in the past week.

Last year, a total of 706 persons voted before the election, but more than half of that number came in on the last day. The final two days of absentee voting always are the heaviest, said Furgeson.

So if voters stick to their habits, this year's total should pass the 1,000 mark, he added. Record for absentee balloting

in a local election is 1,217 in 1975, Furgeson said.

Absentee voting continues in the school administration building, 702 N. N St., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Tuesday.

Voters are selecting city council, school board and hospital district board of directors members.

At Greenwood, where citizens will vote April 7 for school board and hospital district board members, six persons had voted absentee by this morning. School Superintendent Mel Williams said today.

Voting there is in school administrative offices weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Tuesday.

There's more Smiths than anvils

By GUY SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

One in every 100 people in the U.S. is named Smith, according to a writer who has studied the situation — a writer named Smith, of course.

That would mean approximately 2,180,960 Smiths, not counting the Smyths, Smithes, Schmidts, Schmitzes and other variations, observed author Jack Smith, writing about a book by H. Allen — you guessed it — Smith.

Midland County Sheriff Dallas Smith Thursday responded to that valuable piece of information.

"I didn't know there were so many of us," added the lawman: "At least my first name helps eliminate a lot of duplication. There just aren't that many Smiths named Dallas."

Sheriff Smith did, however, recall a guy named Dallas Smith who used to write hot checks.

"People were always calling me up, thinking I was him," he noted.

A long glance at the current Midland telephone directory Thursday showed at least 200 persons who have the last name of Smith.

In addition, the 1978 Midland city directory reveals a full eight pages of Smiths.

Writer Smith (Jack) has pointed out that throughout history Smiths have been greater in number than any other family in the world.

But, he reported modestly, "We have not shaken the world, nor even

diverted it much. We've been content to live modest, useful lives, working at our anvils, paying our taxes, and, in politics and contests of all kinds, generally being runners-up."

Jack Smith pointed out that a man named Elsdon C. Smith of Skokie, Ill., recently published a book titled, "The Book of Smiths."

Elsdon Smith summed up the scope of his work with one phrase: "Almost everyone has a strain of Smith in his veins."

And people named Smith aren't above going in for exotic or unusual first names — a kind of counterbalance, perhaps, to the mundane quality of their last names.

For example, somewhere in this world there exists someone (a former Oklahoma infant) named Loyal Lodge No. 296 Knights of Pythias Ponca City Oklahoma Smith.

Jack Smith, quoting H. Allen Smith, commented, "I think it improbable that there is anyone else of that name in the world today."

He's probably right. One genuinely hopes he's right.

Jack Smith said the Smiths of America "could probably populate any one of 18 states."

"Why so many of us?" he asked before answering his own question.

"Mostly, (as) H. Allen Smith points out, because smiths made the swords in war and the plowshares in peace. Since we are always either at war or at peace, there were many smiths. The word meant craftsman, especially one who worked in metals. Proud of their crafts, smiths soon took on the name Smith, and here we are."

More anti-inflation measures

Administration trying to shore up price guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration is trying to rescue its foundering anti-inflation program by shoring up its voluntary price guidelines for businesses.

The Council on Wage and Price Stability asked the nation's 1,300 largest corporations Thursday to begin reporting price data on a quarterly basis.

The council also singled out five industries, where prices have risen most rapidly, for closer monitoring.

And it moved to close a "loophole" that had allowed many businesses to pass their higher costs on to consumers.

The three-pronged action — along with tough, anti-inflation statements from President Carter and wage-price council chairman Alfred E. Kahn — came at a time the government is particularly sensitive about price increases.

The voluntary guidelines instituted last October call for workers to hold wage increases to 7 percent or less this year. Corporations are asked to keep price increases a half a percentage point below those in 1976-77.

Kahn, the president's chief anti-inflation adviser, warned members of the National Association of Manufacturers that too many businesses were letting prices rise above the guidelines.

When pressed about the voluntary features of the latest administration step, wage-price council Director Barry Bosworth said: "There are degrees of volunteerism."

To date, however, the program has been most successful on the wage side. While some unions have settled new contracts within the guidelines, prices have risen at double the rate the Carter administration projected for the year. And corporate profits increased 26.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 1978 compared to the same quarter of 1977.

Changes in those guidelines, announced by wage-price council Director Barry Bosworth, will require the nation's businesses to report significantly more price information to the government.

Bosworth denied that the action was a move toward mandatory controls. "The regular submission of the



Practicing for the mythical all-round championship at Midland College's third annual Chaparral Round-up Saturday is Chuck Matthews of Kappa Kappa Fraternity. Designed to show off Midland College to area high school students, the Round-up will feature several contests — among them kite flying, pie eating, a hairy leg contest, cow chip throwing, watermelon eating and jalapeno pepper eating. Events will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Beal Plaza at the college. A food concession will be open, and the public has been invited. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Ten old sections stay in code

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's oldest legislator has succeeded again in including the Ten Commandments in the Senate's code of ethics.

The code, approved 31-0 Thursday, prohibits conflict of interest, requires extensive financial disclosure and establishes a permanent ethics committee to handle complaints.

The Ten Commandments were added at the urging of Clarksville Democrat Halbert Harvill, 85, a retired educator and former college president. The Ten Commandments vote was 19-8, two more than needed for passage.

Those objecting to the measure said it was unnecessary and made a mockery of the Bible.

When the Senate adopted the code in 1977, there was substantial opposition to it and the insertion of the Ten Commandments was viewed by many as a way to kill the measure.

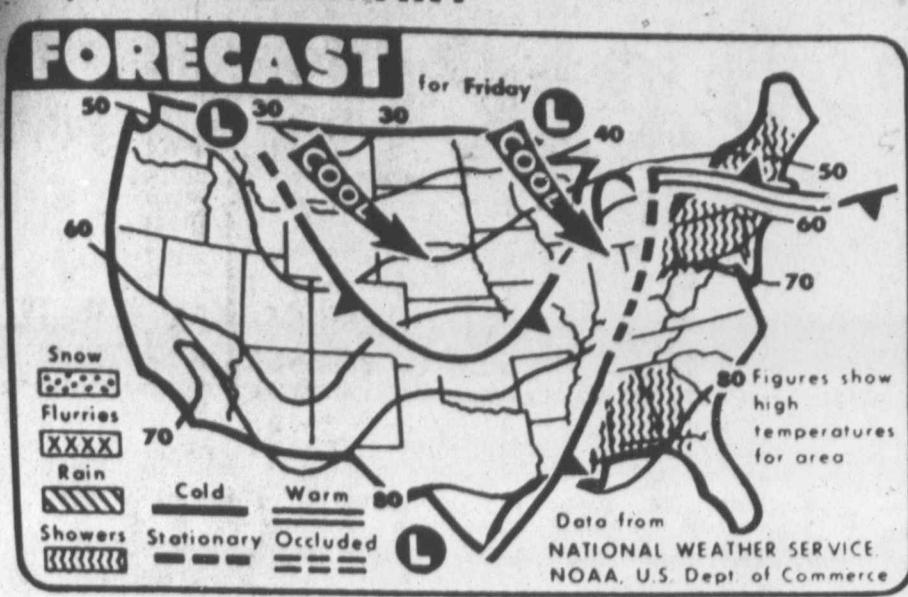
Weather

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers are forecast today over most of the Northeast, according to the National Weather Service. More showers are due from Georgia and western Florida to the Mississippi delta. It will be cool in the north-central part of the nation and warmer elsewhere. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, BIG LAKE, RANKIN, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Generally fair and warm through tonight becoming partly cloudy and cooler Saturday. Low tonight in the low 40s, high Saturday in the upper 60s. Northwesterly winds becoming light and variable tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
 Yesterday's High: 83 degrees
 Overnight Low: 45 degrees
 Sunset today: 7:07 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow: 6:39 a.m.
 Precipitation: 0 inches
 Last 24 hours: 0.81 inches
 1979 to date: 1.23 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

7 a.m.	54	7 p.m.	81
8 a.m.	53	8 p.m.	78
9 a.m.	54	9 p.m.	74
10 a.m.	56	10 p.m.	72
11 a.m.	59	11 p.m.	68
12 noon	62	Midnight	63
1 p.m.	72	1 a.m.	58
2 p.m.	80	2 a.m.	55
3 p.m.	85	3 a.m.	53
4 p.m.	83	4 a.m.	52
5 p.m.	82	5 a.m.	50

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

Ableene	86	H. L.
Abilene	87	81
Amarillo	73	40
El Paso	74	41
Fort Worth	77	64
Houston	71	61
Lubbock	77	53
Marfa	77	53
Odessa	85	54
Wichita Falls	88	53

The weather elsewhere

Friday

Albany	52	45	88	rn
Albuquerque	58	28	cdy	
Amarillo	73	40	cdy	
Anchorage	36	15	cdy	
Asheville	71	52	rn	
Atlanta	77	56	rn	
Atlantic City	80	59	rn	
Baltimore	80	60	rn	
Birmingham	82	61	rn	
Bismarck	52	21	cdy	
Boise	52	26	rn	
Boston	54	45	28	cdy
Brownsville	82	72	cdy	
Buffalo	58	47	81	rn
Christiansburg	86	57	cdy	
Chattanooga	81	63	rn	
Chicago	56	54	91	cdy
Cincinnati	68	60	91	rn
Cleveland	69	56	23	rn
Columbus	71	58	93	rn
Dayton	79	61	17	cdy
Denver	55	31	cdy	
Des Moines	63	49	51	cdy
Detroit	61	47	76	cdy
Duluth	32	26	57	cdy
Fairbanks	29	16	cdy	
Hartford	53	41	03	cdy
Helena	41	28	sn	
Honolulu	81	59	cdy	
Houston	71	64	rn	
Indianapolis	65	59	27	rn
Jacksonville	78	51	cdy	
Juneau	41	19	cdy	
Las Vegas	68	41	cdy	
Little Rock	77	64	17	cdy
Los Angeles	61	50	07	cdy
Louisville	71	63	rn	
Memphis	77	66	01	cdy
Miami	77	60	01	cdy
Milwaukee	47	36	62	cdy
Minneapolis	42	28	59	cdy
Nashville	74	62	rn	
New Orleans	80	67	rn	
New York	62	52	08	cdy
Norfolk	79	58	cdy	
Omaha	82	54	cdy	
Orlando	80	58	cdy	
Philadelphia	72	53	rn	
Phoenix	66	45	cdy	
Pittsburgh	75	54	01	rn
Plymouth	81	59	cdy	
Pittsford	54	43	03	cdy
Pittsford	55	32	cdy	
Rapid City	51	31	cdy	
Richmond	82	60	rn	
San Antonio	66	51	22	rn
San Diego	80	63	cdy	
San Francisco	61	46	07	cdy
San Jose	57	49	cdy	
Seattle	54	42	cdy	
Spokane	47	33	07	cdy
St. Louis	38	31	16	cdy
Tampa	77	63	11	cdy
Tulsa	79	57	rn	
Washington	77	63	11	cdy



Storm clouds skipped over Midland Thursday night, moving to the east, but thunderheads still put on a dramatic display of lighting. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

Iranians go to polls to establish republic

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Veil-clad women, armed revolutionary soldiers, Moslem priests and millions of other Iranians streamed into polling stations today for a nationwide vote on the formal establishment of an Islamic republic to replace 2,500 years of monarchy.

At polling stations centers guarded by armed militiamen, voters deposited bright green ballots in urns to signify support of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's call for the creation of an Islamic state. Opponents deposited red ballots on which they could write the form of government they preferred.

The vote at several Tehran centers visited by reporters seemed to be

running heavily in favor of the Islamic republic. But some voters complained of a lack of privacy at the polls, saying opponents of Khomeini's plans were reluctant to deposit red ballots in full sight of election officials.

Rebellious members of Iran's ethnic minorities have threatened to boycott the two-day referendum, along with leftist militants who believe Khomeini's six-week old revolution has done too little to establish a "workers' state."

But state radio reported heavy turnouts in many parts of the country. Khomeini cast his "yes" vote in the holy city of Qom, 100 miles south of

Tehran, amid a crowd of followers who pressed so hard around his car that the 78-year-old ayatollah had to pass his ballot through a window.

Preliminary reports from the provinces said voting was going peacefully. Government officials predicted about 12 million of the 18.7 million Iranians eligible to vote would go to the 80,000 polling places today and Saturday.

They said anything less than 80 percent approval would disappoint Khomeini, who led the year-long revolution that drove Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi from the country Jan. 16. The shah left his exile in Rabat, Morocco, by private plane this morn-

ing for the Bahamas, the Moroccan news agency said.

"I voted for an Islamic republic because it was the only way to stop the corruption of the past regime," a young man in a wheelchair said after dropping his green "yes" ballot in a box at Tehran University.

"We have given our blood for this day," said a guerrilla who brought his automatic rifle to the polling station with him. "We have waited years for this."

Voters had their birth certificates or identity cards stamped at the polls and their fingers daubed with long-lasting paint to prevent voting twice. First results are expected Sunday.

Texas thermometer

Ableene	86	57	1.57
Alice	81	49	.00
Amarillo	73	40	.00
Austin	72	68	.00
Beaumont	77	71	.00
Brownsville	82	72	.00
Childress	81	45	.00
College Station	77	71	.00
Corpus Christi	77	71	.00
Culberson	82	72	.00
Dalhart	77	73	.00
Dallas	72	36	.58
Del Rio	80	57	3.35
El Paso	74	41	.00
Fort Worth	79	58	1.77
Galveston	80	66	.00
Houston	71	64	.01
Junction	80	65	.41
Longview	78	51	.00

Extended forecasts

Sunday Through Tuesday

West Texas: Unseasonably cool Sunday through Tuesday. Chance of showers north the first of the week. Highs from the lower 50s Panhandle to the mid 30s extreme southwest. Lows mainly in the 30s north and 20s south.

North Texas: Chance of showers and turning cooler Sunday. Fair and continued cool Monday and Tuesday. Highest temperatures mostly in the 50s. Lowest temperatures in the 40s Sunday decreasing to the 30s by Tuesday.

South Texas: Clear to partly cloudy and mild Sunday through Tuesday. High temperatures in the 60s and 50s. Low temperatures in the 40s and 30s.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair west through Saturday. Variable cloudiness with widely scattered thunderstorms central, becoming fair through Saturday. Considerable cloudiness with scattered thunderstorms east today becoming fair tonight and Saturday. Highs mid 50s Panhandle to upper 70s east. Lows mid 30s northwest 40s elsewhere. Highs Saturday 60s.

New Mexico: Partly cloudy north through Saturday, mostly clear south. Scattered snow showers northern mountains this afternoon tonight and Saturday. Occasional moderate afternoon windiness both days. Cooler rain. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and north in the 40s, lower elevations south. Lows teens and 20s, mountains and north to the 20s south.

40 years after issue, pardon finally found

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Idaho County Prosecutor Harry J. Hanley, said: "I feel now that I need not hesitate to commend Miles as a good substantial law-abiding citizen and hereby do so and freely state that I believe the verdict of the jury to have been a mistake."

Hanley said he had become convinced that Miles was a victim of circumstance and of an untruthful witness.

Miles kept the letter as what he thought was the only tangible piece of evidence of his innocence.

He had assumed himself to be a convicted felon — unable to vote, unable to hold down any of the number of jobs for which he submitted applications, always admitting his criminal record on them.

"He suffered mightily," said his wife, Beatrice. "It has troubled us nearly all our married life."

Last year, he made one last attempt to have the black mark stricken.

He asked state Rep. Joe Wagner of Lewiston to see if current Gov. John Evans would look into the possibility of a pardon.

Moved by Miles' story, and by the letter from Hanley, Evans referred a pardon request to the state board of pardons and parole in January.

When a clerk at the state parole commission pulled Miles' records from the state archives, she found a copy of the pardon.

"There is no correspondence in the files," said Mary Harris, the clerk. "Just the pardon. It's one of the strangest things I've seen here."

She said that normally a pardoned convict is sent the original document while a copy is put in his file. She said the pardon found in Miles' file was a copy; the original has never been accounted for.

Idi Amin's shrinking forces clinging to Ugandan capital

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — President Idi Amin's shrinking army of loyal troops held on to Kampala today as Tanzanian invaders and Ugandan exiles pushed to within eight miles of the capital. Thousands of frightened residents streamed from the city.

"All we are sure of is that, for now, Kampala is still in the hands of the Ugandan government and army," said a diplomat there who was reached by telephone from Nairobi.

There was no confirmation of claims by Ugandan exiles that Amin had fled with loyal Nubian troops toward his mud-and-thatch hometown of Arua, possibly to make a last stand in that remote corner of northwestern Uganda.

One resident of Kampala said gunshots echoed through the streets as

"drunken Ugandan deserters wandered around firing in the air."

No fighting was reported within the hilly city of 400,000, and residents said heavy rains cut short the invaders' shelling Thursday night. They said two children were killed by a shell that fell in the back yard of a house near the cathedral in western Kampala, but no other casualties were reported.

They reported Ugandan tanks drove through the city Thursday afternoon heading toward Natete, a road junction six miles to the southwest. They returned after dark following a noisy battle that lasted several hours, the informants said. The outcome of the fighting was not known.

Long lines of refugees, many carrying babies in their arms and meager bundles on their heads, fled from Kampala on foot, crowding roads to the north and west for the second straight day. Scores of foreigners, including diplomats and their families and U.N. employees, drove east to Kenya.

Those who stayed behind remained inside their homes. A few tanks were the only vehicles reported on in the streets.

Traders grab chance to adopt wild mustangs

SWEETWATER, Texas (AP) — Wild horses couldn't keep the people away.

Horse traders of all shapes and sizes showed up Thursday for what was billed as the "Adopt A Horse" program at the Steen Cattle Co. corral.

They came, they saw and they took home 60 mustangs brought from the Nevada wilds.

"The response was just tremendous," said Darlene Gilbert of Reno, division clerk for the Bureau of Land Management project. "About eight people slept here overnight."

The wild horses were "adopted" on a first-come first-serve basis to qualified applicants who paid a \$90 fee per animal to cover the transfer costs from Nevada.

That fee also covered vaccinations, veterinarian care and required state health inspections.

Ms. Gilbert said the studs and geldings generally were used as pleasure horses while some of the mares were used for breeding.

It was the second such program in Sweetwater. The BLM shipped 85 wild horses to the West Texas city in mid-February.

Danny Turner apparently was pleased with the mustang he claimed in February. The 15-year-old Sweetwater resident, proudly brandishing a photo of his horse, was back to get two more.

The BLM allows each successful applicant, who must have adequate corrals and shelter to take up to four horses a year.

Title to the animals remains with the federal government for the first year as an effort to prevent inhumane use or commercial exploitation of the horses.

Burglary of car reported to police

Police said H.B. Melton of the 1600 block of North Midkiff Road reported the burglary of his car Thursday.

Melton told police a set of tools valued at \$300 was missing from the car.

Richard Lyons, also of the 1600 block of North Midkiff Road, reported to police that his van had been broken into and a number of eight-track tapes had been taken.

Police said entry to the van apparently was gained by breaking a window.

Estimated value of the window and tapes is \$165.

Gene Leroy Hart found innocent in sex slayings of Girl Scouts

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gene Leroy Hart was found innocent today of the 1977 sex-slayings of three Girl Scouts at a summer camp in north-eastern Oklahoma.

The six men and six women of the jury returned the verdict one hour after resuming deliberations this morning.

Hart burst into loud sobs as the court clerk, Eloise Gist, read the first of three innocent verdicts handed her by jury foreman George Kelly. He buried his face in his hands as defense attorney Garvin Isaacs beat upon the defense table with a clenched fist to loud cheers from supporters in the courtroom.

Law officers cleared the courtroom of Hart's friends and relatives as they continued loud crying and whoops of jubilation.

On the other side of the courtroom, parents of the three young victims were seen weeping.

District Judge William Whistler polled the jury and each juror reported an innocent verdict.

Hart was on trial for the rape and bludgeoning of the three girls, Lori Lee Farmer, 8; Michele Guse, 9; and Doris Denis Miller, 10, at Camp Scott, near Locust Grove, June 13, 1977.

A guilty verdict would have required the jury to hear additional arguments for a sentence of life imprisonment or death by lethal injection.

Hart, a former Locust Grove high school football star, already faces prison sentences totaling 305 years on convictions for rape, kidnapping and burglary.

He escaped from Mayes County Jail here in September 1973 and was still a fugitive when he was charged 10 days after the slayings.

Hart was captured April 6, 1978, at a shack in the rugged Cookson Hills of eastern Oklahoma 50 miles from Camp Scott.

Jury selection in the trial that began March 5 took 11 days, and 77 witnesses were called during nine days of testimony.

Jurors asked late Thursday to rehear testimony linking items found in Hart's Cookson Hills hideaway to Camp Scott.

A small pipe and a mirror recovered at the cabin were identified by a former Girl Scout counselor as items she had at the camp at the time of the slayings.

record temperature for the date of 95 degrees set in 1963. The overnight low of 45 also was mild compared to the record low of 23 degrees set in 1937.

No rainfall was reported in the area or predicted in the forecast, so the monthly accumulation of .81 inch and the annual total of 1.23 inches remains unchanged.

Today's 10 to 20 mph winds are expected to become light and variable tonight.

Area towns were enjoying the same weather Midlanders had this morning, with most area weather watchers reporting clear skies and cool temperatures.

Clear skies, cooler weather included in weekend forecast

Clear skies and cool temperatures are on tap for the Permian Basin for the weekend, the weatherman predicted today.

Saturday's high should be in the upper 60s with the overnight low in the low 40s, according to the National Weather Service office at Midland Regional Airport.

Thursday turned out almost summer-like despite a spectacular nighttime display of lightning from storm clouds east of Midland. The clouds failed to drop any moisture in the area.

Thursday's recorded high of 83 degrees, however, did not approach the

Man charged in Boston hotel fires

BOSTON (AP) — An 18-year-old Boston man is in custody today, charged with arson in fires at two posh Boston hotels where he once worked as a busboy and dishwasher.

Julio Valentin Rodrigues of the South End was scheduled for arraignment today in Boston Municipal Court on charges of setting the blazes that forced 1,900 guests from the Copley Plaza and Sheraton Boston hotels early Thursday.

The two fires caused at least \$750,000 damage, sent 64 persons to hospitals and started an arson scare in every big hotel in the city.

Eight persons burned in the fires were on the danger list or in guarded condition at three different Boston hospitals Thursday night.

Rodrigues worked for the Copley Plaza three months ago and for the Sheraton last year, said Police Capt. James McDonald.

The Sheraton had no comment on the arrest. A spokesman for the Copley Plaza said Rodrigues worked as a bus boy-dishwasher.

"We are satisfied he is the only suspect," said McDonald in announcing the arrest late Thursday — 18 hours after the Sheraton, the city's largest hotel, burst into flames at four locations.

Just 90 minutes earlier, six fires broke out at the Copley Plaza.

Acting on a tip from a juvenile officer, McDonald said police pulled

Rodrigues off a New York-bound Greyhound bus at 8 p.m.

Up to the time of the arrest, police with walkie-talkies stalked the corridors of Boston's hotels, guarding against another arson strike.

Fire department spokesman Capt. John Collins said, "If that (Sheraton) alarm had come in earlier, we wouldn't have been able to break men away from the Copley Plaza fire, and the (Sheraton) blaze would have gotten more headway on us."

Meanwhile, fire officials say an absence of some alarms at the Sheraton is being investigated for possible criminal charges against the hotel. The Sheraton had no comment.

A total of 1,400 guests fled the building, many of them alerted only after other guests banged on their doors or

they received telephone calls routing them from their beds.

Barry Knowles of Hermon, Maine said he slept through the fire in his 15th story room and awoke only after his 5:30 a.m. wake-up call.

"I was amused at first, then the reality of it hit me," he said. "Here the hotel was on fire, and not an alarm sounded in my section of the hotel..."

At a news conference Thursday, Fire Commissioner George H. Paul said he believed an employee with a special key had failed to turn in the internal alarm. He said the initial alarm from a firebox sounded at the fire station, the main hotel desk and the maintenance office.

Nations are 'receptive' to paying peace costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance says the industrialized nations of Western Europe and Japan are "receptive" to the idea of paying part of the costs of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

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Stay clear of Homer Harding's rattling freezer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Coiled in Homer Harding's freezer were four angry rattlesnakes — frozen solid. "My wife wasn't too happy about it," he conceded the other day. Harding, majority leader of the South Dakota Senate, loaded his freezer with whirring, angry rattlesnakes last fall after he captured four and decided to freeze and stuff them.

"It sounded like a hive full of bees when they froze," he said. "They curled into the striking position and within a couple of hours they were alive but dormant. "And within two days, they were frozen solid in a classic coil," he said. Harding, an auto dealer, has been hunting rattlesnakes on the prairies around Pierre since he was a boy, and

never has been bitten. "I tried to drown one once," he said. "I put him in a one-gallon jar filled with water and drove home. Two hours later, I opened the jar and he came out and struck at me. "He missed my hand," Harding said, "but he hit the jar lid instead. That was the closest I ever came." Pat Harding used to assist her husband in the hunts, before she had a

close call of her own. "She squatted down to watch me catch one and there was another one right under her bottom," he said. "She hadn't seen him. But as he coiled to strike, he slipped off a clump of dirt and down into a crevice. "Now she stays in the pickup," he said. Harding usually hunts rattlers in the fall with his sons, Steve and Bill.

"It's kind of a family outing for us," he said. "My folks took me out when I was a little boy and I've been taking my sons out since they were small." For the past decade or so, the family has been capturing the eldest snakes in a large den which winters together in a prairie dog village near town. Harding wouldn't say exactly where. "The best time to go is a warm day

after the first frost," he said. "They kind of ball up together so you can pick up six or eight of them at a time. "At any time, we may have 100 snakes in sight," he said. Harding said he nabs his prey with a 2½-foot pronged pole, pinning him firmly behind the head. He brings the rattlers back to the freezer in a jar if he wants to stuff them.

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DEATHS

'Red' Pittman

Services for Randolph W. "Red" Pittman, 67, of 2503 Harvard Ave. were Thursday in Newvie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Officiating was Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pittman died Tuesday in a Midland hospital following an illness.

He was born June 14, 1911, in Hamilton County and was reared in Albany. He was a graduate of Albany High School. Pittman attended Texas Christian University and Texas Tech University. He was married to Anne Lindsey March 24, 1940, in Kirkwood, Mo.

Pittman was a district manager for the Oil Well Division of U.S. Steel Corp. for 18 years. He moved to Midland in October 1953 and became one of the owners of W.E. Pittman Trucking Co. until it was sold in 1965. He was associated with Wales Trucking Co. of Dallas.

Survivors include his wife; two brothers, T.C. Pittman and Frank K. Pittman, both of Albany, and three sisters, Dorothy Jene Pittman of Stephenville, Mrs. Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City and Mrs. E.L. Adoue of Parker Heights.

Pallbearers were to be O.R. Sharp, Neal Taylor, John Reid, George Staley, Bill Malone and George Barton.

Honorary pallbearers were to be J.K. Lee, the Rev. Johnny Lee of Tucumcari, N.M., Dr. H.B. Mills, Ellis Mills, Earl Lewis of Brownwood, Melvin Dixon of Abilene, Gomer Alsop, H.L. Winkler, Bule Britt and Hershel Howard and Ralph Hamilton, both of Odessa.

Fred Johnson Jr.

ODESSA — Services for Fred E. Johnson Jr., 58, of 3505 Thomas St. in Midland will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens here.

Johnson died Thursday of an apparent heart attack in Midland.

Johnson was born May 14, 1920, in Baltimore, Md. He was married to Gertrude Heiser Nov. 23, 1945, in Fort Worth. He was self-employed at the time of his death.

Johnson was a former police officer with the Midland, Odessa and Baltimore, Md., police departments.

He was a past president of Southside Lions Club and a member of Central Baptist Church in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Linda Franklin of Midland; two sons, Earl Johnson of Midland and Donald Johnson of Odessa; two brothers, John Johnson and Millard Johnson, both of Baltimore, Md., and seven grandchildren.

Alonzo Davis

CENTERVILLE — Alonzo Davis, 68, of Hale Center, father of Walter Jones of Midland, died Tuesday.

Services are pending with Green Funeral Home in Centerville. The body will be sent to Centerville from Freeman's Funeral Home in Hale Center Saturday.

The Madisonville native moved to Hale Center from Amarillo in 1970. He was married to Emma Clay Jones July 1, 1939, in Middleton. He was a World War II veteran and a retired farmer. He was a member of the Hale Center Church of Christ.

Other survivors include his wife, four sons, three daughters, four brothers, two sisters, 23 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Birdie S. Rogers

Services for Birdie S. Rogers, 80, of 2411 Gulf St. will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Leonard Funeral Home in Bixby, Okla.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla. Local arrangements were made by Newvie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rogers died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

She was born Oct. 21, 1898, in Castle Dale, Utah, and spent her early life in Utah. She later moved to California, where she was married to Armin Jack Rogers. They moved to Tulsa in 1925, then to Arkansas in the early 1930s. They returned to Tulsa, where they lived until 1948, when they moved to Alice.

In 1950, the Rogers moved to Casper, Wyo., and in 1969 to Bixby, Okla. Her husband died in November 1976. She moved to Midland in November 1977.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Order of Eastern Star Chapter 4 of Casper and Order of the Daughters of the Nile of Tomah Shrine Temple, also in Casper.

Survivors include a son, Jim A. Rogers of Midland; a brother, Elmer Savage of Salt Lake City, Utah; two sisters, Silva McCormick and Rebecca West, both of Salt Lake City, two grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Maclobio Fierro

OZONA — Services for Maclobio A. Fierro Sr., 65, were to be at 3 p.m. today in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona with burial in Lima Cemetery directed by Larry Sheppard Funeral Home.

Fierro died Thursday in an Ozona hospital.

He was born Oct. 15, 1913, in Mexico. He married Angellita V. Fierro Nov. 11, 1933, in Ozona.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Francis Delgado of Lubbock and Tonia Trevino of Grand Prairie; three sons, Manuel Fierro, Chon Fierro and Maclobio Fierro Jr., all of Ozona; two sisters, Manuela Perez of Ozona and Genoveva Gonzales of Utah; three brothers, Refugio Fierro and Juan Fierro, both of Ozona, and Sepriano Fierro of Marble Falls, 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

James Johnson

TEMPLE — Services for James Johnson, 54, of Big Spring are pending at Branford Funeral Home in Temple. Big Spring arrangements were handled by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Johnson died Wednesday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born Nov. 24, 1924, in Rogers. He was married in Temple to Rosetta Venavie, who died in 1960.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Johnson was a cook for the Country Fair restaurant in Big Spring, where he had lived since moving from Snyder about a month ago.

Survivors include two sons, Van Johnson of Snyder and Todd Burnett Johnson of Temple; two daughters, Sharon Elaine Johnson and James Eita Johnson, both of Temple; three brothers, Ted Johnson of Boston, Mass., and Melvin Felix Johnson and Clarence Johnson, both of Temple; a sister, Josephine King of Temple, and three grandchildren.

Julius E. Price

Services for Julius E. Price, 59, of 110 N. Lee St. will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert E. Lathan, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Jackson Funeral Home.

Price died Tuesday at his home following an illness.

He was born May 30, 1919, in Terrell in Kaufman County to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price. He joined Cannon Baptist Church in Loraine after the family moved to West Texas in 1925.

Price moved to Midland in 1937. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Price served in the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II.

He was an automobile mechanic. Survivors include a son, Sherman Price of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Julia M. Walker and Margaret A. Price, both of Denver, Colo.; six sisters, Martha Price, Gussie Richardson, Christine Solomon and Lola Richardson, all of Midland, Tressie McPeters of Palm Springs, Calif., and Blanche Greer of Toledo, Ohio; three brothers, William Price of Midland and J.P. Price and Lucious Price, both of Toledo, Ohio, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Frank Blaylock, Yancy Batie, Ernest Williams, Leonard Johnson, Ruben Carr and Willie G. Mason.

Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Hilton Blackmond

FORT STOCKTON — Services for Hilton Roosevelt "Blackie" Blackmond, 44, of Fort Stockton, father of Milton Blackmond of Andrews, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

Additional services are pending in Georgiana, Ala. Burial will be in Mount Pigsah Cemetery near Georgiana.

Blackmond died Thursday.

He was born Jan. 25, 1935, in Georgiana. He moved to Fort Stockton in 1961. He was a self-employed dirt contractor.

Other survivors include five sons, two daughters, his father; a brother and two sisters.

Attorney retained

ODESSA — A group of Odessans trying to overturn results of a December \$21.6 million school board election have hired a lawyer who has filed a motion to set the stage for an appeal of a district court decision.

Odessa attorney Gloria Svanas was retained by the group earlier this week and filed in 161st District Court a motion for "findings of fact and conclusions of law."

Such a motion is a preliminary step toward appealing a decision by Judge J.H. Starley of Pecos, who rejected the group's efforts to void approval of the school bonds.

E.L. Cooley

NEW HOME — Services for E.L. Cooley, 72, father of Martha Pearl Miller of Big Spring, were to be at 2 p.m. today in New Home Methodist Church with the Rev. Reta Richards, pastor, officiating, assisted by Glen Gray, minister of New Home Church of Christ.

Burial was to be in Tahoka Cemetery directed by White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Cooley died Wednesday. A native of Sherman, he attended school in Hillsboro. He moved to Lynn County from Anson in 1938. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of the New Home Methodist Church.

Cooley was married to Izora Mae "Ode" Moore July 17, 1933, in Ballard.

Other survivors include his wife, three sons, two sisters, three brothers and 11 grandchildren.

Priests observe Karen Quinlan's 25th birthday

MORRIS PLAINS, N.J. (AP) — Behind closed doors at the Morris View Nursing Home, family members of Karen Ann Quinlan gave thanks on the 25th birthday of the woman who has been comatose for nearly four years.

Five Roman Catholic priests celebrated Mass on Thursday at her bedside to commemorate the birthday, which came two days before the third anniversary of a landmark state Supreme Court ruling giving the family permission to disconnect Miss Quinlan's respirator.

The priests used a portable tray as an altar. Her aunt, Irene Gubitosi, brought red roses.

The day was full of "happy memories of Karen," said her mother, Julia Quinlan.

"We really believe the Lord is using Karen," she said. "There is no medical reason why she should be alive today. She's had many infections and she's had pneumonia."

Her father, Joseph Quinlan, said that everything medically possible had been done for Karen.

Traeger seeks to end 'blind bids' for movies

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — What bowls them over on Madison Avenue might not draw as enthusiastic a reception in Pampa or Texarkana, Sen. John Traeger told a Senate committee Thursday.

Theater owners, however, had to put in their bids last fall to show "The Main Event" starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal this summer — without having seen the film, Traeger said.

He introduced two bills that would outlaw "blind bidding" and ban certain guarantees and advances exhibitors pay to movie distributors.

The Senate Economic Development Committee will continue its hearing on the measures Monday.

"If the film bombs out, the distributor gets his guarantee of \$35,000. The exhibitor loses his shirt," said Traeger, D-Seguin. Exhibitors "object to having to buy a pig in a poke."

Don Adams, a former state legislator representing the Motion Picture Association of America, said passage of the bills would destroy the motion picture industry's balance.

"We've got the movies — but they've got the screens," he said. Adams said the association is made up of 10 major film distributors.

"Fiscal disputes like this should be resolved in the marketplace," he said. "There is no public safety involved. ... The taxpayers' rights are not at stake."

He said producers and distributors assume a risk when they decide to put up the capital for a film.

"This is a risk business," Adams said. "The advances are simply a pledge of credit."

The Ohio law against blind bidding is presently being tested in federal court, he added.

Christopher Meacham, of the National Association of Theater Owners of Texas, said seven states have passed legislation similar to Traeger's proposals.

He showed the committee a copy of a letter to theater owners from Columbia Pictures asking for bids to be submitted by Feb. 22 for its unfinished Christmas release, The Electric Horseman.

"The Electric Horseman stars Robert Redford and Jane Fonda, was directed by Sydney Pollack (The Way We Were). Need we say more!" the letter said.

It also suggested that the exhibitors offer a minimum six weeks playtime, "a substantial guarantee" and 90 percent of the take above a "reasonable house allowance."

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By PATSY GORDON
Lifestyle Writer

Feminists beware! There still are young ladies preparing for a future in "domestic engineering."

Students from Midland and Lee High Schools, in conjunction with the Texas Homemaking Association, are celebrating Future Homemakers Week Sunday through April 7.

The LHS and MHS chapters of FHA are observing the week with a full schedule of events.

Activities will include a mother and daughter tea, Teacher Appreciation Day, assistance at a local nursing home, Easter egg hunts for pre-school children and a school beautification project.

The club sponsors are Betty Ambrose at LHS and Nell Davenport of MHS...

...MARINE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS John E. Hudson, grandson of Millie Gonzales of Midland, has completed the Field Radio Operators' Course.

During the eight-week skill training at Twentynine Palms, Calif., he received instruction on the installation, adjustment and operation of the tactical radios used by Marine Corps ground and aviation units. He studied voice radio procedures, communications security and the use of encryption (message "scrambling") equipment.

A 1978 graduate of Midland High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1978...

...ACTION LINE FISH, information and referral agency, announces its offices will be closed April 9-13 for the Easter holidays...

...MIDLAND STUDENTS have been named to the fall semester honor roll by the College of Natural Sciences at The University of Texas-Austin.

They are William Lee O'Neill, Gregory Mark Lutke, William David McLaughlin and Krystal Lark Koch...

...WHO'S WHO IN MUSIC, 1978-79 edition, will have the names of seven students from Lee High School, who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding high school music students.

They are Jeff Boortz, Paul Brown, Teresa Brown, Leah Owens, Marit Olson, Sid Roberts and Al Smith, members of the Rebel Band.

Van B. Ragsdale, director of bands, head of the school's nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their music ability, academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential...

...TWO MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL seniors, Valerie VanPelt and Stacy Womack, were honored with a brunch in the home of Mrs. Herman W. Porsch Jr.

The co-hostesses were Mrs. Don Mabry, Mrs. J. B. McMahon and Mrs. Clifford Miller.

The honorees are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lester VanPelt Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Womack.

Thinking key to fitness

Want to get fit? Dr. John Farquhar has some advice.

Farquhar, professor of medicine at Stanford University and director of the university's Heart Disease Prevention Program, admits that it's tough to break the habits of a lifetime. To lose weight. Cut down on fats, salt and sugar. Stop smoking. Start exercising. Learn to cope with stress.

But he says those goals can be achieved—gradually.

Farquhar believes that the key to success is as much in the thinking as in the doing. And he advises against trying to do everything at once and expecting immediate results.

The first step in his step-by-step plan for lowering the risk factors for heart disease is getting informed.

"In order for people to be motivated to change," he says, "they must have information that shows the need for change and that proves that the change can be helpful."

To that end, he points out that the nation's heart attack rate has dropped by 20 percent in the last 10 years, although it had risen by 40 percent in the previous two decades. He attributes the drop to life style changes.

"The drop has come as people have stopped smoking, begun to limit their fat intake and to get their high blood pressure controlled," he says. "To me that says that a lot of people are doing something right."

Once the motivation is established, Farquhar recommends a period of self-observation to gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of existing patterns of living.

One of the main obstacles to change, Farquhar says, is mental attitude.



Harry Clark, middle, president of First National Bank, presented a program on Midland's progress and future as a city at a recent luncheon meeting of the Elcor Wives at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Hsiung Tsai, left, and Mrs. Herald Beaty. (Staff Photo)



Students celebrate Bowie Spirit Day at Bowie Elementary School. The special day will be held every Friday until the end of the May school term. The project is sponsored by the PTA. Students here mark the day with a flag ceremony. (Staff Photo)

Hair dryer merchandisers suspend sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the government tries to find out whether some hair dryers can cause cancer, two of the nation's largest merchandisers already are suspending sales of the questioned products.

J.C. Penney and Montgomery Ward suspended sales of hair dryers containing asbestos Thursday after the Consumer Product Safety Commission launched a high-priority investigation of the devices.

The two firms are continuing to sell dryers that do not contain asbestos.

The commission moved after both private and government tests showed that dryers containing asbestos spew out fibers. Asbestos fibers, if inhaled, are considered by scientists to be a potent cause of cancer and other serious diseases.

The commission said that of the 50 million hair dryers in home use, "perhaps 12.5 million hair dryers manufactured with asbestos insulation remain in use by consumers."

The agency issued a "special order," which is similar to a subpoena, to the nine largest manufacturers of hair dryers.

The order calls for information on whether the manufacturers have ever made hair dryers containing asbestos and, if so, which models. This would enable the commission staff to provide consumers with a list of hair dryer models containing asbestos, including those no longer on sale.

The commission sent telegrams calling for top executives of the nine firms to come to Washington for a meeting with the commissioners early next week.

In advance of the meeting, Montgomery Ward and J.C. Penney took off the market their hair dryers that contain asbestos. Sears, Roebuck and Co. and one of the major manufacturers, North American Phillips Corp., said they already had stopped offering dryers with asbestos. North American Phillips makes Norelco hair dryers.

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Multiples meeting set

Linda Cardwell, Kathleen Brewer, Frances Collins and Christy Nelson of the Midland Mothers of Twins Club are planning to attend the Texas Mothers of Multiples' sixth annual convention to be held April 19-22 in Houston. The Houston Mothers of Twins Club will be host.

The Texas Mothers of Multiples was founded in 1973. With 20 member clubs throughout the state, the organization strives to aid mothers of multiple births through research, direct aid and moral support. Many member clubs also participate in the National Mothers of Twins Club.

Highlights of the convention will include fun and learning opportunities, ranging from shopping trips and a dinner theater to workshops concerning life with twins, triplets or more. A general business session, during which new state officers will be elected, will be held. After a Cinfette's Banquet, the new officers will be installed.

All interested parents of multiples are invited to attend the convention. More information can be obtained from Mrs. Cardwell, 694-1401.

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DEAR ABBY

Baby makes heaven for couple

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: When my parents were first married, they tried for years to have a child, but could not. They finally gave up hope and adopted me. Two years later they adopted my brother. I am now 19.

After 24 years of marriage, my mother became pregnant! She was 47 and my father was 55. They were thrilled, and are now the proud parents of a baby girl. And what a beautiful baby she is!

Abby, please tell couples who think there is no hope of ever having a child to hang in there and they might be as lucky as my parents.—MARCIA

DEAR MARCIA: Your parents are luckier than some who become parents in their later years.

My medical expert, Dr. John A. Haugen, a fine obstetrician and gynecologist for over 40 years says, "A child born of a woman in her 40s runs a much greater risk of being defective." (Particularly Down's Syndrome—better known as mongolism.)

True, tests can be done in mid-pregnancy to detect abnormalities. If an abnormality exists, the pregnancy can be terminated but this (the test) is quite a major undertaking. Also, mothers in their 40s are more apt to have complications and more difficult labors. Finally most parents in their 60s find raising teenagers no picnic.

DEAR ABBY: I went to a doctor who examined me—and said I needed

some medicine. He didn't write out a prescription. Instead, he called his brother's drugstore and told him to have the medicine ready for me, that I'd be over to get it in a few minutes.

I was quite surprised that I wasn't given a written prescription and allowed to have it filled at my own pharmacy. I also was angry because this doctor's brother charges much higher prices than the pharmacist I usually trade with.

One of my friends asked this doctor for a written prescription. He got mad at her and refused to give her one.

Abby, shouldn't people be given their own choice of pharmacies?—MRS. O. J.

DEAR MRS. O. J.: The doctor is clearly operating outside the bounds of ethical medicine. Change doctors. And be sure to tell him why you're

leaving.

DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and ashamed of my mother. She tells the biggest lies, and she gossips a lot on the telephone. She will talk to one lady and pretend to be her best friend, when she is really her worst enemy. How can a person be so two-faced and then tell me that if I tell a lie God will punish me?—ASHAMED OF MOM

DEAR ASHAMED: Do as your mother SAYS, not as she does. Perhaps your mother will read this and realize that although "example" is not the ONLY teacher, it is one of the most powerful.

Are your problems too heavy to handle alone? Let Abby help you. For a personal unpublished reply, write: Abby: Box 69700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

School spirit encouraged at Bowie School

In an effort to encourage school pride and spirit, Spirit Day will be held every Friday at Bowie Elementary School until school is out.

The announcement is made by Barbara Greene, Bowie School PTA projects chairman.

"All students will be asked to wear the school colors of red and white, and many will be wearing Bowie Bulldog shirts," she said.

A trophy will be presented each week to the classroom which has the highest percentage of students wearing red and white. A class who wins the trophy three weeks in a row may keep the trophy. At the end of the May school term, the classroom which has won the trophy most often will be given a celebration.

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Play Day observed

The Midland Woman's Club observed Play Day in the Hogan Park clubhouse. Mrs. Cecil C. Davis and Mrs. John L. McCrary were hostesses to the bridge games, and Verna Harper and DeeDee Brewer were Canasta hostesses.

Guests were Julie LaRoche, Marge Stimpson, Lucilla Schwamkrug, Ethel Allred, Eleanor Luton, Mrs. Reese McDonald, Thelma Echols and Agnes Davis.

Bridge winners were Earnese Phillips, first; Lavelle Cordonier, second; Mrs. Echols, guest, and Mrs. Richard Switzer, special.

Gladys Mitchell, Ann Hite, Violet Smyres, Alma Wayman and Vera Sue Krist were Canasta winners.

Play Day hostesses April 24 will be Lucille McCree and Lola McAden.



New officers of TOPS Chapter No. 869 in Midland are from the left, Lois Poe, treasurer; Lee Reeves, weight recorder; Sherry Parker, secretary; Ann Armour, leader, and Clara Jones, co-leader. The chapter meets at 9 a.m. Tuesdays at the Christ Presbyterian Church, 2501 N. Garfield St.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is an international, non-profit, weight-control organization. Its program is based on a combination of group therapy, competition, recognition and obesity research. (Staff Photo)

Message for men: Look cool

By BETTY OMMERMAN
Newsday

"Look cool even if you don't feel cool." That seems to be the message being foisted on the male of the species this season, even for those who would rather stick with the kinds of styles — cool or not — that they've always loved.

One way to look and feel cooler, according to the recent Men's Fashion Association showing, is to pick accessories with lots of open-weave or perforated hats, sweaters and shoes.

—That old favorite, the brimmed straw hat worn during vacations in tropical islands, is being shown in a modified version for men in this country. Meant for business or relaxation, they're in

either raffia or Panama straw. Though most come with the traditional center crease, a few have criss-cross crowns that resemble a pith helmet. Wide or narrow gros-grain or braided rawhide bands add dash to these toppers.

"Women like to wear them as well as men," said designer Marsha Akins, who started out in women's millinery. "So you'll find these styles in a wide range of colors."

Some men queried at the national convention in Los Angeles admitted they would have no qualms about wearing a pastel shade to complement their shirt color. As for pink, one man remarked: "It depends on how good a runner you are."

—Sweaters and vests become the "in" look when worn next to the skin. String knits in natural and synthetic fibers, and mesh polo shirts, sometimes with terry hands across the chest for perspiration-absorption, help a man keep his

"cool" during a hot spell.

—Shoes take on a slightly dressier look than in past summers, when any kind of foot attire would do. But the end result is still one of comfort. "Toes are rounder and leathers are softer than ever," said Barbara Molotsky of The Sole Leather Council. "Captoed oxfords replace wingtips and padded insoles make walking less tiring."

Also making the feet feel cooler are the number of slip-on styles with perforated or hand-woven uppers. Crepe rubber soles go well with casual slacks and jeans; while leather soles and stacked leather heels are being shown for business and discos. Whites and off-whites are "in," provided that patent leather is avoided. Coppery shades are making inroads, and tones ranging from honey blonde to beige and chestnut to luggage tan are also popular. For anyone partial

to a Retro look, there are the saddle shoes and camp moccasins.

—Ties continue on the slim side, with the 2 1/2 inch width favored by the avant-garde. The more conservative, according to Mike Toth, a spokesman for Wembley Industries, still looks for the 3 1/4-inch width. The more-fashionable man also looks for natural fibers instead of synthetics or synthetic-and-natural blends. "Raw, tussah silk and neat foulards are the important neckwear trends," said Chip Tolbert, fashion director for the Men's Fashion Association.

—Belts vary in width from three-quarters of an inch to 2 1/2 inches. The larger width is often done in heavy cotton webbing trimmed with leather tabs and fastened with bright brass buckles. The narrower versions are usually in leather and worn traditionally through the belt loops for a dressier look.

Group plans Fort Worth meet

Several Midlanders will be represented at the 26th Theta Province meeting of Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth. Attending from Midland will be Susan Moberly, president; Jennifer Martin, public relations chairman; Sharon Sides, social chairman; Brenda Ewan, registrar;

Mary Moberly, Suzanne Ormand, Segrid Martin, Missy Serigid and Kaki Warren. The event will be held at the Kahler Green Oaks Inn in Fort Worth. Active chapter and alumnae association

members of the fraternity from Texas and Louisiana will be in attendance.

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Birthdays celebrated

Five residents of Trinity Towers were honored with a birthday party recently. Honorees were Charlotte Anderson, Henni Norton, Lulu Martin, Beth Roby and Inez Newby.

The residents were entertained with singing and music by Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown and Glenda Pruitt.

Flowers were provided by the African Violet Society and president, Mrs. Joe Eads. Cake was made by the Circle L. Class.

Guests attending were Dr. and Mrs. June Melton, Mrs. June Melton, III, Alma Heard, Mrs. Clyde Chynaweth and Mrs. Lynn Toster.

Volunteers were Clara Boyd, Theta Redding, Howard Redding, Wilma Maley, Jo McGill, Evelyn Heard, Esther Hodge and Helen Luff.

Career choice program topic

Marion Kimberly was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Beta Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Mrs. Kimberly spoke on "How to Choose a Career." Hostess was Peggy Brown.

New officers elected were Susan Farris, president; Jan Dorsey, first vice president; Quita Johnson, second vice president; JoAnn Cambron, recording secretary; Gail Jones, corresponding secretary; and Betty Ruth McAnally, treasurer.

A birthday luncheon honoring Ms. Farris and Mrs. Dorsey was also held at Luigi's.

Next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. McAnally.

CORRECTION

Thursday's Sandy Land Western Wear advertisement listed Shirts and Blouses for one half price.

This was an error. The ad should have read Ladies Shirts and Blouses one half price. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused customers of the store. The Midland Reporter Telegram.

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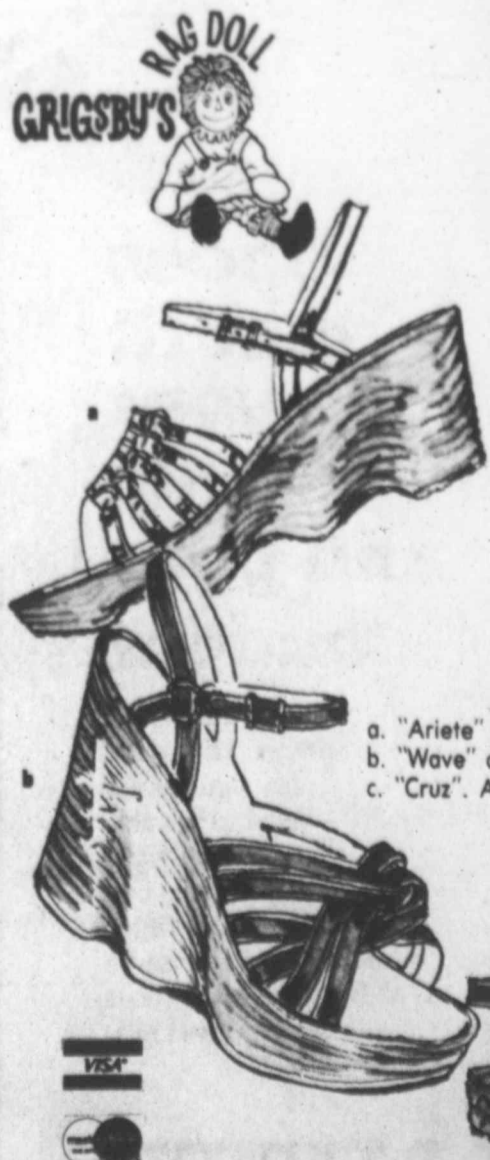
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The sap runneth over; How sweet it will be

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (AP) — A cloying sweet smell envelops the house these days. Huge pots, the biggest we can find, are steaming away on the stove. The kitchen windows are misted over; the walls damp with humidity.

For the first time ever, we are making our own maple syrup.

Sweet revenge is being exacted from the smug sugar maples for the tons of leaves they dumped on our lawn last fall. It may amount to only an ounce or two of revenge, enough to cover a single stack of buckwheat cakes or a waffle or two, because they tell me it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, but how sweet it will be.

All those autumn Saturdays spent raking and bagging and hauling to the dump will find vindication some day soon in one great glorious breakfast. There is more to this maple syrup

business than running out in the yard with a plate of pancakes and giving the nearest deciduous hardwood of the genus Acer (as we say in syrup circles) a big bear hug.

FIRST, YOU MUST bore a hole in the bark of the tree about three inches deep and three or four feet from the ground. Next, insert a metal spout that can be bought from the local hardware store for what it would cost to buy a decent-sized bottle of ordinary pancake syrup, the kind made with sugar cane and not maple sugar, which isn't the same thing at all. From the spout, you hang a bucket or a large plastic jug.

All this must be timed to the end of winter and the first faint promise of spring. Cold, cold nights are needed, followed by suddenly warm, sunny days. And then one fine, frosty morning you run out on the porch and hear the neighbors yell: "Here comes the sap now." or "See the sap running," or something like that.

"Mushegeneh" I've also heard them cry, which I believe is Yiddish for putting maple syrup on potato pancakes, otherwise known as candy knishes. Or is it lotkes?

No matter, hearing the drip, drip of that crystal clear sap into the bucket is no less than being in tune with one of nature's miracles. It is like driving a bung starter into Joyce Kilmer's "Trees" and drawing off the essence

Mulligan's Stew

of poetry. The sweet silver blood stream of life is surging once again through the blue veins of winter. We sap suckers get quite lyrical.

Some days two or three gallons will seep from a single tree. Some mornings, after a particularly cold clear night when the morning star lingers late on the horizon, the sap is found frozen in diamond-like chunks at the

bottom of the bucket. Hauling it to the stove you feel like Grandma Moses playing hookey from a Christmas card.

THE INDIANS KNEW about maple syrup long before the white intruders sprinkled his hunting trails with all night diners and fast food pancake emporia. They collected the sap in birchbark containers and tossed heated stones into the sap to boil it down, a tedious process that allowed plenty of time for the invention of the hotcake. This was their version of flapjacks made of hominy grits or corn flour, which later caught on down South in a boiled version unredeemed by golden maple syrup but doused in something called red-eyed gravy. Grits, otherwise known as Carolina caviar.

When Ellsworth Bunker was ambassador to Saigon, he always served maple syrup over ice cream for dessert at official dinners. It was a fixture on the agenda, more certain than pacification of eventual victory, at

every press briefing at the ambassadorial residence. Bunker, who has a farm in Purney, Vermont, tapped his own trees like all genuine Yankees and had the syrup flown in by diplomatic courier in the official pouch.

This may have accounted for his smooth handling of even the stickiest problems and vice versa, although the fact that maple syrup never replaced nuoc mam, the Vietnamese dried fish sauce, in the minds and hearts of the people should have indicated the way things were going out there.

We used to joke that even when the U.S. Embassy was under attack during the Tet invasion the Viet Cong infiltrators never did manage to find Bunker's bunker, the ambassador's secret hiding place, if indeed he had one. Over government-issue ice cream, doused in real Vermont maple syrup, we used to wonder too how close the sappers had come to tapping the sap supply. Intercepting a diplomatic pouch might have led them to

believe the Americans had perfected a new sweet smelling brand of plastic, the sticky explosive that figured in so many terrorist incidents during the French regime in Indochina.

LISTENING TO THE ping ping of the sap oozing out of my two tall maple trees makes me wonder now how many acres of maples the ambassador had to tap on his Vermont farm to sweeten the bill of fare at those weekly press dinners. Certainly there is no shortage of sugar maples in his part of the country.

I went to college in Vermont, which leads the nation in maple syrup production, although its 45,000 pounds-a-year is only one-tenth of what Quebec produces. Marlboro College even had a course in maple syrup sugaring off. A chemistry student named John Bartlett improved on the curriculum by finding a method of distilling the sap into a high potency white lightning that we nicknamed "Northern Comfort."



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Russell Brown. Second Row: Laura Morse, Becky Simpson, Michaela Hasek, Andrew Jordan, Mike Seay and Jay Green. Front Row: Tracey Delany, Nick Cochrane, Sam Perry, Scott Johnston, Karl Schmidt, Eric Davis and Al Reid. Not pictured are Caroline and Alan Reed. (Photo by Mike Kardos)

TAGS qualifiers for the City of Midland Swim Team are, back row from left, Andy Williams, Gretchen Koch, Susi Simpson, Lori Thompson, Andrea Freeman, Beth Murrah and Leslie Dunbar. Third Row: Stephanie Eppler, Trent Holtkort, Grady Gilliland, Jana Housman, Rena Tyler and

COM enters TAGS Meet in Dallas

DALLAS — Twenty-nine City of Midland Swim Team members are here this weekend for the State Age Group Championships (TAGS) at the Loos Pool.

Andy Williams was the only COM qualifier in the boys 13-14 age division, but Andrea Freeman, Gretchen Koch, Suzi Simpson and Lori Thompson qualified in the girls division. This is a strong experienced group with several potential state champions.

In the 11-12 age group, Leslie Dunbar, Jana Housman, Beth Murrah, Coroline Reed and Rena Tyler will compete in the girls division while the COM boys will be led by Gardy Gilliland, Trent Holtkort, Andrew Jordan, Karl Schmidt and Mike Seay. A lot of points are expected from this group in the battle for team totals.

Steve Baker, a 22-year-old right-hander who appeared in 15 games with Detroit last season, started for the Tigers, striking out five and allowing both hits and both runs in five innings.

Sheldon Burnside, a 24-year-old lefty who appeared in two games with Detroit last season, handled the next three innings, striking out six, and Hiller handled the last inning, chalking up the 12th strikeout — Mr. Rice again.

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Burnside's best pitch Thursday was a changeup. Last week, he was nursing a sore arm, and he didn't look good at the Tigers' minor league camp near Tigertown.

"I was throwing 60 miles an hour," Burnside said. "I had no whip. It was from pitching so much in winter

Young Tiger staff keeps Moss happy with performance

By The Associated Press

Detroit Tigers Manager Les Moss may be drawing straws before the weekend's over. He needs to trim his pitching staff, but his youngsters are not cooperating.

"They've done everything we've asked, all of them," Moss said. "Usually they eliminate themselves, but that hasn't been the case."

On Thursday, two of them combined with veteran reliever John Hiller to hit the Boston Red Sox, strike out 12 — including Jim Rice four times in a row — and give the Tigers a 6-2 victory.

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Kansas City chosen to win AL Western

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

The balance of power may be shifting from Kansas City to California in the American League West, thanks in large part to the trading policies of the Minnesota Twins.

The Twins made two major winter deals with the Angels and as a result, perennial batting champion Rod Carew is now working in California along with outfielder Dan Ford. In exchange for those two, the Angels surrendered six players, none of whom figured prominently in their 1979 plans.

WHITEY HERZOG, manager of the defending champion Kansas City Royals, couldn't help but notice the Angel deals, especially the one for Carew. "What surprised me about it was they got a player of Carew's ability without giving up a single regular," said Herzog.

The Royals have won three straight division crowns with essentially the same team and shoots for No. 4 with very few changes. The question is whether they'll be able to hold off the improved Angels and the ambitious Texas Rangers. After those three, Minnesota and Chicago occupy the middle of the division, with Oakland and Seattle in the rear.

1978 Finish — Kansas City, California, Texas, Minnesota, Chicago, Oakland, Seattle.

1979 Prediction — California, Kansas City, Texas, Minnesota, Chicago, Oakland, Seattle.

THE ANGELS did an effective job of plugging their holes over the winter. Besides getting Carew, baseball's best hitter, to play first base, California acquired Ford to replace the late Lyman Bostock in the outfield, and free agent Jim Barr for the bullpen.

Manager Jim Fregosi, starting his first full year as pilot of the club, figures to open with an infield of Carew at first, Bobby Grich at second, third baseman Carney Lansford, and either Dave Chalk or Rance Mulliniks at shortstop. Ford, Joe Rudi and Rick Miller are the outfielders, with Don Baylor the designated hitter and Brian Downing catching.

The pitching is impressive, headed by superstars Frank Tanana and Nolan Ryan and backed by Don Aase, Chris Knapp and Dave Frost. Barr joins a bullpen that includes Ken Brett, Dyar Miller and Dave LaRoche.

Kansas City presents the same cast that has won three straight division titles. Herzog has shuffled it a bit though, trying to get more mileage out of speedy Willie Wilson. "If Wilson plays fulltime, he'll steal 100 bases," the manager said.

That explains the spring training experiment switching Amos Otis to first base. If it works, Wilson will work in center field, flanked by Al Cowens and either Clint Hurdle, Tom Poquette, Steve Braun, Hal McRae or even Otis in left field.

GERIGE BRETT missed most of spring training with an injured thumb, but he'll be the everyday third baseman, with Freddie Patek at short, Frank White at second and either Otis or Pete LaCock or John Wathan at first. The catcher is Darrell Porter.

The return of Steve Busby strengthens the Royals pitching staff with Paul Splittorff, Dennis Leonard, Larry Gura and Rich Gale the main

Thunderstorms halt spring drills

MESA, Ariz. — In the aftermath of the tornado-spiced thunderstorms that ravages the Valley of the Sun Wednesday night, no one is quite sure whether Mesa is an island isolated from Phoenix or Phoenix is an island isolated from Mesa.

The one certainty is that the Salt River is on a rampage and there were only three passable bridges by which to get in or out of Phoenix, creating some super economy-sized traffic jams and lots of short-fused tempers.

While the clouds hang menacingly along the distant mountain ridges, sunshine has returned but it will take a while to dry out the waterlogged turf. In fact, it would be noon before any of the players would know for sure whether they'd get any work in before sundown.

WITH THE regular spring training routine of a morning practice and afternoon game interrupted, players found various ways to wile away the time. TV and perusing the morning paper were the less imaginative ways. In one room, the occupants were involved in a hot game Baseball Strategy, a game you could hear even if the contestants weren't visible from outside.

Down on the motel parking lot, Lee Smith, a pitcher with Midland last year, was doing a cleaning job on his automobile engine while Aaron Randall offered advice, soon to be joined by outfielder Eric Grandy and pitcher Michael Taylor, who hopes to make it to Midland this spring after pitching for the Texas League team in spring training last year, only to be cut.

COM enters TAGS Meet in Dallas

DALLAS — Twenty-nine City of Midland Swim Team members are here this weekend for the State Age Group Championships (TAGS) at the Loos Pool.

Andy Williams was the only COM qualifier in the boys 13-14 age division, but Andrea Freeman, Gretchen Koch, Suzi Simpson and Lori Thompson qualified in the girls division. This is a strong experienced group with several potential state champions.

In the 11-12 age group, Leslie Dunbar, Jana Housman, Beth Murrah, Coroline Reed and Rena Tyler will compete in the girls division while the COM boys will be led by Gardy Gilliland, Trent Holtkort, Andrew Jordan, Karl Schmidt and Mike Seay. A lot of points are expected from this group in the battle for team totals.

Steve Baker, a 22-year-old right-hander who appeared in 15 games with Detroit last season, started for the Tigers, striking out five and allowing both hits and both runs in five innings.

Sheldon Burnside, a 24-year-old lefty who appeared in two games with Detroit last season, handled the next three innings, striking out six, and Hiller handled the last inning, chalking up the 12th strikeout — Mr. Rice again.

Moss' problem is that he wants to carry nine pitchers, so he must cut Baker, Burnside or 24-year-old Jack Morris. Baker is 3-0 in spring training, and Burnside is the only southpaw on the squad besides the 35-year-old Hiller.

Burnside's best pitch Thursday was a changeup. Last week, he was nursing a sore arm, and he didn't look good at the Tigers' minor league camp near Tigertown.

"I was throwing 60 miles an hour," Burnside said. "I had no whip. It was from pitching so much in winter

Great performances in City Track Meet

City track results

By RICHARD VINCENT
Sports Writer

More outstanding performances were recorded Thursday afternoon at Memorial Stadium in the final day of the 1979 City Junior High Track Championship.

In girls competition, Alamo walked away with the seventh grade title with 193 points while Goddard was second and San Jacinto third. Goddard bagged the eighth grade division with 164 with Alamo second and San Jacinto third while Austin easily annexed the frosh crown with 105 with Edison second.

On the boys side, San Jacinto took the seventh with 138 followed in order by Alamo and Goddard. San Jacinto captured the eighth with 201 as Goddard was second and Alamo third while Austin pocketed the frosh competition with 110½ with Edison second.

PREZ TAKES LEAD

RIONEGRO, Colombia (AP)—Mexican Carlos Prez took the lead of the Rionegro International Golf Tournament Thursday with a 5-under-par 67.

Spain's Manuel Calero and Colombian Alfredo Puerto finished second at 68.

Another Mexican, Ernesto Perez, tied with American Karl Lorez and Spanish Ramon Munoz with 70. Alberto Rivadeneira from Argentina had a 71.

THE GIRLS continued to pelt the record book with 10 more new bests established and two more tied. In all, 25 new records were set and three were equalled.

The second day of girls action involved the field events. In seventh grade, Henderson of Alamo copped the long jump and triple jump and set records in each. During Wednesday's first round, she set records with wins in the 100 and 220. Other seventh grade field event winners were Minor of Goddard with a new best in the shot and Mathis of San Jacinto with a new mark in the high jump.

Griffin of Alamo set new eighth grade standards with wins in the long jump and triple jump. Kenney of Goddard won the high jump and en route tied the record while Avila of Goddard grabbed the shot put title.

AUSTIN'S OLSEN took the frosh long jump and triple jump, with record-setting efforts in each, while Riggs of Austin rewrote the shot put best and Edison's Parker tied the high jump record.

Although only six boys records fell during the meet, there were some excellent contests in all divisions. Three new bests were established Wednesday, including 12-9 in the frosh pole vault by Edison's Jay Motter. Thursday in the seventh grade, Gibbs of Goddard, who set a record on the first day in the long jump, bettered both the 220 and 330 standards. Thursday's other boys record went to eighth

grader Valentin Vela of San Jacinto in the 330.

Joining Gibbs and Vela, who also grabbed the 660, as double winners was San Jacinto's Kyle Kitto, who took the 70 hurdles and the 230 barriers.

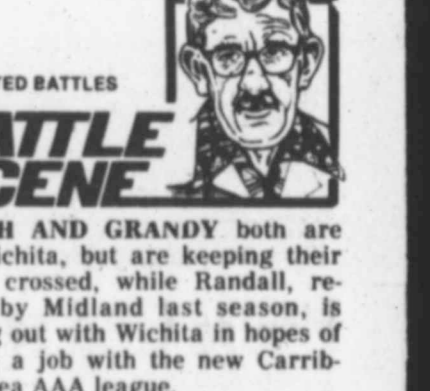
OTHER BOYS seventh grade winners were the Alamo 440 relay, Ross Petree of San Jacinto in the 660, Terry McGowan of Alamo in the 100, Armando Padilla of Goddard in the 1320 and the Goddard 1320 relay.

Eighth grade winners were San Jacinto in the 440 relay and 1320 relay, Murdar Lara of San Jacinto in the 70 hurdles, Phillips of San Jacinto in the century, Damon Polk of Goddard in the 230 sticks, Madrid of San Jacinto in the furlong and Diego Maldonado of San Jacinto in the 1320.

TITLISTS In the ninth grade were the Austin 440 relay and mile relay, Norman Young of Austin in the 660, Al Ochoa of Edison in the 70 hurdles, Stan Caston of Edison in the 100, Troy Barber of Austin in the quartermile, Bart Ryan of Austin in the 230 hurdles, Mike Swearingen of Austin in the half lap and Greg Sotelo of Edison in the 1320.

One girls running final was completed Thursday as Austin won the 880 relay in record time.

The top four finishers in each event from all divisions qualified for the Midland-Odessa Meet, which will be held next week at Memorial Stadium.



TED BATTLES
BATTLE SCENE

SMITH AND GRANDY both are with Wichita, but are keeping their fingers crossed, while Randall, released by Midland last season, is working out with Wichita in hopes of hooking a job with the new Caribbean area AAA league.

"I've had some contracts and C.V. Davis (Chicago Cubs Farm Director) is trying to help me hook on with someone," Aaron explained. "If it doesn't work out, I'll probably stay here and try to continue the work I was doing in Midland and work towards a degree in psychology at Arizona State and then return to Midland."

Randall has worked with the mentally-retarded in Midland the last two winters, but feels he is somewhat handicapped in the contributions he can make by the fact that his college degrees were in business and accounting.

Meanwhile, with no performances to evaluate, staff meetings of coaches, manager and instructors were flavored by a little yarn-swapping. When the subject of fireballing pitcher Henry Mack, acquired from the Phils during the off season and destined for either Wichita or Midland, was brought up, Wichita Manager Jack Hiatt recalled when a high school kid named Nolan Ryan reported the Astrodome for a look one long ago summer.

"JACK STEPHENSON was catching him and they were most impressed, naturally, by his fast ball," Hiatt related. "One of the coaches asked him if he had a curve and Nolan said, 'Sure I got a curve'. Stephenson had never seen the kid before and was concentrating on where it would break. The coach then told Ryan to 'bring his fastball', only Nolan didn't give the hand signal to Stephenson. Jack didn't get his mitt up in time and suffered a broken collar bone."

Hiatt continued, "Later in the year, after Ryan had pitched in the minors, he was brought back up and taken down to the bullpen to throw. Stephenson again was the catcher. He was just throwing fast balls, so Jack didn't have a mask or protector on. One of the coaches asked Ryan if he had a changeup. Ryan said, 'Sure I've got a changeup.' He signaled Stephenson for a changeup, but his changeup came in at 95 miles-per-hour. The pitch hit Stephenson right between the eyes. Twice in one season, Jack was knocked out of action by Ryan."

CACTUS FLOWERS—Steve Davis, former Midland Cubs' shortstop who a second base candidate with Chicago this spring, is hitting .350 and George Riley, who pitched for Midland last year and isn't expected to stick with Chicago this year, has the best ERA of any Cubs pitcher this spring with 2.25. Arizona State, a national power as the perennial champion of the WAC, is finding life isn't so beautiful in the Pac-10. The Sun Devils are only 2-6, however, with 22 games left, there is no panic, although USC comes in this weekend for a three-game series...

Chako Higuchi captures lead after round of 69

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Her swaying swing defies universal form, but Chako Higuchi, the queen of Japanese golf, is disinclined to tamper with success.

"The sway helps me get distance," explained the 33-year-old veteran. Because of wet and soggy conditions at the 6,174-yard, par-71 Mesa Verde Country Club, distance was difficult Thursday, but her 2-under-par 69 stood alone as the first-round lead in the \$150,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

The 5-foot-4 Higuchi mastered the front nine with three consecutive birdies and had a round of 33-36, putting her in position for her first tour victory since 1977.

Missing only four greens, her steady play sent her into today's second round with a 1-stroke lead over five challengers, including Jan Stephenson. Two strokes back, among a group of seven, was Nancy Lopez, bidding for her third 1979 victory.

Higuchi, with only three American victories since joining the tour in 1970, was aided by new-found putting prowess.

"I've been hitting the ball well, but putting has been a problem. I would have won last week if I had putted well," she said, referring to her

fourth-place finish in the Sahara tournament.

Because heavy rains this week made the Mesa Verde course unplayable early Thursday, officials delayed the start of the tournament by an hour. Darkness forced two late-starting groups to quit before finishing their rounds. Those groups were to complete their first round today before beginning the second.

Joining Stephenson at one stroke back were Sandra Post, newcomer Alice Ritzman, Jan Ferraris and Bobbie Bryant.

Lopez, who started the day with a bogey, was at par 71 with Sally Little, Sandra Spuzich, Gail Toushin, Donna Young and Kathy Young.

JoAnne Carner, currently the No. 2 money-winner in 1979 behind Lopez, was three strokes off the pace at 72, as were eight others.

Stephenson said she hoped her best start in years would provide her with increased confidence and momentum. She has just three LPGA victories since joining the tour in 1976.

"I'm just terribly emotional," Stephenson said. "I always doubt myself. The only time I do well is when I get off to a start like this. You can't afford to fall down; not with Nancy out there every week."

Lopez said she was pleased with her game but disappointed at missing many birdie attempts.

The 72-hole tournament, which offers \$22,500 to the winner, is sponsored by Kemper.



Carner is thankful for birdie putt on Thursday.

Jackson brawls way into GG quarterfinals

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Clinton Jackson is after his fourth Golden Gloves crown and the 24-year-old sheriff's deputy from Nashville, Tenn., is confident he'll get it.

A four-time Amateur Athletic Union champion who boxed for the United States in the 1976 Olympics, Jackson brawled his way to tonight's quarter-finals with victories in two 156-pound bouts at the 51st National Golden Gloves tournament Thursday night.

Jackson, whose long career includes a 1975 Pan American games gold medal, pounded Anthony Dee of Kansas City, Mo., without letup to gain the decision in his first bout. He later took a decision over Charles Carter of Las Vegas.

"I'm gonna win," Jackson, 24, said afterwards. "They've got some pretty good boxers here, but I think I'll do it."

A quarter-finalist at the Montreal Olympics, Jackson says his ambition is to win at the 1980 Games in Moscow and then turn pro.

"It won't take me more than a year to win the professional title with the right coaching," he said. "Then I can make enough money to sit back and work with the kids."

He was referring to his teammates on the Nashville Sheriff's Department team fighting here under the banner of the Knoxville Golden Gloves squad: welterweight Mike McCallum, flyweight Jerome Coffee, and lightweight Johnny Bumphus. All have shots at titles this year.

In earlier 112-pound action Thursday night, Coffee, a 1977 AAU winner, bested Joe Johnson of Detroit.

A total of 113 bouts in five weight classes were on Thursday's card. Most of the top names passed early tests and moved toward Friday's 41 quarter-final matches at the Indiana Convention and Exposition Center.

Two-time AAU national champion

Eiichi Jumawan of Hawaii outpointed Florida's Clifford Gray in a first-round 125-pound fight.

Jumawan, a native of Okinawa, now living in Wahiawa, Hawaii, is looking for his first Golden Gloves title.

The 5-foot-5 Jumawan was the national AAU champ at 119 pounds in 1975 and won last year's AAU 125-pound crown. However, he lost to Bernard Taylor of Charlotte, N.C., in the Golden Gloves during those years.

Jumawan found himself in a close match with Gray, whom he sized up as a "very quick, very fast, very smart opponent." Gray avoided most

of the Hawaiian's lightning-like combinations for two rounds.

"My corner told me I had it won," said Jumawan. "But I thought I better go out and get it." He did, pressuring Gray in the third round to take the decision.

In one of Thursday night's upsets, 1978 106-pound champion James Cullins, Bladensburg, Md., was dethroned by Jeff Hanna in a second-round flyweight match.

Earlier, Cullins outpointed Orvin Flying Horse, from Chlocco, Okla., while Hanna scored a unanimous decision over Rick Ranelli of Syracuse, N.Y. in 112-pound matches.

Exhibition baseball

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Braves' A squad bowing 13-10 to Minnesota and their B squad losing to Houston 2-1. San Diego vs. Milwaukee was canceled because of wet grounds.

Philadelphia got two-run homers from Bake McBride and Pete Mackanin, and Pete Rose made his debut as a Phillie against his former teammates.

Rose grounded out three times and fled out once getting a mixed reception from the Reds' home crowd at Tampa, Fla., but he said the scattering of boos didn't bother him.

"I'm not a very emotional person," he said. "It might have bothered me if I really didn't want to leave (Cincinnati) in the first place."

McBride's homer came in the fifth, and Mackanin homered in the Phils' five-run eighth.

Three Mets pitchers — Wayne Twitchell, Skip Lockwood and Mike Bruhart — combined on a two-hitter, striking out 12, to stymie the Cards. Bruhart also delivered a run-scoring

grounder in the Mets' three-run eighth inning.

Gary Carter drove in the tying run with a double, then scored the game-winner on Jerry White's single in the eighth inning as the Expos topped Texas. Carter also had a solo homer in the sixth off Rangers starter Doc Medich.

Bill Robinson and Rennie Stennett each had two-run homers to power the Pirates past Baltimore. Kiko Garcia and Ken Singleton had consecutive homers for the Orioles in the seventh.

DAVE MCKAY'S two-run single in the fifth inning lifted Toronto over Kansas City, and Gary Alexander tripled with one out in the ninth to drive in the winning run as Cleveland downed the Angels.

Jeff Newman singled three times, driving in two runs, to help Oakland deal Seattle its sixth straight loss, and Claudell Washington drove in two runs and scored once to pace the White Sox past the Yankees.

Luke Easter shot to death during robbery of bank

EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — Former Cleveland Indians slugger Luscious "Luke" Easter, who was shot to death by two gunmen in a robbery Thursday, was a peaceful man, according to those who knew him.

His only violence came during games when he slugged balls with all his might. He walloped what is regarded as the longest home run ever hit in Cleveland Stadium in June 1950. It traveled 477 feet.

Easter, 63, was slain Thursday morning outside a Euclid bank where he had gone to cash about \$40,000 in checks as a favor for his fellow workers at TRW Inc. He was a union steward there.

Two men rushed up to him, fired a shotgun at him and fled with the bag of money, according to a witness.

Police said Easter was hit just above the heart, by the charge from the shotgun, as he left the Cleveland Trust Co. branch office.

Police were holding two men, aged 31 and 32, in connection with the shooting Thursday. The two were lodged in the City Jail, but no charges had been filed.

Police said about \$30,000 of the money was recovered when the two were apprehended following a police chase and gun battle. Officers speculated that more may be hidden in the alleged escape car.

Police said the two men lost control of their car and slid into a bridge

abutment. The driver allegedly fired at a police car, shattering the windshield but missing the officers. The other man allegedly shot at police from behind a car, officers said. There were no injuries.

After leaving the Indians, Easter continued to play in the minors for many years.

KC West pick

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such as Ross Baumgarten, Rich Wortham and Steve Trout, son of a onetime Tiger star.

Eric Soderholm will play third base, Orta is at second and Lamar Johnson at first, with Lemon, Washington and probably Ralph Garr or Bob Molinaro in the outfield and Bill Nahorodny catching.

The return of Steve Busby strengthens the Royals pitching staff with Paul Splittorff, Dennis Leonard, Larry Gura and Rich Gale the main starters and the Mad Hungarian, Al Hrabosky, the No. 1 man out of the bullpen.

Texas did some housecleaning over the winter and new Manager Pat Corrales will have a somewhat new face. The rebuilt bullpen has Sparky Lyle and Jim Kern, as good a lefty-righty combination as there is in the league.

M-Cubs take 6-4 victory

By TED BATTLES Sports Editor

MESA, Ariz. — Outfielder Carlos Lezcano is alive, well and throwing three-for-three in the Texas League. What's more, he can count five finger tips on each hand although one is so bent it looks like an afterthought.

Lezcano is the cousin of Milwaukee's outfielder Sixto Lezcano. He came out of Florida State in 1977 to play 71 games as a pro rookie after joining the Cubs in mid-season.

Lezcano, a 24-year-old native of Prio Peidras, P.R., did little more than get his feet wet last season and was looking forward to his first full year in the Texas League last spring, planning lofty plateaus of achievement.

Maybe he was showing someone just how high he expected to go that day coming home from practice when he leaped up to touch a sign. When he came down, he left a finger, caught by a loose ring.

They sewed it back on, but Carlos was out for the year and some suspected for his career.

When Midland's trip to Sun City was wiped out by wet ground, the Texas League Cubs played big brother Wichita instead at Ho Ho Kam Park. Lezcano cracked out two singles and a triple to lead Midland to a 6-4 win.

"The finger? It feels good and it doesn't bother me at all," Lezcano assures. "In fact, the way it is bent at the end helps me dip the ball when I throw."

Lezcano adds that his performance against Wichita was no flashing appearance. "I didn't play any ball last summer, but I did play in the Puerto Rican League last winter," and led in home runs, runs batted in and stolen bases.

Outside of Lezcano and John Hartin, who singled, most of the Midland lineup consisted of strangers as far as Midland fans are concerned. However, if Mike Turgeon, a 23-year-old from Groton, Conn., starting his second pro season, has many more days like he did Thursday, he won't be a stranger to Midland fans for long.

Turgeon doubled twice, singled once and batted in two runs in four trips.

Bill Hayes, who caught for Midland pitchers and threw against Midland batters while batting in the Wichita lineup, had two of the six Aeros hits. Buddy Lowe, Mario Avallone and Jack Ledbetter pitched against Midland allowing 12 hits.

Hogs work on passing game

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas devoted its workout Thursday to toning up its pass rush and pass protection in preparation for Friday's first major scrimmage of spring training.

"Those are the two areas that need the most work," Coach Lou Holtz said.

After the practice session, Holtz said, "Our offensive linemen are making good progress on fundamentals. They're coming off the ball and maintaining their blocks much better."

He rated the Razorbacks' pass coverage as the best Arkansas has had in two years. "Our drops, going to the ball and tackling are all good," Holtz said.

"Our rush is not what it needs to be, but then, we have a lot of young defensive linemen," he said. "If we could combine a good rush with the

coverage we're getting, I'd feel much better about our pass defense."

Holtz said his philosophy about spring training is that there should be no scrimmages until midway through training. "We've reached that point now. Our scrimmage Friday will be a very important one. Our first meaningful depth

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