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Gently grafting a new branch on to a well-established pecan tree in Midland Draw is Dr. Michael Kilby, a horticulturalist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at El Paso. Dr. Kilby was

in the area Tuesday to show local pecan fanciers how to care for their trees. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

School board rejects giving credit for participation in band activities

By SUSAN TOTH
Staff Writer

The Midland school board Tuesday turned down a request by parents to award grade points for band participation despite predictions the action would deplete the ranks of the bandmen.

A group of some 20 parents gathered for the regular meeting to make the request, which had been tabled at the board's Feb. 20 meeting. At the earlier meeting, board members had allowed band to be substituted for physical education in grades nine through 12.

They balked at the grade point request, however, because grading was based on participation, attitude and attendance rather than on academic requirements. They also voted to stop giving grade points for work on the school yearbook.

Parents countered that other school districts gave grade points for band and choir participation with no problem. They also contended grade points were needed for band to bring up the overall average, which they said sometimes suffered because of the time demanded to play in the band.

Superintendent James Malley, however, noted no activity classes were given grade points since most of the grades in classes like band, choir, physical education, athletics and office practice were A's.

Grade points are used only to determine class ranking, a ranking which some colleges use in determining entrance requirements.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Doug Brown noted that, for very high-ranking students, grade points for band

could lower class standing because of the extra grade points given for honors classes but not for band.

Parents pointed out that many students had assumed they would get grade points for band grades since letter grades were given in the class and no mention of the policy was made prior to the students' band participation.

Several Midland parents expressed concern that band would become a "luxury course," to be taken only by students who could afford not to get grade points for the time they expended on the activity.

They also requested that, since no grade points were to be given, some time demands made by the band be dropped and the grading system be changed to E, S and U so students and their parents would understand the grade did not effect overall averages.

Trustees agreed to look at the grading system again if it appeared band participation or discipline were hurt by the decision.

Trustees also heard the rest of a report on expanding vocational programs in the schools.

Cost projections for buildings to house the new programs ran to \$1.05 million, with a major portion of the expense going to build a 3,000-square-foot facility for high school building trades courses and three barns at a new agriculture farm lab for Lee High School.

In a recent survey of students, parents, teachers and business people, building trades was the most requested course in three of the four groups

and second for the fourth, according to officials.

Trustees took the report under advisement.

In other business, trustees set the dates and tuition for summer school. First quarter will run from June 5 to June 22, second quarter from June 25 to July 16 and third quarter from July 17 to Aug. 6.

Tuition fees will range from \$20 to \$25, depending on the courses taken.

Trustees also agreed to allow Midland High School drama coach James Buchanan to produce summer musicals on the MHS stage without charge. They originally granted him a special rate of \$30 per hour to cover utility costs, but changed their minds after consideration of the summer sports program to be run by coaches on school property.

Coaches apparently run the summer sports programs as commercial enterprises, but are not charged for use of the school facilities. Since the drama productions will be supervised by faculty members and will include many city high school students as well as professional actors, the board decided there should be no charge for that use as well.

Trustees also agreed to allow the city Parks and Recreation Department to use school facilities for the summer recreation program, agreed to pay \$8,750 for an elementary school site in northeast Midland County and appointed members of the board of equalization.

They also accepted bids for \$10,999.52 in chemical fertilizer and \$32,741.33 in paper products for the cafeteria.

Speaker candidate criticizes Rep. Craddick's mining bills

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Rep. John Wilson, who wants to be speaker, says he is appalled that the House would pass two bills revising Texas strip mining laws without any discussion.

Both bills, sent to the Senate on Tuesday, are sponsored by Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland.

Wilson, an opponent of Speaker Bill Clayton for speaker of the 1979 House,

scored the "mood of the House" that would allow such legislation to pass without a thorough airing.

"You couldn't have passed an 88-page comprehensive strip mining bill up here four years ago without three days of debate. When you get up there on the House floor (now), you have got to have 76 votes (a majority) for your bill," he said.

Carter to make TV address on energy

Proposal expected to tax away oil companies' windfall profits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter makes a nationally broadcast address Thursday night to outline a plan which is expected to let domestic oil prices rise to world levels while taxing away from oil companies most of the resulting profit.

The president also is considering announcing formation of a presidential commission to investigate the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, a mishap that further complicates Carter's already uncomfortable energy dilemma.

Carter's decision to seek about 20 minutes of broadcast time at 9 p.m.

EST Thursday, prime evening television viewing time, was announced Tuesday at the White House.

The immediate impact of Carter's expected action will be further upward pressure on the already soaring prices of gasoline, home heating oil and other petroleum fuels. Gasoline could go up 7 cents to 15 cents per gallon during the next 2½ years, according to various unofficial estimates.

White House officials, who asked not to be named, said Carter also will ask Congress to enact a tax plan vaguely similar to his "wellhead tax"

Officials still trying to cool reactor core

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — As week-long tensions ease, authorities are waiting for Three Mile Island's smoldering reactor core to reach a cold shutdown before declaring all danger is past in the nation's most serious nuclear accident.

"There is still a potential that some loss of cooling mechanism might still cause the core to become uncovered," said Harold Denton, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's chief of operations in Harrisburg.

"We are right now developing and looking at plans for the most effective way to bring the reactor to a cold shutdown without an increased leakage from the plant," he added at a Tuesday briefing.

A gas bubble that had threatened to displace the reactor's cooling water, exposing the core and raising the possibility of a catastrophic meltdown, was eliminated by engineers. This advanced their efforts to reach a cold shutdown — bringing the reactor to a point where it could no longer pose any risk of escaping control.

"The news is better. The chances of any catastrophic event have been greatly reduced. Maybe the worst is over," said Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

But he extended his advisory that pregnant women and pre-schoolers remain out of the plant's five-mile radius and that schools in that area stay shut.

Meanwhile, thousands of people trickled back to their homes, and schools outside the five-mile radius reopened. Civil Defense officials estimated that as many as one-fourth of the region's 950,000 residents may have fled.

As anxieties waned over the immediate problems, Congress began looking into the long-range health consequences of the accident that began one week ago today with radiation leaking from the plant. Officials said radiation within the reactor containment building remained lethal.

Several congressmen active on nuclear issues said Tuesday, after a briefing by White House and National Security Council officials, that radiation from the plant may be released for weeks or even months to come.

Although federal officials say ra-

diation outside the plant is well within safe levels, many health experts contend that prolonged exposure to even low levels of radiation can have slow-developing but serious health effects.

The bubble, a concentration of lethal radioactive and potentially explosive hydrogen and oxygen, was

fired up again remains an open question.

Robert Benero, an NRC decontamination expert, said cleaning up the facility's radiation would take "many, many months, maybe a year or two."

And Thornburgh fueled speculation that the plant might be closed permanently unless company officials prove it works safely.

"Anyone who wants to resume or expand nuclear power has a pretty heavy burden with this accident in Pennsylvania," he said.

He also said federal and state analysts had found no threat of contamination in milk produced in the region.

Tests from 22 dairy farms showed levels of radioactive iodine at 11 to 46 picocuries per liter — far below the 12,000 picocuries at which the government recommends protective steps.

"I can say there is no present danger to consumers from milk produced in this area," Thornburgh said.

He denounced talk of radioactive food as "sensational reports and unfounded rumors."

The state also opened up a telephone hotline to answer questions about the accident.

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drawn off from the reactor and processed into non-explosive forms.

The reactor chamber was still under pressure, which meant any failure in the cooling system could complicate matters again.

Cold shutdown comes when the reactor's water cools to between 100 to 150 degrees without pressure. Denton said the temperature in the nuclear core remained at 280 degrees.

Another problem remaining was the recycling and cleaning of the 250,000 gallons of radioactive water that covers the core.

Whether the reactor — contained in a concrete colossus on an island in the Susquehanna River — is ever

Absentee voters in Midland turn out in record numbers

Record numbers of Midlanders turned out to vote absentee this year, apparently attracted by hotly contested school board races and a referendum item on Plan O.

A record 1,786 Midlanders cast absentee ballots for the April 7 school board, city and hospital district elections.

Some 657 of those waited until Tuesday — the last day of absentee balloting — to cast early ballots.

The large turnout outstripped a previous joint election record of 1,217 absentee ballots cast in 1975.

Although he was making no prediction, Midland City Secretary James McCullough said, based on the large absentee vote, "there's likely to be a heavy turnout" for the regular April 7 balloting.

Voters in the joint election will choose candidates to hold three school board places, three city council places and three at-large places on the Midland County Hospital District board of directors.

Voters also will be able to vote yes or no on the question "Are you in favor of the consolidation of Lee High School and Midland High School?"

Campaign expense reports show candidates spent almost \$30,000

By SUSAN TOTH
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Democratic elections in a free enterprise system are good for the local economy, or at least that's what was indicated Tuesday by an examination of candidates' contribution and expense reports for Saturday's upcoming election.

Candidates in the school board, city and hospital district elections to be decided by voters Saturday have dropped a total of \$29,824.62 into the Midland economy since the beginning of the campaigns.

Reports reflecting that were filed Monday, as required by law, by a number of candidates.

School board races, as expected, cost the most to run, with candidates already spending as much as \$5,700 for the non-paying positions.

In the race for Place 5 on the school board being vacated by David Grimes, Parker Humes led the way in spending, but fell behind in contributions to his opponent Penny Angelo.

Humes had \$900 in contributions from seven Midlanders, but already has spent \$4,877.92 on the race.

Mrs. Angelo reported collecting \$1,251 in gifts and contributions from 13 sources while spending \$1,913.

In the Place 6 race for the board, Oralia "Lilly" Corrales took the lead in both collecting and spending over her three opponents. She reported taking in \$3,268 from 90 sources, including \$1,500 from a benefit barbecue dinner, and spending \$3,811.98 for campaign expenses.

Place 6 incumbent Edward Runyan showed contributions of \$1,200 from seven donors, and expenses of \$1,046.07 so far in the campaign.

Candidate Alice M. Greer showed contributions of only \$375, but expenses of \$1,541.74 for printing and advertising

costs. The fourth candidate in the race, Raul Salazar, did not return the required report by the Monday deadline.

In Place 7, challenger Joyce Sherrad almost doubled incumbent Ann Page's spending, but the two are nearly equal in the contributions column.

Mrs. Sherrad has spent \$5,766.67 thus far in her effort to unseat Mrs. Page, while collecting money and gifts of \$915.85 from eight sources.

Mrs. Page has spent \$2,891.56 on her campaign to date and has reported contributions of \$650 from six people.

A candidate for Place 1 on Midland City Council has outspent the other six candidates for council posts, but an incumbent in another race has received the most contributions among the candidates.

Jim Hampton, trying for Place 1 against incumbent Doris Howbert and Woodrow W. Bailey Jr., has spent 1,881.05 on his campaign for the April 7 election. But Hampton has received no contributions, according to his report.

Carroll M. Thomas, seeking re-election to Place 3, reported he has received \$2,235, including \$1,500 he is loaning the campaign. He has spent almost as much as Hampton, with \$1,871.98 in expenditures listed on Thomas' report.

Thomas' top contributors are Ralph Way, 2100 N. L St., \$100; George Staley, 1507 Princeton St., \$300, and Ford Chapman, 2004 Humble St., \$50. Winfree Brown of 1400 Murray St. donated \$150 in the form of 15 4-by-8 foot signs and holders.

Thomas is opposed by Jack M. Moore and Bill Carol Thomas.

The smallest amount has been spent by Bill Thomas, with \$132.22 listed. He listed no contributions.

The next smallest amount of expenditures is Bailey, with \$181.40 spent. But, reported receiving \$1,080 in con-

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Western Park Plaza, a 92,000-square-foot complex adjacent to the new Western State Bank Building at 1030 Andrews Highway, will occupy a 9.2 acre tract being developed by Billingsley Enterprises, Inc. at a cost of \$4 million. On completion, the plaza will be part of a horse-shoe-shaped complex formed by five new units, the bank, Handy Dan and Skaggs Albertson. Completion date for the facility, which will include 400 parking spaces, has been set for May 1980.

Record beef prices to increase even higher through summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beef prices, already setting records, will rise about 20 percent this year, probably reaching their highest point this summer, the Agriculture Department estimates.

The department said Tuesday the rise in beef prices "probably will peak sometime during the summer," when an increase in pork and poultry supplies is expected to help stem the rise.

But that still means the all-cut beef price used by economists probably will be about \$2.18 a pound by year's end — compared to last year's record average of \$1.82 a pound.

The all-cut average, \$1.62 a pound in February 1978, had soared to \$2.14 a pound this February, when the average price was 32.3 percent higher than the same month in 1978 and 4.4 percent above the average price in January of this year.

The latest estimate of a 20 percent hike in beef prices for 1979 outdistances Agriculture Department estimates released in January. At that time, officials said beef prices might rise an additional 14 percent this year.

On a brighter note, Agriculture officials also reported Tuesday that retail pork prices "will decline, but the extent of their decline will be limited by the reduced beef supply."

They predicted that 1979 pork prices "are expected to average just above" the 1978 price of \$1.44 a pound.

The steady increase in beef prices is blamed by analysts on an abundance of beef in 1976 and 1977. A

record 42.6 million cattle were slaughtered in 1976, sending prices for a pound of choice beef down from \$1.55 in 1975 to an average \$1.48 in 1976.

The large supplies of cattle meant smaller profits for ranchers — and they responded by cutting back on the size of their herds. By 1978, only 39.5 million cattle were slaughtered, compared to the 42.6 million killed in 1976. This year, government officials estimate that only 36.2 million cattle will be slaughtered — the lowest level since 1973.

Cattlemen currently are rebuilding the herds, but that means keeping animals for breeding that otherwise might go to market. Experts say it will take several years to build the herds back up to previous sizes.



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Plains sustain little damage from erosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Great Plains, periodic scene of some of the grimmest dust bowls imaginable, appears to be well on its way to having one of the best seasons for wind erosion in a decade.

Improved moisture conditions and protective snow cover have helped reduce wind damage to land in the vast region by 30 percent from a year ago, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

A total of 1,170,849 acres were reported damaged in the 10-state region, more than three-fifths of it in two states — Montana and Texas — during the first four months of the season that began Nov. 1.

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Tattoist ready for crush

CHICAGO (AP) — Spring is here and Dale Grande, an artist with an electric needle instead of a brush and skin to work

on instead of a canvas, is sharpening up for his busiest time of the year.

"In warm weather people wear less and show more. They like to show off their tattoos and get a few new ones — not just men, but women, too. Women make up 30 percent to 40 percent of my trade," said Grande, 27, whose Chicago Tattooing Co. is the last major parlor in Chicago.

He said most of his women customers are in their mid-20s or early 30s and are employed as

nurses, secretaries and receptionists.

"They go mainly for butterflies and flowers," says Grande, who on a busy day may work on 10 customers with his buzzing needle that injects a spectrum of colored ink under the skin.

"The women have favorite places for their tattoos — breasts, shoulders, buttocks, hips, ankles and behind the knees," said Grande. "One woman customer is an eye surgeon. Several others are housewives who may admire a tattoo

on their husbands and want one like it."

Jim Dax, a 30-year-old truck driver, is one of Grande's best customers. He is getting his entire back tattooed with a warrior-horse theme.

"I want to be tattooed tastefully for the enjoyment of my friends as well as for myself," he said. "It can be a come-on for girls. They see my arms covered with tattoos and they say: 'Can we see the rest of you? Bet you've got them all over.' Just wait until I show off my new back on

the beach this summer!"

Grande said a tattoo "becomes part of the body and is accepted that way. ... It can be removed only by surgery or abrading with a wire brush."

"A tattoo can have a powerful effect on a person. I have a guy only 5-foot-2 who walked out feeling 6-foot tall with a tattoo on his bicep," said Grande. "In my seven years in the business, only once or twice has a person sat down ready for a tattoo and backed out."

"The pain is tolerable. It's like a slight burning sensation," he said. "Just the surface of the skin is broken. There is little bleeding."

Grande has thousands of designs to choose from. He makes up others and copies some from magazines, making sketches beforehand. He has tattoos on his arms and chest — a dragon, and a sea wife of a dragon king. Another tattoo artist worked on him.

"The biggest change in the profession has been the use of a full spectrum of colors," Grande said.

"Used to be just black, blue, green and red. Butterflies, birds and flowers are popular because of their colors. And panthers and cross bones still are old standbys."

Grande charges a minimum of \$20 for a tattoo (a small turtle, for instance) and the average is from \$35 to \$45. He said a \$1,000 back job was his biggest.

"It took five different sittings and 30 hours of work," he said. "The art went from the top of the man's neck to the small of his back. It was a Japanese demon guarding the pores of his body, and dragons with clouds of flames."

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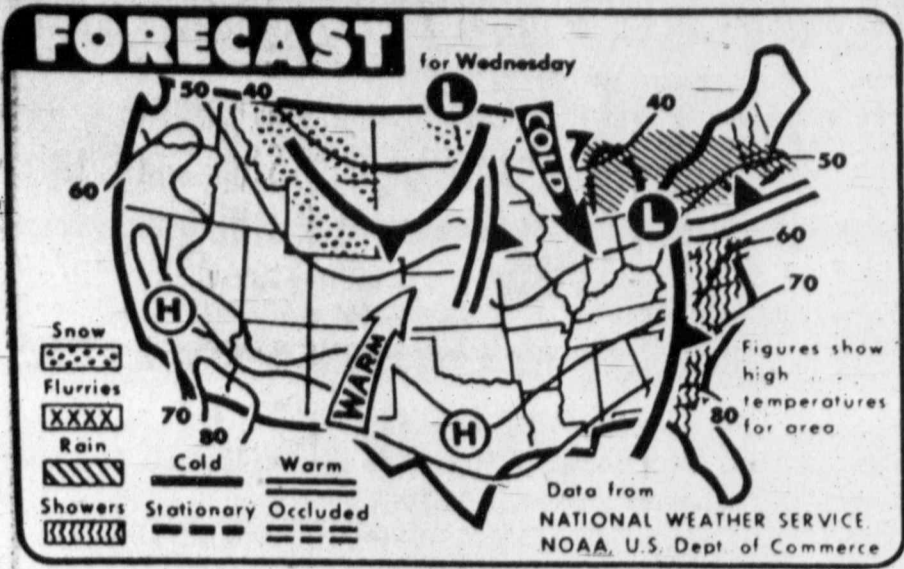
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is due today from the Lakes area through parts of New York and southern New England, according to the National Weather Service.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for Midland, Odessa, Big Lake, Rankin, Garden City, Andrews, Lamesa, Big Spring, Stanton. Includes weather conditions and statistics.

The weather elsewhere

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

Texas thermometer

Table showing high, low, and precipitation for various Texas cities including Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Childress, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Dalhart, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, McAllen, Midland, Mineral Wells, Palestine, Pecos, San Angelo, San Antonio, Shreveport, La., Stephenville, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, Wink.

Texas area forecasts

North Texas: Clearing from west today. Mostly fair through Thursday. Cool today and tonight. Warmer Thursday. Highs 61 to 68. Lows 29 to 36. Highs Thursday 70s. Lows 40s and 50s. Highs Thursday 70s and 80s.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair extreme west. Clearing elsewhere today, becoming fair to partly cloudy through Thursday. Warmer. Highs 54 to 64. Lows 36 to 46. Partly cloudy to near southeast. Highs Thursday mostly 60s.

High in low 70s expected for Permian Basin Thursday

Another cool, clear spring day should be on tap Thursday for residents of the Permian Basin. Thursday is expected to dawn with fair skies and culminate with a high temperature in the low 70s, according to the National Weather Service office at Midland Regional Airport.

for an April 3 are 94 degrees set in 1946 and 28 degrees set in 1945. Area towns were reporting light clouds and cool temperatures this morning. Forecasts called for clearing skies and warmer temperatures today after thunderstorm activity moved eastward out of East Texas into Louisiana.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Due to an error in composition appearing in a Letter to the Editor in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram, the corrected letter is being reproduced as follows:

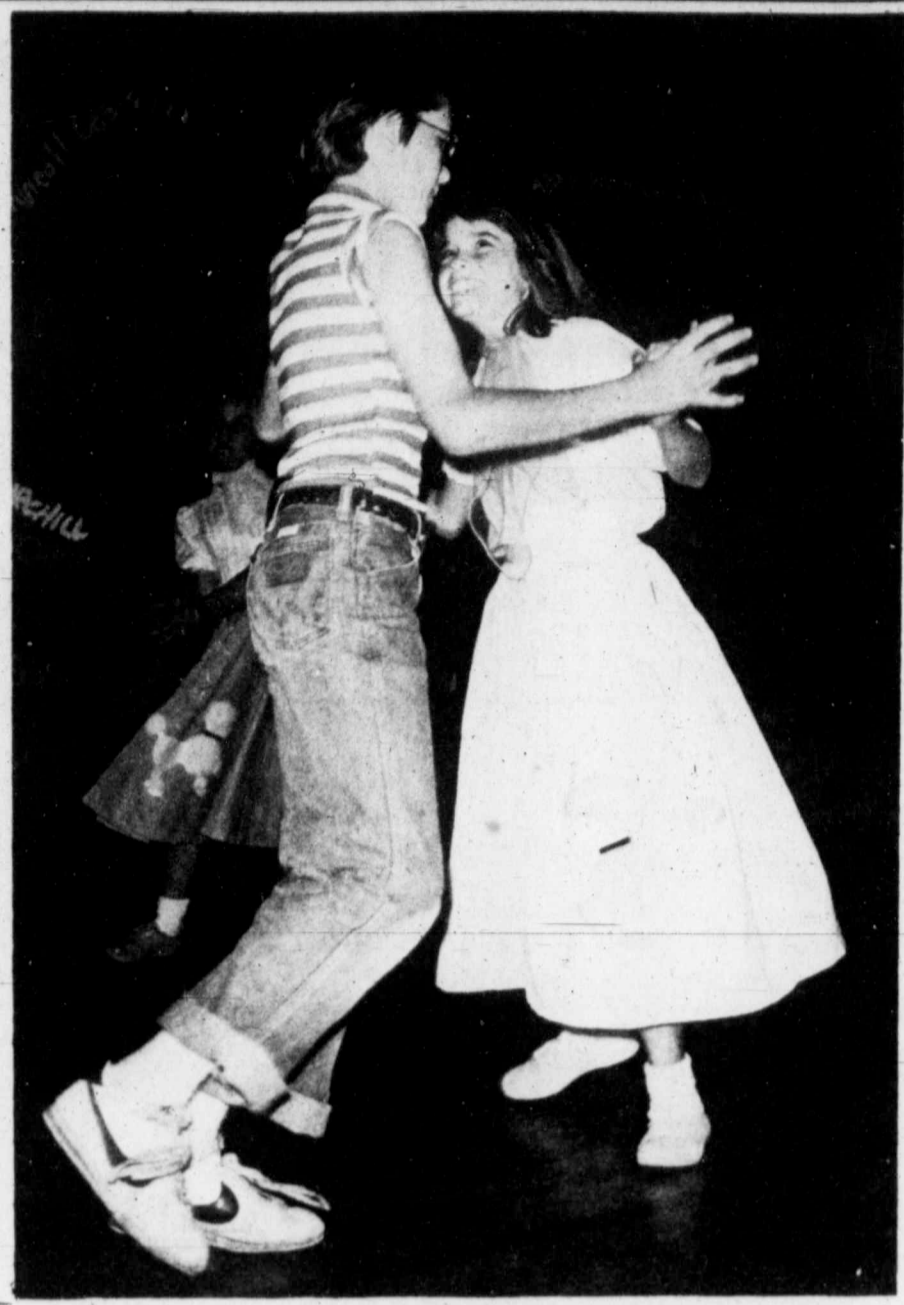
An inside look

To The Editor: Since I served on the Midland School Board for two years with Ann Page, I feel I owe the public my opinion of Ann as a school board member. From serving with Ann I view her position on vital issues as follows:

discipline within the schools. 4. Vocational Programs — Ann has been a strong supporter of improving and expanding the present programs. 5. Fiscal Responsibility — Even though Ann always worked towards improving the schools in every way, she never forgot the taxpayer; working towards those goals without unnecessary expenditures.

Candidates report \$30,000 expenses

(Continued from Page 1A) tributions. His top contributors were Walker Company, 205 N. Lee St., \$80; R.J. Morris, 507 S. Madison St., \$80, and Jessie Price, 903 E. Illinois Ave., \$55. Doris Howbert reported spending thus far only \$716.59, while receiving \$1,150 in contributions, including a \$450 loan. The largest contributions were from Sam H. Snoddy, 2602 McClintic St., \$100; Jere Clayton Hubbard, No. 1 Lazywood Lane, \$75, and William A. Heck, 2602 Terrace Ave., \$100. Jack Moore reported spending \$553.14 of the \$1,245 he has received in contributions. Top contributors, including \$100 he chipped in, were Richard O. Williams, 2828 Stutz Drive, \$100; M.D. Abel, Midland, \$200; Dale Stice, 4306 Monty St., \$75; Roy Campbell, 1600 E. Cuthbert Ave., \$250, and Chester Kilgore, 4503 W. Dengar Ave., \$100. Gordon Marcum II is running unopposed for Place 2, a seat he already holds. Unless he had received contributions of more than \$50, he is not required to file with a report, according to City Secretary James McCullough. Spending by Citizens for Two High Schools, the group urging negative votes on the Plan O ballot referendum April 7, has totaled \$492.35 so far, with contributions of \$627.78 from 22 sources. The only contribution of more than \$50 was a \$100 donation from William D. Kleine. Campaigning for the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors has been less intense. Of the seven candidates who filed for the three at-large places on the board, only four had completed the required forms by Monday. Of those who filed the reports, Mrs. Pat Estes led the way in spending with \$1,123.12, all of it financed from her own pocket. Incumbent Ed Magruder reported expenses of \$855.43 and no contributions. Dr. Henrie Mast reported spending \$168.40, but collecting a \$100 contribution from Frank Cowden Jr. Floyd Wright, the only other candidate to complete the report, said he had no expenses or contributions for the campaign. Contributors in the Place 5 school board race for Parker Humes include John R. Seay, R. Ken Carpenter, Joel Miller and Gene Floyd, Earle M. Craig Jr. and David N. Grimes, \$100 each, and Pat M. Baskin and Bill J. Rogers, \$200 each. Mrs. Angelo's contributors include James C. Finley, Robert H. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Craddock, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Williams, Sam H. Snoddy, Gordon S. Knox, J. Paul Karcher and Gary G. Burnett, \$100 each, Gordon G. Marcum, \$50, Aubrey Linne, \$131.73 in printing, and Bill Mathis, \$170 in sign standards. Contributors to Place 6 on the Midland school board for Ed Runyan included R.A. Britton, Dan Black, Gordon Knox and R.F. Bailey, \$100 each; J. Paul Karcher, \$250; Yale Key, \$500; and Gordon Marcum, \$50. Mrs. Corrales' contributors included Bill Cogdell, \$200, and Les Vela, Charlene Payne, Mrs. Wilson Comola, and Ciro Sanchez, \$100 each. Mrs. Greer's contributors in the race include John Greer, \$200, and T.I. Coleman, \$100. In the Place 7 race school board, contributors to Mrs. Page include Carlton Beal Jr., \$150, and Gordon Votaw, A.F. Giebel, Edward Leide, Harriett Faldree and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bumpus, \$100 each. Mrs. Sherrod's contributors include Bruce A. Wilbanks, \$200, and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Deffenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellison, Mrs. Edna Ellison, C. Clyde Hamblin and Homer Olsen Jr., \$100 each.



Jitterbugging to "At The Hop" are Russell Plumlee and Dana Luna of South Elementary. The two were part of a "These Are the Best Times" program presented Tuesday by Lenise Davidson's sixth grade class.

Medicine of fire victims studied by investigators

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Investigators will examine medicine given to some of the 25 residents killed Monday in a boarding house fire to see if it could have hindered their attempts to escape, authorities said. "We want to find out how much the dosages were," state Rep. Steve Vossmeier, D-St. Louis, said Tuesday. "We're just trying to piece things together." State records showed 14 of the victims were taking mood-altering, anti-psychotic drugs, he said. In addition to the 14 on medication, three others were listed in a state report as having received muscle relaxants or anti-hypertension drugs. St. Francois County Coroner Ted Boyer said Monday many of the victims were found in or near their beds. A dozen of the home's 37 residents and the lone attendant, Dorothy East, 56, survived. David Holton, the chief investigator for the U.S. House Select Committee on Aging also announced Tuesday that the committee will conduct hearings on the fire within 60 days. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch said Tuesday that state inspection reports showed several who survived the fire were also receiving mood-altering drugs but not in dosages as high as those who died. Two men listed as not having received any medication were among the survivors, the newspaper said. "We don't know what connection, if any, there is here," Vossmeier said. "Here we have a one-story building with plenty of exits and a fire alarm system. All of the residents were supposed to be ambulatory. What went wrong? If they're putting people in there who may need more than one attendant to get out, then we've got a problem." Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Bob Augustine said Tuesday authorities determined a short circuit in an outdoor electrical cable caused the fire. State inspectors and other officials who visited the home in recent months had found it to be sound, clean and well kept. "It was better than most," said state Director of Social Services David Freeman.

Attempted hijacker shot by Australian police

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Police fatally shot a would-be hijacker today when he tried to set off a beer can full of gunpowder aboard a Pan American jumbo jet that was scheduled to fly to Los Angeles, authorities said. The hijacker, identified as Domicias Speranzo, had held a woman at knife-point for more than two hours before releasing her. She reportedly suffered minor throat lacerations and shock. A policeman who tried to rescue her was stabbed in the head but was reported in satisfactory condition. Police said Speranzo, a 34-year-old Italian immigrant carpenter, demanded to be flown to Italy for meetings with Pope John Paul II and Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer and then on to Moscow. Speranzo was taken from Sydney International Airport to Royal Prince Henry Hospital where he died several hours later while undergoing surgery. The shooting ended a four-hour siege at the Sydney Airport that began when the man grabbed a nurse checking in for another plane to New Zealand for her brother's wedding. Holding a knife to her throat, he dragged her aboard a Boeing 747 that arrived 15 minutes before from Los Angeles and was waiting empty for passengers and crew for a return flight in 75 minutes. Special anti-hijack squads quickly sealed off the airport and the plane. They began negotiations with the man, and he released his terrified hostage after more than two hours. Police Supt. Jack McNeil told a news conference that after the man released the woman, he produced two beer cans with protruding wicks. He said detectives were negotiating with the man in the cabin when he ducked behind a seat and tried to light the fuse on one of the cans. McNeil said one of the detectives then fired two shots at the man. He said the decision to shoot the man was taken after an attempt to flush him out of the plane with high pressure hoses failed, and he became irrational. Police later found 200 empty shotgun cartridges at his home and said he had used the powder from the shells to make the bombs. The police said the man arrived in Australia in 1973 and had a police record of minor offenses. They said during the negotiations aboard the plane he claimed he had not been paid proper compensation for injuries he got in a car accident several years ago.

School board prepared only to study breakfast program

More than one school board member was ready to revolt. Despite the report at Tuesday's school board meeting that the state-required school breakfast program was finally in the black — from an infusion of more state money, not more breakfasts served — Trustee Ann Page was ready to dump at least part of it. "Why can't we strike a blow for freedom and just let somebody challenge us," she wanted to know after suggesting the breakfasts be dropped at the secondary schools. The breakfast program, required for the first time this year in all public schools, has been running in the red since its beginning. Costs per meal served at some schools ran to \$2 and more early in the program and still are high in the secondary schools. Initial reports of high costs per meal prompted one trustee to suggest the schools "give the kids a dollar and tell them to stay home." Participation has grown, and some elementary schools actually make money on the program. But at Alamo Junior High School, for instance, where 11 students show up on an average morning, a 30-cent breakfast still costs the district almost \$1.95 to serve. Trustees agreed Tuesday, however, only to "study the matter further."

Ethics committee discussing Diggs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House ethics committee is deciding whether to accuse Rep. Charles Diggs of breaking House rules. Sources who asked not to be identified said the committee probably would decide at a meeting today whether it should accuse the veteran congressman. Such a formal accusation would be the first step in a process that might lead to the House taking disciplinary action against the Michigan Democrat. Some of the allegations under consideration by the committee are related to evidence that led to Diggs' conviction by a federal jury on charges of payroll padding and taking kickbacks from his House employees. Diggs is appealing that conviction. If the committee finds evidence to support an allegation that Diggs violated House rules, it then would hold a "trial," decide his guilt or innocence and, if guilty, recommend punishment. The committee itself has no power to punish. That decision is left to the full House. Punishment can range from a reprimand — a verbal slap on the wrist — to expulsion from House membership. The House earlier this session headed off an attempt by Republicans to expel Diggs by voting to refer the matter to the ethics committee. The expulsion motion, which was opposed by Democratic leaders, came after Diggs voted on a bill to raise the federal debt limit. The committee deliberated more than four hours last week without reaching a decision on whether Diggs should be accused of violating House rules. The committee chairman, Charles Bennett, D-Fla., said at that time the committee needed more information from its staff before making a decision. He has promised the House that the committee will move "expeditiously" on the matter.

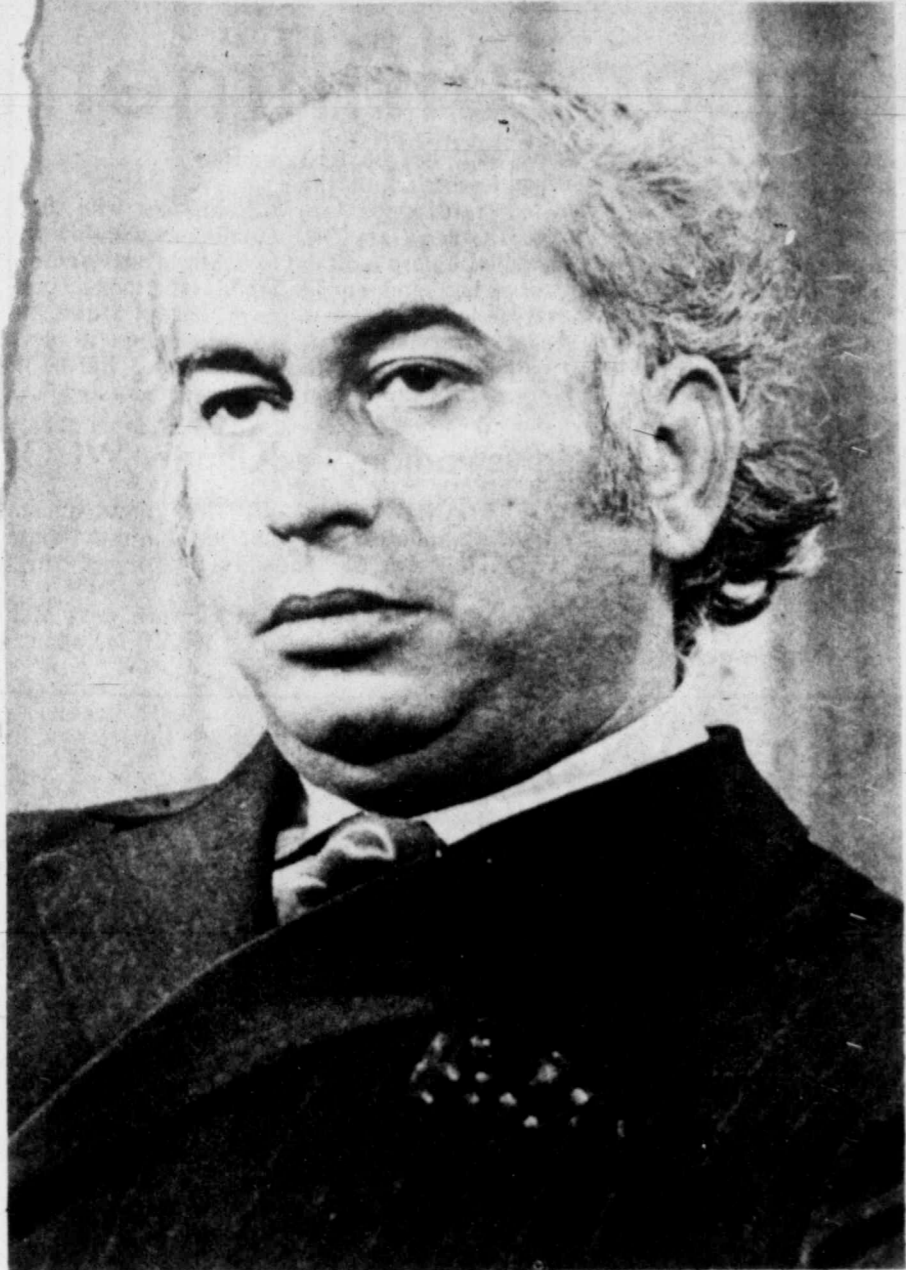
Building permits down

Building permits for the month of March totaled \$10,623,576, down about \$5,000 from the same period a year ago, according to figures released by the city Building and Permits Department Tuesday. The figure reported in March 1978 was \$15,961,954. This brings the year's total down when compared to the total building valuations at this point a year ago. This year, the as-of-March figure stood at \$19,272,551, while a year ago the total was \$25,240,492. Fewer permits were issued in March 1979, with 186, compared to 194 issued in March 1978. Total number of permits for the year also is down with only 386 as opposed to 428 for this time a year ago. New single family residences made up a majority of the permits issued with 58 in that category for a total of \$3,610,231. Six permits were for mobile homes with a total valuation of \$50,900. A permit for a new bank accounted for the largest new commercial permit issued. Cost for the bank was set at \$274,726. Also under the new commercial area were seven signs totaling \$19,000; a club, \$48,726; a car storage area, \$49,000; a sporting goods store, \$14,700; a printing shop, \$39,750, and a travel agency, \$85,000. Twenty-two permits were issued for commercial alterations, contributing \$6,063,869 to the monthly total. Residential alterations totaled 67 permits for \$347,900.

Christmas in April volunteers to meet at church Thursday

Volunteers for Christmas in April 1979 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Greater St. Luke's A.M.E. Church at 401 S. Adams St. The meeting is open to any interested person. A spokesman for the Human Relations Council, which is coordinating the work, said it is important for group coordinators and steering committee members to attend. Purpose of this meeting is to select projects for the Christmas in April weekend which will be April 28. Final plans and arrangements for purchasing materials, lining up work schedules and assigning other tasks will be completed, according to the spokesman. Several new groups have joined the project this year and the council is predicting that 40 or more houses could be included in the work. Earlier predictions had set the maximum at 30 houses. "It all depends on the volunteers," said the spokesman. Christmas in April is a housing project in which volunteers from local organizations spend a designated Saturday in April repairing a home owned by a low-income elderly or handicapped citizen. Donations to the project still are being accepted. HRC is a non-profit organization and contributions to the Christmas project are tax deductible, noted the spokesman. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 684-5866 or by mailing correspondence to P.O. Box 2145, Midland, 79702. The Midland Reporter-Telegram Published by Reporter-Telegram Publishing Company evenings (except Saturday and Sunday) and Saturday and Sunday morning, 201 E. Illinois Street, P.O. Box 1656, Midland, Texas 79702. Second Class Postage Paid at Midland, Texas HOME DELIVERY Paid-in-Advance 1-Yr. 6-Mos. 1-Mo. Evenings and Sunday \$17.50 \$19.00 \$3.25 Evenings Only \$12.00 \$13.00 \$2.50 Sunday Only \$22.00 \$11.10 \$1.85 MAIL RATES IN TEXAS 1-Yr. 6-Mos. 1-Mo. Evenings and Sunday \$44.20 \$26.60 \$4.10 Evening Only \$38.00 \$18.00 \$3.00 Sunday Only \$38.00 \$18.00 \$3.00 MAIL RATES OUTSIDE TEXAS 1-Yr. 6-Mos. 1-Mo. Evenings and Sunday \$52.20 \$28.10 \$4.35 Evening Only \$45.00 \$19.00 \$3.25 Sunday Only \$45.00 \$19.00 \$3.25 Foreign and other rates furnished upon request. All subscriptions payable in advance. All subscription rates revised October 1, 1978.

Bhutto hanged today



Former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was hanged early today in the Rawalpindi jail, a Karachi, Pakistan, newspaper reported in a special supplement. Bhutto, 51, who was ousted in 1977, was convicted of ordering the death of a political opponent. (AP Laserphoto)

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — Former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Pakistan's dominant political figure from 1971 to 1977, was hanged today at Rawalpindi's central jail after the general who ousted him rejected clemency appeals from President Carter and other foreign leaders.

President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq's military government said the body of the 51-year-old leader of the Pakistan Peoples Party was flown by the air force to Naurdro, his birthplace in southern Pakistan, and buried there eight hours after the 2 a.m. execution in the presence of two uncles and one of his two wives, Amir Begum.

Although newspapers reported the hanging in special editions shortly after dawn, the government delayed the official broadcast announcement until after the burial. There were no reports of rioting despite widespread predictions that Bhutto's execution would spark violence among his large following in the poor, predominantly Moslem nation of 75 million.

Bhutto was convicted March 18, 1978, of ordering four of his government's security officers to murder political rival Ahmed Reza Kasuri in a car ambush. Kasuri escaped but his father was killed.

The other four conspirators also were sentenced to hang. There was no mention of the four in the announcement of Bhutto's death, but an official at the jail said they were still alive. Unofficial

reports, however, said Zia turned down appeals for clemency for them also.

Bhutto's conviction and his sentence were confirmed by the Supreme Court on Feb. 6. On March 24 the highest court rejected his petition for a review of the decision but recommended clemency. He then failed in a final bid for a habeas corpus writ from the Sind Province court.

Bhutto insisted on his innocence, refused to ask Zia to spare him and ordered his family not to plead for his life, saying an appeal would be an admission of guilt.



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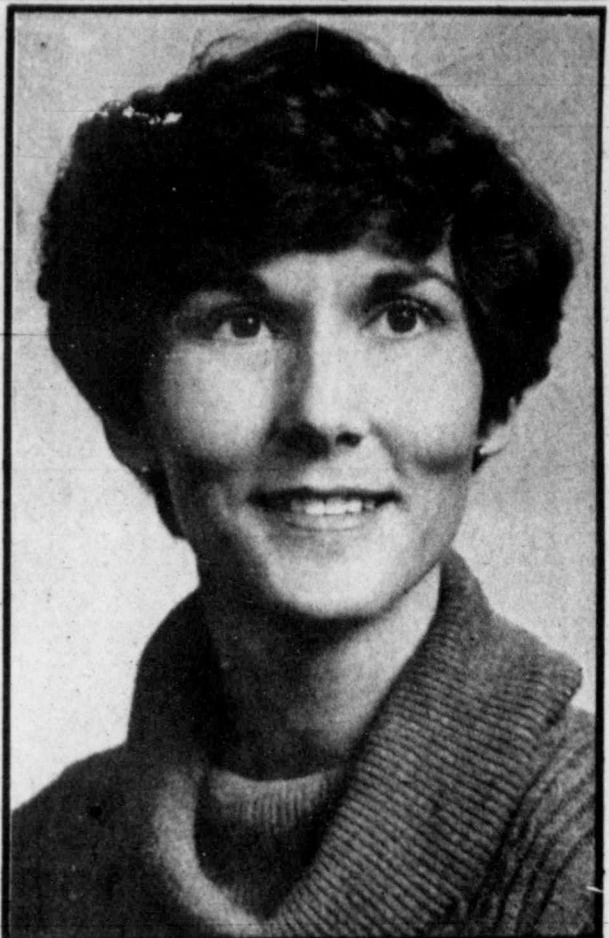
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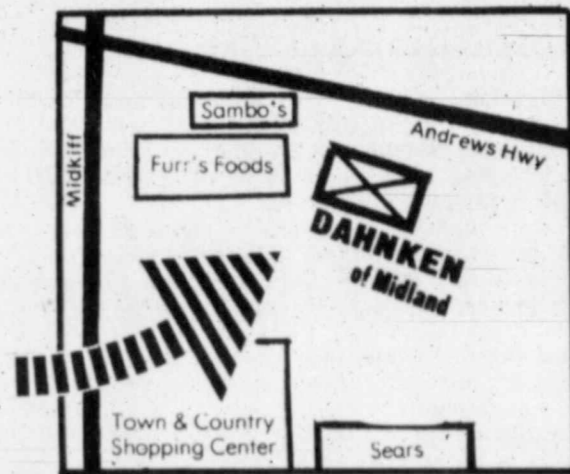
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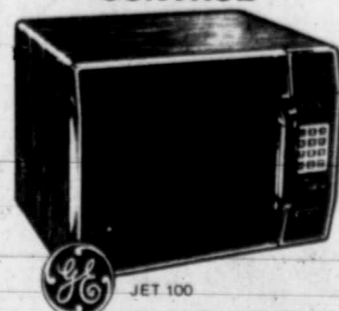
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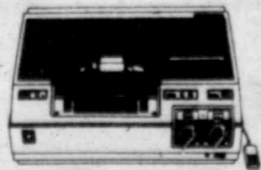
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Then Secretary of State Dean Acheson, seated, signs the NATO pact for the U.S. as Vice President Alben W. Barkley, left, and President Harry Truman watch. At right is John W. Foley of the State Department. (AP Laserphoto Map)

On its 30th birthday, NATO compared with other entities

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was born on April 4, 1949, Central Europe seemed on the brink of another war, less than four years after the war that brought 20th century cruelty to its peak.

Since then, despite periodic crises and deep ideological divisions, Central Europe — historically the most battle-scarred region on Earth — has lived at peace.

Tonight, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and Defense Secretary Harold Brown will celebrate NATO's contributions to peace by playing host to a State Department reception in honor of the alliance's 30th birthday.

NATO grew out of two events in 1948 that shook the West: a Soviet blockade of West Berlin and a pro-Soviet communist coup in Czechoslovakia in advance of scheduled national elections.

Within five months after NATO was founded, the Soviets ended the Berlin blockade. In addition, no European country has come under communist rule since NATO was formed.

As security alliances go, NATO is an oldtimer. Two other products of the cold war, the Central Treaty Organization and the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, expired while still in their 20s.

But NATO, far from following in CENTO's and SEATO's footsteps, is embarking on a long-term military expansion program.

The peace which has prevailed in Central Europe has been an expensive one, both for NATO and for the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact forces. No other area holds as great a concentration of conventional military power as has been assembled in that part of the world.

At the time of its founding, NATO had but 12 divisions of ill-trained, ill-equipped, ill-coordinated forces scattered around Western Europe. By contrast, the Soviet Union had 27 divisions deployed in East Germany alone.

Today, though its forces have grown enormously over the years, NATO is still playing catchup in most areas.

Speaking privately, Western military officials say the Warsaw Pact countries have 580,000 combat-ready troops compared with fewer than 300,000 for NATO.

The Warsaw Pact also reportedly holds the upper hand in numbers of tanks (57,820 to 13,700), in artillery and rocket launchers (42,300 to 14,414), in nuclear submarines (164 to 91) and in most other categories.

NATO is said to have a 2 to 1 advantage in tactical nuclear weapons, but U.S. intelligence reports indicate the Soviets are attempting to narrow NATO's advantage in this area.

U.S. officials maintain the two sides are at "parity or essential equivalence" but a February report by a House Armed Services subcommittee says NATO's ability to fight a protracted war is "almost non-existent."

In wartime, the study says, NATO equipment and ammunition would run out "in a matter of days rather than weeks or months."

A sense of shared democratic values and suspicions about Soviet intentions have enabled the 15-member alliance to survive numerous internal economic, political and military crises all these years.

There were times when NATO's European members chafed under what they perceived as American domination. France, for example, pulled out of NATO's integrated military command in 1966.

At other times, such as the Vietnam war period,

the Europeans complained of American neglect. NATO's problems nowadays are of a different nature. Two members on NATO's southeast flank, Greece and Turkey, seem more afraid of each other than they do of the Soviet Union.

According to Gen. Alexander Haig, the retiring allied commander in Europe, Turkey's economic crisis — which has threatened the political stability of the country — eclipses all other problems facing NATO. The United States is looking to Turkey to compensate for the recent loss of U.S. facilities in Iran used for monitoring Soviet military activities.

Over the long term, NATO is undertaking a 15-year, \$100 billion program to offset the Warsaw Pact buildup. But U.S. officials say that even if the NATO countries fulfill their pledges to increase spending by 3 percent a year, it would still be 1 to 2 percent below the rate of increase by the Soviets and their allies over the past two decades.

The simultaneous buildups reflect the failure of a 6-year old NATO-Warsaw Pact effort in Vienna to agree on formulas to reduce tensions through mutual force reductions.

Meanwhile, peace prevails through a balance of terror. NATO Secretary Joseph Luns says the Soviet Union has aimed at Western Europe 600 mobile missiles with 360,000 times the force of the atomic bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima.

NATO officials don't talk about how much atomic weaponry is aimed at the Soviets, but it is known to be extensive.

And President Carter, who took office with a call for the elimination of all nuclear weapons, has said he would not hesitate to use such weapons if the defense of Western Europe requires it.

Prince's residence to be sold

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The former residence of Iranian Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi, who left Lubbock to join his father the shah in exile, will be confiscated by Iran's new Islamic Republic and resold.

Iranian officials reached an agreement Tuesday on the terms of the transfer of ownership, according to Elgin Connor, the lawyer for the estate's trustee, Stephen Von Phul.

The prince, son of the deposed shah, abandoned the posh ranch-style house, its furnishings, two Lincoln Continentals and a Buick when he completed flight training at nearby Reese Air Force Base and left to join his father, who fled Iran shortly before his government crumbled.

'Death wish' near fulfillment

ATMORE, Ala. (AP) — John Louis Evans III edges ever closer to his appointment with the executioner on Friday, apparently content that frantic last-minute pleas by his mother, his former attorney and an international organization will be unable to block his death wish.

The 29-year-old Texan, who drifted away from his home as a teen-ager and claims to have lived off crime for most of his adult life, has said he would rather die in the electric chair than spend

his life in prison. On Tuesday, a federal judge rejected an appeal by the condemned man's mother, Betty Evans of Beaumont, Texas, which was filed by attorney John Carroll. U.S. District Judge W.B. Hand of Mobile ruled Mrs. Evans had no standing in the case.

After the denial, Carroll began preparing a petition to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to be filed today. The petition asks for a delay to study Evans' mental state.

Carroll said it would be filed by another attorney while he went to Washington in case an eleventh-hour appeal needed to be filed with the U.S. Supreme Court.

In London, Amnesty International said Tuesday that Alabama Gov. Forrest James refused to see a delegation from the human rights group seeking clemency for Evans. A group of Alabama ministers also said James refused to see them to discuss clemency. If the appeals fail,

Evans will be the first person executed in the United States since Jan. 17, 1977, when Gary Gilmore died before a Utah firing squad and ended nearly a decade that saw the gas chambers, gallows and electric chairs across the nation unused.

Evans, 29, who shot a Mobile pawn shop owner to death in 1977 and during his trial took a cocky, unrepentant stand, has voiced remorse in recent months for a life he describes as "wasted."

Newswoman wed Jimmy WHO?

CLEVELAND (AP) — WKYC-TV news anchorwoman Amanda Arnold married Jimmy Carter, a Texas folk singer, Tuesday in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Miss Arnold, 29, will return to work next Monday. She has been employed by WKYC for about a year.

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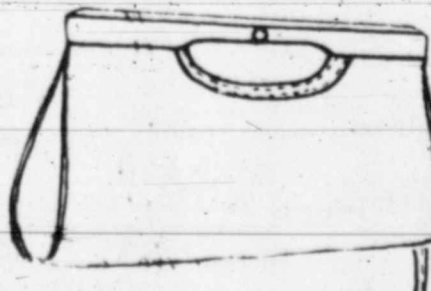
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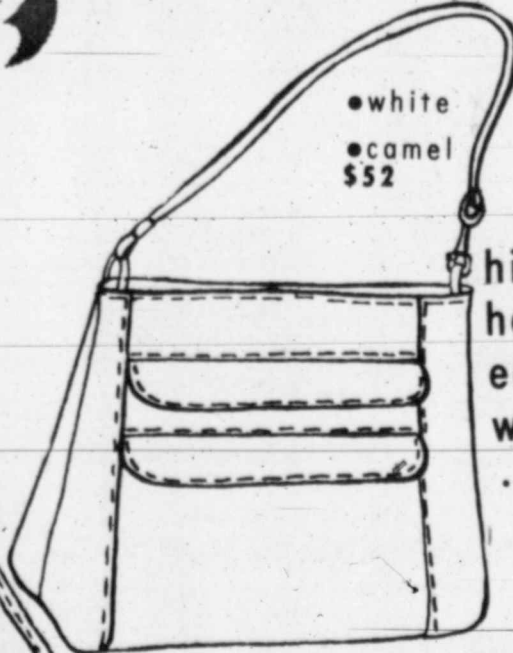
The prince, son of the deposed shah, abandoned the posh ranch-style house, its furnishings, two Lincoln Continentals and a Buick when he completed flight training at nearby Reese Air Force Base and left to join his father, who fled Iran shortly before his government crumbled.



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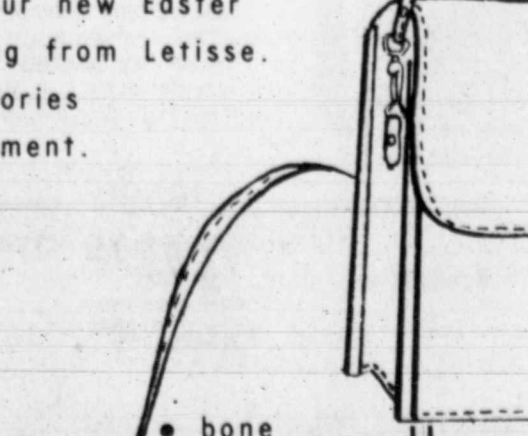
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Fighting reported

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Fighting was reported today near the Cambodian-Thai border town of Pailin, seized by government and Vietnamese troops in a drive to end resistance to the new Cambodian regime. Military sources here reported the fighting, but there were no other details.

Pailin, a gem-mining town, was taken Monday, almost three months after the fall of the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh to Vietnamese forces and Cambodian insurgents.

Thai military sources said at least 100 soldiers of the ousted China-backed regime of Premier Pol Pot fled to Thailand earlier this week from the fighting in southwestern Cambodia.

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DEATHS

J.C. Brotherton

HOBBS, N.M. — Rosary for J.C. Brotherton, 64, of Hobbs, N.M., will be said at 7:30 p.m. today in Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Sacred Heart Cathedral with the Rev. Fred Nawarskas officiating.

Military graveside services and burial will be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Brotherton died Monday in a Lubbock hospital.

He was born June 16, 1914, in Walnut Springs. He was married to Leona Englert Aug. 3, 1937, in San Antonio. He was a veteran of World War II.

Brotherton was employed as a dispatcher for Cardinal Chemical Co. A former San Angelo resident, he had lived in Hobbs 14 years. He was a member of St. Helena's Catholic Church in Hobbs.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Linda Ann Brotherton of San Angelo; two sons, John C. Brotherton Jr. of San Angelo and Kenneth J. Brotherton of Hobbs; his mother, Mrs. J.H. Brotherton Sr. of San Angelo; a sister, Bernez Smith of San Angelo; a brother, Joe Brotherton Jr. of San Angelo, and a granddaughter.

C.F. Wendland

Services for Charles F. Wendland, 45, of 3332 Camarie St. were to be at 2 p.m. today in St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tommy Nelson officiating. Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Wendland died Monday at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 13, 1933, in Corpus Christi. He was reared in Harrison, Ark., having moved there with his family at the age of 12. He finished school in Bergman, Ark. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

After his discharge in April 1954, Wendland moved to Andrews to work in the oil field. He was married to Peggy Ellis Oct. 23, 1954, in Odessa. They lived in Andrews 12 years before moving to Midland, where they resided three years.

Wendland was transferred to Michigan with Shell Oil Co., for six years before returning to Midland in 1977. He had been with Shell 22 years. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Michael Wendland of Houston and Dave Wendland of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Gary (Becky) Ikle of Odessa; his mother, Edna Wendland of Harrison, Ark.; four brothers, Gene Wendland of Kansas City, Mo., and Jim Wendland, Larry Wendland and Dan Wendland, all of Harrison; two sisters, Dorothy McCarthy of Joliet, Ill., and Pat Seiten of St. Louis, Mo., and several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Organ Fund at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Pauline Ballard

LUBBOCK — Services for Pauline A. Ballard, 72, of Lubbock, sister of Jack Graves of Big Lake were to be at 10 a.m. today in University Baptist Church here. Officiating were to be the Rev. Clifton Igo of Lamesa and the Rev. Don Stephenson of Lubbock.

Graveside services were to be at 12:30 p.m. in the Lockney Cemetery directed by Rix Funeral Directors here.

Mrs. Ballard died Monday in a Lubbock hospital after an illness.

She was born in Carlton. She was married to W.M. "Bill" Ballard Aug. 10, 1929, in Floydada. She moved to Lubbock from Lockney 20 years ago. She was a member of University Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, two sons, three daughters, two sisters and 14 grandchildren.

Ora Morrow

BIG SPRING — Services for Ora Morrow, 88, of Big Spring were to be at 10 a.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with the Rev. Herbert McPherson of Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Miss Morrow died Monday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 9, 1891, in Hunt County. She moved to Big Spring with her family in 1929 in a covered wagon. She was a charter member of Westside Baptist Church, which later was renamed Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny Morrow, Ira Morrow and O.C. Morrow.

Survivors include a brother, L.E. Morrow of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Mae Gamble of Texarkana; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Jerry (Becky) Hughes of Big Spring, four nephews and a niece.

Floyd P. Stribling

McCAMEY — Services for Floyd Paul Stribling, 85, of McCamey were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of McCamey. Burial was to be in Resthaven Cemetery in McCamey directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Stribling died Monday in a McCamey nursing home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 19, 1893, in Carroll County, Mo. He was married to Georgia Lou Fonville July 17, 1970. He was a retired bookkeeper for the city of McCamey. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Annetta Kendal of Abilene; a stepdaughter, Della McFadden of Fort Worth; two stepsons, Charlie McFadden of Crane and Leslie McFadden of Rankin, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Roy Bates Jr.

BIG SPRING — Services for Roy Bates Jr., 69, of Big Spring were to be at 4 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bates died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born March 21, 1910, in Ballinger. He had resided for 55 years in Howard County, where he farmed west of Big Spring.

He was married to Odell Ford July 8, 1928, in Stanton. He had been a member of the Elbow School Board several years and a director of the Co-op Gin. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; a son, D.R. Bates of Big Spring; a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Bristol of Big Spring, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Myrtle Schneider

OZONA — Services for Myrtle Amelia Schneider, 73, of Ozona were to be at 3 p.m. today in Ozona Church of Christ. Burial was to be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schneider died Tuesday in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born April 8, 1905, in Barclay. She was married to Robert Lee Schneider April 24, 1926, in San Angelo. Schneider died in 1951.

Survivors include a son, Charles Lee Schneider of Ozona; two brothers, Clarence Feist of Mercury and Al Feist of Comanche, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

J.A. Bynum

HASKELL — Services for J.A. Bynum, 74, of Haskell, brother of Mrs. Leroy Colgan of Lamesa, were Monday in the First United Methodist Church here.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery

directed by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Bynum died Sunday after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 17, 1904, in Pittsburgh. He moved to Haskell in 1934 from Mount Pleasant. He organized the first Haskell Co-op Gin in 1937 and managed it until 1942.

Bynum then served as an instructor in mechanical engineering at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. He returned to Haskell in 1943 and started the Southwestern Specialty Co., which later became Bynum Hardware and Furniture Co.

He was active in civic affairs, serving as a member of the City Council, school board, director of the Chamber of Commerce and charter member of the Rotary Club.

Bynum was involved in scouting, serving on the finance committee of the Chisholm Trail Council and coordinator of Troop 36.

He was married to Odell Williamson Feb. 14, 1942, in Throckmorton. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, a brother and three granddaughters.

Westside Lions to elect officers

Westside Lions Club will elect new officers when the group meets at noon Thursday in the clubhouse at 4314 1/2 Thomason Drive.

Slate of officers to receive the members' final approval consists of Marshall Whitmore, president; Bill Drummond, second vice president; Bentley Anderson, third vice president, and Carl Pirkle, secretary-treasurer.

Scheduled to be elected to the board of directors are Charles McElreath, Billy Burfeind, Richard Greenwade and George Bush.

Raquel Welch, Beatles destroyed in Hollywood Wax Museum blaze

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Officials assessed damage today from an arsonist blaze that destroyed the Beatles and melted the features of Raquel Welch, Josef Stalin and other figures at the Hollywood Wax Museum.

Fire officials said the noon hour blaze, which forced the 15-year-old museum to close Tuesday, destroyed the entire Beatles display and damaged 80 to 100 other wax figures.

There was no immediate word on

how long it would take to repair the remaining figures and reopen the Hollywood Boulevard tourist attraction.

According to early estimates, the displays suffered about \$250,000 damage. Damage to the structure was set at \$50,000.

"It's just a great bloody mess down there," Singh said. "We've got up to 100 figures with damage ranging from total down to 25 percent or less."

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In Vietnam, women pay price of 34 years of war

By JEAN THORAVAL
Agence France-Presse

HANOI — The Vietnamese woman, although she has the same rights as the man, has long been living in the shadow of the "bo doi," the barefooted Vietnamese soldier who has been at war for 34 years.

But she, too, has paid a heavy tribute to these long years of conflict. There is not a single girl or woman who has not lost at least one relative.

The recent Sino-Vietnamese conflict has added to the toll. There are families in Hanoi today who lost a close relative under the Japanese occupation, then during the fighting against the French then under the American bombs, and who now have someone missing in the recent fighting against the Chinese.

A visitor entering a Vietnamese home cannot help spotting on the altar to the ancestors, always in the middle of the main living room, the

photo of one or more war victims. The woman who has survived bears the scars of her losses.

Among a group of women, ranging in age from 16 to 52, at a union of Vietnamese women's meeting, every single one had lost someone through war.

Sixteen-year-old Ta Thi Mai, who recently fought against a Chinese tank unit at Lao Cai, had lost her brother fighting against the Americans in the south in 1971. Mrs. Tran Thi Hoan, 52, had lost her son-in-law fighting against the French, and her cousin in an American bombing raid in 1972.

In peace as in war, the Vietnamese woman is present everywhere in the daily life of the country. She struggles in the paddies full of leeches, planting rice in water up to her stomach. She carries munitions and the wounded in battle. Under torrid skies or in torrents of rain she mends the roads and repairs the railways. Between battles she ensures the uncertain survival of her race. And she can still laugh, better than the men, at the

risks of war.

"When the Chinese arrived in my village... (about 15 miles) from Cao Bang, we had to evacuate the munitions store. Afterwards we had to give food to our soldiers. We were able to find some Chinese mules. That was our beefsteak," said 25-year-old Chu Si Thu, speaking of recent fighting on the Vietnamese-Chinese border.

"They stole tobacco, peanuts and women's underwear. But we kept their kitchen utensils and their mobile kitchens," she recalled.

All along the Sino-Vietnamese border, from Langson to Cao Bang, and all the way to Lao Cai, women backed up the soldiers' war effort. Forty women provide supplies to a fighting unit of 600 men. A state-run restaurant in Hanoi cannot do better.

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New Englander shames old pros at chili cookoff

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG

WASHINGTON (AP) — The congressmen from California, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona clearly were the favorites. But when the competition ended, they had to concede, eyes watering, mouths burning, that the man from Massachusetts had served up the hottest chili in Capitol Hill.

The winner of the third annual Congressional Chili Cook-off was Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass.

"A man from the chilly climes of New England bested some of the hottest chefs from the chili capitals of the world, including the South and West of this great country," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., informing the House of the outcome.

"The gentleman came up with a chili that was so eye-watering — I mean mouth-watering — that it leftus breathless — I mean speechless," said Hyde. "How hot was his chili?"

"It was so hot that a teaspoonful

was declared by Energy Secretary (James) Schlesinger to be more volatile than gasohol.

"It was so hot that the EPA declared everyone's stomach lining to be endangered.

"It was so hot that Secretary of State (Cyrus) Vance declared it off limits to Israelis and Egyptians sitting at the same table."

Judges of the contest were the ambassadors from Chile, the Netherlands, Ireland, the United Arab Emirates, Spain and Japan.

Unfortunately, the congressman declined to reveal his recipe.

ON THE MOTION of Sen. S. I. Hayakawa, R-Calif., the United States Senate, a monument to unrestricted talk, has paid tribute to silence.

The object of the tribute is the art of mime and the Senate declared this week "National Mime Week."

Hayakawa told the Senate that the week will be highlighted Friday by a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue that will include two marching bands.

"They will pretend to play their instruments, but they will not actually blow on them," said Hayakawa. "You will be able to watch them, but you will not be able to hear them."

AND SPEAKING of Hayakawa, it was reported recently that the senator said he was hustling around trying to find a Republican to run in 1980 against Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.

Cranston was asked what he thought about Hayakawa's activity.

"I'm a little surprised he finds it necessary to hustle around looking for candidates to run against me," said Cranston. "I don't think I'll have to hustle around to find candidates to run against him in 1982."

AND HOW IS Sen. Robert C. Byrd's

show business career doing? Apparently, it could be better.

The West Virginia Democrat, best known as majority leader of the Senate, is an accomplished country fiddler. Not long ago, a record of Byrd playing and singing country tunes went on sale.

How is the record selling? "Sales are good for rock 'n' roll," replied the senator. "But mine isn't rock 'n' roll."

CONGRESS IS TOYING with the idea of voting members a \$50-a-day tax deduction for each day the House and Senate are in session.

However, some members think that coming on top of the Senate's decision to lift the lid on outside earned income, the tax deduction plan might enrage a few voters.

Sen. Bill Roth, R-Del., came up with this one word comment on the tax plan: "Stupid."

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Diesel remains cheap in Mexico

By KEN HERMAN

REYNOSA, Mexico (AP) — While most Americans are grumbling about the prospect of triple digit gasoline prices, some Texans along the border are passing up a chance to fill their cars here for about 16 cents a gallon.

"I'd rather pay the extra money and not waste the time," said a Brownsville physician who pays 65 cents for a gallon of diesel fuel north of the Rio Grande.

"My husband hates to go to Matamoros," said another diesel owner. Gasoline prices here are comparable to prices across the border, but diesel fuel remains astonishingly inexpensive.

Mateo Salinas, president of the local association of gas station managers here, said the seven Pemex stations that sell diesel attract many U.S. customers.

But a spot check of some Rio Grande Valley diesel car owners showed that they are willing to pay 50 cents more per gallon in order to avoid battling international bridge traffic.

"It's a matter of time," said Edinburg realtor Vance Hofmaster. "If I'm down there for dinner or to buy some whiskey I'll fill up. But to just fill up...it can take the better part of an hour and a half. I'd save maybe \$8. My time is more valuable than that."

Ruben Edelstein lives even closer to the border. He is the mayor of Brownsville and he more often than not pays 65 cents a gallon for U.S. diesel instead of making the trip across the river.

oil industry here makes sure the diesel price stays low. Some U.S. motorists question the quality of the Mexican diesel fuel. Salinas said the diesel here is sometimes "heavier and dirtier" than U.S. diesel. But none of the Texas motorists contacted could recall having any problems with the Mexican fuel.

Salinas added that Mexicans do not resent U.S. citizens coming across to fill their passenger cars. But the Mexican government has taken steps to prevent U.S. truckers from having a field day at the pumps. About a year ago a 100-liter per purchase limit was ordered for U.S. citizens.

One service station owner recalled pumping 10,000 gallons of diesel one night when the truckers could buy unlimited fuel.

Salinas said Mexican officials also feared that U.S. citizens were buying mass quantities of the inexpensive fuel and re-selling it north of the river.

The Texans who do cross the river for regular fill-ups at the bargain basement prices realize they are living in a sort of dream world.

One McAllen woman, believing it is best to "let sleeping dogs lie," asked not to be identified in print. Her husband makes periodic trips here for a tankful of diesel and she was not sure that publicity about the 16 cent a gallon fuel was wise.

"The more said about it, the more chance they'll try to stop it," she said.

Fuel deal working

MEXICO CITY (AP) — United States energy and state department officials arrived Tuesday to negotiate purchases of natural gas and oil from Mexico, the Ministry of Patrimony said.

The Mission is headed by Julius Katz, assistant secretary of state for business and Harry Gongold, assistant secretary of energy for international affairs, the U.S. Embassy said.

"The discussions will allow presentation to Presidents Carter and Jose Lopez Portillo alternatives for decision making," the ministry said, "for a meeting between the two in the summer."

Carter came to Mexico Feb. 14-16 to discuss gas and oil purchases but was scolded by Lopez Portillo publicly for former U.S. indifference to its southern neighbor prior to oil discoveries that place Mexico sixth in world reserves with 40.1 billion barrels.

"The topics to be discussed include the possibilities of sale of excess oil and natural gas and the conditions, rationalization of its production and distribution of electric energy along the border and other aspects of development of new sources of energy, particularly, solar," the ministry said.

An agreement between Mexico's government oil company Pemex and six U.S. gas pipeline companies was rejected by the U.S. energy department 18 months because of price and conditions for the six year contract, sources said.

Discoveries, big well final in Pecos areas

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland has completed a granite wash gas discovery, Grand Banks Energy Co. of Midland completed a Wichita-Albany gas discovery, and Robert L. Glossop of Midland reported potential on a big gas producer. All are in Pecos County.

Texas Oil & Gas No. 1-D Reed, wildcat 16 miles southwest of Girvin, was completed for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 1,075,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations opposite the granite wash from 4,448 to 4,542 feet.

The pay was acidized with 5,500 gallons and fractured with 54,000 gallons. The total depth is 4,720 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom. The plugged back depth is 4,570 feet.

Location is 3,210 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of section 15, block 145, T&SL survey. No formation tops have been released.

The discovery is three and five-eighths miles southwest of the Penlaw (Queen sand gas) field and four and one-half miles northwest of the MacDer (Yates gas) pool. The operator has suggested Reed (granite wash) as the field name.

GRAND BANKS Grand Banks Energy Co. completed its No. 1 E. B. Chalkley as a discovery in the Wichita-Albany for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 1,207,000 cubic feet of gas per day, plus 20 barrels of condensate.

The completion was through perforations from 4,660 to 4,796 feet after 5,000 gallons of acid. The strike is one location west of shallow oil production in the Lehn-Apelo multiphase field and 5/8 mile southeast of a depleted Montoya oil discovery.

The total depth is 6,708 feet and 4.5-inch pipe was cemented at 5,258 feet which is the plugged back depth. No formation tops have been reported.

Location is 14 miles northeast of Fort Stockton and 2,310 feet from the southeast and 1,960 feet from the southwest lines of section 47, block 10, H&GN survey.

WINKLER OILER

Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Phillips-TXL is a new well in the Flying W, Southeast (Wolfcamp) pool of Winkler County, 14 miles northeast of Kermit.

It completed on the pump for 68 barrels of 39.8-gravity oil and nine barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,735-1.

Completion was through perforations from 8,098 to 8,138 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid. Total depth is 11,603 feet and 5.5-inch pipe is set on bottom. The plugged back depth is 9,670 feet.

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Differential increased

NEW YORK (AP) — Saudi Arabia, which has so far bucked the trend among Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to tack large surcharges onto the price of oil, has increased the "quality differential" on some of its oil, industry sources said Tuesday.

But they emphasized that the price hike was not a surcharge, and did not expect it to spread to the rest of Saudi production.

"That's really recognizing a quality difference," said one industry source. Experts said it was unlikely that the Saudis would increase the price of their other grades of oil.

The Saudis will charge \$16.47 per barrel for their high-quality Arabian-berri-grade oil, which makes up about 5 percent of Saudi Arabia's 9.5 million-barrel daily production.

The new price represents an increase in the quality premium of \$1.15 per barrel in addition to the 9 percent increase in the base price of oil approved by OPEC last week.

Although OPEC sets a crude-oil base price — currently \$14.54 a barrel — the cartel's members commonly add a quality differential onto the cost of better quality oil. The quality differential on Arabian berri had been 72 cents a barrel, and is now \$1.87 a barrel.

When OPEC's members approved the increase in the base price last week, they allowed individual members to impose surcharges as they saw fit. Most OPEC members have added these surcharges, of anywhere from \$1.20 to \$2.50 a barrel.

Gulf selling interest in companies

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Gulf Oil Corp. said that it is selling its 34.3 percent interest in Refineria de Petroleos del Norte, S.A. (Petronor) and its wholly-owned transportation subsidiary, Compania Maritima Gulf, S.A., to Compania Arrendataria del Monopolio de Petroleos, S.A. (Campsa), the Spanish government-controlled oil company.

Gulf will receive approximately \$90 million in cash and Campsa will assume certain Gulf obligations to Petronor.

Petronor operates a 250,000-barrel-per-day refinery near Bilbao, on Spain's northern coast.

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Discoveries complete

Harvey E. Yates Co. of Roswell, N.M., No. 1-23 Key has been completed as a discovery from an unidentified formation in Borden County, six miles northeast of Gall.

The strike completed for a 24-hour pumping potential of 35 barrels of 34-gravity oil and no water, through perforations from 7,082 to 7,090 feet. The pay was acidized with 4,000 gallons.

The gas-oil ratio is 171-1. Total depth is 8,474 feet in the Ellenburger, and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at 8,474 feet.

The well is 970 feet from north and east lines of section 23, block 30, T-5-N, T&P survey. The location is a twin to the depleted Ellenburger discovery in the Rafter Cross, South field.

TOM GREEN OPENER NRM Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 1 Barron Ranch has been completed as a Tillery sand oil discovery in Tom Green County, 23 miles southwest of San Angelo.

The operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 17 barrels of 41-gravity oil and 34 barrels of water, through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 4,350 to 4,360 feet.

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Huge gas well final

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said Tuesday a major gas discovery in the Gulf of Mexico near Port Arthur will almost double state royalties from offshore wells.

Superior Oil Co. completed the biggest gas well in the Texas Gulf, with an open flow of more than 800 million cubic feet, several times the usual rate, Armstrong said.

He said he expects this and other wells on the Superior tract to produce \$50 million in income for the state this year, compared with \$63 million from all oil and gas wells on Texas' offshore lands in 1978.

Royalties from oil and gas production on state lands, other than those belonging to the University of Texas and Texas A&M, go into the Permanent School Fund.

capital investment goes for development drilling nationwide, only 1,030 development wells were completed in gas fields from 1976 through 1978, with another 360 scheduled to go on production this year, the Journal reports.

Soviet gas production record expected in '79

TULSA, Okla. — Soviet gas production growth will surpass all previous records this year if gains in pipeline capacity come reasonably close to government goals.

The Soviets are boosting gas flow almost as fast as the U.S. did during periods of peak increases in the 1950s and 1960s, according to the Oil & Gas Journal's April 2 issue.

At the projected 1979 rate of gain, the U.S.S.R. will surpass the current U.S. production level—about 20 trillion cubic feet per year—in 1984.

Explorer sites staked

Jack L. Phillips of Gladewater has announced location for a 10,200-foot wildcat in Chavez County, 15 miles southeast of Elkins.

The prospector will be drilled as No. 1 Peterson-Federal, 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 20-9s-30e and 1.5 miles north of the Many Gates (Morrow gas) field.

EDDY WILDCAT Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia, N.M., No. 1-KD Rio Pecos-Federal Communitized will be drilled as a wildcat 11 miles southeast of Artesia in Eddy County.

WARD WELL

HNG Oil Co. No. 1-103 Tefxel has been completed as the fourth well in the Pitzer, South (Delaware oil) pool of Ward County, 10 miles south of Pyote.

Operator reported a 24-hour pumping potential of 26 barrels of oil, gravity not reported, and 122 barrels of water, through perforations from 6,558 to 6,598 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 2,346-1.

Total depth is 6,650 feet and 4.5-inch pipe was landed on bottom. The pay was fractured with 10,000 gallons.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY Hanley Co. No. 3-12-A University, moving in rig.

BORDEN COUNTY Alkman No. 1 Williams, drilling 8,300 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY Eason No. 1 Morgan-Federal, drilling 1,100 feet.

COTTE COUNTY Bass Enterprises No. 2 Havens, drilling 1,140 feet.

CRANE COUNTY Bass Enterprises No. 17 Moss, drilling 521 feet.

DAWSON COUNTY RK Petroleum No. 1 Vandiver, drilling 2,800 feet in shale and anhydrite.

UPTON COUNTY

Parker & Parsley, Inc. No. 1-A Morgan, 120 mi. 120 feet, set 4 1/2 inch casing at 10,000 feet, perforated from 8,400 to 8,700 feet, acidized with 1,500 gallons, fractured with 60,000 gallons and 120,000 pounds of perforating slurry.

VAL VERDE COUNTY International Oil & Gas No. 1-28 Alma, 10,200 feet, nipple up well-head, released 24.

WARD COUNTY Gulf No. 3 Crawford, 10,800 feet, flowing no oil and 6 barrels of water in 18 hours, through a 20 1/2 inch choke, perforations from 6,267 to 6,271 feet.

REAGAN COUNTY BTA No. 2-B Lake, 10,700 feet, pumping 35 barrels load of oil and 90 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations from 6,110 to 7,065 feet.

REEVES COUNTY Gulf No. 7 Horry, 10,400 feet, flowing 4 barrels of oil and 27 barrels of water in 6 hours, through a 19 1/4 inch choke, shut in waiting on storage.

STERLING COUNTY Wagner & Brown No. 1-14 Porter, 7,200 feet, pumping load frac water to pit.

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The assembly line in the Ford Motor Co. Rouge facility at Dearborn, Mich., sits idle Tuesday afternoon between shifts as Fort cut the overtime off the shift due to the trucking industry lockout. (AP Laserphoto)

Government withholds action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration says it has no plans to try to force a swift end to the shutdown of major trucking firms, now responsible for a swelling wave of production cutbacks in the auto industry.

"We are not contemplating any Taft-Hartley (Act) action at this point," Labor Secretary Ray Marshall said Tuesday in outlining a hands-off policy in a dispute between industry and the giant Teamsters union. The law gives the government authority to seek a back-to-work order from a federal judge.

In the government's first comprehensive assessment of the shutdown's impact, the Labor Department said supplies of food and critical materials are not likely to be affected seriously

for at least two weeks.

But Marshall conceded that the situation "already has begun to pinch," and automakers said about 90,000 workers at 25 plants either had been laid off or placed on short shifts by Tuesday.

Officials said production would halt today at six auto plants and that 24 others would go on short shifts, bringing the number of auto workers affected to more than 110,000.

Other furloughs were reported by Whirlpool Co. The firm said Tuesday it was laying off 4,600 workers at plants in Ohio and Michigan due to parts shortages. Company officials said all of its 16,000 workers could be laid off by early next week if the trucking shutdown continues.

While the dispute generally has

been peaceful, Ohio authorities reported two men were arrested in connection with separate violent confrontations between striking and non-striking drivers.

DA to pursue murder charges

MONTE VISTA, Colo. (AP) — District Attorney Gene Farish says he has decided to pursue Colorado murder charges against convicted murderers Randy Greenawalt and brothers Raymond and Ricky Tison.

'Mercy killing' provides suspects

TOWSON, Md. (AP) — A Baltimore County prosecutor investigating the alleged mercy killing of a retired Army colonel at a Veterans Administration hospital says the victim was alive before the plug was pulled on his respirator.

Assistant State's Attorney Mark Kolman said Tuesday there were several suspects in the death of Verlan J. Claudio, who was found dead at the Fort Howard VA Hospital shortly after midnight Feb. 14. Claudio, a 58-year-old terminally ill patient, was found with his respirator disconnected, authorities said.

Police have interviewed at least 10 hospital nurses, administrators and technicians, Kolman said. "Many people had access to the room."

Kolman said he needed additional evidence before he asked the grand jury for an indictment. But he denied the investigation was being impeded by the mistrial March 20 in the case of a former nurse accused of murdering four patients at another hospital.

"They're just completely different cases," Kolman said. "This guy was watching the tube (television)" shortly before he died.

Baltimore State's Attorney William Swisher acknowledged that difficulty in proving that a patient was alive was a key factor in deciding to drop the charges in the case of Mary Rose Robaczynski, 24, of Pasadena, Md. The charges were dropped after she agreed to surrender her nursing license and give up her practice.

Mrs. Robaczynski had been accused of unplugging the respirators of four comatose patients at Maryland General Hospital.

Senate beats back college funding cut

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — By a vote of 19-11, state senators again have rejected the bill by Dallas Sen. Oscar Maury that would limit future state funding for construction of upper level college facilities which currently teach junior and senior courses in five Texas cities.

It is the second time this session that senators have refused to debate the bill by Maury, who chairs the Senate Education Committee.

Again leading the opposition was Sen. Ed Howard of Texarkana, where one of five upper level centers is located, as part of East Texas State University.

Others are run by Sul Ross State University; Pan American University, with a facility at Brownsville; the University of Houston with an upper level center at Victoria; and the University

System of South Texas with a campus at Laredo.

Maury contended the upper level campuses have flourished with no specific approval from the Legislature. He said the upper level centers could continue under this bill.

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Word 'rape' to stay in law

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A bill that would remove the word "rape" from state law got an unfavorable reception in the Texas Senate Tuesday.

Senators refused, by 16-14, to debate the measure. The vote was four votes shy of the number necessary for floor action.

"This would eliminate the stigma that attaches to many rape victims and prevents them from reporting many cases," said Sen. Gene Jones, D-Houston.

Jones said his bill, which would combine present rape and sexual assault statutes, would allow aggravated assault charges to be filed by a wife against her husband if they were separated. It also would allow a woman to file such charges against a man if they were living together but not legally married.

"The only bar to prosecution in this bill is where they are married and cohabiting as well as spouses," Jones said.

Jones said the bill also would allow prosecutors to seek the death penalty when a murder occurs during a man-to-man aggravated assault.

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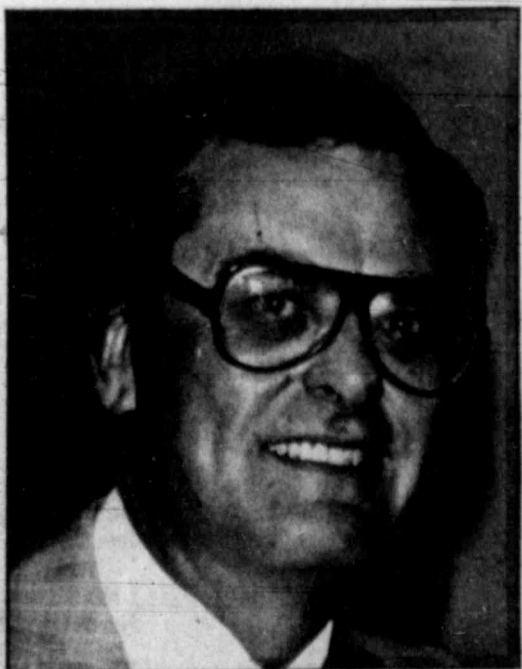
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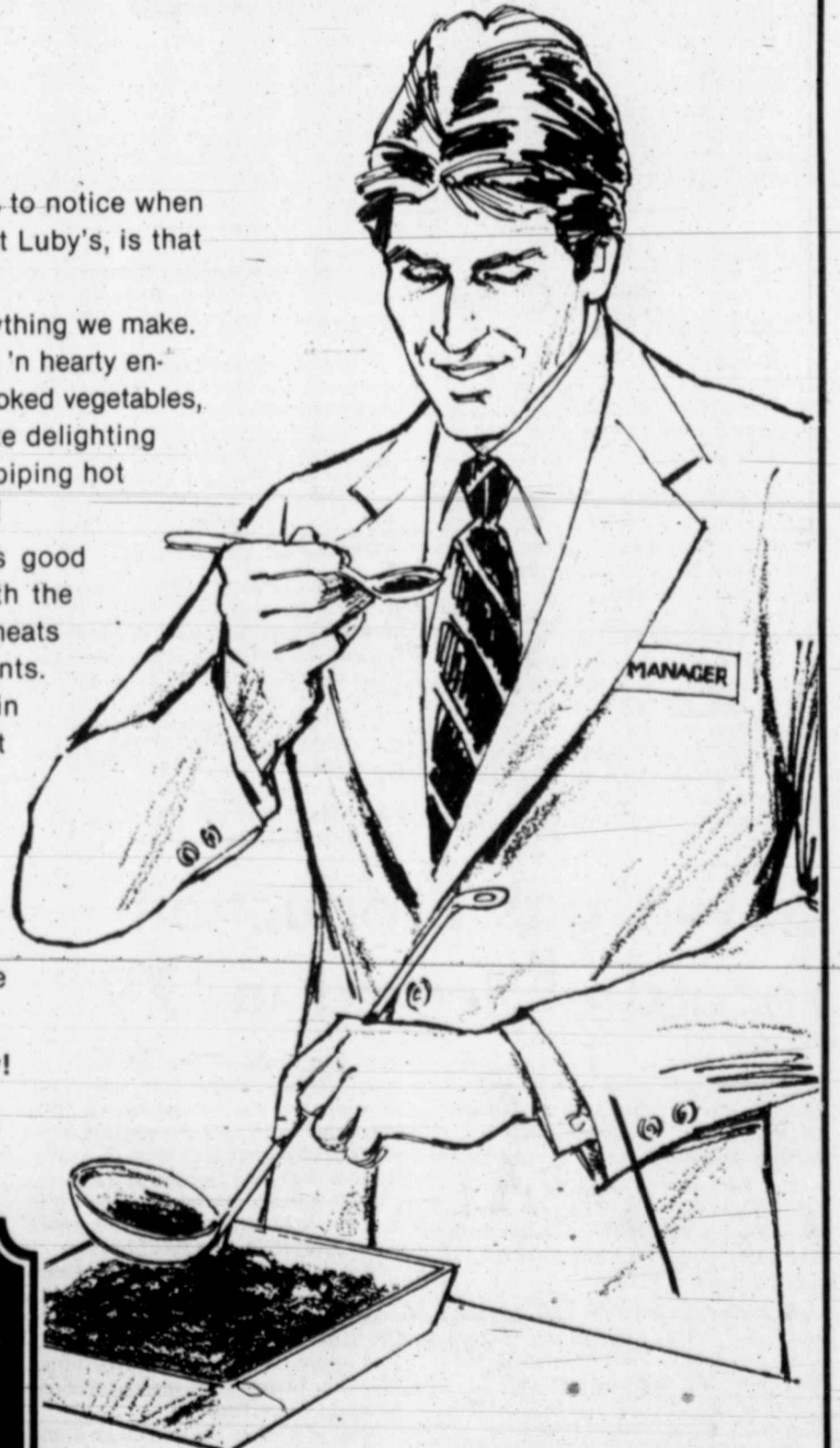
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