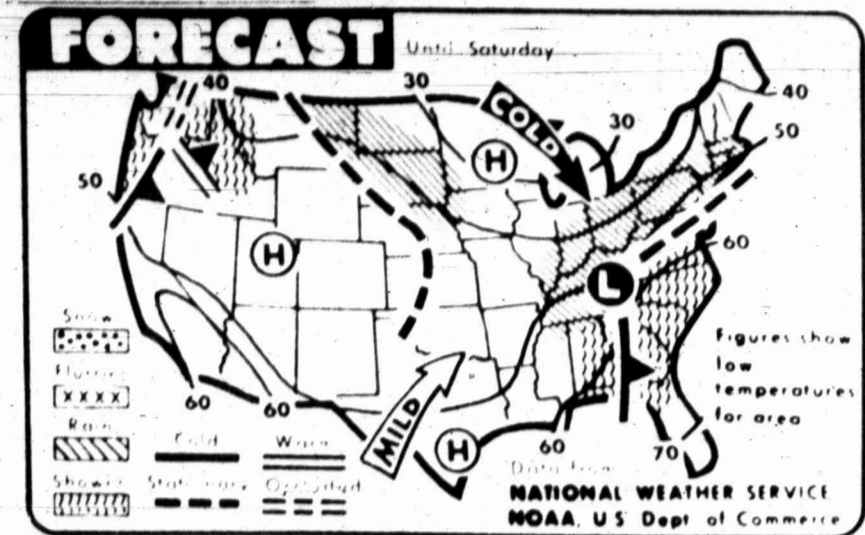
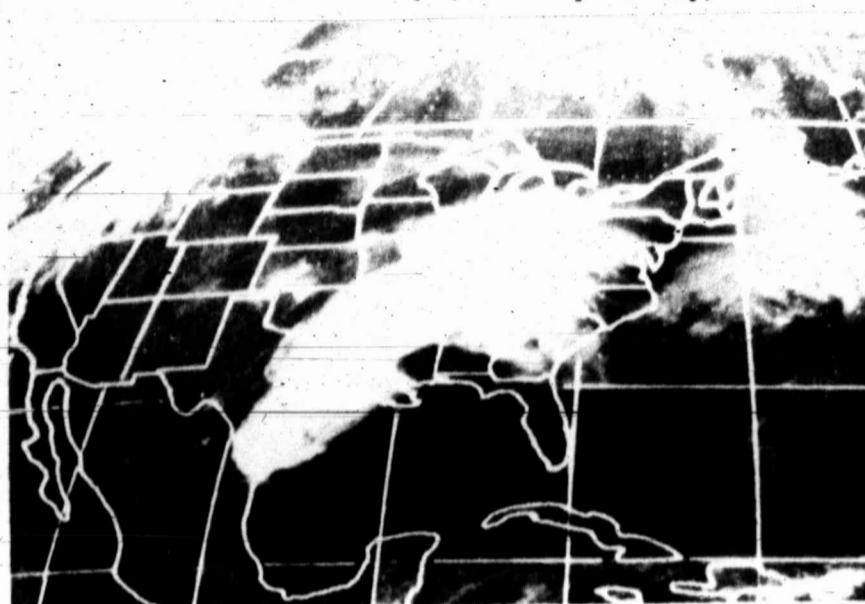


WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain and showers are expected until Saturday morning for most of the East. Showers are expected for the Northwest and rain is predicted from the northern to the central Plains.



Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a. m., shows dense cloudiness extending from eastern Texas northward through the central Mississippi Valley to the Midwest.

Midland statistics

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Includes data for Midland, Odessa, Big Lake, Rankin, Garden City, Andrews, Lamesa, Big Spring, Stanton.

The weather elsewhere

Table with 2 columns: City and Temperature. Lists various cities across Texas and the Southwest with their current and forecast temperatures.

Extended forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy with warm days and mild nights Sunday through Tuesday. Scattered showers Tuesday. Lows 50s north to 60s south. Highs 80s north to 90s south.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Widely scattered light rain possibly mixed with snow eastern Panhandle this morning, otherwise partly cloudy today. Fair tonight and Saturday.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Decreasing cloudiness and rain and thunderstorms ending from the west today. Partly cloudy, tonight and Saturday. Highs mostly 50s. Lows mid 30s Panhandle to 40s elsewhere. Highs Saturday mainly 70s.



At a Thursday ceremony honoring former Congressman George Mahon, dignitaries and a color guard wait for the audience to quieten. From left are Ann Doughty, master of ceremonies and regional administrator of General Services Administration; George and Helen Mahon, and the Goodfellow Color Guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

Talmadge secretary denies incriminating memo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Herman Talmadge's financial secretary has denied under oath that she typed a 1974 memo which appears to imply that Talmadge wanted to conceal two campaign contributions.

Allyne Tisdale also says she did not type another 1974 memo, which also bore her initials on the bottom. That memo instructed Talmadge's then-top aide, Daniel Minchew, to give the senator \$500.

But the clearly-nervous secretary acknowledged both memos were written "similar to my style." The Senate Ethics Committee planned to question Mrs. Tisdale again today about the two memos.

Both memos, as well as several other pieces of evidence introduced Thursday, were received from Minchew, who once was Talmadge's chief aide and is now his chief accuser.

Mrs. Tisdale also told the committee that, contrary to her earlier testimony to panel investigators, she was not all that involved in key financial transactions in 1973. She recanted parts of her earlier deposition, saying she was confused about the dates, and modified other sections.

And the veteran Talmadge staffer also said it was Minchew himself who provided the "trail of evidence" that first enabled Talmadge to suggest Minchew might be an embezzler.

She said Minchew told her in a July 14, 1978, note that there were problems with Talmadge's expense claims in 1973 and 1974.

Minchew also had given Talmadge a memo that morning, noting problems with the 1973-74 figures, and telling Talmadge he "resented very much" the senator not being totally candid in a meeting the previous day.

The two checks were for reimbursement of Senate expense claims. Both the check for \$10,604.68 in 1973 and one for \$2,289.99 in 1974 were funneled into a secret bank account set up by Minchew and did not show on office records.

Minchew contends he set up the account on Talmadge's instructions.

Margaret Thatcher first woman to be prime minister in Europe

(Continued from Page 1A) The London Stock Exchange where some brokers wore blue Tory rosettes. Mrs. Thatcher got little or no sleep overnight but appeared cool and crisp on her London doorstep at 9 a.m. to wave triumphantly to supporters.

New construction slipping behind pace of last year

New construction is lagging behind the pace set last year — at least through the month of April — if a report issued by the city is any indication. The report, a summary of building permits issued during April, shows total new construction in the Tall City this year has been valued at \$34.2 million, about \$4 million less than the same period last year.

Three burglaries under investigation

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to funnel cash to the senator. Talmadge denies any knowledge of the account and has said Minchew is a "liar, cheat and embezzler." The panel can take no final action against Talmadge but can recommend the Senate censure or expel him if it finds the evidence supports allegations against him.

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filed against Talmadge accuse him of violating Senate rules by converting campaign contributions to his personal use, of submitting incorrect expense vouchers, of filing false reports of campaign receipts and expenditures, of failing to properly report gifts and property owned and of incorrectly reporting taxes on gifts to his former wife.

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Agreement reached in Birmingham city strike

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Bargainers reached a tentative agreement early today that would end a strike by policemen, firefighters and sanitation workers who walked out in a health insurance dispute, officials said.

"The City Council will be voting on a proposal" later in the morning, said Lige Richardson, public information officer for the city.

A few hours after firefighters joined the walkout Thursday night, two empty houses caught fire, and only supervisory personnel of the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Squad responded to the alarm. No one was hurt.

The unofficial word was that Blue Cross-Blue Shield would continue as the carrier of the city's health insurance program at least until April 1, 1980, and that the city would take no disciplinary action against strikers. Maintaining the Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan had been the strikers' major demand.

All police pickets were ordered down and policemen were asked to assemble at the Fraternal Order of Police lodge for a special meeting. Details of the agreement would have to be ratified by both the city and the employee groups.

Gov. Fob James spent the night in town helping to work out an agreement, and federal mediators huddled with city officials and labor leaders throughout the night.

Mayor David Vann earlier offered amnesty without back pay for striking workers who returned to their jobs by 8 a.m. He promised disciplinary action, possibly including dismissal, for those who did not.

The city's 652 firefighters voted late Thursday to join about 1,700 other city workers — including the 570-man police force — on the picket lines, which went up Tuesday.

Soon after the vote was announced, Vann said 18 of the 29 fire stations were unmanned, and the rest had crews of supervisory personnel and 40 National Guardsmen trained in fire protection.

Vann said he asked neighboring municipalities to assist in major emergencies, such as fires.

One supervisor, Lt. Sam Caffey, a 36-year veteran of the Fire Department, said his south side station's contingent was made up of three chiefs, a captain and a lieutenant.

"We'll just have to do the best we can to take care of the people," he said. "I feel responsible to the people."

A number of false alarms were reported by dispatchers, who were screening reports carefully to prevent unnecessary runs.

Former mental patient jailed in murders

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A 300-pound recidivist and former mental patient, claiming to be Hitler's son and father of the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders and "Charlie's Angels," has been jailed without bond in connection with the brutal stabbing deaths of his parents.

Patrick O'Brien, 36, whom officials said had been committed and released from the San Antonio State Hospital eight times since 1965, was charged Thursday with two counts of murder in the slaying of William O'Brien, 66, and his 56-year-old wife, Mary.

Justice of the Peace Rudy Esquivel ordered the man held without bond.

The couple's slashed bodies, each stabbed "hundreds of times" with two steak knives, a screwdriver and an ice pick, were discovered inside their blood-spattered northside apartment late Wednesday night by their 24-year-old daughter, Peggy.

"He is a very, very sick man," Robert Pugh, head of the Bexar County Mental Health Department, said of O'Brien. "He should have never been on the streets. He has a history of violence. The police called me to his parents' house one night and he had just thrown his father through a screen door."

"He was close to a Ph.D. in mathematics. He is a brilliant man, but a terribly sick man," added Pugh. O'Brien held a masters of science degree from Texas A&M University. Police found

the diploma hanging on the wall of his apartment.

Pugh said each time O'Brien was committed to the mental hospital, he was released before serving 90 days.

Dr. Robert M. Inglis, superintendent of the state hospital, said O'Brien was last discharged from the hospi-

tal in June 1975. A patient is only discharged, he said, after being examined by a team of psychiatrists, social workers and psychologists.

"They are only discharged after the examining team determines they have received maximum benefit from the hospital and can get by all right on the outside.

Obviously this means when they feel he is no longer a danger to himself or others," said Inglis.

"This gentleman (O'Brien) has not been in this hospital for four years and that's a long time," added Inglis.

A steak knife was found buried in the hilt in the back of William

O'Brien's neck and Mrs. O'Brien had an ice pick stab wound, it looked stuck in her back, said like they had been hit Police Sgt. Albert Zalesky.

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Lions arrive here today for annual convention

Lions Club members from across a wide area of West Texas began arriving here this morning to attend the annual convention of District 2-A1, Lions International, with headquarters in the Midland Hilton. The conference which is expected to attract several hundred Lions, will continue through Sunday noon.

District Gov. Harland Brancel and Mrs. Brancel of San Angelo were among the early arrivals.

Ray E. Marley of College, Alaska, a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs, will represent International at the conference. He also will address the officer installation banquet of the Midland Downtown Lions Club tonight at Ranchland Hill Country Club. He is expected to arrive here by plane this afternoon.

Marley, an electronic engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration, attended the University of Wyoming. He long has been active in Lionism at local, district and international levels. He was a 100 percent district governor in 1973-74.

The convention registration desk opened in the hotel this morning. Tee off time for the convention golf tournament was 10 a.m. at the Hogan Park golf course.

Saturday's activities will open with the initial business session at 9 a.m. A necrology ceremony, conducted by Zone Chairman J.E. Barrington of Midland, is scheduled at 12 noon.

The district queen contest scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. in the hotel ballroom will highlight the afternoon activities. It will begin at 3 p.m.

Convention voting booths will open at 1:15 p.m.

Special events for the ladies include a brunch and style show at 10 a.m., and a skit, featuring Mrs. Pat Baskin, at 11 a.m. A tour of the Taylor-Dorsey Home, a restoration historical project, will be conducted at 1 p.m.



Ray E. Marley

Leonard Hanson, general chairman of the conference, said a reception honoring the queen contestants, Gov. and Mrs. Brancel, the district governor elect, Mr. and Mrs. Marley and Past International Director Ebb Grindstaff and Mrs. Grindstaff of Ballinger is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. It will be followed by the district governor's banquet and ball.

A Key Member breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday, with convention adjournment scheduled at 8:30.

A meeting of the District 2-A1 cabinet will be held at 9 a.m., to be followed by a cabinet award luncheon at noon.

The Midland Southside Lions Club, of which Dr. David Norton is president, is the host club for the convention, in cooperation with the other Midland Lions Clubs — Downtown, Westside, Terminal, Eastside, Morning, Evening, Tall City and Greenwood.

Midlander appointed to board

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements announced the appointment Thursday of Herbert Harris Jr. of Midland as a member and chairman of the Industrial Accident Board.

Harris will fill the unexpired term of Cue Boykin, also of Midland, who resigned. The term extends to Sept. 1.

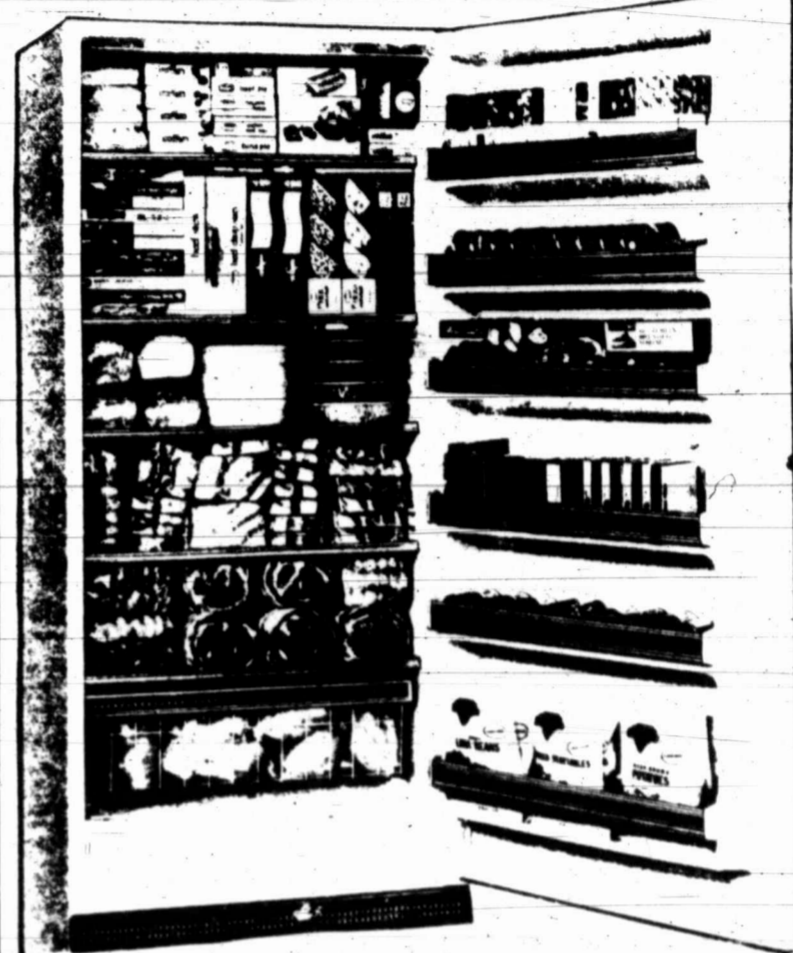
Clements appointed Jose Blanco Jr. of Wharton to the Texas Amusement Machine Commission to a term ending Jan. 31, 1981. Blanco will replace Glyn Ledford of Houston, whose term expired.

The governor reappointed Sheriff Jack Heard of Houston to the Commission on Jail Standards.

Heard's new term is for six years.

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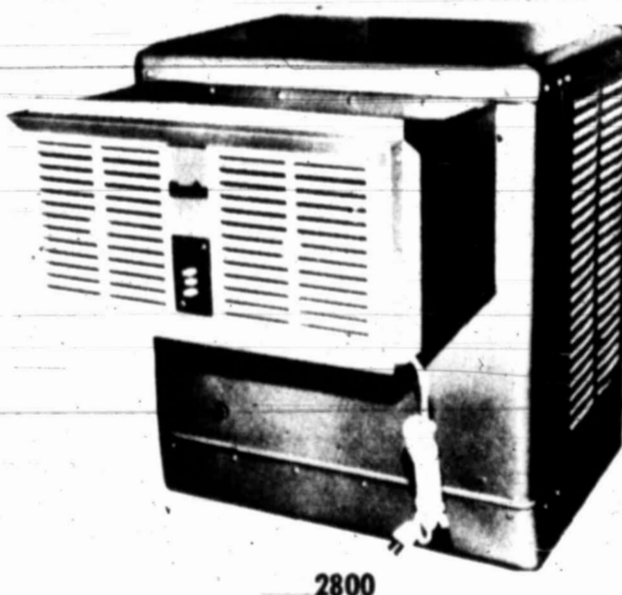


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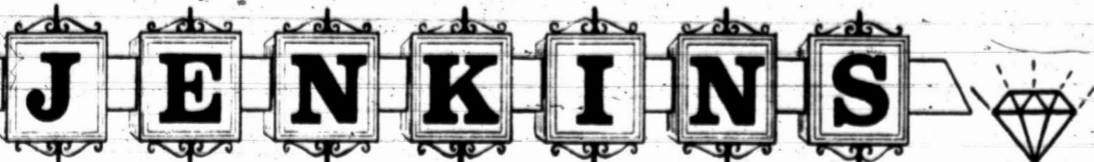
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DEATHS

Lloyd Vick

SAN ANGELO — Services for Lloyd Vick, 75, of Christoval, brother of Mrs. Herbert (Ina Lee) Butler of Midland, were Thursday in First United Methodist Church in Christoval with the Rev. Jo Dan Adams, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Christoval Cemetery directed by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Vick died Wednesday in a San Antonio hospital.

He was born Jan. 3, 1904, in Energy. He was married to Ethel Belle Schrock July 7, 1953, in Abilene. He was a retired Dallas County purchasing agent and had lived in Irving for 15 years before moving to Christoval in 1969.

He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and Knights Templar and was a member and past Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodge No. 901 in Christoval. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, three daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.

Bessie Sandy

BIG LAKE — Services for Mrs. C.C. (Bessie) Sandy, 85, of Big Lake were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Big Lake, the Rev. J.B. Bintner officiating. Burial was to follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo.

She died Wednesday in a Big Lake hospital.

Insurance plan favors doctors over patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health insurance premiums paid by 71 million Americans can be held down by keeping physician groups from controlling what Blue Shield pays doctors for their services, a major federal study says.

The Federal Trade Commission staff, after a three-year investigation, said Thursday the medical profession's control of most Blue Shield plans results in some decisions favoring doctors instead of those paying for the

Gym-A-Thon set for May 12

A Gym-a-Thon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held in Midland May 12.

Students of the Midland School of Gymnastics, joined by special performers, will be participating in the Gym-a-Thon.

Students will be doing cartwheels, back handsprings and various other gymnastic exercises to benefit muscular dystrophy. Awards and trophies will go to outstanding gymnasts.

The Gym-a-Thon will begin at 10 a.m. May 12 in Dellwood Shopping Center here, continuing until 1 p.m.

The public has been issued an invitation to attend and support the event.

Juneteenth holiday favored

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The House has tentatively approved a bill that would make June 19, Emancipation Day in Texas, a state holiday and drop Columbus Day from the list.

A final vote on whether to send the bill to the Senate was expected today.

Rep. Ron Bird, D-San Antonio, fought to keep Columbus Day as a recognized holiday on which state offices and banks could be closed.

Rep. Bill Messer, D-Belton, observed that before Columbus brought European civilization to America, "all men did was hunt and fish and women did all the work. They didn't have any income tax and there was no pollution."

"So why celebrate Columbus?" asked Messer.

"I don't know," said Rep. Al Edwards, D-Houston, sponsor of the bill.

Bird's amendment to preserve Columbus Day as a holiday was tabled.

Officials mum about John Wayne cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hospital officials aren't saying whether any new cancer was found during surgery on actor John Wayne, who remained in stable condition at UCLA Medical Center.

The 71-year-old Hollywood superstar was moved Thursday from the intensive care unit, where he spent a restless night after surgery the day before. Doctors removed an intestinal blockage in an operation hospital spokesman Al Hicks described as common.

Doctors had not issued a statement on whether they found any trace of the cancer that led to the removal of Wayne's stomach in January, said hospital spokeswoman Bonnie Whitham. The hospital was running a routine cancer check, she added.

It was the third time since January that the actor had been hospitalized. Wayne, who will be 72 on May 26,

Born Feb. 13, 1894, in Mount Pleasant, she was married to L.C. Sandy on March 18, 1928, in Texon. He died June 20, 1971. She lived in Texon for 35 years before moving to Big Lake, where she resided for the last seven years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. D.E. Cook of Big Lake, a sister, Bell Fuqua of Big Spring, and three grandchildren.

Don Mincey

WINTERS — Services for Don Mincey, 46, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Winters Funeral Home with the Rev. J.H. Halford of Ballinger officiating.

Burial will be in Crews Cemetery.

Mincey died Wednesday in Big Spring following a short illness.

He was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Oklahoma. He was married to Frances Wood on June 24, 1961, in Winters. The couple moved to Big Spring from San Angelo in 1970. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Daria Mincey of Big Spring; four brothers, Elbert Mincey of Eldorado, Okla., Leon Mincey of Redondo Beach, Calif., Elvin Mincey of Brownfield and Nathan Mincey of Knox City, and three sisters, Mrs. Lynward Wilcox of Alexandria, La., Lois White of Long Beach, Calif., and Alpha Wheeler of Mangum, Okla.

Tax protesters sentenced

The last three of five area men involved in an income-tax protest movement Thursday were sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$10,000 in Federal District Court in Midland by Federal Judge John H. Wood Jr.

Two others involved in the movement were sentenced last month.

Wood also placed the three, Midlanders Richard L. Enloe, Billy D. Cawthon and Thomas O. Fluornoy, on five-year probations under terms that they "divorce" themselves from the tax protest movement and that they pay their income taxes during each of the five years after their prison term.

The three were found guilty, in separate jury trials last February, of failure to provide information to the IRS.

Flournoy filed suit against the federal government in August 1977, contending that the Federal Income Tax Law was unconstitutional.

He contended that the law was illegal on the basis that federal reserve notes are not legal money and therefore cannot be taxed as income.

"The real purpose of the suit is to get backing of our money with gold or silver, and not be at the mercy of the Federal Reserve System," he was quoted as saying at that time.

He was found guilty in February 1979 on two counts of willingly and knowingly failing to provide the IRS with required information.

His conviction was one of five during a two week period in February.

Billy D. Cawthon was found guilty in a separate trial on one count of failing to provide required tax information to the IRS and two counts of filing false forms.

His son, Vance Cawthon, was convicted on similar tax charges a year earlier. The younger Cawthon's appeal to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was rejected in February.

Enloe was convicted on one count of supplying a false Form W-4 and one count of failure to supply required information to the IRS.

Sentenced last month were Byron F. Patterson of Midland and Morris Reid Smith Jr. of Odessa. Each was convicted of tax evasion in separate jury trials in February.

Governor opposes nerve gas for Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Scott Matheson says he will fight the Army's plan to transfer 900 nerve gas bombs from Colorado to Utah, claiming they contain enough of a deadly agent "to annihilate the whole world."

"The Army has shown callous disregard for the health and safety of the people who live here," Matheson told reporters Thursday after military officials said they would proceed with the once-delayed transfer.

Matheson said if he is unable to get a court order halting the transfer, he will appeal directly to President Carter.

The Army's plan calls for the bombs to be flown by military transport from Rocky Mountain Arsenal near Denver on an un-


specified date after May 12 to Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. From there, the bombs would be shipped 46 miles by truck convoy to a storage site at Tooele Army Depot in Utah's western desert.

Matheson said the flight path for the Air Force C-141s would bring them within 55 miles of Salt Lake City. A crash, he said, "could cause a catastrophe."

Each of the bombs — called "Weteyes" — contain 350 pounds of the nerve agent GB, "enough to annihilate the whole world, at least theoretically," Matheson said.


He claimed lead plugs on the bombs where the nerve gas was inserted are deteriorating. "All the bombs will corrode and all will leak agent GB," he said.

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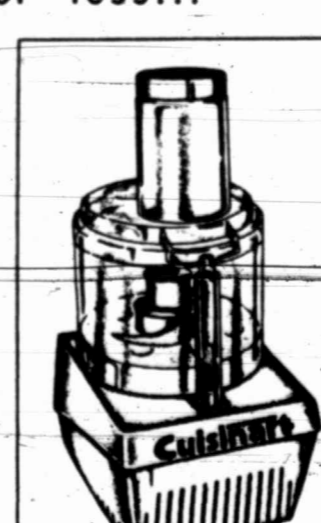


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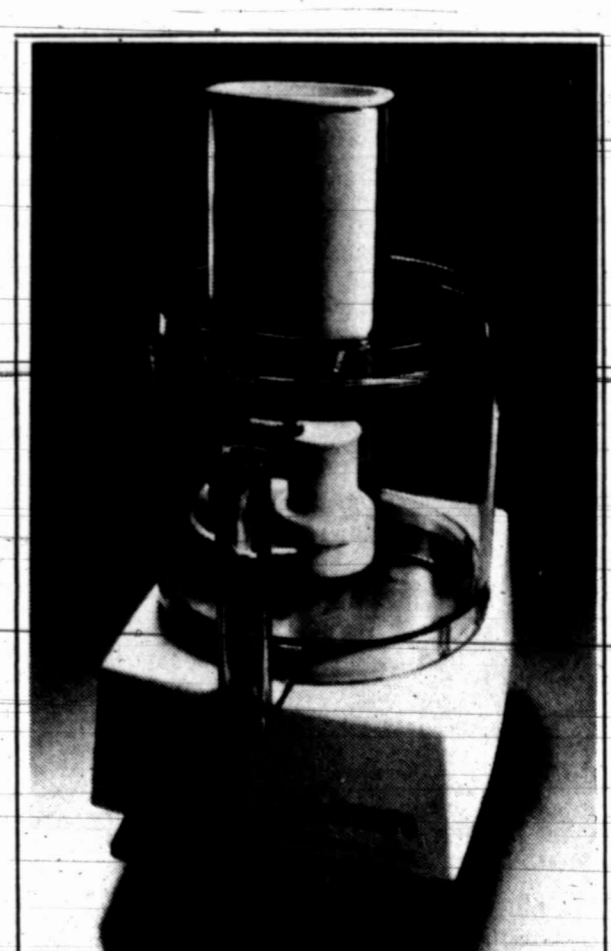
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After 16 terms and 32 years, history-making mayor retires

BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — It could have been any other working day in the last 32 years. Mayor Richard Gusman sat in his City Hall office, next to the front door, following a greeting to every person who walked by.

But this day the greetings were good-byes, for Gusman was cleaning out his desk. He had just completed his 16th straight two-year term the night before by swearing in his replacement.

It was not a melancholy task for the tall, robust 74-year-old, who tossed government pamphlets and regulations into a waste basket with glee while boasting of past accomplishments and plotting his future.

"I've had the longest term of any mayor in the United States," Gusman declared. "I was going to stop two years ago, but I read where one other mayor had been re-elected 15 times.

"I could have run one more time and been elected, because I had enough pledged votes," he continued. "But I would have ended up at 77, and I'm trying to live to be 80.

"I think I've got a better chance of doing that by getting out now, because the conglomeration of state rules and federal regulations was just running me nutty."

The job of mayor for this town of 20,000 people is full-time, and Gusman has been a one-man band at City Hall since he took over in 1947.

He held five jobs at the same time, including finance director, head of the city-owned gas system, director of

the city service center, city manager and mayor.

"The only things that haven't gone up since I've been mayor is city taxes and my salary of \$125 a month," Gusman said. "In salaries alone, I've donated more than \$1 million to Bay City during my term by doing jobs other cities put individual people in."

Gusman nurtured Bay City like his own business, bringing it along carefully during times of booming prosperity and keeping it out of debt until it grew from a community of 4,000 into the seat of government for Matagorda County.

"We were still using outhouses when I came here," he said. "We had very little schools, very little of anything. We didn't even have mail delivery."

"When I was first elected, I said I would run the city on a cash basis, and it's been free of debt for 32 years," said Gusman. "Last week I paid all the small loans at the bank and turned the business of the city over to the incoming administration without any outstanding bonds or notes."

That hard-nosed, independent approach grew more and more difficult to maintain as government, and the world, became more complex, Gusman admitted. "I enjoyed being mayor up until 10 years ago," he said. "We are no longer allowed to operate our cities, or have any free-thinking in this day and time."

"Getting out from under all that makes me feel better than I've felt in many a year," he said. "I'm just as happy as a lark."



Janell Watson, 18, an Ozona High School junior, will be among five area girls competing in the District 2-A1 Lions International queen contest Saturday at the Midland Hilton. Janell, who is being sponsored by the Ozona Lions Club, is ranked sixth academically in her class. District Lions will be meeting in Midland Friday through Sunday for their annual convention.

Post-pregnancy depression may have caused drownings

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Police investigators believe a 32-year-old woman who drowned herself and her four small daughters in the Bow River was suffering from a post-pregnancy depression following the birth of her last child two months ago.

Inspector Len Esler said a relative told the police the woman, Harjit Brar, had made several suicide threats to him previously and at 9:30 Tuesday night made another one in a desperate telephone call to him.

At 10:05 a jogger saw the woman throw three of her children into the icy river near the Calgary Zoo and then jump in with the fourth child. The jogger called the police.

Meanwhile, the relative tried for an hour to call Mrs. Brar back but

thought she was all right because he kept getting a busy signal, Esler said. Nearly half an hour after the five were dead, he called a city ambulance and asked that it go to the Brar home.

The ambulance crew found Mrs. Brar's husband asleep, unaware that his wife and daughters were missing, the inspector said.

Esler said the woman in her telephone call apparently did not say she

was going to kill the children.

The inspector did not identify the relative. But Mrs. Brar's brother-in-law, Nahmir Jit, denied that the woman had been depressed and said he knew of no reason for the tragedy.

"She talked to my wife all the time," he said. "She told her all of her troubles. She never once mentioned she was depressed. ... There was nothing to indicate this would happen."

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FTC said saving millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission, often criticized by industry, claims many of its recent actions save inflation-strapped consumers millions of dollars, particularly when they buy eyeglasses, blue jeans or audio equipment.

FTC Chairman Michael Pertschuk, in testimony Wednesday before a Senate Commerce subcommittee cited four actions he said "have provided tangible dollar benefits to consumers."

However, the commission ran into criticism from Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo. "When I go back to my state and speak to groups like Lions and Rotary clubs, half of my questions deal with the FTC. When my constituents are up in arms about an agency, obviously that affects me," he said.

He singled out an FTC program to finance expenses of groups that otherwise would not have sufficient funds to participate in commission proceedings.

"These outside groups are not adversaries of the commission. They are adversaries of the industry that would be regulated. We subsidize people who come in and agree with the FTC," he said.

Pertschuk told the committee that the most significant recent boon to consumers may be an FTC ban against restrictions on eyeglass and eye-exam price advertisements. "In states where advertising was restricted, studies found that prices ranged 25 to 40 per cent higher than in the states where advertising was permitted," Pertschuk testified.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paul Hoelscher, Box 886, Stanton, a girl.

Sheri Lynn Deary, 1709 N. Edwards St., a boy.

Sandra Marie Holloway, 1205 E. Hamby Ave., a girl.

Mamie Denice Wilson, 1311 S. Mineola St., a boy.

Maria Luz Flores, 1901 N. Lamesa Road, a boy.

April 28, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Collins Warren, 3404 Capwood Lane, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larry Wingel, 407 Woodcrest, a girl.

April 29, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eugene Wadsworth, 3405 Sentinel Ave., a boy.

Becky Jo Hale, 3113 W. Ohio Ave., a boy.

Deborah Fay Young, 309 S. Tyler St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Mohan Balu Patel, 401 E. Texas Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Andrew Kelley, 400 N. Bentwood St., a girl.

April 30, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dale Ebbing, Midland Route 1, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Earl Grismore, 1312 E. Chestnut Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lee Rhodes, 1603 N. J. St., a boy.

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APPRECIATION DAY



Recording artists the Doobie Brothers performed Thursday night to a near full house at the Chaparral Center at Midland College. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Coffee prices rise 15 cents

By The Associated Press

The nation's three biggest coffee roasters have boosted prices for the first time in two years, but they say the move does not signal the start of another major price spiral.

The increases, announced Thursday, will take effect immediately. The companies said the 6.2 percent boost — 15 cents on a pound of ground coffee now selling at wholesale for \$2.43 — is within President Carter's price guidelines.

General Foods Corp. of White Plains, N.Y., the country's largest roaster and the maker Maxwell House coffee, said the price of green coffee beans had risen sharply since the last price decrease on March 6. It also said there had been 14 price decreases totaling \$2.23 a pound since

May 1977 when wholesale prices peaked at \$4.46 a pound.

That peak came after a 1975 frost destroyed crops in Brazil and Colombia. Fears of a shortage sent prices soaring, but a cut in consumption helped bring them down again.

General Foods said green coffee supply and demand were now "in reasonable balance" and said no further substantial price rises were expected.

Increases also were announced by Procter & Gamble Co. of Cincinnati, whose Folgers coffee recently edged out Maxwell House as the best-selling ground coffee, and by Hills Brothers Coffee of San Francisco. They also blamed increases in bean prices for the rise.

Commission eyes Reagan backers

By DON McLEOD

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission is considering steps that could put a big dent in Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign treasury — even before his campaign is formally launched.

At issue are the political committees associated with presidential candidates. FEC staff memos suggest these may be fronting for potential candidates.

A memo by the commission's legal counsel says the Reagan-inspired Citizens for the Republic is being audited and the outcome may lead to examination of the others.

Under current practice, spending by Citizens for the Republic does not count against the total of about \$16 million which Reagan will be allowed to spend in pursuit of the 1980 Republican nomination.

If the commission follows staff recommendations to narrow its reading of the law, Reagan may have to

return a big chunk of the \$4 million in outlays by the Citizens for the Republic committee or at least deduct it from his spending limits.

The same thing could happen to other candidates who have had political action committees at work, including former Treasury Secretary John Connally, Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., and former CIA director George Bush. However, none of those operations raised or spent nearly as much as Citizens for the Republic.

Two staff memos on the subject were on the commission's agenda Thursday, but consideration was postponed until next week's meeting.

One memo, by legal counsel William Oldaker, recommends that money spent by such political action committees, known as PACs, may be counted against a potential candidate's contribution and spending limits once he assumes official candidate status.

Hardest hit because of its size would be Citizens for the Republic, formed by Reagan with money left over from his 1976 presidential campaign. It was the biggest PAC in the country last year with expenditures of almost \$5 million.

A 1980 presidential committee for Reagan was registered with the FEC early this year although he has not announced formally.

Technically, all of the pre-campaign PACs were registered as what the law calls multicandidate committees. And in fact they spent some of their income in support of Republican candidates in the 1978 elections or for other party activities.

But the bulk of their money went either for travel and other expenses of the future presidential candidate for whom they were formed or for other overhead — including staff salaries, newsletters and fundraising.

About \$600,000 of the nearly \$5 million spent last year by the Reagan-inspired PAC went to other candidates. Reagan served as its chairman and his photograph and statements of his political views were featured prominently on the cover of each newsletter.

The law and FEC regulations already allow supporters of a candidate to finance "testing of the waters" to help him decide whether he wants to run. This could include such things as polling or travel.

If the person decides not to run, there is no requirement to even report the transactions. But if he does become a candidate, the money he has spent

counts against his limits, and any contributions he may have received which would not be legal for a candidate would have to be returned.

The FEC staff work indicates the commission may apply the same rule to those PACs whose primary concern was setting up presidential campaigns. Under such an application, PAC spending on behalf of someone who subsequently becomes a candidate would be considered "testing of the waters" expenditures and charged to his limits.

And if the FEC rules that such spending amounts to a retroactive campaign contribution, it could mean some candidates would have to repay millions spent on their behalf over the past two years because the law says a committee may contribute no more than \$5,000 to any one candidate.

Carter to take 'nonpolitical' trip to politically important states

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is embarking today on a "nonpolitical" trip to politically potent Iowa and California because, according to a grinning aide, people there are keenly interested in Carter's programs.

Iowa is expected, once again, to be the first state to pick Democratic national convention delegates at party caucuses next January — caucuses that gave Carter a big boost toward nomination in 1976.

California has more voters than any other state and is the home of Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., a likely Carter challenger in 1980.

A reporter asked White House press secretary Jody Powell Thursday if today's journey to Iowa and California, and Carter's trip last week to New Hampshire, traditionally the scene of the first presidential primary, were coincidental.

Hardly attempting to hide the tongue that seemed lodged in his cheek, Powell responded, "There's a great deal of interest in the president's programs in these areas, it seems to us."



"Allemande left, Allemande right. Bow to your partner across the hall," the caller tells these Anson Jones Elementary fourth graders as they entertain school volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation Day earlier this week at Lancaster House. Approximately

1,900 volunteers signed up in the fall. Hostesses for the event were Headstart and the Midland City Council of PTAs. Pease Elementary Handbell Choir also performed. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Law Week concludes

The Midland County Bar Association today was to conclude Law Week 1979 following activities in which Midland lawyers marked observance of the annual week of emphasis on the law.

The association began activities with a luncheon Tuesday during which Judge Max N. Osborn, a former Midland resident until his appointment in 1973 to the Eighth Circuit Court of Civil Appeals in El Paso, spoke on "Our Changing Rights," the theme for law week this year.

Richard T. McMillan, an attorney with the law firm of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe, Morrow and Dawson, was picked as outstanding young lawyer of Midland for 1979.

Bertha Starks was presented the 1979 Liberty Bell Award, and Van Williams, a Lee High School student, was named recipient of the Midland County Bar Essay Award for 1979.

Mondale to see horse show

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Walter F. Mondale will fly to Murfreesboro, Tenn., Sunday to see his daughter Eleanor compete in a horse show at Middle Tennessee State University.

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