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Too Much or Too Little?

Are Midland's public officials and government employees paid enough — or too much? Or are they struggling to get by? Staff Writers Bill Modisett and David Campbell compare area salaries for Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.

Midland Widows Share

Olds are each new bride will become not only a wife, but also a widow. No age group is immune. Midland widows share their experiences, hoping to help others like themselves, in Sunday's Lifestyle section.

The Grapes at Last

Four years of battling wind, hail, water problems, the "finger blight" and even the ridicule of some townsfolk have rewarded Midlander John Crosby with a potential of 10 tons of wine-quality grapes. Sunday's West Texas Life has the spirited story.

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Midlander Phyllis Brown makes the most of "cheap" gas prices by getting a five-gallon can full of the liquid as a reserve for her motorcycle. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

Low prices, not shortage, create lines at Midland filling station

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The gasoline shortage that has led to higher fuel prices has been turned into waiting lines and relatively cheap prices at one Midland self-service filling station.

Lines have been forming in the early-morning hours at the Texaco station at Andrews Highway and Midkiff Road, where the apparently cheapest fuel in town is dispensed at 74.9 cents per gallon for regular and 78.9 cents for unleaded gasoline — at least until underground fuel tanks are depleted of their daily allotment.

"We're this way every morning," Helen Bell, station manager, said early today.

"Until we're closed," tacked on cashier-clerk Gena Butler.

Closing time generally falls two hours after the station opens at 7 a.m.

"We close no later than 9 a.m. with what we've got to run," said Mrs. Bell. Fuel is pumped from four pumps at each of two islands at the corner station.

The station's daily allotment has been about 2,000 gallons, 15 percent below that of a year ago, she said.

Two months ago, the station was pumping 3,000 to 3,100 gallons in 18-hour periods of being open. That was before fuel prices started their sweeping, upward climb.

"The Texaco representative sets our prices and allot-

ment, and the (U.S.) Department of Energy tells them," she said.

The lower-priced fuel brings in the customers at the station managed by Mrs. Bell.

"It's the price more than anything," said Phyllis Brown, who filled up a five-gallon can with premium gasoline for the family motorcycle.

She had already fueled up the family's subcompact car.

"You get up early, and you're doing fine (on prices)," she said.

Gus Murray waited in line to fill up his Volkswagen bus.

"It's because of the price" that he trades here, he said.

Murray, who's an aircraft mechanic at Aquila at Midland Regional Airport, noted that a "couple of stations at Odessa are up to a dollar a gallon."

Most prices in Midland seem to range from 78 to 88 cents a gallon.

Frank Cunningham pumped 35 gallons into the tanks of his pickup truck. The tab was about \$24.50.

Most other customers were buying \$10 to \$14 worth of fuel at a whack.

"I sometimes buy 40 or 50 gallons at a shot," Cunningham said.

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House passes weakened windfall profit tax

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives, in a striking departure from its recent sock-it-to-the-oil-companies rhetoric, sharply weakened the windfall oil profits tax bill Thursday before passing it and sending it to the Senate.

By a vote of 236 to 183, the House adopted a substitute to lower the windfall tax rate from 70 percent to 60 percent and end the taxes on oil production entirely in 1990.

The Ways and Means Committee had toughened President Carter's recommended tax significantly before bringing the measure to the floor. It had raised the tax rate from Carter's proposed 50 percent to 70 percent and made more of the tax permanent.

Voting for the substitute were 90 Democrats and 146 Republicans.

Backers of the substitute, including the principal sponsors, Rep. James Jones, D-Okla., and Rep. Henson Moore, R-La., argued that it would lead to twice as great an increase in domestic oil production as the committee version.

Jones and Moore also claimed that their substitute was tougher than Carter's bill, saying that it would take in an estimated \$23.3 billion over the next five years, compared to \$21.2 billion. The Ways and Means measure would have raised an estimated \$28 billion through 1984.

But a key element of the administration's proposed windfall profits tax was what has come to be called the "OPEC tax." This would have imposed the tax on newly discovered oil and "stripper well oil" as its price rises, with OPEC prices, above \$16 a barrel plus a quarterly inflation adjustment.

The administration wanted a permanent "OPEC tax."

Under the House-passed bill, however, it would end abruptly in 1990. The tax burden of oil companies after that would be billions of dollars less a year than under the Administration plan.

In many ways, the bill the House approved follows the lines suggested by Mobil Oil Corp. a few weeks ago. Mobil recommended focusing the tax on oil now being produced but exempting newly discovered oil and oil from so-called "stripper wells" producing less than 10 barrels a day.

President Carter proposed the tax last April as part of his plan to decontrol prices of all domestically produced oil by September 1981. As selling prices rise to world market levels, part of the resulting windfall would be captured by government.

The proceeds of the tax are supposed to go into an energy trust fund to finance energy research and develop-

ment and some rebates to the poor. However, legislation creating the fund and setting its spending targets will be considered later.

The Jones-Moore substitute also weakened the windfall taxes on production from marginal wells and from wells using expensive tertiary recovery techniques, such as injecting steam to drive out the oil.

The substitute was proposed, Jones said, because those two types of wells, along with newly discovered oil, offer "the best chances of increasing our domestic oil base."

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., called the substitute a "major change" that would mean billions more for the oil companies.

Besides the tax on newly discovered and stripper oil, the bill would tax the difference between actual selling prices and what the controlled price of oil would have been if there were no decontrol.

Summit partners adopt oil quotas

Carter says meeting 'exceeded highest expectations'

TOKYO (AP) — President Carter, claiming the seven-nation economic summit "equaled our highest expectations," joined his summit partners today in agreeing to adopt specific, individual oil import quotas through 1985.

In a joint declaration, the seven leaders deplored the latest oil price increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Foreseeing severe economic consequences for the world, they said "the most urgent tasks are to reduce oil consumption and to hasten the development of other energy sources."

The United States agreed to freeze

its oil imports at 8.5 million barrels a day — the current level — through 1985.

"I think the results of the economic summit were superb," Carter declared. "They equaled our highest expectations."

The joint communique spelled out specific ceilings for Japan and Canada and said European summit participants — France, Germany, Britain and Italy — would specify annual levels later this year.

After their two-day conference ended, the summit participants appeared before reporters in a crowded hotel ballroom. Carter was particularly pointed in discussing the impact

of the latest OPEC increases.

He said the boost of 21.5 percent to an average price of \$20.90 a barrel would "lead to worldwide inflation, less growth, more unemployment and endanger the stability of the economic system."

U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal, asked about the economic impact of the OPEC increase, said, "I think the chances of a recession are increased."

Asked about the economic impact of restraining oil imports, Blumenthal said, "The less we need to buy from them the less we're dependent on them and the less they can increase prices."

A senior American official estimated that without the quota, U.S. oil imports would have risen to 9.5 million or 10 million barrels a day by 1985.

At the end of the summit, which followed a three-day state visit to Japan, a tired-looking Carter confessed to "pleasant weariness." He headed for Seoul at 7:12 p.m. (6:12 a.m. EDT) for a 43-hour official visit to South Korea.

Carter, who announced Thursday he was canceling plans for a three-day holiday in Hawaii following his Asian travels, told reporters he was "ready to go home."

MC renames fine arts building

By SUSAN TOTH
Staff Writer

Good news was plentiful at Midland College Thursday for everyone but swimmers.

Trustees unanimously accepted a \$750,000 endowment from Helon Y. Allison. Mrs. Allison, widow of the late James N. Allison Sr. and mother of the late James N. Allison Jr., donated the money to establish the Alli-

son Chair of Journalism at the college.

Expressing gratitude for the donation and other past contributions to Midland College, trustees voted to rename the school's fine arts building the Allison Fine Arts Building.

The Allison family owned The Midland-Reporter Telegram before its sale early this year to the Hearst Corp.

Trustees also were presented a preliminary budget that gave employees a 14 percent salary increase without increasing either taxes, tuition or fees.

Total preliminary budget is \$4.95 million, up from \$4.34 million last year.

Increased spending will be funded entirely from increased values to be taxed, trustees were told.

The final budget will be approved during the August meeting.

Trustees also heard a preliminary report from their Blue Ribbon Energy Committee. Dr. Charles Wakefield, chairman of the group, indicated the college could expect at least a 15 percent savings in energy costs because of his group's work.

The prospective savings, MC President Dr. Al Langford pointed out, amount to \$30,000 over the next year.

Despite the optimistic news, the preliminary budget showed a 38 percent increase in utility costs, with electricity jumping from \$118,000 this year to \$180,000 next year.

The meeting was not all good news, however.

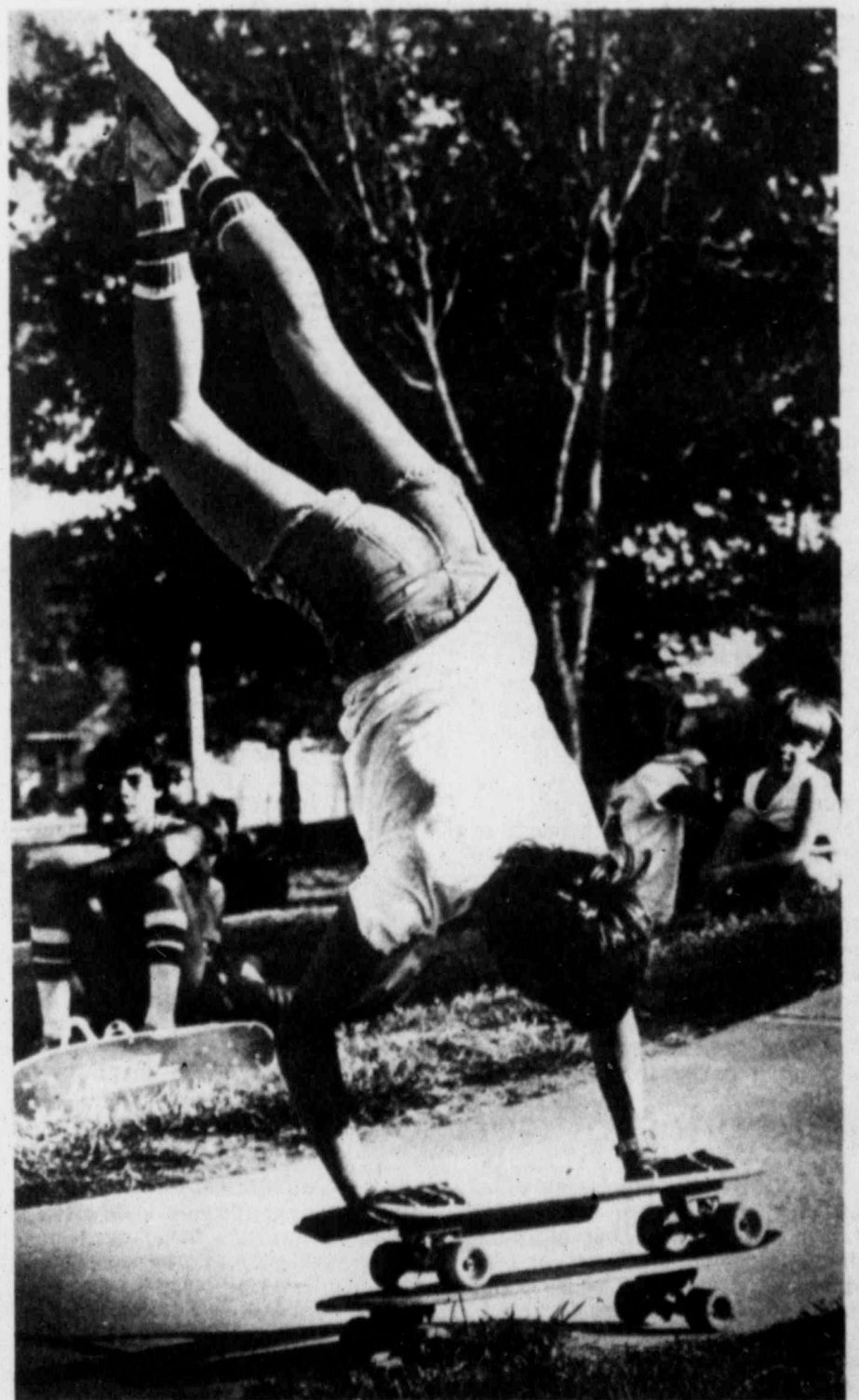
Trustees voted to eliminate the swimming team next year because the school recently lost three scholarship swimmers and the team's coach.

"It's late in the year to recruit a new coach and quality swimmers," Langford noted in recommending the change.

Trustees also were told they may have to spend an extra \$75,000 to overcome "oversights" in the construction of Chaparral Center.

Some \$45,000 was authorized to be added in next year's budget to purchase black-out curtains for the windows around the 5,000-seat multi-use facility.

The high windows let in too much (See MIDLAND, Page 2A)



Doing a handstand on stacked skateboards is Midlander Bruce Nolley, who competed in the 15 and over class of the city's Parks and Recreation Department-sponsored skateboard competition Thursday night. About 12 skateboarders competed in both free style and slalom course events. (Staff Photo by Brian Henderson)

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DEATHS



Linda J. Lawrence

Linda Lawrence

Services for Linda Joyce Lawrence, 26, 1302 E. Chestnut Ave., will be at 8 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Catholic Church in San Antonio. Burial will be in Eastview Cemetery in San Antonio.

Rosary was said today in Sutton and Sutton Mortuary in San Antonio. Arrangements in Midland were handled by Jackson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lawrence died Tuesday in an Odessa hospital.

She was born Dec. 4, 1952, in San Antonio. She finished high school there.

Survivors include her husband, Robert James Lawrence of Pampa; a son, James Lee Lawrence of Midland; a daughter, Sonya Michelle

Lawrence of Midland; her father, Marvis James of Midland; her mother, Robbie Lee Ussery of San Antonio; two brothers, Marvis James Jr. and Willie Adrian Ussery, both of San Angelo; her grandmother, Ada M. Booker of San Angelo, and her great grandmother, Ethel Larkins of Glidden.

Jeff Wood

Jeff Wood, 81, died Thursday at his home 12 1/2 miles northwest of Midland in Ector County after apparently suffering a heart seizure.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Roy Carley, associate minister of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Wood was born Nov. 3, 1897, in Bloomburg and spent his early life in Arkansas near Texarkana, where he farmed. He began working in the oil fields while in his teens and came to Midland in 1940 from Colorado City.

In Midland, he had owned and operated a number of service stations. He also owned a business known as Wood's Motor Fuel Sales until 1961, when he sold it.

In 1963, Wood and his wife, Eloise, moved to Kingsland. They returned to Midland in 1968. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Ray Moudy of Midland, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sandinistas retreat to regroup

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The Sandinista rebels gave up the Managua slums after two weeks of fighting but said they were withdrawing to regroup for more combat. President Anastasio Somoza failed to muster a quorum for a session of Congress and met with the new U.S. ambassador, Lawrence Pezullo, amid reports the envoy asked him to resign.

The New York Times reported Somoza told U.S. officials he would step down if his national guard and ruling Liberal Nationalist Party were given a role in a transitional government. U.S. Embassy political officer Jack Martin called the report "pure speculation," and Somoza's private secretary, Max Kelly, called it "absolutely false."

Somoza told the Colombian newspaper La Republica: "If the Congress asks me to resign, I will dissolve it."

Only 28 of the 70 congressmen showed up for the session Somoza called Thursday, eight short of a quorum.

"We're going to Masaya," one of the guerrillas shouted to reporters as he and hundreds of others streamed out of the slums on foot and in captured national guard trucks toward the rebel-held city 20 miles south of Managua. They were armed with automatic assault rifles, rocket grenades and heavy machine guns.

The national guard claimed control of Managua today for the first time in nearly three weeks, and a top Somoza aide said dislodging the guerrillas had freed troops and planes to push the rebels from the strip they have

been holding along the Costa Rican border. "You're going to see something surprising tomorrow, and after that comes Masaya," the aide said.

A guerrilla source said the Sandinistas pulled out of Managua because of heavy guard fire and because they were running low on food and ammunition. The guard, Somoza's army and police force, had been hitting the eastern barrios from the air and with heavy rocket and mortar attacks.

Government planes dropped 250- and 500-pound bombs on the rebel strongholds again Wednesday night, and on Thursday morning infantry began moving in behind a Sherman tank and armored cars. A guard plan rocketed Sandinista sniper positions and a C-47 gunship strafed the area. By noon most of the area was clear of resistance and the guard began tearing down the rebels' paving stone barricades.

The barrios were full of twisted metal roofing, burned timbers and shattered brick from slum dwellings and stores destroyed in the fighting. Residents said hundreds had died in the guard bombing and shelling, and many houses had freshly dug graves in back yards.

Some had "house with children" scrawled in large black letters on the outside walls in vain hopes the guard would spare them. Others were covered with Sandinista slogans such as "Sandino Lives," "Death to Somoza," and "A Free Country or Death."

Brass shell casings, shrapnel from bombs, dud grenades and mortar shells littered the streets of the bar-

rios, and many residents told of guardsmen shooting indiscriminately into houses with heavy machine guns.

One man said his daughter was trying to get back into his house after the 7 p.m. curfew, but the guard shot and killed her at the gate. She was buried in the backyard. Other residents simply raised their hands palm upward in despair and shook their heads when reporters approached.

Despite their retreat from Managua, the Sandinistas still control many provincial cities, including Leon, the nation's second largest 55 miles northwest of the capital, and a swath of territory north of the Costa Rican border.

But so far the guard has prevented them from moving from the frontier area northward to the city of Rivas, where they hope to establish a five-member provisional government.

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Nicaragua missionaries charge Somoza tortures

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A group of missionaries accused President Anastasio Somoza's national guard of a year-long campaign of torture and murder. They said they advised the U.S. government of the situation but their letters were dismissed as leftist propaganda.

"They said it wasn't true and that we were dreamers and communists and all of that," one of the missionaries told an impromptu news conference Thursday evening in a Managua motel.

"It seems that not until this reporter (ABC-TV reporter Bill Stewart) from the States was killed by the national guard that the U.S. stood up and said, 'Aha, something is happening here.' And it's happened to hundreds and hundreds of people and campesinos (peasants) ... They've been cruelly tortured."

They missionaries asked not to be named or identified by nationality for fear of reprisals.

"If there is not some international clamor about it, the guard will keep on slaughtering people," one of them said.

Another said that guardsmen went through the Managua barrio of San Judas recently, killing everyone 14 to 22 years old they found in their homes.

One missionary said sources she would not identify told her the Somoza government recently received 10 planes and 150 machine guns from the United States, but she said she did not know whether the arms were bought on the black market or sent by the U.S. government. Washington announced an end to all military aid to Nicaragua months ago.

Airline files for new routes

Permian Airways, the newest airline at Midland Regional Airport, has filed an application with the Texas Aeronautics Commission to begin new direct route air service to Abilene on Aug. 1, a company spokesman said.

If there is no opposition to its TAC application, Permian Airways will operate two round-trip flights daily between Midland and Abilene. And if this route is approved, Permian Airways may consider adding an Amarillo-to-Abilene direct flight, the spokesman said.

A TAC hearing on Permian's application must be called in the next 30 to 60 days, followed by another 30-to-60 day period, giving people a chance to

express reasons for opposition.

Estimated cost of a one-way ticket will be \$33 one way and \$66 round trip.

In the application filed June 8 with the TAC, Permian Airways also requested authority to initiate 11 other new service routes, in addition to the Abilene request. These would include Big Spring, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, San Angelo, San Antonio, Wichita Falls, Carlsbad, N.M., Hobbs, N.M., Roswell, N.M., Ruidoso, N.M. and Oklahoma City.

The airline currently is providing service to Midland, Lubbock and Amarillo under a temporary certificate.

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Spreading fuel crunch clouds holiday travel plans

By the Associated Press

A Rhode Island supplier said sales for traditional clambakes at the shore were off and a Maine town offered tourists free gasoline, as the spreading fuel crunch clouded travel plans for the weekend and July Fourth holiday.

A spot check by the Associated Press showed that weekend gasoline supplies were tight in 35 states, with the biggest pinch in the heavily populated cities in the East.

Seventy percent of West Virginia's gas stations were expected to be closed Saturday and 95 percent Sunday.

In Portland, Ore., 93 percent were expected to be closed Sunday.

The situation has "stabilized at disaster," said the Automobile Club of New York, where gas lines stretched up to 2 1/2 miles this week and prices ranged up to \$1.60 a gallon.

The Automobile Association of America said the average gas price across the nation was 94.3 cents a gallon — and OPEC adopted a new pricing system that will add four cents to that in the months ahead.

In Orange, Calif., a dealer who has been having trouble getting adequate allocations said he will begin selling fuel for \$5 a gallon Monday. Tony Grasso said he's aiming at drivers who hate lines.

In Miami, the gas crunch was blamed for the suicide of 60-year-old James Rogers, who ran a newspaper-delivery service. Rogers' wife said he was "extremely despondent over not being able to get gas to deliver his newspapers" because of rationing.

With end-of-month shortages, fuel blockades by striking truckers and threats of a shutdown July 1 by service station owners complicating the gas picture, officials took these steps:

—Pennsylvania and Rhode Island officials agreed to release part of their states' emergency "set-aside" supplies of gas for July to stations that stay open over the weekend.

—New York City Mayor Edward Koch ordered a crackdown on drivers who violate "odd-even" rationing regulations. He also directed police to visit every gas station in the city today to inform operators of state rules mandating weekend openings for some outlets.

—Vermont set up a telephone "Gas-

Line" to provide up-to-date information on gasoline supplies in the state.

—The seaside tourist spot of Trenton, Maine, persuaded both local station operators to give \$5 worth of gas to anyone who stays in town and shops this weekend. "Not many vacationers have made it up our way lately," said Whitney Austin, president of Trenton's Chamber of Commerce, which will pay for the gas.

Motorists' fears of gasless highways continued to take their toll on tourist areas around the country.

A fish supplier in Rhode Island said the gas crisis has cut into his business by as much as 50 percent. "We're usually taking a lot of orders for Fourth of July clambakes but right now there's nothing coming in," said the supplier, who asked his name not be used.

Delaware today became the 10th state to begin odd-even rationing this summer and Rhode Island was slated to join the list, which includes the District of Columbia, next week.

The gas picture was further complicated by threats by some dealers to shut down starting July 1 to protest federal regulations that restrict profit margins. Threatened shutdowns in New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania were called off Thursday at the last minute.

Meanwhile, Mobil Oil Corp. said dealers in the District of Columbia and 10 Eastern states would receive part of their July allocations this week as a "temporary expedient."

And Shell Oil Co. spokesman Everett Vilander, in Baltimore, said the firm had offered to give dealers early delivery of one load each borrowed against July allocations.

But Sun Oil Co. said the amount of gasoline available to most dealers in July will be only about 70 percent of last year's supplies, down from 71 percent in June.

Four more Texas counties covered by odd-even plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements' odd-even gasoline rationing plan will cover four more counties — Galveston, Denton, Fort Bend and Waller — starting Monday.

The governor announced at his weekly news conference Thursday he had added the counties to eight already under odd-even rationing.

Since Monday is an even-numbered day — July 2 — only cars whose license plates end with an even number will be able to buy gasoline on the first day of gas sales restrictions in the four new counties.

Clements said authorities in the eight counties already under the rationing plan tell him they "are satisfied with it and are convinced the lines are shorter and the system is indeed working."

He said "misbehavior is at a minimum" in the gasoline lines. "I am not familiar with any incidents in that regard." He mentioned with approval a new Dallas ordinance providing up to a \$200 fine for line-jumping.

Clements said "first of the month allocations will ease" somewhat the present tight gasoline supply.

Bill Lauderback, administrative assistant to energy adviser Ed Vetter, said the governor's office would watch the gas situation for two more weekends before deciding about Sunday sales. He said the odd-even rationing system might leave stations enough gasoline to voluntarily open on Sundays.

Clements said he "can't understand" why the U.S. Department of Energy allows new service stations

to open at a time when existing ones can't get enough gas.

"They've done such a good job of botching up the program that I just assume this is one of their mistakes," he said. "If there is anything we don't need in Texas at this time, it is more filling stations. We need them like a hole in the head."

On other subjects, Clements said: — His talks with striking independent truckers on Wednesday left him hopeful they would start transporting farm produce and other goods again soon.

— He believes Attorney General Mark White will uphold his vetoes of several appropriations bill riders directing expenditure of more than \$95 million.

"If I hadn't thought those were valid vetoes, I wouldn't have done it," he said.

Chairman Bill Presnal of the House Appropriations Committee contends a governor cannot veto riders and requested the attorney general's opinion.

— There are about 20 persons under consideration for appointment to the Texas Public Utility Commission vacancy created by the resignation of Alan Erwin. Clements bridled at suggestions by the Texas Consumer Association and others that he appoint a "consumer advocate" to the job.

"I don't think the commission should be divided on that kind of basis. I think the board should represent all of Texas. I'm not going to appoint a member to represent the utilities. That's not my approach," he said.

A sign of the times: increased gas poisoning

HOUSTON (AP) — Gasoline poisoning has increased tenfold since people began siphoning to beat the fuel shortage and long lines, says the director of the Southeast Poison Center. "We've been mighty lucky no one has died," Mike Ellis said Thursday. "A teaspoonful of gasoline can kill an adult."

Ellis said the center, which is located at the University of Texas Medical Branch, now gets almost 10 calls a day reporting incidents of gasoline poisoning, compared with last year's average of one daily.

It has received about 100 calls in June alone, he said, easily exceeding all reports of gasoline poisoning to the center in 1978.

"One of the most dangerous things is siphoning gasoline with a hose and your mouth, or leaving it out for kids to get hold of," said Ellis. "Your chance of survival is 50-50, and those aren't good odds when you're betting your life."

When gasoline is sucked into the lungs, it coats the lungs and prevents the vital exchange between oxygen and carbon dioxide. If heavy enough, that barrier can cut off oxygen to the body and kill.

Or, while seeking to dilute the gasoline, the lungs might flood themselves with fluid, cutting off air.

Plenty of gas for boats

AUSTIN (AP) — Marinas are exempt from Gov. Bill Clements' odd-even gas rationing plan, says the governor's special energy adviser.

Ed Vetter issued the ruling to the Boating Trades Association of Texas.

Vetter also said the 20-gallon maximum gasoline purchase could be split between a boat and the towing vehicle.

The ruling said the license number of the towing vehicle and not that of the boat trailer would determine whether a vehicle could obtain gasoline on a given day.

One man's solution: \$5 gasoline

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Tony Grasso is tired of battling the government, the oil companies and irate motorists. So beginning Monday, he's charging \$5 a gallon for gas at his Chevron service station.

"I got one customer already committed to come down at 8 a.m. at \$5 a gallon," the feisty 57-year-old dealer said Thursday.

Grasso is already in legal hot water for charging \$1.51 a gallon — his pumps read 75.9 cents a half-gallon — and he knows that \$5 a gallon is well over the federal price ceiling.

But he says things have been going so badly for him lately that he just doesn't care.

"I'm daring the Department of Energy to come and get me," he said. "I want to see if this is a free country or if it's Nazi Germany."

Another takes a different route

MIAMI (AP) — Friends say James Rogers burned up at least 10 gallons of gasoline a day in his 1977 Chevrolet station wagon delivering newspapers to suburban newswracks.

A week after gas rationing hit Dade County and gas lines began to mushroom, the 60-year-old put a bullet through his head. The gas crunch drove him to it, friends and family say.

Rogers complained all week about the gas situation, said fellow Miami News delivery man Wally Ballou. "He was really getting fanatical about it."

Rogers' wife, Bessie, was half asleep in their darkened bedroom early Thursday when she heard a shot, switched on the light and found her husband dead in the next bed, police said.

There was a gunshot wound in Roger's right ear and his .38-caliber revolver lay next to him, police said.

Insurance plan urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nuclear power industry committee created after the Three Mile Island accident says it is exploring the idea of an insurance program financed by the 70 utilities that have nuclear power plants.

"It would be useful in dealing with extraordinary expenses resulting from a large outage," said Floyd W. Lewis, chairman of the committee. Such an insurance plan could be in place by next year, Lewis said Thursday at a news conference called on the 3-month anniversary of the accident that shut down the plant near Harrisburg, Pa.

Company buys vans for workers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — As other American commuters sit in long lines for gasoline, a company with offices here and in three other big cities intends to pay the entire cost of getting many of its employees to and from work.

The Louisiana Land & Exploration Co. took delivery Thursday of the first of 15 to 20 passenger vans it says it will use to transport many of its 400 New Orleans employees to and from work — some on round trips of 80 miles or more.

LL&E, which produces and explores for oil and natural gas, said similar programs will be offered soon at its offices in Houston, Texas; Denver, Colo., and Calgary in Alberta, Canada.

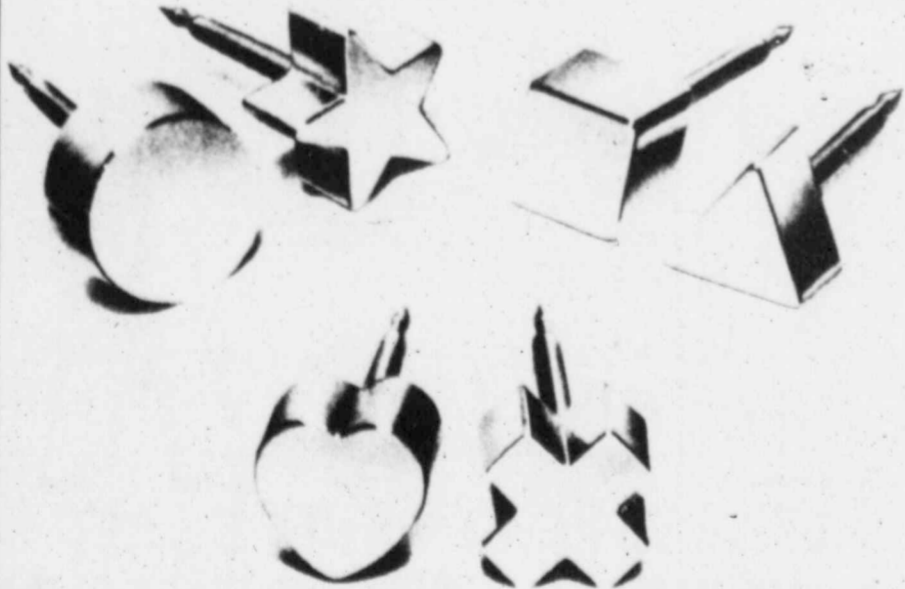
Company spokeswoman Nancy McCann said LL&E will pay about \$10,000 for each of the vans, liability insurance on and repairs to the vehicles, parking costs and bridge tolls, and for such other things as license tags and inspections.

She said no estimate of the program's total cost was immediately available because the program is still being organized, but the expense of the vans alone figures out to between \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Mrs. McCann said the first 15 vans should be on the road here within the next three weeks, carrying at first about 100 LL&E employees to their jobs in the city's Central Business District.

"The company is addressing the current energy shortage, as well as the problems of urban congestion and pollution," said Mrs. McCann. "By offering our employees these vans, we can take a number of cars off the road and provide a benefit to our employees, as well."

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By PATSY GORDON
Lifestyle Writer

...Three students from Midland have been named to the Distinction List for academic achievement at Southwestern University at Georgetown.

Students earning this honor include Maralee Buttery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn O. Buttery, 3216 Frontier St.; Cary Ann Nixon, daughter of Edwin F. Nixon, 512 W. Storey St., and James L. Rulla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin J. Rulla, 2508 Gulf Ave.

To be included on the Distinction List at Southwestern, a student must have had a grade point average of 3.6 or higher out of a possible 4.0 while taking 12 or more hours of classwork during the semester...

...SARAH S. HARDWICK BELL of Midland has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry College for the spring semester.

Ms. Bell had a perfect 4.0 grade point average...

...MIDLAND NATIVES, Steve Joiner and Liz Shrode, made the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian College for the spring semester. Joiner, a junior, had a perfect 4.0 grade point average, while Shrode, a freshman, was not far behind with a 3.56...

...MORE COLLEGE HONORS: Malinda McMurry and Carla Wilhite, both of Midland, were recognized for their academic achievement by being named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater...

...PAUL L. VAUGHN of Midland has been awarded the coveted degree of the Loyal Order of the Moose in a solemn ceremony held at the famed Moose Child City, Mooseheart, Ill.

Vaughn, a member of the local Moose lodge many years, was awarded the Pilgrim Degree of Merit for his outstanding service and continued devotion to the humanitarian programs of the Fraternity...

...TWO MIDLAND STUDENTS have been recognized at Texas Christian University as a TCU Scholar for the spring semester.

Receiving awards were Gayle Grimland and Bonnie McDaniel...

...KRIS ENGLAND of the Tall City was awarded a bachelor of arts degree during spring commencement exercises at the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley...

...GREGORY L. ROSE of Midland was among 1,764 Wright State University students to receive degrees during spring commencement exercises. He was awarded a master of science...

...THREE LOCAL STUDENTS, Lisa J. Lowery, Robert D. Macha and James V. Roller, were awarded bachelor's degrees at graduation ceremonies held this spring on the campus of North Texas State University.

Miss Lowery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene R. Lowery, 2517 Goddard St., received the bachelor of science in education in elementary education, cum laude; Macha, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Macha, Route 3, received the bachelor of arts in English, and Roller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cloy E. Roller, 3522 Stanolind St., received the bachelor of science in education, political science...

...MICHAEL PROCTOR, son of Mrs. Ruth Proctor, 1407 W. Ohio Ave., a Midlander for 62 years, was recently promoted to major in the United States Army. He is in the Medical Field Service.

Proctor graduated from Midland High School in 1964 and from Rice University in 1968. He entered the Army in the same year and was commissioned second lieutenant in 1969 at Fort Sam Houston.

The major graduated from the Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala., in 1970 and from the Medical Field Service School of Brooks Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in 1971.

He served a year in Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, (first oak leaf cluster.) He now is stationed at Fort Sam Houston as a medical pilot. His wife, Barbara, is a teacher in Fort Sam Houston.

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There's more than one way to grill as these Blue Birds find out. Learning to cook over clay flower pots at the annual Camp Fire day camp at Hogan Park are, from left, Jill Valentine, 7, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Valentine, 3002 N. Town Place, and Lynette Batson, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Batson, 4412 Wilshire. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)



DEAR ABBY

She'd drive us all scentsless

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: If people are "entitled" to clean air, devoid of cigarette smoke, why aren't they entitled to clean air, free from the scents of perfumes, colognes, after-shaves, etc., which also can make people sick?

I am allergic to scents. They give me a migraine headache. My nasal passages become irritated and swollen, and I have difficulty breathing.

It is torture for me to be helped by a heavily perfumed salesperson. Or to stand in line with perfumed people, get trapped in an elevator with them, sit next to them in a waiting room or theater or wherever people gather. Room sprays of all kinds are a disaster to me!

In writing this, I hope scent-users will become aware of how offensive they are and will be satisfied with a daily bath and an unscented deodorant. — ALLERGIC.

DEAR ALLERGIC: Thanks for a letter about scents that make sense.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter (an only child) and I have a beautiful relationship even though she is 37 and I am 67. She is happily married. She and her husband invite me to be with them very often and we always have a wonderful time. I lost my husband six months ago, Abby, but when he was alive we saw a lot of "the kids."

Well, the kids are planning a vacation and want me to go with them. We enjoy the same things and always have a great time together. Some of my friends have told me it is not "healthy" to be with my kids so much. They say I shouldn't go on a vacation with them, that they asked me just to be nice. My kids say if I don't go with them they won't have as much fun.

I have other interests and friends, and do not feel as though I am clinging to my children. Perhaps I need another point of view. — Mrs. R.

DEAR MRS. R.: If you feel that their invitations are sincere, and their enjoyment of your company is real, pay no attention to the suggestions from friends. Join the kids and have a good time!

DEAR ABBY: This may sound

silly, but it is a big problem with me.

My boyfriend, 25, started to shave the hair off his chest about a year ago, then he began shaving his arms. I asked him why he did this and he said he didn't like the looks of all the hair. (I never thought he was particularly hairy.)

Now he turns up with all the hair shaved off his lower extremities. This really bothers me, Abby. Nobody sees his legs so why does he need to shave them?

Now he claims that body hair is "unclean."

How can I convince him that body hair isn't dirty, and that he should stop all this silly shaving. — IN LOVE WITH A HAIRLESS GUY

DEAR IN LOVE: Your boyfriend's problems could be more than skin deep. But as long as HE doesn't consider his obsession with body hair a problem, it's no problem. If YOU do, I'm afraid that's YOUR problem.

BRIDAL PARTIES

A shower was given for Melinda Joyce Hunt and her fiance, Larry Don Eads, at the home of the future bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hunt of Midland.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eads of Midland. Hostesses were Lettie Rock, Helen Brown and Sue McDonald.

The mothers and bride-to-be wore pink rose corsages with maroon trim. Decorations included a centerpiece made of a small mesquite tree which was painted white and trimmed with kitchen utensils and pink and maroon bows. A buffet supper was served.

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Camp Fire Girls learn craft, cooking skills

The annual Camp Fire Girls day camp was held recently in Hogan Park, with first, second and third grade Blue Birds attending.

Their activities for a week included singing, games, crafts, hikes, a cookout, nature projects, pantomimes, swimming, ceremonial and flag ceremony.

In the cookout, third graders cooked their dinner in clay flower pots. They share with readers how it is done.

First, line a pot with foil, shiny side out. Then, cover the bottom with small rocks. Put about six inches of sand on top of the rocks and smooth out the sand evenly. Pile several charcoal briquets on top of each other. Light briquets and you can cook directly on top of them or place a grill over the top which you can place the cooking pot on. The girls cooked spaghetti, biscuits and banana boats on them.

BANANA BOATS Peel banana and slice length-wise in half. Place banana halves on a square of foil, shiny side down. Put one-half of a whole chocolate candy bar and whole marshmallows between banana halves. Wrap in foil. Place directly on coals until marshmallows and chocolate have melted.

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Alternate ingredients on a skewer or stick. Toast over coals until done to your liking.

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Cancer: A new life after the tears

By ALISON DA ROSA
Copley News Service

But it's a distant kind of fear—something that only happens to other people. Until it happens to you.

“That’s when the whole world comes to an end,” said Joan Kramer, who discovered a cancerous lump on her breast nearly five years ago.

“There’s something wrong with a woman if she doesn’t think about breast cancer—doesn’t wonder how she’d react. I remember thinking I would commit suicide if it ever happened to me.”

“My husband has always been very vain about my appearance. There has always been a great deal of physical attraction involved in our relationship. ‘I was sure I would lose my husband.’

“So I would die.” But breast cancer happened to Kramer. And all of a sudden, Kramer found herself fighting like crazy to stay alive.

“You have to realize you have cancer—and your husband and family have to face that realization, too,” Kramer said. “This is much harder to deal with than losing a breast.”

old when she discovered the lump that changed her life. Even though she was certain the tumor would be benign, she waited two weeks before asking her gynecologist to check out the situation.

“When the doctor told me I had to go in for a biopsy, my schedule was so busy that I told the nurse I couldn’t go in for about a month,” Kramer recalled. “The nurse was very stern. She said I would go in immediately. She said I was taking my life into my own hands.”

But for both Kramer and her husband, a traveling sales representative, cancer was still something that happened to “other” people.

“I decided I would have the biopsy on an out-patient basis so that I could go back to work in the afternoon,” Kramer said. “My husband would be out of town, so we agreed he would call me at work in the afternoon. That’s how sure we were that everything would be fine.”

To this day when Vic Kramer passes a certain telephone booth in Orange County, Calif., he gets a sick, aching feeling in the pit of his stomach. That’s where he made his call back home.

said she was in a stupor that afternoon—in too much shock to cry.

But during the week that followed, she did plenty of crying. She and her husband did plenty of talking, plenty of consoling.

“We learned that living is more important than anything else—to both of us,” Kramer said.

When Kramer woke up after surgery, she faced a room filled with flowers.

“I was surrounded by love,” she said. “and there was a perky little woman from the American Cancer Society’s Reach to Recovery program who visited me in the hospital. She was so perky and looked so good.”

“She’d had a mastectomy, too. But she was so wonderful and so perky I couldn’t wait to become a volunteer myself.”

Kramer said she had doubts about her own sexuality after the surgery. She half expected her husband would have difficulties.

“It’s a tremendous amount to lay on a man,” she said. “If he had rejected me after surgery, I just don’t know... But he never for a second disappointed me.”



Joan Kramer
“Life is an adventure”
(CNS photo by George Smith)

“But Kramer never relaxes. She says there’s no doubt in her mind that cancer will probably recur.”

“But I’m not going to sit home and wait for it,” she said. “I live every single day just for the day. And that is why I have more wonderful days than most people have in a lifetime. Life is an adventure.”

Kramer said cancer has developed an impatience in her—an impatience for people who are fine, but complainers.

“Complainers just don’t know how precious life is—and I have no patience for them,” she said. “Life is wonderful just because you wake up in the morning.”

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Jones, Rickey exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones of Midland announce the marriage of their daughter, Jana, to Steve Rickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rickey, also of Midland.

The couple exchanged vows at 2 p.m. June 21 in the Trinity Presbyterian Church Parlor.

Officiating the double ring ceremony was Dr. William Hedrick. Immediately following the service, a reception was held in the parlor.

Out-of-city guests included the bride's grandmothers from Kenedy and the bridegroom's grandparents from Oklahoma.

After a wedding trip to Kenedy and Padre Island, the couple will live in Midland.

June birthdays honored at Trinity

Fourteen residents of Trinity Towers were honored with a birthday party for June.

Celebrating their birthdays were Annis Russell, Thelma Neal, Hal Adams, Ben Dansby, Agnes Gwaltney, Bill Forehand, Mary Phillipus, Mary Ruth Larsh, Margaret Robinson, Mary Simpson, Betty Holt, Lola Bussey, Jennie Messersmith and Sara Renaud.

Program was presented by Ty Morris and his music group from Crestview Baptist Church.

Flowers for the occasion were provided by Yucca Garden Club. Cake was prepared by Circle "L" Class of First Presbyterian Church.

Auxiliary director Helen Luff greeted and introduced the honorees and welcomed guests. They included Winnie Cheves, Yonnie Lomax, Jeanne Fitz-Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Hyle Doss, Marilyn Volpe, Beatrice Tiner, Lisa Wright, Florence Larsh, Sarah McDonald, Betty Simpson, Mary Lou Simpson, Barbara McLellan, Ida Paxton and Florence Merket.

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You are able to take care of some details in your work early in the day, but later the situation is not too easy for you. A co-worker has good ideas that should be followed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Accept a social invitation that could offer financial benefits. Don't lose your temper with anyone. Use caution in travel.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be conscientious in the handling of home affairs and be kind to kin. A new project requires that you study every detail of it carefully.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Handle correspondence early and then get into other duties that are important to your welfare. Clear up any errors in your work, and be on the safe side. Avoid exaggerations.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Concentrate on practical affairs and know how to increase present abundance. Listen to what a successful acquaintance has to suggest.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Morning is best for pleasure; later you can handle personal affairs more wisely. Good day to plan future social activities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to attain a secret desire early. Although advice an expert gives you is not to your liking, follow it anyway for best results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A precise friend has fine ideas as to how to gain your most cherished wishes, so listen carefully and follow them. Steer clear of group affairs. Forget anxieties and be happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get at those outside affairs quickly and stop procrastinating and get excellent results. Exercise care in the handling of some credit affair. Don't get caught in the wind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) New interests may require more time before they become workable and practical so be patient. Hunches are good only in the morning. Later use your most mature judgment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Keep promises and show you are a reliable person. You can solve some limiting situation with a loved one. Show that you are thoughtful but not a pushover.

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The 'in' jean: European, straight leg and costly

By LANNY WILLIAMS
Copley News Service

Customers scream about the prices. They complain about the fit. They say their

boyfriends and husbands won't like the new look. But they're buying the new straight-leg European-style jeans anyway — despite prices as high as \$40 a pair. Big name designers are

into the blue denim market — you can buy jeans sporting names like Calvin Klein, Geoffrey Beene, Ann Klein and Gloria Vanderbilt for \$34 to \$38 at large clothing stores.

But, the most "in" jeans right now are Sassons. The name is pronounced like Vidal Sassoon, although it is spelled differently. Sassons have garnered the market that a few months ago was dominated by Chemin de Fer, local merchants say.

The fashionable jeans are made of heavy indigo blue denim: they don't have the soft, pre-washed look that was popular a few years ago. And they are worn as tight as possible — to the point where they tend to crease around the hips and look rather like sausage

casings. As the pants have been getting tighter, the bottoms have been getting narrower. The diameter at the ankles has gone from 16 inches, to 14 inches, to 12 inches at present.

Up until recently, the trend was to roll up the cuffs (which was a boon to those who were fed up with hemming pants that had been made extra-long to allow for exaggerated platform shoes and spike heels).

Now, local fashion-watchers say, regular hems are coming back, and the rolled cuff soon will go out.

Aside from the almost-obscene fit, most of the mystique of the straight-leg jeans is in the labels and the stitched design on the pockets.

In addition to Sasson and Chemin de Fer, other popular labels are Love'n Stuff, Jordache, h.i.s. and Britannia.

And then there are names like Rose Hips, London Derriere and Hindquarters. Some of the old familiar pants makers like Levi's ("Movin' On"), Lee and Wrangler make straight-leg jeans, too.

Although many of the labels hint at French origins, the pants all seem to be made either here or in the Orient.

The Jordaches, which proclaim they have the European straight leg, are made in Hong Kong. Britannia's boot-cut jeans are made in Singapore. The Moody Goose jeans are made in Macao.

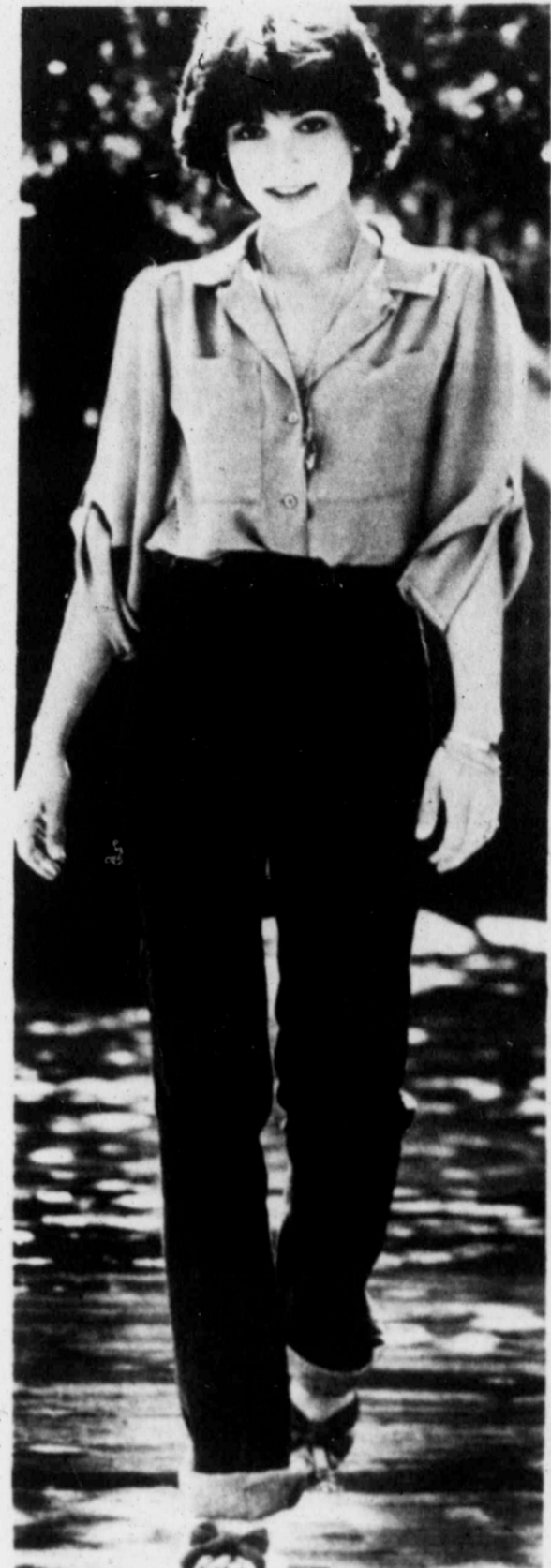
Females from junior high to middle age are buying the tight jeans. Chemin de Fers in junior high sizes cost about \$22, a fact that causes many mothers to shudder. Mostly, however, it's girls in their teens who are willing to plunk their money down, according to sales clerks.

For regular sizes, the straight-leg jeans range anywhere from very plain models for \$17 or so to \$40 for certain Maurice Sasson models.

And the prices are climbing steadily — along with everything else. Sassons were about \$34 a few months ago; now they are edging up around \$38.

They are worn with loose blouses or unconstructed jackets. Often, they are belted, perhaps with a double-wrap leather belt, and worn with clogs or high spike heels.

And whereas jeans used to be considered durable, washable work clothes that were intended to endure all sorts of mistreatment, many women are now so concerned about their expensive jeans fading or shrinking (heaven forbid, there's no room for shrinkage) that they have them dry cleaned.



The long and lean look of the popular straight-leg jeans is modeled by Elsie DiMaggio of San Pedro, Calif. The current vogue is to roll up the cuffs, although some say there soon will be a return to hemmed cuffs.

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BRIDAL PARTY

Diana Gay Robertson, bride-elect of Travis Wayne White of Houston, was honoree at a miscellaneous bridal display shower this week in the First Baptist Church Parlor.

Co-hostesses were Mrs. Bill Smith of Kermit, Mrs. Bob Cain, Mrs. Weldon Kincaid, Mrs. Ed Clappitt, Mrs. John Bunch, Mrs. Prather Standerfer, Mrs. Evelyn Shelby and Betty Montgomery.

A daisy theme with the bride-elect's pastel colors was used. The door featured an arrangement of huge wedding bells and streamers. Appointments were in silver and featured a centerpiece of daisies. Daisy corsages were presented to the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Charles Robertson. A hostess gift was presented to the honoree, along with other displayed gifts.

CLUB NEWS

Oldtimers Bridge club met at Chesa Nuova Restaurant for lunch and card-playing.

Officers elected for a six-month period include Lois Hulsey, president; Chris Kauffman, vice president; Kathy Chandler, treasurer; and Eleanor Gist, hospitality and reporter.

Card winners were Louise Morris and Lu Fisher, who shared the first prize. Helen Owen won second prize and Lois Hulsey won special prize.

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4 Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing words you develop from step No. 3 below.

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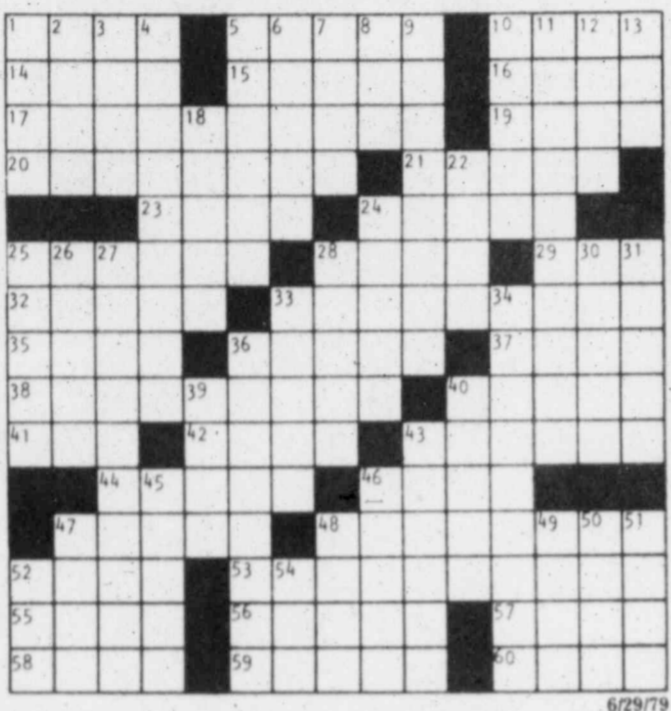
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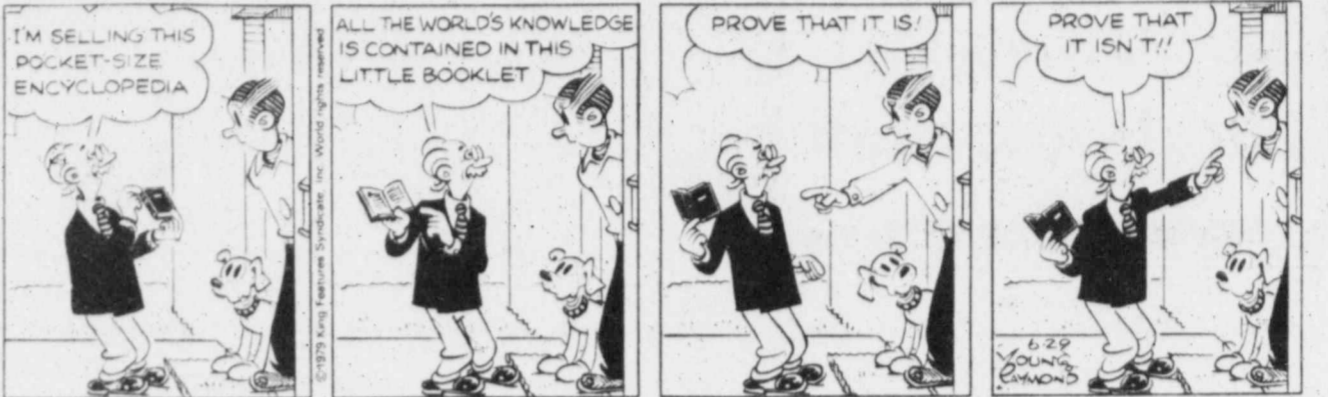
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- 1 Entertainment medium
 - 5 Recorded
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 - 14 Musical group
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 - 23 The birds
 - 24 Sends
 - 25 Filch
 - 28 Bridge
 - 29 — polloi
 - 32 Santa
 - 33 Protection for a goalie
 - 35 Sit
 - 36 Rowed
 - 37 Brood of pheasants
 - 38 Confidentially: Fr.
 - 40 "Ave"
 - 41 Ribbed fabric
 - 42 Special flavor
 - 43 Present and past
 - 44 Geneva's river
- DOWN**
- 1 Reputation, in Rome
 - 2 Power
 - 3 Professor's forte: Abbr.
 - 4 Follow
 - 5 Seesaw
 - 6 Character in "The Rivals"
 - 7 Unfavorable
 - 8 Whitney
 - 9 Sailor
 - 10 Dismantle
 - 11 Part of a sight
 - 12 Goals
 - 13 Lid
 - 18 — heart
 - 22 Sound
 - 23 Secret agents
 - 25 Monograph
 - 26 — piece (whole)
 - 27 Shopper's concern
 - 28 Shoulder movement
 - 30 Do —
 - 31 Brainstorms, for example
 - 33 Tributary of 44 across
 - 34 All agreed
 - 36 From time to time: Phrase
 - 39 Town near London
 - 40 — Park, Calif.
 - 43 Snitch
 - 45 Detests
 - 46 Zodiac sign
 - 47 Poetic valley
 - 48 Man's nickname
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 - 50 Tangible
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 - 52 — Mahal
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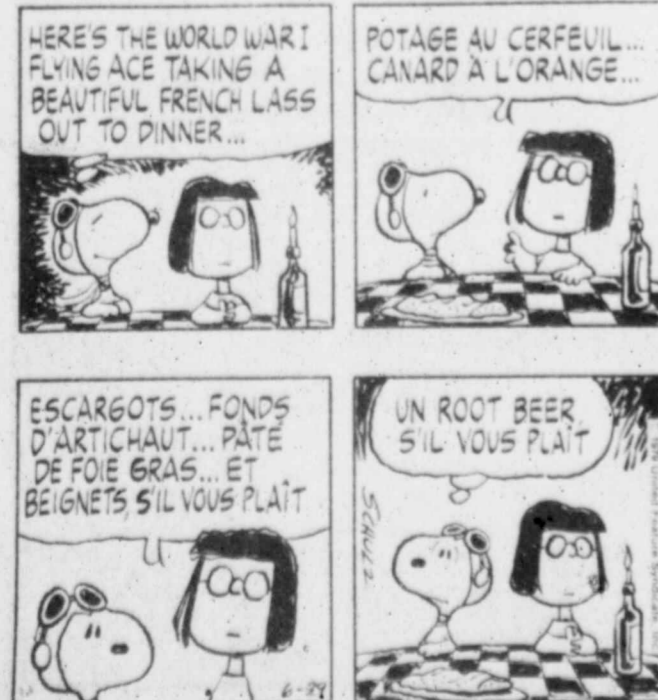
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Some relief expected from Los Angeles smog alert

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles area entered its second day of a smog alert today, but some relief was expected thanks to emergency measures to cut pollution and cooler weather.

Jeff Schenkel, a spokesman for the Air Quality Management District, said the alert that began at 12:01 a.m. Thursday will probably end today, with reduced travel and less emission from factories.

The National Weather Service said Southern Californians could expect gradual cooling over the weekend, with highs of 87 today and 85 on Saturday. The mercury climbed past the 100-degree mark in many areas Thursday.

The heat plus a thermal inversion — a mass of stagnant warm air trapped beneath a mass of cold air — made life miserable for area residents Thursday, even if the day failed to live up to advance billing as the smoggiest of the decade.

"Everyone is breathing shallowly," said Yo-

landa Torres, a teacher at Pacific Oaks Preschool in Pasadena, "and our eyes are hurting terribly."

First-stage smog advisories — which ask residents to restrict physical activity and cut down driving — were issued in many areas and a more serious second-stage alert was declared.

Second-stage rules remained in effect early today, requiring 2,750 government and business agencies are required to reduce employee driving by 65 percent, mostly through carpooling.

Refineries also were required to reduce hydrocarbon emissions 20 percent, and all unloading of fuel from oil tankers in Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors and the transfer of fuel to tanker trucks at refineries is stopped during a

second-stage alert.

The mandatory rules were in effect for most areas of the 6,400-square-mile South Coast Air Basin, which is composed of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, Schenkel said.

Air quality agency meteorologists said second-stage smog levels still were possible today for the east and west San Gabriel Valley, the east San Gabriel Mountains region and the Fontana section of San Bernardino County.

Forecasts that Thursday would be the smoggiest day of the decade fell short when ocean breezes rose in the after-

noon hours. Only one of nine areas — Pasadena — reached predicted second-stage smog levels, and the smog was that high for just one hour.

Air quality agency inspectors said Thursday they issued 63 citations after investigating 300 agencies for compliance with smog abatement rules. Schenkel 60 of those cited had too many cars in their parking lot.

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Cars travel along the Santa Monica Freeway in Los Angeles Thursday at the beginning of rush hour past a freeway condition sign that warns of a smog alert. Southern Californians sweltered under a blanket of hot smog, a combination of auto pollutants, brushfires and other airborne wastes. (AP Laserphoto)

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Southern California jostled by quake

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One person said it was like going to a disco, and another said it was like being slapped on the back, as an earthquake centered 90 miles east of here shook inland Southern California all the way to San Diego.

The quake registered 4.4 on the Richter scale at about 10:53 p.m. Thursday, according to Kate Hutton, a seismologist at California Technological Institute in Pasadena. She said the quake was centered in Big Bear, a resort community in the San Bernardino Mountains.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Kempfer in Big Bear said no damage or in-

juries were reported, but "we had a pretty good shake."

"It was just like going to a disco," he said. Mrs. Derda Belvin, manager of the Wishing Well Motel in Big Bear, said: "Well, I had just closed up the motel and I was in bed and it just really rocked."

According to sheriff's dispatcher Donald Renfrow, "it wasn't a jolt exactly — it just tipped the chair a little bit. The other fellow working next to me felt it, but he didn't know what it was, so he didn't say anything."

He said the quake "felt like somebody slapped me on the back." San Diego police re-

ported the tremor was also felt in the downtown area of the city.

The quake also shook the residents of Hemet, about 35 miles due south of Big Bear, but no damage or injuries were reported.

Mary Musselman, a

dispatcher for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, said she received about 25 calls after the quake hit, but she did not feel it at the station in Riverside.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seis-

mographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5. An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage.

'Rabies alert' issued in Lawton

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — State Health Commissioner Joan Leavitt issued a "rabies alert" Thursday for Comanche County, where about a dozen people are currently receiving rabies shots.

"The rabies alert means the people in Comanche County need to be aware that there have been some reported cases of rabies here, and when they do have a strange-acting animal—odd behavior—then they need to be concerned and call the animal shelter or the county medical society," said City-County Health Department Director Jim Booher.

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