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## 'Operation Sombrero' continues in Gulf

By MARJORIE MILLER

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican oil workers hope to finish capping the runaway Ixtoc-1 oil well today after lowering a 125-ton steel cone into place over the maverick gusher that has fouled Gulf Coast beaches from Mexico to southern Texas.

The capping operation, aimed at reducing the flow of oil and natural gas by 85 percent, was halted by darkness Sunday. A team of 300 technicians, divers and engineers from the Mexican state oil monopoly PEMEX had worked for a dozen hours Sunday to lower the 35 foot by 69 foot cone onto the underwater superstructure over the well.

"The cone is in place on the structure and (Monday) we will rotate it 90 degrees to put it over the mouth of the well," said Jose Luis Garcia Luna, a senior PEMEX engineer working on the project, dubbed "Operation Sombrero."

A company spokesman said the team hoped to complete its work by the end of the day.

"The purpose of the cone is not to plug the well, but to turn it into a producing well" until it can be closed, said a PEMEX spokesman in Mexico City, who declined to be identified. "Fifteen percent will still possibly spill into the ocean and have to be collected."

PEMEX says it has spent about \$1 billion so far on several attempts to cap the runaway test well, located 50 miles off the Campeche Bay shrimp port of Ciudad del Carmen in southern Mexico. It also is drilling two relief wells at angles to the blowout in hopes of eventually shutting it down completely.

About 84 million gallons of oil have spilled into the bay and drifted as far north as the southern Texas coast. In the seven weeks since oil first began blackening South Texas beaches, U.S. damage claims and cleanup costs have climbed to about \$360 million.

Three suits seeking a total of \$355 million in damages have been filed in Texas against PEMEX and firms working at the well site.

U.S. Coast Guard officials fear more oil may stain the Texas coast, but they say the autumn shift of offshore currents to the south has helped push many large patches of crude away from the coast.

In one of its earlier attempts to cap the well, PEMEX workers forced about 80,000 steel and lead balls down the well under pressure. The company says that effort stemmed the flow of oil by one-third, from 1.3 million gallons a day to about 420,000 gallons.

An equal amount of natural gas has been pouring out of the well and burning in a brilliant torch that rises in a spectacular fury out of the sea.

PEMEX claims about half of the spilled oil is burned in the surface fire, part evaporates and part is cleared away by surface skimmers.

The spill is more than double the worst previous, that of the wreck of the supertanker Amoco Cadiz off the French coast in March 1978.



Coming up for a gulp of air, Midlander Guy Fish takes a "breather" in learning how to "swim like a fish" at the Alamo YMCA. Scuba diving classes will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a six-week period beginning Tuesday. Jim Bolden will be instructor for the course to be conducted at Y facility, 901 N. Midland Drive. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

## Soviets 'take aim' at Hollywood

By NIKKI FINKE

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet press is calling Bob Hope the "Pentagon's comedian" as the Kremlin steps up its swipes at that most American of institutions — Hollywood.

The list of film stars and movies attracting Moscow's attention is growing almost weekly, including Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Fonda, John Travolta, "Apocalypse Now," and

even James Bond's "Moonraker."

The latest target of Soviet barbs is Hope, whose recent trip to China irked Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said this weekend, and not just because of what it said was his "low standard of comedy" about Chinese laundries.

"Now this clown, an envoy of the American military establishment, has visited China and made a movie whose goal is to advertise the Pen-

tagon-backed policy of military and political rapprochement between Peking and Washington," Tass maintained.

It said Hope will be involved soon in a "New venture of a dubious nature," involving the Middle East.

According to the news agency, Hope has instructions from Washington to star in a show in Cairo commemorating the second anniversary of President Anwar Sadat's precedent-setting

journey to Jerusalem.

Just last week, Tass denounced Miss Taylor's just-completed trip to Cairo, noting that not too long ago her films were boycotted in Egypt because of her strong pro-Israeli stand.

"After the conclusion of the separate deal with Israel, much had changed in Cairo," Tass noted.

"In this situation, Washington had instructed Taylor to perform a new role — that of an advocate of the makers of the deal which in fact represented a sell-out of the Arab world."

Why this avid Soviet interest in Hollywood's people and products?

The reason may well be that as more and more Western influences penetrate Soviet society, the government is feeling the need to combat what it sees as Hollywood's dangerously alluring glitter.

A Siberian schoolteacher proudly displays a West German magazine cover of teen-idol Travolta, though she has never seen his films.

And Soviets line up to see Miss Taylor's U.S.-made "Cleopatra," now showing at local movie theaters, though it is years old.

Soviet citizens go to the cinema an average 17½ times a year, making them one of the world's leading movie-goers, behind Singapore and Hong Kong. In America, people go only about five times a year.

And the price of a movie ticket here is cheap, ranging from 45 to 75 cents.

While many Russians may never get the chance to see a high quality Hollywood production, Soviet artists often look to the West for inspiration and technique in their film-making.

## Cindy's a 'special person,' but then, so are her neighbors

CELINA, Texas (AP) — A wish only cost a penny in this small town 48 miles north of Dallas. But the pennies were covered with folding money this weekend.

It cost a quarter to enter the sack races, but some were paid with \$20 bills and asked for no change.

The carnival was part of Cindy's Day, a celebration to raise money for a teen-age cheerleader who lay in a hospital bed in Dallas.

Cindy Morris was paralyzed from the neck down since Aug. 20, when she fell while performing a cheerleader stunt with the Celina High School squad. She turned 17 Aug. 30.

The townspeople have been trying to help the Morris family pay Cindy's \$1,000-a-day medical costs, and Saturday's events were a part of that continuing effort.

Doctors doubt she will ever move again, and have been unable to estimate how long she will have to remain in intensive care.

Cindy is not humiliated about her condition. A respirator makes talking impossible, but there are other ways to communicate.

Three nurses who flank her bed lean in close so that they can hear what she is whispering. The words are clear: "Smile. Show me some teeth."

Saturday's events began with a pancake breakfast and ended with a twilight concert. The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders made an appearance at the small town affair.

Tables groaned under the strain of donated canned goods and bakery items. Out-of-towners pushed toward the tables to make their purchases.

Food and drink, clowns and laughter, dominoes and stories were the orders of the day.

A 7-year-old girl ran across the town square to pick a treasure from a witch's pockets. She smilingly told her mother, "Cindy must be an awfully special person."

A farmer leaned over the small, blond girl and said, "She is, child, she is."

## Carter to complete Cabinet with swearings-in

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter is completing his cabinet shakeup today with the swearing-in of Moon Landrieu as secretary of housing and urban development and Neil Goldschmidt as secretary of transportation.

The two former mayors were being sworn in less than 24 hours after Donald McHenry was officially installed to the cabinet-level post of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, replacing the controversial Andrew Young.

Today's scheduled Rose Garden ceremony brings to a close a revision of the Carter team that began July 4,

when the president abruptly cancelled a scheduled speech to the nation and began a "domestic summit" at Camp David, Md.

During that summit Carter decided major changes were needed in his administration, and he subsequently fired or accepted resignations from Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr., Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, Transportation Secretary Brock Adams and Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal. At the same time, Attorney General Griffin Bell retired, as he had previously said he intended to do.

And in an unrelated development,

Young later resigned under fire after admitting that he told his superiors less than the truth about an unsanctioned meeting he had held with a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The HUD post became open when Carter chose the head of the agency, Patricia Harris, to take Califano's old job.

Carter's appointment of Landrieu stirred some controversy when it became known that on the day after he left office as mayor of New Orleans, Landrieu accepted a lucrative job with the Joseph Canizaro real estate firm, which as mayor he had aided in

a land swap transaction with the city.

Landrieu estimated that his interest in the Canizaro firm was worth \$500,000, and that he could have amassed as much as \$5 million if he had stayed with it. But he agreed to rid himself of his interest in the firm and the Senate voted 97 to 0 to confirm him.

Goldschmidt, the former mayor of Portland, Ore., assumed temporary control of the Transportation Department several weeks ago when Carter made a "recess appointment" that allowed Goldschmidt to take office pending his official Senate confirmation.

## Bokassa granted political asylum in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Deposed Central African dictator Jean Bedel Bokassa flew to this West African nation from France today and was granted political asylum, ending a three-day odyssey in search of an exile home.

The self-styled Emperor Bokassa I was flown to Abidjan aboard a French military aircraft after spending 56 hours at a military air base at Evreux, France, 65 miles west of Paris. The French had refused to allow him to disembark there and sought over the weekend to find him asylum elsewhere.

After Bokassa's arrival here, the ruling party of the Ivory Coast announced that this former French colony had granted him sanctuary.

Bokassa, who ruled the Central African Empire for 14 years, was overthrown in a bloodless, French-backed coup Thursday by former President David Dacko. Bokassa had been accused of repeated human rights violations in his impoverished land.

Bokassa was in Libya negotiating for aid when the coup occurred in the former French colony. He and 26 members of his retinue left aboard Bokassa's personal Caravelle jet for France and landed at Evreux Friday night after being denied permission to land at Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports outside Paris.

Bokassa and his party remained aboard the parked Caravelle for more than two days while the French tried to find a country to accept him. Then late Sunday they left the Caravelle and boarded a French military DC-8 that then took off.

The 58-year-old dictator, who served with distinction in the French army during the Indochina War, is a French citizen and possesses a valid French passport. But the government declared him "undesirable," and officials said his presence in France at

this time would be "inopportune."

The government's refusal of asylum for Bokassa aroused the ire of legal circles and the French Democratic Association of Jurists, an organization of lawyers and judges, expressed astonishment at the official attitude.

"It is a violation of fundamental law, according to which one cannot deny a citizen access to his own country, and above all that it is incumbent upon the government to hand Jean Bedel Bokassa over to the courts because of the crimes charged against him," the jurists said in a written statement.

The London-based human rights organization Amnesty International charged that about 100 schoolchildren were massacred in the Central African Empire's capital of Bangui in April. That charge was confirmed by an independent commission of African jurists who concluded that Bokassa's "presence at the sites (of the killings) is proven, his participation is quasi-certain."

Reports from Bangui quoted Dacko as saying during a brief meeting with reporters Sunday night that he planned to issue an international arrest warrant for Bokassa. Diplomatic sources said earlier, however, that if the ex-emperor were allowed to enter France, officials in Bangui also would be faced with legal problems posed by his dual nationality.

Dacko, 49, who was the country's first president, was himself overthrown by then-Col. Bokassa, commander of the army, on New Year's Eve 1965. Dacko was held under close house arrest for 10 years until Bokassa freed him and named him a personal adviser.

Bokassa proclaimed himself emperor in 1976 and changed the name of the country from the Central African Republic to the Central African Empire.

## Central Africans protest Dacko's vice president

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — President David Dacko faced his first public protest from about 200 students, but hordes of other Central Africans were more interested in toppling a giant statue of the dictator he deposed, self-proclaimed Emperor Bokassa I.

The students marched peacefully for an hour Sunday then dispersed after protesting the appointment of Bokassa's prime minister, Henri Maidou, as the nation's new vice president. They held signs reading, "No Caricature of Democracy."

All Bokassa's cabinet ministers remained on the job, but diplomatic sources said Dacko is expected to remove some Bokassa supporters later in the week, presumably those who didn't cooperate in planning the coup.

Dacko overthrew Bokassa late Thursday while the dictator was in Libya. Hundreds of Central Africans went on a looting rampage Friday and Saturday, but 400 to 500 French troops were sent in to restore order

and Central African soldiers swept up broken glass and litter Sunday.

Meanwhile, crowds delirious with the ouster of Bokassa after 14 years of iron rule swarmed up to army headquarters and as weaponless Central African soldiers watched, hauled down the gigantic statue of the ousted strongman, bringing it crashing to the pavement.

"I guess you could say the mood is wildly enthusiastic," a foreign diplomat said. "You can often hear them yelling 'Merci, France! Thank you, France!' when the paratroopers go on patrol in the town."

"The Central Africans are a fairly tranquil people. The detestation with which Bokassa was held here was universal and when he went, the people went wild."

Residents said after the state radio announced the coup that crowds gathered in the gymnasium Bokassa had turned into an imperialism museum and looted the souvenirs of his \$30 million coronation.

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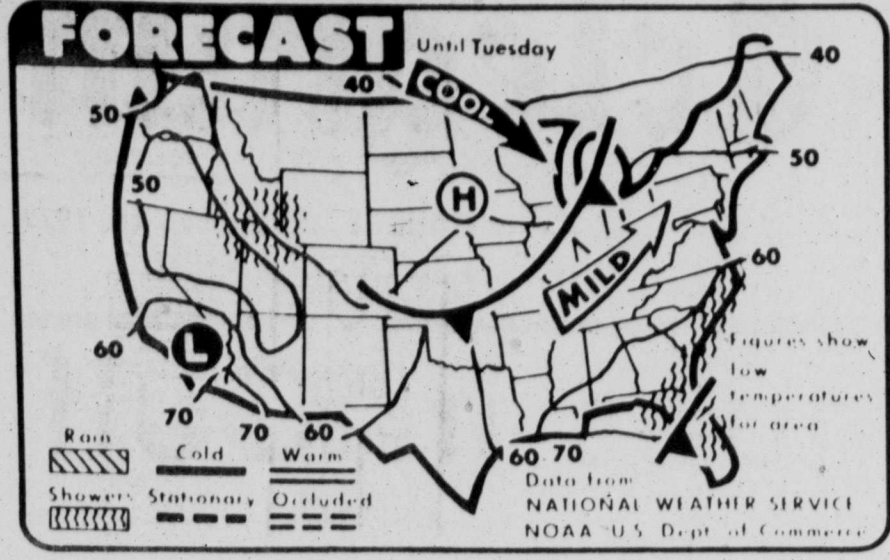
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# WEATHER SUMMARY



Sunny skies are expected until Tuesday morning for most of the nation. Cooler weather is forecast for the northern and central Plains, but most of the country will have warm to mild weather. Showers are forecast from Florida through the Carolinas. (AP Laserphoto Map)

## Midland statistics

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Fair through Tuesday with a high in the low 90s. Overnight low will be in the upper 50s. Southerly winds should be 5 to 10 mph tonight.

**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS**

Yesterday's High: 93 degrees  
Overnight Low: 64 degrees  
Sunset today: 7:43 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.  
Precipitation: Last 24 hours: 0.01 inches  
This month to date: 12.2 inches  
1979 to date: 12.2 inches

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES:**

6 a.m.	83	6 p.m.	90
7 a.m.	84	7 p.m.	90
8 a.m.	85	8 p.m.	90
9 a.m.	85	9 p.m.	90
10 a.m.	85	10 p.m.	90
11 a.m.	85	11 p.m.	90
noon	85	Midnight	90
1 p.m.	85	1 a.m.	90
2 p.m.	85	2 a.m.	90
3 p.m.	85	3 a.m.	90
4 p.m.	85	4 a.m.	90
5 p.m.	85	5 a.m.	90
6 a.m.	85	6 a.m.	90

**SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:**

Abilene	81	L
Denver	86	54
Amarillo	89	57
El Paso	89	57
FL Worth	88	60
Houston	86	59
Lubbock	82	59
Marfa	84	48
Odessa	87	60
Wichita Falls	96	60

## The weather elsewhere

**Monday**

Albany	65	35	clr
Albuquerque	88	57	clr
Anchorage	80	51	12 cdy
Anchorage	54	47	12 cdy
Atlanta	71	59	rn
Austin	62	58	edy
Baltimore	70	55	edy
Birmingham	76	63	edy
Bismarck	83	49	edy
Boston	59	47	edy
Brownsville	85	66	clr
Buffalo	63	39	clr
Christiansburg	81	65	04 rn
Cincinnati	68	53	edy
Cheyanne	87	52	clr
Chicago	66	48	clr
Cincinnati	66	41	clr
Cleveland	64	44	edy
Columbus	68	45	edy
Dal-FWth	88	60	clr
Denver	86	54	clr
Des Moines	100	30	edy
Detroit	64	43	clr
Dubuque	64	47	clr
Fairbanks	63	44	01 cdy
Harford	61	37	edy
Helena	39	41	clr
Honolulu	90	77	clr
Houston	84	54	M
Indianapolis	70	40	clr
Jacksville	78	70	17 rn
Jackson	89	58	rn
KansCity	80	60	clr
Las Vegas	87	70	rn
Little Rock	75	52	clr
Los Angeles	86	66	edy
Los Angeles	74	54	clr
Memphis	76	53	clr
Miami	86	80	06 rn
Minneapolis	72	52	edy
Mpls-StP	89	52	clr
New Orleans	74	54	clr
New Orleans	83	67	clr
New York	70	52	edy
Omaha	72	52	36 edy
Oklahoma City	87	60	clr
Oklahoma City	83	62	clr
Orlando	91	74	24 rn
Philadelphia	68	51	edy
Phoenix	107	77	edy
Pittsburgh	66	42	edy
Pittsburgh	59	35	edy
Pittsburgh	78	55	edy
Rapid City	85	53	clr
Richmond	82	62	clr
Richmond	74	57	edy
San Antonio	79	72	edy
Salt Lake	79	72	edy
San Diego	79	72	edy
San Francisco	74	57	edy
San Francisco	86	42	clr
Seattle	87	57	clr
Spokane	87	59	clr
Tulsa	71	56	edy
Washington	71	56	edy

## Texas area forecasts

**West Texas:** Fair through Tuesday with no important temperature changes. Highs upper 80s north to upper 90s southwest. Lows tonight mid 50s north to lower 60s south with near 50 in mountains.

**North Texas:** Mostly fair through Tuesday. Highs 80 to 91, lows tonight 58 to 65.

**South Texas:** Generally fair with warm days and cool nights through Tuesday. Highs in the 90s and 80s, lows tonight upper 50s Hill Country to low 70s along the coast.

**Texas Coast:** Variable mostly northeast winds around 10 knots today through Tuesday. Seas 1 to 3 feet today. Fair weather.

## Border states forecasts

**Oklahoma:** Fair with warm afternoons through Tuesday. Highs middle 80s east to middle 90s west. Lows tonight middle 50s panhandle to low 60s northeast.

**New Mexico:** Fair, warm days and cool nights through Tuesday. Highs mostly 70s and 80s mountains and 90s elsewhere. Lows tonight 30s some mountain areas and 40s and 50s elsewhere.

**Arkansas:** Sunny through Tuesday. Fair tonight. Highs upper 70s to low 80s. Lows tonight mostly in 50s. Highs Tuesday in 80s.

**Louisiana:** Fair through Tuesday. Highest in the low to middle 80s. Lowest tonight in the upper 50s north to near 70 south.

## Extended forecasts

**Wednesday through Friday**

**West Texas:** Fair Wednesday and a little warmer north portion. Partly cloudy and continued warm Thursday and Friday. Highs middle 80s north to middle 90s south except around 80 mountains. Lows middle 50s north to middle 60s south except upper 40s southwestern mountains.

**North Texas:** Clear to partly cloudy and mild. Highs 83 to 93 and lows 57 to 67.

**South Texas:** Partly cloudy and warm. Highs in the 80s and low 90s. Lows in the 60s and low 70s.

# Warplanes tangle near Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli and Syrian warplanes battled in the skies south of Beirut today, and two to four Syrian jets were reported shot down. It was the second dogfight between the old enemies in four days.

Lebanese government sources said two Syrian fighters crashed in flames near Beirut International Airport but their pilots parachuted to safety.

An Israeli military command spokesman in Tel Aviv said four Syrian planes were downed and all Israeli aircraft returned safely to base.

Associated Press reporter Mohammed Salam said he saw a large explosion near the airport when he was driving to work.

"There was a big orange flash and a big explosion and then smoke," he said.

The air clash came at a time when the United States and other countries are growing increasingly critical of Israeli military actions in neighboring Lebanon. But Israel vows to continue its policy of striking at Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon.

Syria's Damascus Radio said last Thursday that Syrian jets had engaged and driven off Israeli aircraft flying over southern Lebanon. Israeli newspapers said the Syrians used air-to-air missiles in that encounter.

Syrian and Israeli jets clashed for the first time in five years last June 27, when the Israeli air force used its U.S.-made F-15 fighter for the first time in combat. The Israelis claimed they brought down five Syrian MiG-21s in that battle over southern Lebanon.

Military activity stepped up in Lebanon's troubled south late last week.

The Palestine Liberation Organization claimed an Israeli armored force crossed the Israeli-Lebanese border last Friday and engaged PLO guerrillas, who drove the Israelis back across the frontier. Israel denied its troops had entered Lebanon, and said fighting Friday and Saturday in the border region was between Palestinians and Israeli-backed Lebanese Christian militias.

Israeli warplanes have frequently flown through Lebanese airspace on reconnaissance and other missions in conjunction with the campaign against guerrilla strongholds in the south.

# Fair weather should continue through Tuesday

It's fair weather time again, giving sun-lovers a few more chances to soak up warm rays before autumn's cold winds take up residence here, according to the weatherman.

That fair weather should continue through Tuesday at least, the meteorologist with the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport added.

High temperature on Tuesday is projected for the low 90s. The overnight low will be in the upper 50s.

Speaking of highs, the mercury in Midland on Sunday reached 93, a few degrees short of the record 99 set in 1933. The overnight low today was 64, much warmer than the record 49 degrees set in 1975.

For those who did not get away from viewing football on television, there was no recorded precipitation in the Midland area during the last 24 hours, leaving this year's rainfall total at 12.21 inches.

Winds should be drifting listlessly out of the south tonight at 5 to 10 mph, according to the weatherman.

# Woman to report to Eagle Forum

Cindy Miller, research director of the State Eagle Forum, will report to the Midland Chapter of the Texas Eagle Forum on the Texas Gay Task Force Convention which, chapter officials said, she attended undercover.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting today will be in the North A. and Tennessee Church of Christ fellowship hall.

She also will report on a recent Department of Housing, Education and Welfare meeting in Houston, according to Em Bartlett, president of the local group.

# School trustees to meet Tuesday

Greenwood school trustees will discuss joining the Midland County Appraisal District at its Tuesday meeting.

The 8 p.m. meeting will be in the district board room at Greenwood High School.

Also on the agenda are a meeting with the district's tax lawyer and consideration of bids for a school vehicle.

Trustees will hear a report on bus routes and the principal's reports.

# Lee High School PTA sets Oct. 2 meeting

Lee High School Parent-Teachers Association will meet Oct. 2 at Lee High.

In Saturday's edition of The Reporter-Telegram it had been reported the group would meet at 7 p.m. tonight.



Dressing up apples with spices during the Midland United Way Kick-off Fair Saturday in Dellwood Mall are Christi Green, left, and Sara Smith of Brownie Troop 377. The apples will be distributed to area nursing homes for table decorations.

Christi, 7, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Green, and Sara, 6, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith of Midland. (Staff Photo)

# Safety inspections doubled after tractor explosion injures 15

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Sponsors of a tractor-pulling contest beefed up safety inspections Sunday in the wake of a tractor explosion that injured 15 persons, including four who remained hospitalized today.

The accident Saturday night rained shrapnel from the disabled tractor into a throng of spectators at the Tarrant County Convention Center. Eleven persons were treated for cuts and bruises and released.

Four remained hospitalized — one in serious condition, one fair and two victims listed in good condition.

In a tractor-pulling competition, drivers compete in speed races and in pulling weighted sleds for cash prizes.

R. B. Allen, executive vice president of the Hardware and Implements Association, a sponsor of the event, said the number of safety inspectors to make sure the tractors meet safety regulations was doubled Sunday.

Louis Owen, the center's executive director, said the situation could have been worse if it had not been for help from members of the audience who were not injured.

"I've been in this business now some 40-odd years, and the spectators were absolutely fantastic," Owen said. "They helped, they worked ... you couldn't have asked for anything better."

Owen said workers at the center called ambulances to transport those hurt by the flying metal parts, and that only one person went in a private car for treatment.

After the accident, the remaining events in the semi-annual event were run without any further troubles.

The tractor that blew was a souped-up model owned by the Gray Brothers Pork Producers of Snyder, Texas. It was specially fitted with three engines, said Fire Department Capt.

Earl Valentine.

"The clutch went," Valentine said. "It evidently was too much of a strain for the tractor to carry three engines." He said two engines were mounted on both sides of the front of the rig, and the third was balanced over the rear wheels.

"He (the driver) started with the one engine and then about halfway down the track, he kicked in the other two," Valentine said. He said the activation of the additional engines apparently caused the problem.

Officers said there was no panic among the crowd of about 7,000.

"We used the loudspeaker system

and told people to sit down and stay out of the aisles," said Police Lt. Mike Culpepper. He said when the tractor engine blew up, small pieces of quarter-sized metal peppered the audience.

Police said a metal guard, normally placed over the clutch plate to prevent metal from flying in the event of an explosion was not in place on the tractor.

Southwest Hardware & Implement Association officials would not confirm that the safety guard was missing. Other tractors were inspected immediately to make sure such guards were in place.

# Chinese, Soviets to open reconciliation talks Tuesday

MOSCOW (AP) — The Chinese are preparing to open reconciliation talks with the Soviets Tuesday after more than two decades of public hostility, but how much progress will be made depends on the border issue, sources say.

The Chinese delegation arrived Sunday. Its leader, Deputy Foreign Minister Wang Youping, was greeted warmly at the airport by the head of the Soviet delegation, China specialist Leonid F. Ilyichov.

China first proposed the talks in April after it notified the Soviets it would not renew their 30-year treaty of alliance, which expires next spring.

In the bargaining that led to the talks, Soviet diplomats said the Chinese did not raise the question of withdrawal of 500,000 Soviet troops from their common border.

But the Chinese said recently they would ask for withdrawal of Soviet forces from the Mongolian sector of the frontier.

The Chinese have always demanded that the border dispute be at the center of the talks, so their attitude toward this in the round opening Tuesday may signal whether progress can be made.

Sources said the talks will cover basic principles of relations between the two communist superpowers; controls of spheres of influence, including China's invasion of Vietnam in February and the Soviet-backed Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in December; and identifying what problems led to the Sino-Soviet split.

Chinese distrust of Moscow dates back to the 1920s and 1930s when the Chinese feared Soviet interference in the newly-formed Chinese Communist Party.

## DEATHS

### Laura Mae West

STANTON — Services for Laura Mae West, 80, of Stanton, formerly of Big Spring, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Ackerly Methodist Church. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Mrs. West died Saturday in a local hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 27, 1898, in Bell County. She was married to James Garfield West on Nov. 6, 1929, in Winters.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Melba Webb of Stanton and Mary Moore of Monahans; a brother, Ollie Hamilton of Winters, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

### Jose M. Ruiz

BIG SPRING — Rosary for Jose Maria Ruiz, 64, of Big Spring will be said at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruiz died Sunday in a Midland nursing home after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 28, 1915, in LaCosta. He was married to Lucia Guzman in Big Spring. He was a gardener. Ruiz was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Maria Mendoza of Grand Prairie and Yolanda Solis of Big Spring; two sons, Richard Ruiz and Fernando Ruiz, both of Big Spring; a sister, Maria Ruiz of Coahoma; three brothers, Bernabe Ruiz of Coahoma, Fancisco Ruiz of San Antonio and Isidro Ruiz of Big Spring, and seven grandchildren.

### 'Bert' Bradberry

BIG SPRING — Services for A.E. "Bert" Bradberry, 69, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home Rosewood Chapel. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Bradberry died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born May 22, 1910, in Hunt County. He moved to Big Spring in 1923. He was employed as an electrical construction worker until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local No. 460 for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Margie; three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Betty) Bahr of Aurora, Colo., Mrs. Dave (Joy) Craddock of Midland and Mrs. Wayne (Judy) Burchett of Big Spring; three sisters, Nora Calloway of Dallas, Leona Bradberry of Longview and Mrs. G.W. (Jewel) Webb of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and a number of nieces and nephews.

### Ronald G. Seals

LUBBOCK — Services for Ronald Glyn Seals, 30, of Carson, Calif., brother of Brenda Williams of Hobbs, N.M., were to be at 2 p.m. today in Trinity Baptist Church here with the Rev. Bob Utley officiating.

Burial was to be in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park directed by Resthaven Funeral Home.

Seals died Thursday in a Lakewood, Calif., hospital.

The Sweetwater native was a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Baptist Church. He moved in 1977 from Lubbock to California where he had been manager of a restaurant.

Other survivors include his father, his mother, two daughters, a son, his grandmother, three brothers, three sisters and a step-sister.

### Alice M. Johnson

ODESSA — Services for Alice Marie Buss Johnson, 53, of Odessa will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Holy Redeemer Catholic Church with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Rosary services will be at 7:30 p.m. today in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Mrs. Johnson died Thursday in an Odessa hospital after a short illness.

She was born April 20, 1926, in Jenks, Okla. She was married to Perry Z. Johnson in El Paso Aug. 4, 1979. She was a member of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and the American Legion and Eagles Lodge auxiliaries.

Survivors include her husband; a son, John James Buss of Austin; a daughter, Carol Buss Pool of Odessa; her mother, Mrs. U.J. Brammer of Odessa; two brothers, Jake E. Brammer Sr. of Midland, and five grandchildren.

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# Governors add terms to their development list

By SUSAN GUFFEY

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Governors who insist that Western energy wealth be developed on the West's terms have added a couple more terms to their list.

Members of the Western Governors Policy Office agreed during a weekend meeting here that a proposed federal Energy Mobilization Board

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should not be allowed to override state laws and regulations.

There have been assurances from the Carter administration that an EMB would not usurp states' rights, but Wyoming Gov. Ed Herschler said he and other WESTPO members were concerned that the government was full of "doubletalk."

And another resolution urged Congress to exempt states from the proposed tax on increased revenues that oil companies would realize if domestic price controls were lifted.

Earlier this year, after President Carter announced his 10-year plan for crash development of synthetic fuels, WESTPO governors outlined their first conditions:

—Phased development, not quick development, of synthetic fuels such as oil shale;

—State-federal cooperation for energy conservation.

—State-federal cooperation to ease the impact of Western energy development.

—Increased state involvement in planning for all phases of energy development.

At their Western Energy Summit meeting here, WESTPO members again emphasized the importance of those four points — particularly conservation.

Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm spread the gospel of conservation throughout the weekend, noting that 30 percent of the nation's energy needs would be eliminated if all houses were insulated properly.

Industry leaders such as Charles DiBona, president of the American

Petroleum Institute, and George Dible, president of Wyoming's Husky Oil Co., said conservation is as necessary to energy independence as deregulation is to increased oil exploration.

DiBona warned, however, that a 50 percent windfall profits tax would cut possible increased oil production by 1 million barrels a day. With deregulation and such a tax, he said, domestic oil production can go up by 1 million barrels a day. Without the tax on extra income the oil companies would earn with deregulation, he said, the increase would be twice that.

The United States now uses some 8 million barrels of oil daily.

Lamm said he believed the energy crunch had created "if not an armistice, at least a cease-fire" in the nation's sectionalism, but said "the

issue clearly is still alive ... beneath the surface."

WESTPO members include Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, Arizona and Wyoming. Only Gov. Charles Thone of Nebraska did not attend any of this weekend's meetings.

Utah Gov. Scott Matheson was elected WESTPO chairman, and said after Sunday's closing session that he defies the notion of another "warism" necessary, but he discounted any notion of another "war between the states."

"We are very committed to a regional approach to energy independence and growth management," Matheson said. "But I don't think people are very effective when they're angry."

# Plenty of heating oil may mean long lines

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — While the federal government's program to force increased heating oil production apparently has succeeded in ensuring an adequate supply this winter, it appears to have caused two important side effects: sharply increased prices and a looming prospect of gasoline lines next spring.

In ordering the oil industry to have 240 million barrels of home heating oil in its tanks by the end of next month, at all costs, the Carter administration also:

—Allowed the oil industry to boost home heating oil prices more than 50 percent since January, including an equal boost in refinery margins (which includes profits) during that time.

—Forced the industry to stockpile so much heating oil as insurance against shortages that it may have to cut back gasoline production for lack of storage space.

The latest Energy Department figures show that home heating oil and diesel fuel stocks in refinery storage tanks reached levels slightly above what they were the same time last year.

And if refinery production continues at its present levels, it appears the industry could have as much as 255 million barrels in storage by President Carter's deadline.

But the price for that abundant supply has been high. Heating oil prices have gone from about 50 cents per gallon last fall to about 87 cents per gallon today, a jump of around 75 percent.

And there are indications now, according to DOE officials, that a large portion of the increase came in the form of industry profit boosts.

At a time when prices and profits, under normal circumstances, would drop, because demand for heating oil was dropping, just the opposite has happened.

Because the administration wanted to be extra sure that there would be no shortages, it essentially created an artificial demand for heating oil that normally would not have been justified.

And the industry, which long has felt its profits on heating oil to be inadequate, used the situation to increase profits, boosting the price of heating oil far more than was justified by import crude oil price increases.

While some of the added increase is clearly due to increased operating costs to refiners, even oil company officials admit they have begun to raise profits to what they consider to be more equitable levels than they have had in the past.

"There is without question an element of increased profits. Our profits on heating oil have definitely improved," says Charles Bowman, vice president of Gulf Oil Refining and Marketing Co. But, he added, the boosts represent "the first real increase in profit margins in this industry since 1973 when heating oil was first put under price controls."

Those controls were removed in 1976, but a soft market for heating oil — which is being used

in fewer and fewer homes each year — has prevented the industry from increasing profit margins.

Administration economists anticipated, for example, that normal petroleum consumption during the fourth quarter of 1979 would be 6 percent above a year ago and 9 percent above 1977, based on another overly optimistic estimate that the gross national product would jump 3.5 percent in 1979. Instead it now appears, demand is dropping as a recession takes hold.

The DOE forecasters paid little attention to the impact that mandatory heating standards, higher prices or switching to natural gas or other fuels would have in reducing overall consumption. All of those factors, it now appears, will result in significant reductions in consumption.

Finally, the DOE forecasters made no adjustment to their consumption projections to account for the impact higher heating oil prices would have on its use.

"We always thought the 240 million barrel level was too high," says Ted Eck, chief economist for Standard Oil of Indiana. "I thought 210 or 220 million barrels had more logic. We thought there would be a recession, and that higher heating oil prices would repress demand. I haven't met anyone who uses heating oil who isn't doing something like wearing a sweater or just turning down the dial to reduce the amount of heating oil used."

Gulf's Bowman said he viewed the government figure as being "on the high side. And our view of when they wanted peak inventory levels."

Bowman said Gulf usually considers Dec. 1 the time to have peak stocks in order to insure adequate coverage during the winter. Carter originally set Oct. 1 as his target, but later moved that to the end of October.

Departing Energy Department Deputy Secretary John O'Leary now defends the 240-million barrel figure by saying "we had no choice." He said the administration was so concerned with ensuring supplies for the winter, that it had built in an additional 20 million "fudge factor" into the 240-million barrel figure, in case the winter was an extremely bad one.

But, Bowman says, "O'Leary never talked to use about any 20 million barrel pad."

The problem with the government projections may be that they were more motivated by political considerations than economic ones, administration sources say.

Participants of the interagency task force on energy set up by Carter say that during that group's meetings, the question of Carter trooping through the snows of New Hampshire during a heating oil shortage was raised several times. That risk, they were told, had to be avoided at all costs.

At the same time, administration insiders report, little consideration was being given to the meaning of the statement "all costs."

Besides creating a fear of shortages that did help push up prices, the administration warning to refiners to produce huge amounts of heating oil, and fast, sent scares through consumers, particularly in the Northeast. That situation resulted in a willingness on the part of consumers and retailers to pay abnormally high prices to be insured of a supply that a never may have been in doubt.

Now there is a new dangerous side effect looming on the horizon: gasoline shortage next spring.

"We are worried about having too much heating oil in primary storage," said Standard's Eck.

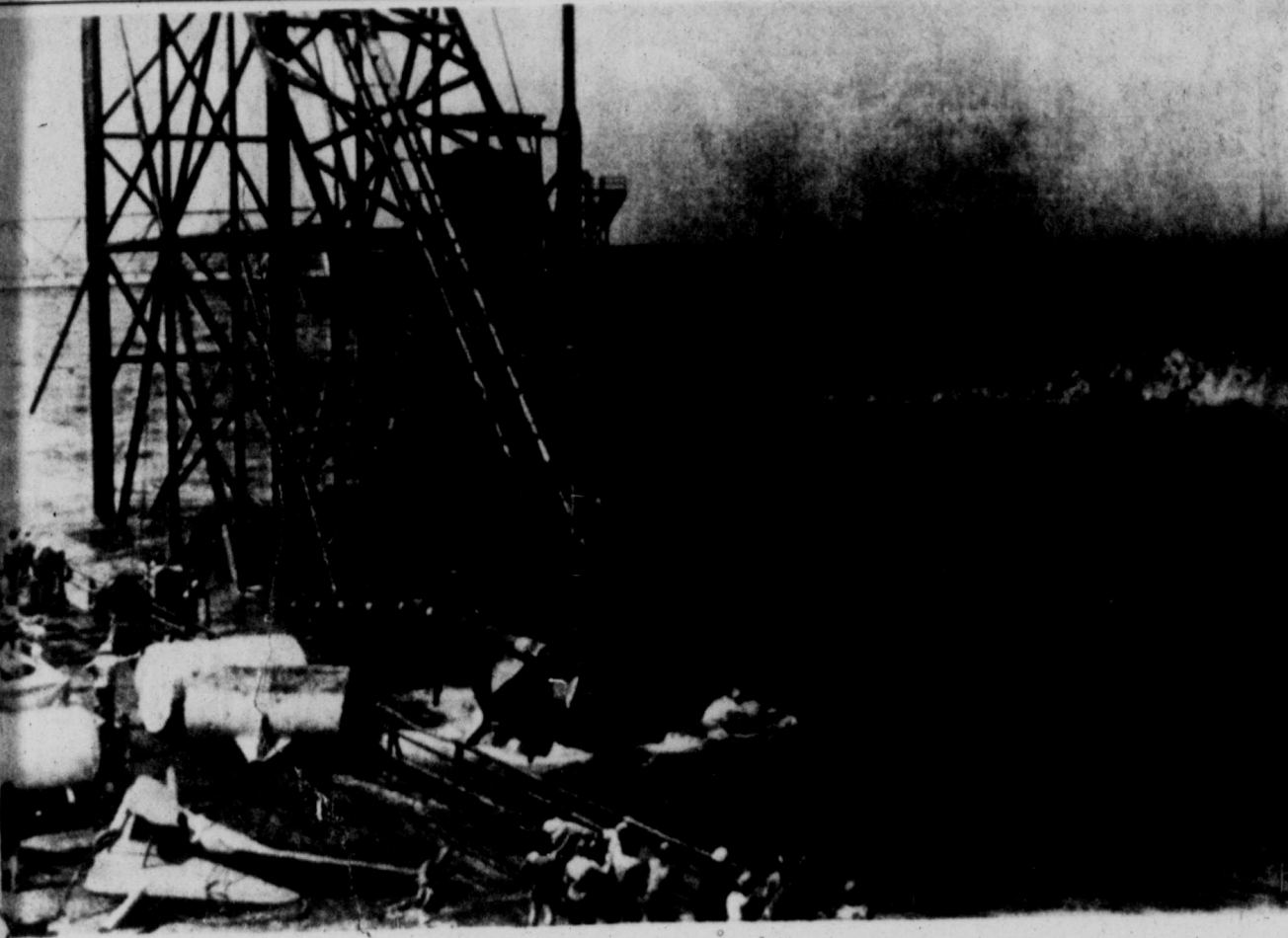


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# Energy leaders express skepticism about Carter's synthetic fuel plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Energy Committee is beginning work this week on President Carter's proposal to offset U.S. dependence on imported oil with a huge synthetic fuels program.

Energy leaders in both the House and Senate have expressed deep skepticism about Carter's proposal to spend \$88 billion over the next 10 years to extract oil from shale and on other unproven means of producing oil alternatives.

As a result, Carter said last week he would accept a smaller, phased-in \$20 billion effort.

Energy Secretary Charles W. Duncan was called before the Senate Interior Committee today to explain Carter's present position on synthetic fuels, which are to be financed by a new, independent Energy Security Corp.

During a House committee hearing on synthetic fuels last week, Rep. Richard L. Ottinger, D-N.Y., voiced some of the criticism heard in Congress about the president's proposal.

"There is a lot of suspicion about turning over \$88 billion to an agency that will have no political accountability to anyone," Ottinger said.

Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, has indicated he will propose that about \$20 billion be spent while various methods of producing synthetic fuels are tested.

In other congressional developments this week:

—The House will again try to reach

agreement on a budget for fiscal 1980, which begins next Monday.

Last week, a coalition of conservatives and liberal Democrats defeated the budget package, one group believing it is too high, the other decrying what it called inadequate spending levels for social programs.

A vote is now scheduled on Wednesday on a new budget scheme with somewhat leaner spending limits.

The House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. Robert N. Giampo, D-Conn., predicted the compromise would pass the House. But he anticipated serious conflicts in the Senate, which approved significantly higher spending for defense.

—A related defense debate also is expected in the House, which late in the week is to vote on a \$129.9 billion defense appropriations bill.

Most of the fight is expected to center on attempts by some House members to include funds for construction of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

The Senate has approved spending for a conventional carrier and Carter has reluctantly agreed to accept the idea, but the president opposes constructing any new nuclear-powered warships.

—For the fourth time in a week, the House will attempt to raise its pay on Tuesday. House leaders are proposing a 5.5 percent increase as part of a continuing resolution that is needed to finance a variety of government programs after Oct. 1.

—The House will make a new try at legislation to implement the Panama Canal treaties. Congress is working against a deadline of next Monday, when the gradual turnover of the canal to the Panamanian government is to begin.

The House had been scheduled to begin a 10-day recess on Friday. But Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, said there will be no break unless work is completed on a required federal debt ceiling bill, the pay raise issue and the Panama Canal implementation measure.

# Clements says politics behind oil spill lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements says politics is behind a lawsuit planned by the Texas attorney general against the oil drilling equipment company the governor founded.

"I think it is more political rhetoric than substance," said the Republican governor, who returned to Texas Saturday from a 22-day trip to eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Attorney General Mark White, a Democrat, has promised to file suit against SEDCO, Inc., accusing it of partial liability because its equipment was used to drill a Mexican offshore well that blew out June 3 and spilled oil that stained Texas beaches two months later.

Clements also said he was not consulted about legal maneuvers SEDCO took to minimize lawsuits stemming from the oil on the Texas coast.

"One of these days, you all will believe I don't have anything to do with SEDCO anymore," said Clements, who put his interest in the company in a blind trust when he became governor.

He said he learned of legal action by SEDCO Saturday morning when his

flight stopped in Holland, and also learned then of Texas Attorney General Mark White's announcement that he intends to sue SEDCO over oil spill damages.

Earlier this month, SEDCO filed a motion in a Houston federal court to have all suits related to the spill consolidated and to limit recoveries from damage to \$300,000.

After that motion, White said he had no choice but to sue.

The drilling platform that blew out was towed to deep water and scuttled after the blowout, prompting White to claim the scuttling might have destroyed evidence that might have proved negligence.

Fishermen and tourism-related groups have filed two damage suits against SEDCO.

Clements said he believed the threat of a lawsuit by the State of Texas has been turned into a political football. He said Texas AFL-CIO President Harry Hubbard and State Democratic Chairman Billy Goldberg had joined in criticizing the governor from his comments on the SEDCO role in the blowout.

# More damage to come Hilliard hits gas pay zone

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Damages to Texas caused by oil from a crippled Mexican well that has stained the state's southern coastline may not be over yet.

But the autumn shift of Texas offshore currents to the south has helped push many large oil patches away from shore, Coast Guard officials say.

And in the Bay of Campeche, Mexican authorities report they are on the brink of placing a cone over the runaway well to reduce the flow by 85 percent.

So far, seven weeks after the world's largest oil spill began blackening South Texas beaches, damage claims and cleanup costs total at least \$360 million.

The U.S. Coast Guard reports \$5.4 million has been spent or earmarked for beach cleanup and protection of inland bays. An additional \$1.1 million is available for oil removal operations and more funds probably would be authorized by the U.S. Coast Guard commandant if that amount runs out.

Fears that the oil would kill thousands of birds, fish and marine animals have not come true.

However, scientists say they do not know what effects the oil will have on wildlife habitats if the brown crude settles on the ocean floor or at the bottom of freshwater bays.

The threat of oil, as well as its presence, is what has hurt the tourist-dependent economy of the Gulf Coast.

Three damage suits seeking a total

of \$355 million have been filed. The defendants are Pemex, the Mexican national oil company that owned the well; Permargo, a Mexican drilling contractor hired to operate the well; and SEDCO, a Dallas-based company that leased the offshore rig used at the Ixtoc 1 well.

Texas Attorney General Mark White says he will sue SEDCO to recover state costs of handling the spill. White said he will file suit after President Carter meets this weekend in Washington with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Oct. 23 is the deadline for filing suits against SEDCO, the corporation founded by Texas Gov. Bill Clements. The international company claims it has a maximum \$300,000 liability.

Clements, who has frowned on any suits over the spill, put his SEDCO holdings in a blind trust before taking office this January as the state's first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

# Hilliard hits gas pay zone

NEW ORLEANS, La. Tidewater Inc. of New Orleans announced today that its subsidiary, Hilliard Oil & Gas, Inc., has completed a new field discovery from the Smackover limestone in Cass County, Texas.

The No. 1 Johnson has tested the Smackover formation through perforations at 10,661-10,677 feet at the rate of 2880 MCF of gas and 135.5 barrels of condensate per day on a 12/64-inch choke with 4352 pounds tubing pressure.

The well also has an indicated pay zone in the Cotton Valley formation as evidenced by a drill stem test from 9777-9855 feet which flowed at the rate of 2300 MCF of gas per day.

The discovery well is on the Kildare Prospect in northeast Texas, embracing 3,780 acres owned 35 percent by The Hilliard Fund 1979-A and 65 percent by the Hilliard Fund 1979-B.

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**COKE COUNTY**  
Dixon Oil Co. wildcat, No. 1 H. G. Wendland, 896 feet from southeast and 1,829 feet from northeast lines of John Shiner survey, No. 452, seven miles southeast of Robert Lee, id 3,875 feet.  
Dorchester Exploration Inc. wildcat, No. 1 Schneeman, 600 feet from north and west lines of section 310, block 2, H&TC survey, 7.5 miles southwest of Robert Lee, id 6,375 feet.  
Liberty Oil & Gas Corp. wildcat, No. 2 King, 467 feet from south and east lines of section 270, block 1-A, T&P survey, two miles west of Blackwell, id 4,940 feet.

**COTTE COUNTY**  
Harken Oil & Gas, Inc. wildcat, No. 3 A. L. Brothers, 1,719 feet from north and 960 feet from west lines of IRR survey, No. 8, five miles southeast of Paducah, abandoned location.

**CROCKETT COUNTY**  
Anderson Petroleum, Inc., Ozona (Canyon sand gas), No. 5-2-B Bill Clegg, 493.6 feet from north and 690.1 feet from west lines of Runnels County school land survey No. 35, 30 miles southwest of Ozona, id 8,900 feet.

**DAWSON COUNTY**  
BK Petroleum Corp. wildcat, No. 1 M. Vaughn, 1,980 feet from north and 960 feet from east lines of section 23, block 36, T-4-N, T&P survey, 19 miles south of Lamesa, id 11,710 feet.

**EDDY COUNTY**  
Mesa Petroleum No. 2 Gardner-State, 1,980 feet from south and 960 feet from east lines of section 8-18-23c, 20 miles west of Lakewood, abandoned location.  
Yates Petroleum wildcat, Re-entry, No. 1-KM Texas Hill, 1,836 feet from north and 915 feet from east lines of section 21-21c-21c, 26 miles southwest of Lakewood, id 7,835 feet.

**GARZA COUNTY**  
Oklahoma Oil Co. wildcat, No. 1 J. B. Slaughter, 660 feet from south and 2,000 feet from east lines of section 18, block 30, T-7-N, W. L. Henry survey, 13 miles southwest of Post, id 1,053 feet.

**HOCKLEY COUNTY**  
Amoco Production Co. Sundown (Abo), No. 48-A Alex A. Slaughter Estate, 1,050 feet from north and 1,976 feet from west lines of section 33, Zavalla County School lands survey No. 37, six miles southeast of Sundown, abandoned location.  
Amoco Production Co. Sundown (Abo), No. 49-A Alex A. Slaughter Estate, 150 feet from south and 776 feet from west lines of section 48, Zavalla County school lands survey No. 37, six miles southeast of Sundown, abandoned location.

**KENT COUNTY**  
Arden Oil Corp. wildcat, No. 1 Williams, 1,900 feet from south and 2,000 feet from west lines of section 57, block 5, H&GN survey, 19 miles east of Jasticeburg, id 7,815 feet.

**KING COUNTY**  
Boney & Zetman, wildcat, No. 1 J. H. Parramore, 660 feet from south and 2,248 feet from east lines of section 56, block F, H&TC survey, 19 miles southeast of Guthrie, id 6,855 feet.

**LUBBOCK COUNTY**  
Texas Pacific Oil Co. wildcat, No. 1 Hobgood Farms, 660 feet from south and west lines of section 129, block 20, W-8-B Brook-Sherap-Bile survey, No. 8601, 4.4 miles south of Wolford, id 6,500 feet.

**PECOS COUNTY**  
Gifford, Mitchell, & Weisenbaker, wildcat, No. 1 Little Mountain, 1,480 feet from south and 1,960 feet from west lines of section 78, block 8, H&GN survey, seven miles southwest of Coyanosa, id 4,800 feet.  
HNG Oil Co. wildcat, No. 1-J. Allison, 3,428 feet from north and 865 feet from east lines of section 1, block XX, W. G. Doak survey, 30 miles southeast of Fort Stockton, id 8,315 feet.  
McCormick Oil & Gas Corp. wildcat, No. 1 Stone, 2,500 feet from north and 1,300 feet from east lines of section 97, block 11, H&SA survey, 36.4 miles southwest of Fort Stockton, id 10,400 feet.

**RUNNELS COUNTY**  
Enrich Oil Corp. wildcat, No. 2 William Stevens Estate, 1,200 feet from south and 1,470 feet from west lines of section 81, block 63, H&TB survey, four miles southwest of Wingate, id 4,800 feet.

**WINKLER COUNTY**  
Gifford, Mitchell, & Weisenbaker, Cheyenne (Capitan), No. 2 Comanche Unit, 467 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 13, block C-23, psi survey, 10 miles northwest of Kermitt, id 4,000 feet.  
GMW, Cheyenne (Capitan), No. 4 Comanche Capitan, 2,173 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of section 18, block C-23, PSL survey, nine miles southwest of Kermitt, abandoned location.

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A downtown view of Bisbee. Luckier than most mining towns, along with gold and silver, Bisbee had vast stores of copper, a bread-and-

butter metal much in demand in industrial-age America. But in 1974 the bubble collapsed as the Phelps Dodge Corp., a leading copper

producer, closed its open-pit mines because of rising costs and dwindling reserves. (Los Angeles Times Photos by Joe Kennedy)

# Bisbee just 'too dumb to stay dead'

By DAVE SMITH  
The Los Angeles Times

BISBEE, Ariz. — When night comes to the Arizona desert, it comes — after a languorous summer dusk — with the finality of a door slammed shut on the day.

For a few minutes there is the strange effect of black hills knife-edged against bright blue. The sky looks midday bright, the land oddly extinguished.

The next minute, the sky goes out, the stars loom into the foreground and houses wink on like fireflies, so that from a distance one cannot tell whether that speck of light glimmering against the blackness is a home on the hill or a star in the sky.

Almost as abruptly, Bisbee gears down into its nightly near-dormancy, its chief activity revolving around the Copper Queen Hotel Bar, the St. Elmo and the route between, well-worn by the town's contingent of hard-core high spirits.

ALONG BISBEE'S nighttime streets, houses sporadically emit their particular sort of evening sounds: on OK Street, a radio twangs country and western from a screened porch; on Opera Drive, a woman shrills in drowsome coloratura as she promises to skin her child alive if he or she doesn't get ready for bed this minute, and from an open apartment window over a Main Street store, a pianist begins a phrase of Mozart, fluffs it and begins again, doing it beautifully this time.

They are reassuring signs of life for a town whose obituary was written five years ago. Bisbee, a boomtown that went bust, has levered itself up into an optimistic bustle.

During nearly a century of mining gold, silver, lead, zinc and principally copper, Bisbee became the richest mining town in the American Southwest, producing \$2 billion through the early 1900s, when \$2 billion could really buy something.

But in December 1974 and June 1975 the bubble collapsed with a gentle hiccup. After seven years of fair warning to its employees, Phelps Dodge Corp., a leading U.S. copper producer, closed its open-pit mines — the famed Lavender Pit and its offspring, the Sacramento — and then its vast underground diggings because of falling copper prices and rising labor and production costs set against the area's almost exhausted ore reserves.

THE DEPARTURE of Phelps Dodge stranded Bisbee. A classic, one-economy company town grown comfortable in the belief that PD Will Provide, Bisbee seemed to have no lifeline to drag itself into Life Without Father.

The gloomiest predicted that Bisbee would dry up and blow away.

Those less pessimistic suggested that it might wither to yet another rootin'-tootin' tourist trap, an Olde Ghoste Towne coasting threadbarely along on its real or imagined rip-roarin' past. With a disdainful glance at nearby Tombstone, a tourist false front that bills itself "The Town Too Tough to Die" and offers re-enactments of the Gunfight at OK Corral at the drop of a road apple, Bisbeeites came out with bumper stickers proclaiming: "Bisbee — The Town Too Dumb to Die."

But another school of thought insisted that this might be just the beginning. Much speculation — both mental and fiscal — had it that Bisbee would quickly become another Aspen, another Sausalito, another Carmel or Taos. What happened?

TO DATE ALL the forecasters but the doourest appear to have been a little bit right.

How Bisbee will continue to survive, or what it should become to thrive, is still the favorite topic. But Bisbee appears to be succeeding not so much by becoming another Any-

where as by remaining mostly itself, the only Bisbee.

There are changes in the town — for the better, most people believe — and there are undeniable problems. The city government is just beginning to climb out of a \$500,000 indebtedness, and there remain traces of the lively political factionalism of old-timers versus newcomers.

Only a month ago it appeared that Bisbee's city government might go into bankruptcy and a receivership, a sobering prospect but one that, even at its peak, didn't strike Bisbeeites as all that big a deal — not for a town that had cheated death for four years.

HOW AND WHY Bisbee has made it thus far casts an interesting light both on the history of the West and on an emerging priority in our own time.

Western history is flecked with disposable little boomtowns that sprouted like mushrooms and grew fat in fields of gold and silver, then shriveled overnight when the precious metals played out. People simply discarded these used-up settlements for the next get-rich-quick instant city, leaving behind them ghost towns unable to outlive the end of their reason for being.

But Bisbee, founded in 1880, was luckier. Along with gold and silver, it had copper, vast stores of a bread-and-butter metal much in demand in industrial-age America.

THE FORMER stagecoach station ballooned to a city of 35,000 at the turn of the century. Brewery Gulch boasted 68 saloons and the men of the town supported a colony of 400 prostitutes, referred to euphemistically in that day as "seamstresses." One can only shudder to imagine what befell innocent little dressmakers who happened into town looking for work.

Copper kept Bisbee alive and rich long past the demise of most of its contemporary mining camps. The incredibly rich Lavender Pit, begun in 1951 and destined to become one of the largest excavations in the world, gave the town a fresh burst of life that carried it into this decade.

Lasting into the '70s may have been the lifeline that enabled Bisbee to survive.

By the late 1960s and early 1970s, the word had begun to spread of Bisbee's imminent death, and this



Charles Eads, mayor of Bisbee, spearheaded a drive to reopen about 2,000 feet of tunnels in the old Queen Mine as a tourist attraction drawing 2,000 to 4,000 persons a month.

word fell sweetly on the ears of real estate speculators, hippies and street people, artists and craftsmen — a rapidly growing subculture of people interested in alternative life styles, cutting the cost of living or simply getting away from it all.

BISBEE, THEY HEARD, was the ideal place. By the late 1960s, the population had dwindled to about 8,000 and was still declining as Phelps Dodge operations waned. Speculation and in-migration began, slowly at first.

Its attractions were obvious. It was a lovely little town, reminiscent to many newcomers of turn-of-the-century San Francisco — or a tiny, hillside piece of it. Its crooked streets wandered every which way, up watercourses into the Mule Mountain foothills or flung themselves hairpin-fashion across the brows of the more negotiable hillsides.

At 5,300 feet its air was crisp and clean, its climate not too hot or cold in summer or winter, and from any of a hundred hillside vantage points you could easily look down into Mexico, only six miles south. And for an occasional change of cityscape, one could visit Douglas 25 miles to the east, Sierra Vista 25 miles to the west, or Tucson 95 miles to the northwest. Civilization was well within reach, but not down your throat.

When Phelps Dodge pulled out, the population dropped by about 2,000 more, as working-age men took their families off in search of greener pastures. Suddenly Bisbee seemed full of empty houses and stores for sale for a few hundred to just a few thousand dollars.

BUT WHAT CREATED a depression for old Bisbee gradually became the doorway through which its future emerged. A small flood of new residents and speculators touched off a minor land boom.

Among the first and most influential was Steve Hutchison, remembered as a strenuous booster who believed in the town's future with such fire that his enthusiasm burned out before he could ignite everyone else's.

In 1972 he bought the rundown Copper Queen, the Muheim Brewery and the Pythian Castle, three of the town's biggest buildings, for slightly under \$5,000 for the lot. He then set about exhorting everyone to join him in creating a rocketing resort.

But old-timers and most newcomers resisted his grand plan, generally wanting a little less for the town. The restless Hutchison finally grew exasperated at their skepticism and in 1977 sold the buildings for \$50,000 — not a shabby return on a five-year investment. (The most dramatic example was the Pythian Castle, which Hutchison bought for \$350 in back taxes; it is now on the market for \$75,000 and is only partly restored.)

NOT ALL REAL estate increased so dramatically, but the cheap little tin-roofed miners' shacks that city refugees and retirees picked up for a song have now climbed to \$20,000 and more since 1974, and today it's hard to find homes for sale or rent in the picturesque old town.

The influx of new people at first created tensions between the town's old guard and what they viewed as an infestation of hippies who wanted to escape civilization and its discontents while enjoying Bisbee's amenities at taxpayers' expense.

A lot of rhetoric was shed and some lingering divisiveness can still be seen — more dimly each year — over the best ways to cut city costs, pay city bills and still provide essential services.

On one side is Frank Peters, 37, a 1973 arrival from the San Francisco Bay area, described by his opponents as the "hippie guru." Bearded and soft-spoken, Peters has operated a health food cafe, was briefly on the City Council, now administers the

food stamp program and is outspokenly critical of the mayor's drive to establish fees for sewer use and trash collection. Peters contends that the fee would work a hardship on the poor, chiefly the elderly and retired.

MAYOR CHARLES EADS, 51, with one year left in his third and last term in the \$200-a-month job, owns a small construction company, the office of which is emblazoned with the sign: "Our cow is dead so we don't need your bull." His opponents term him a politician of the good-ole-boy school. Eads spearheaded the drive in 1976 to reopen about 2,000 feet of underground tunnels in the old Queen Mine for a tour that now pulls in between 2,000 to 4,000 tourists per month — at \$3.50 a head.

"In a way," says Eads, "I don't blame the Peters bunch for all the flap. I mean, they had Vietnam and Watergate and Nixon and all, and the reason I'm the target is that I'm Mayor Eads. But those people never spent five cents or five minutes helping develop the mine tour, when we needed the big push. There's just some of that element that sits around living on food stamps, sitting in the shade and moving when they get cold and moving back when they're warm."

"I'm not talking about Frank. He works. He's got the wrong slant on me, but he works. I mean those other crumbs who do nothing but lie around on the sidewalks and bitch..."

AS TO CRITICISM of his cost-cutting plans, Eads waves a hand and says, "Oh, yeah. We already figured about 25 percent couldn't afford a garbage pickup fee. That's why we want to switch it from coming out of county property taxes. That way, the city gets the revenue from the ones who can afford it, and we'd just pick it up for the others and not say anything about it."

"To tell you the truth," Eads continued, "despite our financial problems, it's actually kind of good here these days. The town's more alive, with all the little shops and everything. I'd lots rather have 40 small businesses here than one big industry like Phelps Dodge. It makes a healthier economy. Seems like we were always going in and out of recessions back then, when our whole economy depended on the rise or fall of copper prices."

Janet Watkins, who is in her 30s and is a lifelong resident of Bisbee, has a viewpoint somewhere between Peters, and Eads, and is confident that the town is thriving.

"I used to sell real estate here," she says, "and I've watched how property values have more than quadrupled since the mines closed. Now I'm in property management, with 125 accounts that keep me hopping."

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## BUSINESS MIRROR

# Some analysts believe interest rates peaking

By JOHN CUNIFF  
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NEW YORK (AP) — Don't hold your breath, as they say, or keep your fingers crossed, or in fact get involved in any of those physically uncomfortable positions, but...could interest rates be peaking?

That notion is spreading among securities and economic analysts. It worked its way into the latest bond market review of Smith Barney Harris Upham & Co. And Merrill Lynch Economics sees a sharp drop ahead.

More importantly, some investment institutions, such as pension and mutual funds, apparently feel the same way — or so you would judge by their sudden interest in blue chip stocks late last Thursday.

Among those who have declared themselves most forcefully is Albert Cox Jr., president of Merrill Lynch Economics, a subsidiary of the big investment house. He foresees a "downward spiral" of interest rates.

In Cox's opinion, the reversal most likely will begin "in a matter of weeks," although he admits to some indecision. The downturn might be delayed until year-end, he concedes, with even higher rates until then.

No matter, he forecasts, the prime interest rate, now at 13.25 percent, will reach 8.5 percent by late 1980, aided by cutbacks in industrial inventories and the need for credit to finance them.

In theory, as interest rates drop stocks become more attractive. Or, to rephrase, as interest rates fall investments in debt securities pay poorer

yards, while investments in equities, or ownership, pay more.

The explanation is uncomplicated: When interest costs fall, so do business costs. Moreover, companies can again afford to invest in more productive plants and equipment, further lowering unit costs.

While most investors remain cautious about all markets, and others seem intent on getting the last fraction of a percent advantage out of rising interest rates, some already have been returning to stocks.

Are they acting prematurely? Investors recall that last spring, hoping to spur interest in stocks, some brokers told clients that interest rates already had peaked. So much for foresight.

It is true, too, that attempts to see the future are complicated by convulsions of the dollar, gold, interest rates, stocks, housing, energy. Alone and as they relate to each other, they baffle reason.

Hunches — now they're another thing. With interest rates at levels never before recorded, and with the signs that industry and individuals are lowering their credit demands, the feeling is spreading.

The feeling, that is, that interest rates that seemed headed to the heavens might be returning to earth, accompanied by economic stasis, to be sure, but returning nonetheless to their natural environment.

The re-entry isn't to be awaited with bated breath, any more than the next appearance of Haley's Comet. But it will be an event, a big one, and already they're talking it up in business and investment circles.

## Lead poisoning continues serious threat for children

ATLANTA (AP) — Lead poisoning is not the killer of children it once was, but it remains a serious threat and reports of youngsters being contaminated are increasing, the national Center for Disease Control reported last week.

Too much exposure to materials containing lead can lead to mental retardation and possibly death, the center said.

According to a CDC survey released in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, the number of children aged 1 to 5 identified with lead toxicity increased 41.1 percent during the three-month period ending March 31, 1979, compared to the same period a year ago.

Dr. Vernon Houk of the CDC's Environmental Health Services Division said more health centers around the country are recognizing that "lead poisoning is a problem."

The scientist estimated that about 1 percent of the nation's children have "undue lead absorption."

He said deteriorating homes, heavily coated with lead paints, pose the

greatest dangers to young children.

"If the lead is high enough in a child, it leads to mental retardation and death," Houk said. "As for deaths, that part of the iceberg is down. What we are left with now is dealing with more lower level lead toxicity."

"If it's high enough, it leads to a child's undereducation achievement, where a child medically was capable of a high school and college education is left with a third grade mentality because something was added to our environment."

Houk said the only way to prevent this is to "identify these children at the lowest level of exposure."

"We have drawn criticism for fighting the problem this way but the only other solution is to remove all the lead from our environment," Houk added that would cost "billions and billions of dollars."

Houk said the highest doses of lead come primarily from two areas, lead-based paints which were primarily applied in the past and lead in the dust and soil.



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

## Watching that salt ingestion important

Dear Dr. Solomon: I was led to watch my intake of salt because I have a tendency to high blood pressure. Since then, the meals my wife has been preparing have been so bland I really can't enjoy them. How about a word of advice to get her to relax a little? — Milt.

Dear Milt: My word of advice is this: Ask your physician what he meant when he told you to watch your intake of salt. For some people, that might simply mean not adding salt at the table; others, however, who have to be on a nearly salt-free diet, might have to severely restrict the use of salt. Your wife evidently is taking no chances — and she may be right.

Even a person who does not add salt to his food may be ingesting much more sodium than he should. Processed meats, for example, such as salami, are high in sodium, as are snack foods such as potato chips, and condiments such as mustard and ketchup.

Many canned, frozen and packaged foods, including cereals and TV dinners, also contain substantial amounts of salt. One way to avoid inadvertent ingestion of large amounts of sodium is to get into the habit of reading labels. You may be surprised to learn how many of the products you have been using, possibly for years, contain salt or sugar or other ingredients of which you are not aware.

Foods low in sodium I recommend for my patients include fruits and fruit juices, cooking oils,

sweet butter and unsalted nuts; those with moderate amounts of sodium include vegetables, bread, cereals, pasta and grains; while those high in sodium include milk, meats, poultry, fresh fish, eggs, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, candy, coffee, gelatins (such as Swiss and American), syrups, honey, molasses and leavening agents (such as baking powder and baking soda).

Very high-sodium foods include the processed meats, smoked fish, cooking wine, peanut butter, relishes, ketchup, mustard, strong cheeses (such as Roquefort), processed cheeses and, of course, salted snack food items.

Your wife can cut down on salt without completely sacrificing the flavor of foods she prepares by substituting herbs and spices, such as garlic and pepper, in her cooking. You might also learn to stop using the

salt shaker by substituting a seasoning of kelp, which is dried, ground seaweed, and which is available in health food stores.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I love applesauce, but I am also told that I should not have sugar. Do you have a recipe for applesauce for me that does not have sugar and one for the rest of the family that contains sugar? — Mrs. M.P.

Dear Mrs. M.P.: Yes, I do. This recipe makes four servings at 70 calories per serving (without sugar). 1 quart peeled, cored and sliced apples (6 medium), 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon or 1/4 teaspoon anise seed, 1/4 cup water, 1 tablespoon sugar (optional). In a medium saucepan, combine all ingredients except sugar. Cover and simmer until apples are tender, adding water if needed. Stir in sugar if you choose. Press through coarse sieve or food mill. Serve warm.

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