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Collapsing walls and a sagging roof are all that's left of a house at 1604 S. Loraine St. following an early morning explosion today. Matt and Janet Wells and their 18-month-old

son Jacob moved in Sunday and were in the house when it exploded around 7:15 a.m. today. A gas leak under the floor apparently caused the explosion, which caused the house

to "just blow up and set back down," according to neighbors. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Family escapes serious injury

But explosion destroys new residents' home

By KAY HORD-CRITES
Staff Writer

An Illinois couple moved into their new residence at 1604 S. Loraine St. on Sunday. This morning, around 7:15 a.m., the house exploded, leaving only two partial walls, a collapsing roof and confusion.

Janet Wells, 18, and her 18-month-old son Jacob suffered no apparent injuries from the explosion, said a spokesman at Midland Memorial Hospital.

"She's just very, very confused is all," the spokesman said. Matt Wells, 23, was being treated for burns to his feet.

"They came (moved) in Sunday. They were just getting it remodeled and cleaned up to live in. They must have been so proud," said Mrs. Jessie Munoz, a neighbor whose husband was one of the first into the house to rescue the family.

According to neighbors, the house just "blew up. There was a lot of smoke but no blaze."

"I've never seen a house just blow up and set down. The roof just went up and back down," said another neighbor.

Fire Chief Raymond Lewis blamed the explosion on a gas leak under the house. The only fire was contained beneath the floorboards.

"I've felt earthquakes before," said Mrs. Munoz, "but it was nothing compared to this. My bed shook and everything. I thought it was funny when he (her husband, Jessie Munoz) said a tornado just hit that house."

Glass from the shattered windows was hurled at the surrounding houses.

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U.N. panel leaves Iran with threat

By The Associated Press

The U.N. commission left Tehran today with a veiled threat to withhold its report on the alleged crimes of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi until it is allowed to see all the American hostages.

"The commission is not in a position to prepare its report and has informed the Iranian authorities accordingly," the five-man panel said in a statement as they flew to Switzerland and New York after their 17-day visit ended without a visit to the captives.

During a stopover in Zurich, Commission Co-Chairman Mohamed Bedjaoui of Algeria, told reporters the panel's mission "was not a failure, but of course we are disappointed. It was a step on the road. But it was not a failure," an apparent reference to some of the evidence collected in Tehran.

The commission left without seeing the approximately 50 hostages after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini backed the demands of their militant captors, and Iran's Revolutionary Council rescinded its decision to take custody of the Americans who began their 129th day in captivity in the U.S. Embassy today.

Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, who saw the commission off at the airport, said he hoped the panel would return to Iran to finish its work. But he reiterated the regime's position that freedom for the hostages will be decided by Iran's new Parliament, which won't convene for another month.

"The commission's task in investigating the crimes of the ousted shah has not faced a failure. Its departure is just a temporary halt," Ghotbzadeh told the official Iranian news agency Pars. "The commission could carry out its mandate completely and without halt with a bit of patience."

He also said an unidentified member of the Revolutionary Council met with the hostages at the embassy late Monday night and "it was proved again that the hostages are healthy." He did not elaborate.

A spokesman for the Iranian foreign ministry told Pars that the commission members were headed to New York to consult with U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and would return to Iran to resume their work. Asked about that, commission member Louis-Edmond Pettiti of France shrugged and answered "perhaps." Bedjaoui said: "We haven't

reached the end of the road."

Bedjaoui flew to New York today from Zurich. Three other commission members went to Geneva and the Frenchman to Paris. All were supposed to arrive in New York on Wednesday.

In a separate development today, Tehran Radio announced that three members "of the former regime and the dissolved Savak" were executed by firing squad at Evin prison in Tehran after being found guilty of "corruption on earth and waging war against God." The broadcast was monitored in London.

Before the commission members left Tehran, Ghotbzadeh got into a heated discussion on the runway with one of the militants who arrived unexpectedly to turn over a package of documents from the embassy files. What the argument was about was not immediately known, but the militants have accused Ghotbzadeh of being a liar.

The embassy captors, after setting conditions last week for a meeting between the hostages and the U.N. group which the latter rejected, announced Thursday they were ready to give the Revolutionary Council custody of the captives and let it proceed with the meeting. Then over the weekend they set new conditions for the transfer of custody and demanded Ghotbzadeh's replacement as the council's representative in the transfer.

The council then went to Khomeini, the 78-year-old religious leader of the Iranian revolution, but he backed the embassy militants. Reviving their conditions that the U.N. panel rejected previously, he said the commission could question hostages the militants said were involved in crimes against Iran but could not see all the Americans until it issued its "report on the crimes of the deposed shah and interventions of the invading United States in Tehran."

The commission refused and packed its bags.

Khomeini also told the militants to turn over to the commission copies of embassy documents concerning U.S. intervention in Iran. The militants said they handed over 185 State Department papers "and 283 espionage documents belonging to the American espionage organization in Iran."

In New York, Waldheim said in a statement the commission is "prepared to return to Tehran in accordance with its mandate ... when the situation requires."

America's first test tube baby may be on the way

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — America's first test-tube baby may be on its way — but doctors warn that even in natural conceptions, it often takes more than one try to start a pregnancy.

Vern Jones, a spokesman for the in vitro fertilization clinic at Norfolk General Hospital, said Monday that some human embryos had been conceived in shallow glass laboratory dishes and reimplanted in their mothers' wombs within the last two weeks.

Now officials are waiting to find out if any of the six women in the country's first test-tube baby program became pregnant. However, the clinic's co-directors, Drs. Howard and Georgeanna Jones, said pregnancy is usually achieved only after several attempts.

During the in vitro fertilization procedure, an egg is taken from the ovary of a woman with dysfunctioning Fallopian tubes, where fertilization would normally take place.

Doctors place the egg in a laboratory dish with a quantity of the husband's sperm. Any resulting embryo is reimplanted in the mother's womb within two days, they said.

The procedure was used successfully in England and resulted in the first test-tube birth, that of Louise Brown in 1978.

Windfall tax protestors look to Senate for relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — An organizer of a last minute lobbying campaign by independent oil producers against the proposed "windfall" profits tax says he is looking to the Senate as his best bet for success.

"We feel that we have 53 friends in the Senate who, if given the opportunity, will work the same way," Bud Stewart of Muskogee, Okla., said Monday.

He referred to the 53 senators who voted to exempt from the tax the first 1,000 barrels a day produced by an independent operator.

The exemption introduced by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, was changed when a conference committee compromised between House and Senate proposals.

Stewart said 400-500 independents from seven states traveled to Washington, despite the reluctance of their major trade association, to persuade congressmen to send the bill back to the conference committee for another try.

"I kind of look at it as though fresh troops came into the battle," he said at a news conference. The group hoisted an oil rig in the Capitol Mall as a symbol for their protest.

Stewart said he did not think there would be enough support to recommit the bill when it comes up, probably Thursday, for consideration in the House.

The Senate is scheduled to take up the conference committee report next week.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a four-part series on landlord-tenant relations in Midland.

By KAY HORD-CRITES
Staff Writer

Tenants' associations are coming to Midland, says Mike Williams of West Texas Legal Services, in an effort to halt abuse by landlords.

"There are some (landlords)," said Ralph Noyes, also of West Texas Legal Services, "who violate the law with deliberate flagrancy which shows the landlord doesn't think of the tenant as a human being. We are talking about legal rights and human rights."

Williams added, "The only resource they (tenants) have is themselves," and predicted tenant activity would increase in a year.

The low-income community largely

situated in south and east Midland "is hot. If someone doesn't resolve some major problems — including their housing problems — in the near future you are going to see this city blow up," Williams predicted.

"The time has come when you cannot turn your back on these problems because they are not going away."

"It's a situation where you don't have an active tenants' association, you don't have sensitive city ordinances and, on this particular issue, you don't particularly have sensitive state legislation to protect tenants from abuse by landlords."

WILLIAMS OUTLINED the major problems faced by tenants as repairs, deposits and eviction.

"This is still the wild, wild west," he said. "The tenant doesn't pay their rent, and the landlord puts a lock on the door and takes everything in the

house as reimbursement for the rent. In the old days when we wore guns on our hips, that could be done. Unfortunately, that is not the law in the state of Texas any more."

Noyes commented that he had seen landlords illegally cut off utilities and lock people out, as well as steal their property. According to Texas law, landlords cannot evict tenants by cutting off utilities. If a landlord changes the lock on a door, he must leave a message telling the tenant where he can get the key 24 hours a day, according to West Texas Legal Services attorneys.

"Another problem is the tenant's ability or lack of ability to get landlords to make repairs, just to maintain the habitability of the property," commented Williams.

Norma Johnson with Casa de Amigos related the story of one Midland woman whose ceiling is threa-

tening to cave in due to a water leak, preventing her from using her bathroom.

"There are a lot of instances like that where the property is just in gross disrepair and they (landlords) won't do anything about it. A lot of

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part three
of a series

landlords know they are dealing with people who don't know their rights so they lie to them and take advantage of them," Ms. Johnson said.

"IF YOU FILE a lawsuit, you'd better plan on moving out. And if you go after the city to enforce their minimum standard code, what have you got?" she asked.

"It just closes the place down and they (the tenants) have nowhere to go. People say get the city to enforce the code, and it will force the guy to fix it up. But rather than that, he just evicts the present tenant and waits until it blows over and reopens it (the housing)," she explained.

"In most of the cases I have had contact with, it is the landlord's imperviousness to the person's needs," Ms. Johnson added. "I guess they have been burned too many times to trust anyone. And in some cases, it's

because they are downright mean."

"Unfortunately," said Williams, "many tenants are not aware of what the law says and they let landlords get away with it (illegal proceedings). Landlords cannot take clothes, furniture, an automobile or a motorcycle on a lien."

"The sad thing about it is here's a person who's behind on his rent," Williams added. "He already owes someone \$200. The landlord rips off his (the tenant's) property. He doesn't have the money to pay the landlord. And if they move somewhere else they don't even have the bed or whatever the landlord took. It's a rip off."

According to Williams, low-income people have another problem with the middle-income segment of the com-

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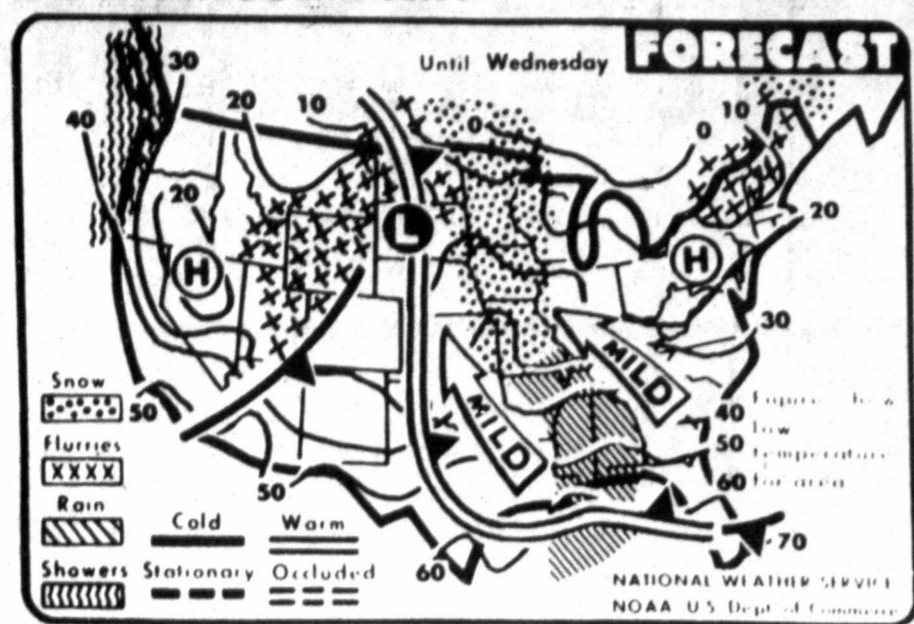
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Texas temperatures

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Chance for spring showers forecast for Basin tonight

It may not be April, but, according to the weatherman, Midland does have a chance for spring showers...

Soviet press prints photos of troops in Afghanistan

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet press today released its first photographs of Russian troops in Afghanistan...

Computer breakdown shuts subway, strands Washington area commuters

WASHINGTON (AP) — A breakdown in the main computer shut down the entire Metro subway system...

Southern state primaries today

By WALTER R. MEARS AP Special Correspondent

Ronald Reagan and President Carter bid for solid southern sendoffs today as Georgia, Florida and Alabama held presidential primary elections...

While conservative Republican Reagan and Georgia Democrat Carter ranked as the favorites in the contests, they will be tested again, and again, in 15 states that could point to the outcome of the campaigns for the White House nominations by April 1.

There were precinct caucuses to judge the candidates of both parties in Washington tonight. Alaska, Hawaii and Oklahoma held Democratic precinct caucuses.

Sen. Edward Kennedy has given Carter something close to a bye in the southern primaries. The Democratic challenger already has turned his attention to Illinois, which votes next Tuesday.

But Kennedy, who defeated Carter for the first time in Massachusetts, kept his southern investment to the bare minimum.

Carter is virtually uncontested in his home primary in Georgia, and his advocates are asking for a shutout. At a minimum, they want to do better in Georgia than Kennedy did at home in Massachusetts, where he gained 65 percent of the vote to Carter's 29 percent.

In a dwindling Republican field, Reagan's only major southern rival was George Bush, who said he would be satisfied "to be reasonably close" to the former California governor.

He took some comfort in weekend public opinion polls showing Bush narrowing the gap in Florida — but

those were conducted before Reagan won the South Carolina primary by landslide Saturday.

That runaway led John Connally to withdraw from the race. Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee quit last Wednesday.

Rep. John Anderson of Illinois bypassed the contests to compete in his home state. Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois scaled back his campaign, saying only a miracle would give him the nomination.

That left Bush in the two-way race against Reagan that he always said he wanted — but in states that made his task forbidding.

"I'll take all I can get," Reagan said Monday. "I'll take a victory in all three states."

Former President Gerald R. Ford, on the brink of a second campaign for the White House, was due in Washington on a political tour featuring a GOP fund-raising speech tonight.

But Ford wasn't ready to make a move. An aide, Robert Barrett, said the former president wants to assess the results of today's primaries and the Illinois contest before deciding whether to run.

Today's voting began as early as 6 a.m. EST in Alabama, and at 7 in Florida and Georgia. Most of the polls will be closed by 7 p.m.

Florida was the biggest prize, and the most closely contested.

The Democratic ballot there matched Carter, Kennedy and California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr., who is skipping everything until the April 1 Wisconsin primary. The Florida primary awarded 100 Democratic nominating votes, apportioned on the basis of candidate showings in the state's congressional districts.

The Florida GOP ballot listed Reagan, Bush, Anderson, Baker, Connally, Crane, Dole, Harold Stassen and Benjamin Fernandez.

There were 51 GOP delegates at stake in Florida.

In Georgia, where former Mississippi Gov. Cliff Finch and two other minor candidates are on the Democratic ballot, the primary was for 63 votes for the presidential nomination.

Gov. George Busbee asked for a massive show of support for Carter, who got 83 percent of the vote four years ago.

First lady Rosalyn Carter has said she wants a shutout — all 63 home delegates for Carter and none for Kennedy.

Tenants' associations try to curb landlord abuses

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"THE MIDDLE-INCOME community in Midland has not come to grips with the fact that this is their problem, too," Williams contended.

When a house and piece of property depreciate, that affects the tax base because it means less income for the city of Midland, the lawyer explained.

"When we allow a section of our city to depreciate in value we are allowing ourselves to lose money," Williams said.

"It's easy to say I don't live over there; it's not my problem. It is their problem. Their (other residents') costs increase because we can't use the land over here."

"And if you want to get into the moral issue, it interests me how people can reconcile that this is one of the richest cities," he added.

He believes the only solution is construction of low-cost housing.

"Seniors have the roughest time," added Ms. Johnson. "Most of them are on fixed incomes, and with social security that means \$228 a month. And they're spending \$160 on rent."

Those who are classified as low-income may be able to find some help with West Texas Legal Services, an agency which represents low-income people in civil matters.

"UNTIL WE CAME along, as far as I know there were no lawyers in town who were in a position to hold the landlords to the law," said Noyes.

"The problem is to get a lawyer who will represent you. If you are poor enough and you know to come to us, we might be able to help you," he said.

"But I suspect there are some people who don't qualify because their salaries are too high and who have nowhere to turn."

Chris McCormick of West Texas Legal Services added that "as a practical matter, it is very easy for a landlord to break the law because most tenants are not aware of what their rights are."

"I have a fair amount of sympathy for the landlord who has not been paid," said Noyes. "I am not trying to protect deadbeats. I don't think anyone in this office is advocating any more than everyone obeying the law and everyone being aware of the law."

"I'd like to see fair enforcement of the law we have now with private attorneys taking an interest in suing landlords that break the law," he added.

A spokesman for the Midland Bar Association said Midland attorneys have no set policy against accepting tenant's suits against landlords. Almost every attorney in Midland has at one time or another accepted a case

on the promise of payment "some-time," the spokesman said.

"I have never represented a tenant since I've been in Midland," he said, "but that's because I've never been asked, not because I wouldn't."

WEDNESDAY: Landlord woes.

Possible kerosene contamination closes water treatment plant

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — The water treatment plant in this city of 17,700 was shut down again today after water possibly contaminated by 63,000 gallons of kerosene leaked into a holding pond, officials said.

The plant was shut down at 3:20 a.m. after an operator noticed water had leaked from a feeder canal. Laboratory tests were being run on canal water to determine if it was contaminated.

On Monday, City Council passed a resolution asking Gov. John Dalton to declare a state of emergency in Fredericksburg to help coordinate cleanup efforts by various pollution agencies following Thursday's spill in the Rappahannock River.

A spokesman for the governor said a decision would be made later today on the city's request.

The Environmental Protection Agency says it will take about 10 days for the Rappahannock to cleanse itself of the fuel, which spilled from a ruptured pipeline.

Meanwhile, State Health Commissioner James B. Kenley said laboratory tests showed the kerosene had not contaminated the water supply.

The test results were relayed to city officials two hours after public works employees and citizen volunteers began cutting off some 3,500 water valves to individual customers as a precaution. The workers, after getting the word, restored the water flow.

Neighboring Spotsylvania County has been pumping about one million gallons daily — a third of Fredericksburg's normal water use — to the city. Stafford County also agreed to provide 800,000 gallons a day.

Dalton said the state will send tankers full of water to Fredericksburg until the city is again able to draw water from the Rappahannock.

City Manager John Nolan declared a local emergency Sunday and ordered city schools closed. About 17 businesses were told to stop using city water, including large water users such as self-service laundries. Nolan said the schools and businesses would be closed again today.

The spill occurred when a Colonial Pipeline Co. line broke. In a simultaneous but separate break in the same



New York City police officers Monday carry Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane away from the Harmonie Club, where Robert Strauss was meeting with Jewish leaders.

Ten arrested as JDL stages New York protest

NEW YORK (AP) — Ten persons were injured and the founder of the militant Jewish Defense League was arrested during a demonstration while President Carter's campaign manager was trying to soothe Jewish leaders upset by the recent U.S. condemnation of Israel in the United Nations.

A demonstration against the U.S. vote for a resolution criticizing Israeli settlements on occupied Arab land also occurred Monday in Miami where Jewish militants scuffled with campaign staffers at Carter-Mondale headquarters one day before the Florida primary.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the JDL, was among six demonstrators arrested in New York on Monday outside a club where Robert Strauss was meeting with Jewish leaders. Kahane was charged with assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Most of the injured were police officers. The injuries were described as minor.

JDL National Chairman Irv Rubin said the group protested because, "Carter and his Jewish collaborators are selling out the state of Israel."

Meanwhile, Strauss emerged from the meeting and said Carter would carry "very well" a straw poll of the 125 Jewish leaders at the meeting. He had attempted to assure them that the U.N. vote was a mistake and that the Carter administration was not changing its policy toward Israel.

"There is no lessening of any commitment in the Mideast," Strauss said. "This administration is moving forward in the peace process."

Backing Strauss, B'nai B'rith President Jack Spitzer said he "sincerely" believed the vote was a "mistake in communications. I believe the president has now placed himself clearly on the record of reaffirming a consistent policy."

In response to Strauss' comment that Carter could win the Jewish leaders' support in a straw poll, Anti-Defamation League Executive Vice President Dan Epstein said, "I wouldn't refer to it as 'very well,' but I think he would have carried it."

Strauss said the talks gave the Jewish leaders a chance to praise and criticize Carter, but he added that the majority left feeling Carter's commitment to the state of Israel was as strong as ever.

Spitzer said, "There's no question that President Carter is doing everything to secure the state of Israel.... I believe we'll go forward from this time on."

In Miami, there were no arrests or serious injuries when the demonstrators swarmed into the campaign office and swapped punches with staffers. The group went outside before police came.

After the incident the six men and one woman said they didn't want any more trouble and would focus their anti-Carter efforts at polling stations during today's presidential preference primary.

Firefighters union leader awaits his release from jail

CHICAGO (AP) — After serving nearly three weeks of a five-month contempt-of-court sentence for refusing to order his men back to work, Chicago Fire Fighters Union President Frank Muscare awaited freedom today as part of the settlement in the 23-day strike.

Meanwhile, a brief scuffle at one stationhouse was the only reported disruption Monday as veteran firefighters relieved weary non-strikers who provided protection for the city's 3.5 million residents during the bitter dispute.

During a hearing Monday, Circuit Court Judge John Hechinger, who jailed Muscare, said an appeal of the sentence to the state Supreme Court must be withdrawn before the union leader could be freed.

Union attorney Anthony Intini met with city attorneys later Monday to work out a procedure for dismissing the appeal.

"I only hope everyone's cooled off so I can go home," said Muscare, 54, from his cell at the Cook County Jail.

The union is also hoping that Hechinger will suspend nearly \$1 million in fines levied against the union and its officers for defying the back-to-work order.

In an attempt to settle legal disputes stemming from the strike, the

pipeline, about 200,000 to 250,000 gallons of kerosene went into Bull Run Creek near Manassas. A fish kill estimated at up to 25,000 was discovered in the creek Sunday.

The creek flows toward Occoquan Reservoir, which supplies water to some 660,000 customers in northern Virginia.

EPA spokesman Peter Ackly said much of the oil was being stopped before flowing into the reservoir. He said if some of the fuel gets into the reservoir, a variety of treatment techniques are available to remove it from drinking water.

Dalton said Colonial Pipeline "has admitted liability" for the spill and said "in practically all instances where a company admitted responsibility for a spill, they have paid for the cleanup costs without us having to go to court."

Colonial Pipeline spokesman Jim Sorrow had said the cause of the rupture was the unscheduled shutdown of the Conowing Pump Station in northern Maryland.

The shutdown caused a sequential shutdown of another pump station, which resulted in a pressure buildup on the line, he said.

For the most part, the firefighters' return was greeted with silence, but at one stationhouse a brief scuffle broke out between a former striker and a non-union man. Police said there were no injuries and no arrests.

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DEATHS

Belle McDermott

Belle McDermott, 92, 3106 W. Ohio Ave., died Sunday in a Midland hospital. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Crosbyton...

Mrs. McDermott was born Jan. 8, 1888, in Cumberland Gap, Tenn. She moved from Tennessee to Seymour and then to Crosbyton. In 1909, she and John Doyle McDermott were the first couple to be married in Crosbyton...

Survivors include two sons, George McDermott of Silver City, N.M., and John E. McDermott of Lubbock; two daughters, Rubalie Wesley of Gallup, N.M., and Billie Houston of Midland...

Estelle Brashers

Services for Estelle Brashers, 64, of Midland were to be at 10 a.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Roy A. Carley, associate minister of the First Baptist Church...

Mrs. Brashers died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

She was born Feb. 21, 1916, in Calahan County. Mrs. Brashers lived in Knott before moving to Big Spring. In 1937, she moved to Valley View and later to Midland. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Virgil Royce Brashers of Odessa; a daughter, Dolores A. Stetson of El Paso; a brother, John T. Stone of Abilene and nine grandchildren.

Armine Boyett

Armine Boyett, 67, 3210 Franklin Ave., died Sunday in a Midland hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Boyett was born March 9, 1913, in Abilene. She was reared there and moved to Midland in 1946. She worked for Walgreen Drug until her death. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Billie) Ford of Sherman and Sharon Rener of Grapevine; a brother, Charlie Hailey of Dallas; three sisters, Emma McKinney of San Antonio, Gladys Musick of Abilene and Mina Jordan of Midland; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Vera Qualls

LITTLEFIELD — Services for Vera Qualls, 70, of Littlefield, sister of Frank Hukill of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Broadhurst, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Glenn Willson, pastor of Amherst First Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Littlefield Memorial Park directed by Hammons Funeral Home.

She died Sunday in a Littlefield hospital after an illness.

A Cooke County native, Mrs. Qualls had lived in Lamb County since 1925. She was married to Marvin Qualls Nov. 2, 1929, in Clovis, N.M.

Other survivors include a daughter, a son, three brothers, six grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

R.B. Saxe

Services for R.B. Saxe, 87, 3000 Sentinel St., are pending with Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Saxe died Sunday evening in a Midland hospital.

He was a longtime employee with Gulf Oil Company as a production superintendent and labor negotiator.

Caulie R. Gray

Caulie R. Gray, 76, of Midland died Sunday in a Midland hospital.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home in Paris. Local arrangements were to be handled by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Gray was born July 22, 1903, in Waxahachie where he lived until he was 20. He was married to Lovie Jane Blassingame Oct. 19, 1924, in Enis. They moved to Paris in 1931 where they lived until July 1977 when they moved to Midland. He was a member of the Oak Park United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Robert D. Gray of Midland and Edward G. Gray of Garland; two daughters, Alma Jean Elkin of Midland and JoAnn Wall of Seattle, Wash.; two brothers, Charlie Gray of Electra and Aulton Gray of Boston, Mass.; a sister, Alma Waller of Electra; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

J.B. Chesshire

ANDREWS — Services for James Boyd Chesshire, 72, of Andrews will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Means Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Keith Wiseman, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Andrews Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

He died Sunday in a Lubbock hospital following a lengthy illness.

Chesshire was born in Lamar County and was married to Birdie Dolberry in Gladewater. A retired trucking contractor and employee of Andrews Community Center, he had lived in Andrews since 1947. He was a member of Means Memorial United Methodist Church and a former member of IOOF Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Don Chesshire of Odessa; three sisters, Mrs. Lee Holbert of Tecumseh, Okla., Clarice Vaughn of Bogota and Mavis Sowers of Dallas; a brother, Floyd Chesshire of Deport; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Amin still among missing; Successors don't really care

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Idi Amin's brutal rule still casts shadows over the Ugandan land and people he ravaged during eight years of military dictatorship.

Crime is rampant. The economy is in shambles. Remnants of Amin's army raid northern border villages. Bullet holes pockmark walls and ceilings throughout the country.

But where is Idi Amin himself? And what is he up to? He fled last April to Libya, deserted by supporters and shunned by former friends as the invading army of Tanzanian troops and Ugandan exiles marched across Uganda.

He is believed hiding in North Africa or the Middle East. But occasional reports that he has been seen cannot be confirmed, and the governments of Libya and Saudi Arabia — named as his sanctuaries — have denied that they have him.

Col. Moammar Khadafy, Libya's ruler and a longtime supporter of Amin, "supports the new regime in Uganda," said his ambassador to the Philippines. "Therefore I doubt if Idi Amin is still in my country." Filipino businessman Demetrio Ca-

gaman reported last year that he met Amin in a villa outside Tripoli, the Libyan capital, surrounded by bodyguards. He said the onetime sergeant in Britain's African army told him he escaped from Uganda disguised as a Tanzanian army sergeant.

A London newspaper claimed that Khadafy became increasingly unhappy at having Amin on his hands and hustled him out of Libya after his successors in Uganda made overtures for his extradition.

The report said he went to Saudi Arabia and that King Khaled allowed him to live in the Jidda area after warning him to "abandon all hopes of making a comeback" and not to try to rejoin remnants of his army in refugee camps in southern Sudan.

Ugandan President Godfrey Binaisa gave a different reason for Amin's reported departure from Libya. He told a rally last month Amin fled after his bodyguards had a gun battle with Libyan security forces in which seven of Amin's men and two Libyans were killed.

The Ugandan government has shed no light on Amin's whereabouts. Plagued with dissension and the ruined

economy, it appears less than eager to expend time, money and effort on tracking him down, extraditing him and bringing him to book.

Some of Amin's aides are in jail in Kampala; Sudan has barred him from its territory, and his successors apparently consider him no threat.

"We have too much else to worry about," said a businessman in Kampala, the Ugandan capital. "Amin is no longer a threat to us."

The new government has eliminated a number of Amin's laws from the legal code and is proposing to create a special court to try Amin and his fugitive associates in absentia.

Hatred for Amin is still strong in Uganda, where as many as 300,000 people are estimated to have died in tribal, religious and political purges he fostered. But his name is now used jokingly.

"Aminism" has come to describe business malpractices and crime. The star of a recent show at a village near Kampala was an actor impersonating the ex-dictator.

The Tanzanian government also appears uninterested in chasing down Amin. Instead it is concentrating on rebuilding its war-strained economy.

Colombia government claims talks advancing in 'climate of serenity'

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The Colombian government said talks with the guerrillas holding the embassy of the Dominican Republic "advanced in a climate of serenity," but no progress was reported toward freeing the more than 21 hostages, including U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio, seized 14 days ago.

"The conversations advanced in a climate of serenity and the participants showed their willingness to continue them," the press office of President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala said after a negotiating session Monday in a cream-colored van outside the embassy, occupied during a reception Feb. 27.

No details were given on the latest round of talks but the statement said talks would continue at a later, unspecified date.

The government says it has ruled out an armed assault unless it appears the guerrillas are going to kill their hostages.

But the government's stated desire to avoid bloodshed has been accompanied by a series of increased security measures near the embassy which indicate the army is laying the groundwork for an attack if necessary.

There were unconfirmed reports

that anti-terrorist squads or advisers had arrived in Bogota from the United States, Israel, West Germany and the Netherlands.

In addition to the U.S. ambassador, the hostages include Israeli Ambassador Elisha Barak and 12 other ambassadors or charges d'affaires, five lower-ranking foreign diplomats, two Colombian Foreign Ministry officials and an undetermined number of others.

No Dutch or German personnel have been listed among the captives but both countries have developed

crack assault teams to deal with terrorists.

There has been a significant increase in troop movements and security measures around the embassy. Security forces sealed off more nearby streets and ordered news agencies out of nearby apartments rented to cover the occupation.

The guerrillas, who belong to an anti-government movement called M-19, have demanded freedom for 311 jailed leftists, \$50 million, worldwide publication of a political manifesto and safe passage out of the country.

Woman finds 'lost' shell

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Louise Green had been curious about her husband's locked wooden box since his death in November of 1976.

Finally, her curiosity got the best of her and while doing some spring cleaning Monday, she pried it open.

Inside, she found some personal papers and a live .30-millimeter cannon shell.

"I kept shaking and shaking (the box) until this live bullet fell out," she said. "I thought 'God almighty, it could have blown up,'" she said.

She said. Her husband had been in the National Guard and saved it without her knowledge since 1926.

The 18-by-6 inch wooden box had been locked since his death, Mrs. Green said, and she never bothered to open it because she didn't have the key.

After finding the shell, a little more than one inch in diameter, Mrs. Green said she put it back in the box and drove about 20 mph to the police station, carefully avoiding potholes and bumps.

There, she said, officers detonated the antique shell on the firing range.

Disinherited son feels only 'curiosity' about father's will in A&M's favor

TERRELL, Texas (AP) — Rembert A. Lechner said he always felt like a "stepchild," but still was perplexed when his father, the late oilman Walter Lechner, left \$5 million to Texas A&M University and not a penny to his only son.

Lechner said he felt no bitterness toward his father, just curiosity. "We're all in the dark about it," the son said. "Nobody seems to know just why he did it, but he did go to school there for a year in 1912."

He said the marriage between his father and mother ended in divorce shortly after he was born. And, he said, he never spent much time with his father then anyway, because the elder Lechner was in the service during World War I.

The father later remarried, his son said, and that union lasted 59 years. And even though there were no other children, Lechner said, he was always

a bit of a "stepchild" to his father.

"I just don't have many childhood memories of him because my parents were divorced," Lechner said.

"When I got older, I remember he promised to send me to college, but we couldn't agree on a school, so he didn't," Lechner said. "He thought Texas A&M was the only college, but I managed a few years at SMU and didn't graduate."

Born on a farm near this North Central Texas town, Lechner's father made his fortune dealing in petroleum during the oil boom of the 1920s and 1930s. He died at age 89 last Sept. 3, and his son said he was caught off guard at the reading of the will.

"It was a real surprise to the family, that gift to A&M," he said. "He wasn't known as an overly generous man, and had never been especially so with the family. Oh, at Christmas he might send a \$100 check and we'd

split it up. In recent years, he never forgot us, and the children followed our attitude — we were grateful for whatever he sent."

Five years ago, the millionaire gave his son a 300-acre farm south of Terrell, where the family lives today. Lechner says the land loses money because his expenses are so high. But Lechner and his wife Nora insist "there is no bitterness" over the will.

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Tito's condition same say his physicians

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Doctors treating Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito reported today there had been no essential change in his condition overnight.

The 87-year-old Communist leader was reported in "very grave" condition on Sunday and his eight physicians have not changed their assessment since.

Tuesday's two sentence bulletin said "intensive treatment is being continued" to help Tito battle kidney failure, heart weakness and internal bleeding.

He was reported on Feb. 23 to have contracted pneumonia. There has been no further mention of the pneumonia since Tito's doctors reported it had improved on March 4.

Tito has been in the clinical center in Ljubljana, some 300 miles northwest of Belgrade, since Jan. 12. His left leg was amputated Jan. 20 because of a circulation problem. In early February, he developed the heart and kidney problems.

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Wage guidelines to be changed

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Government and labor sources said Monday Carter has decided to accept a union-backed proposal to loosen the wage guidelines from last year's 7 percent ceiling to a range of 7 1/2 to 9 percent — and even higher for some workers who receive cost-of-living raises.

The sources, who declined to be named, said Carter will announce the revised guidelines as part of a major speech he is expected to deliver within a week on his new inflation-fighting efforts, including a renewed drive to balance the 1981 budget.

A Pay Advisory Committee of representatives from business, labor and the public proposed nearly two months ago that Carter adopt the higher guideline figures. But final action by the president was delayed because of an unsuccessful behind-the-scenes struggle by some government officials to tighten the committee's proposed guidelines — a position strongly opposed by labor leaders.

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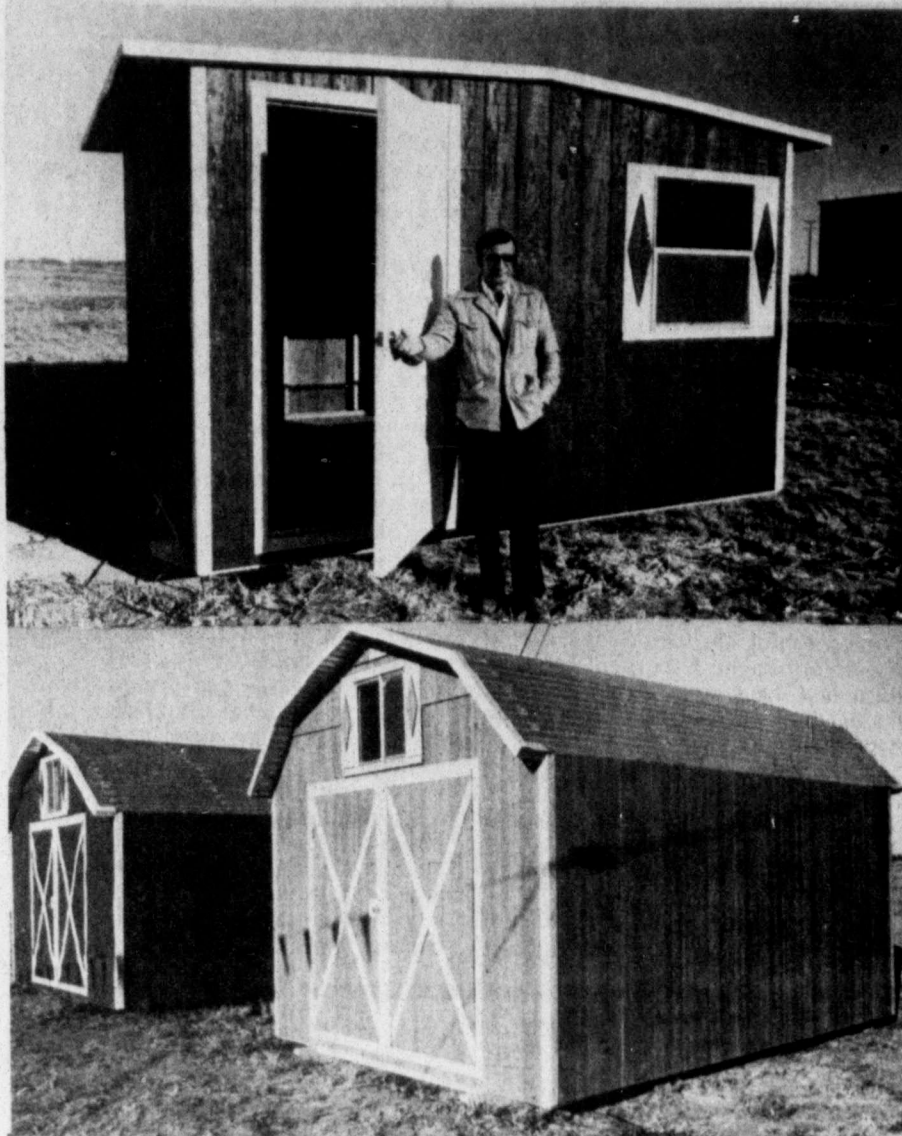
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A spring trim-down is in order for those who are needing it, for hot-weather comfort and springtime prettiness. Just the ones who can help you the most are shown above: Letty Craft, left, counselor at Diet Center West, 1200 Whitney, phone 694-3421, and Afton Wilson, counselor at Diet Center 1, 1207 Louisiana, phone 684-5081. Either woman can give the encouragement and advice needed for success, for they too are winners at the losing game.

Owners, breeders want cut of profits from horse manure

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Horse manure is not just waste to New Jersey horse breeders and owners — they're negotiating with race track operators for a cut of the profits from manure sales, profits that could total \$200,000 this year.

If the breeders and owners get their way, grooms and other race-track workers may soon be playing on tennis courts and baseball fields paid for by the sale of manure as fertilizer to mushroom farmers in southern New Jersey and Delaware.

"There's considerable income from manure sales," said Les Unger, a spokesman for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority which runs the Meadowlands track in East Rutherford.

He said the track receives about \$75,000 each year from the sales. "It's not all profit though. It costs us a lot of money to clean it up" from stalls and stables. Manure is increasing in value, and what was once a burden for track officials forced to pay to have it hauled away is now a source of income.

"The price per yard load has increased dramatically," said John Hughes, treasurer of Freehold Raceway. "We get about \$16,000 in revenue per year, but that's much lower than the going market rate because we signed a five-year contract."

All sides agree the manure talks will probably result in improved recreational facilities for stable employees.

"This is definitely not a controversy," said Anthony T. Abbatiello, president of the state Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association. "We have a good relationship with the tracks, but one of our responsibilities as owners is the welfare of the grooms and stable help — to better their environment."

And no one is talking about taking drastic measures if the talks don't succeed.

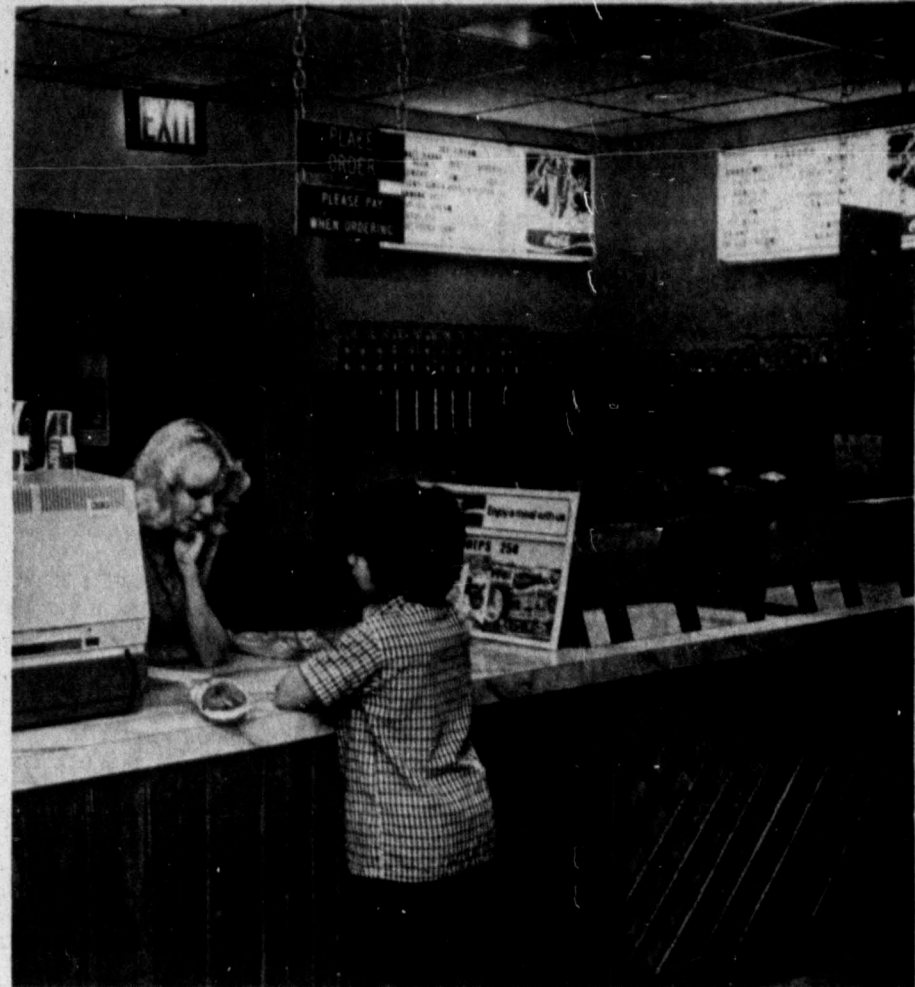
"When you're talking about millions of dollars in purses, how much can you push for in horse manure," said Ralph Po-cara, a director of the SBOA.

Hughes said proceeds of some manure sales from Freehold already fund recreational facilities and provide coffee to the track help during the winter. Talks are under way to improve the arrangement because of the increased value of manure, he said.

But Atlantic City Race Track general manager C. Kenneth Dunn said his track has "no intention of sharing revenue from the removal of manure."

"The horsemen get free stall space, water and more and they haven't asked us to split the profits," he said, declining to disclose the track's income from manure sales.

"I can say that the removal is put out on a bid basis and normally for a three or four year contract. We normally stable 1,300 thoroughbreds so you can try to guess how much money that will come to," Dunn said.



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Big flowing strike finals in Borden

Midland operators have announced a pair of new field openers in West Texas.

Pioneer Production Corp. completed a big flowing strike at its No. 1-414 Davenport 12 miles northeast of Gail in Borden County.

The discovery, completed from the Strawn, potential for a daily flow of 1,368 barrels of oil and 700,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through a 3/4-inch choke.

Completion was through perforations from 7,889 to 7,900 feet. The flowing tubing pressure was 190 pounds.

Total depth is 8,460 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom. The Strawn was topped at 7,802 feet on ground elevation of 2,543 feet.

Pioneer and its co-owners have 3,000 acres under lease near the discovery. Pioneer has a 50 percent interest in the well prior to payout. Following payout the interest will be 43.5 percent.

The location is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 414, block 97, H&TC survey.

It is 1.25 miles west of the Myrtle, West (Strawn) field which produces at 8,072 feet. It also is 5/8 mile northeast of an 8,485-foot dry hole.

TOM GREEN OPENER

American Trading & Production Corp. announced potential test on its No. 1 Rust Estate, Ellenburger discovery in Tom Green County, 12 miles north of San Angelo.

The operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 147 barrels of oil, with gravity and gas-oil ratio not reported.

Completion was through a 26/64-inch choke and perforations from 6,726 to 6,740 feet.

The strike is two and one-eighth miles northeast of the depleted Eidelbach (Ellenburger oil) pool.

The project recovered 930 feet of oil-cut mud and 540 feet of 42-gravity oil on a one-hour drillstem test in the Canyon from 5,832 to 5,852 feet. It also recovered 1,020 feet of oil-cut mud, 400 feet of free oil and 830 feet of salt water on a drillstem test in the upper Strawn from 6,400 to 6,420 feet. The Strawn will be tested at a later date.

Total depth 6,830 feet and 5.5-inch casing is set on bottom.

Location is 2,748 feet from north and 2,382 feet from west lines of San Saba County School Land survey No., 963.

TOM GREEN STEP-OUT

Hendriks Holding, U.S.A. Ltd., Houston, announced location for No. 4-14 Moss-Powell 5/8 mile northeast of the Dove Creek, East (Clear Fork 1075 oil) pool of Tom Green County.

It is nine miles west of Christoval and 2,970 feet from south and west lines of section 14, block 20, H&TC survey.

Contract depth is 1,500 feet. Ground elevation is 2,354 feet.

Operators report locations for eight wildcat tests in West Texas counties

Eight wildcat projects have been announced in West Texas counties.

Charles L. Walker of Odessa will drill two 4,650-foot wildcats in Andrews County, 11 miles northwest of Andrews.

The projects also will test the regular pay in the Block A-34 (San Andres) field.

The No. 2-8 Fisher is 610 feet from north and 1,900 feet from east lines of section 25, block A-34, psl survey. It will be a wildcat above 4,500 feet.

Charles L. Walker No. 3-3 Fisher will be drilled 610 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 24, block A-34, psl. It will be a wildcat above 4,500 feet.

WARD EXPLORER

HNG Oil Co. of Midland spotted location for a 7,850-foot wildcat in Ward County, 10 miles south of Pyote.

It is No. 4-103 Tesfel, 1,750 feet from northeast and 1,400 feet from north-west lines of section 103, block 34, H&TC survey. It also will test for production in the Pitzer, South (Delaware) field which produces at 6,650 feet.

TERRY EXPLORER

RK Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 1-Y. Carter-State is to be dug as a 12,800-foot wildcat five miles southwest of Gomez in West Central Terry County.

It is 838 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 122, block D-11, D&SE survey.

It is immediately northwest of a 4,045-foot dry hole and 1/2 mile west of one of the two wells in the Coroco, Southeast (Siluro-Devonian) field.

TERRELL TEST

Texas Pacific Oil Co. will drill No. 1-C Ellen A. Word as a 7,000-foot wildcat in Terrell County, 35 miles northeast of Sanderson.

It is 467 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 25, block R3, GC&SF survey. Ground elevation is 2,978 feet.

The location is 3/8 mile southeast of Texas Pacific No. 1 Ellen A. Word, oil opener and later gas opener of the one-well Word (Wolfcamp) field.

COKE EXPLORER

Mark IV Energy of San Antonio spotted No. 1 Wendland Trust and others as a 5,500-foot wildcat in Coke County, four miles southeast of Robert Lee.

It is No. 4-103 Tesfel, 1,750 feet from northeast and 1,400 feet from north-west lines of section 103, block 34, H&TC survey. It also will test for production in the Pitzer, South (Delaware) field which produces at 6,650 feet.

West Texas field wells, sites reported

New wells and new locations have been reported in proven West Texas field areas.

Blanks Energy Corp. of Midland staked a 9,700-foot project in the Big Spring (Fusselman) field of Central Howard County, four miles northeast of Big Spring.

It is No. 1-26 Buchanan, 990 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 26, block 32, T-1-N, T&P survey.

PECOS WELL

Lewis B. Burlison, Inc., of Midland No. 1-A University has been completed as the eighth well in the Leon Valley (O'Brien oil) pool of Pecos County, three miles southwest of Fort Stockton.

It finished for a 24-hour pupping potential of 30 barrels of 28-gravity oil and 21 barrels of water, through perforations from 2,590 to 2,670 feet. The pay was acidized with 3,250 gallons and fractured with 15,000 gallons of water and 15,000 gallons of CO2.

The gas-oil ratio is 3,667-1.

Location is 467 feet from north and 2,640 feet from east lines of section 17, block 28, University Lands survey.

WARD EXTENDER

Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc., headquartered in Houston, announced potential test on a 1/2-mile west extender to the Caprito (Delaware middle) oil pool of Ward County.

The well, five miles northwest of Pyote, completed for a daily flowing potential of 128 barrels of 37.9-gravity oil and 41 barrels of water, through a 13/64-inch choke and perforations from 5,968 to 6,020 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 14,570-1.

Total depth is 6,600 feet, 5.5-inch pipe is set at 6,586 feet and the plugged back depth is 6,550 feet. The pay was topped at 5,968 feet on kelly bushing elevation of 2,690 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 2, block 18, University Lands survey.

SCHLEICHER WELL

Caraway Operating Co., of San Angelo No. 1 Mrs. A. B. Thomason has been completed as the 10th well in the Toe Nail (Strawn) field of Schleicher County, 12 miles southeast of Christoval.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 146 barrels of 40.6-gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio of 860-1.

Completion was natural through a 12/64-inch choke and perforations from 5,291 to 5,293 feet and from 5,300 to 5,310 feet.

The Harkey was topped at 4,702 feet and the Strawn was hit at 5,274 feet on ground elevation of 2,451 feet.

Wellsite is 2,182 feet from south and east lines of section 65, block H, GH&SA survey.

IRION OILER

Phoenix Resources Co. No. 2-57 Ela C. Sugg has been completed as the ninth Clear Fork well in the Howda field of Irion County, 10 miles north of Barnhart.

The well potentialized on the pump for 151 barrels of 37.9-gravity oil, no water, per day with a gas-oil ratio of 20-1.

Completed was through perforations from 4,451 to 4,876 feet after 3,400 gallons of acid and 46,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Total depth is 5,050 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set on bottom. Plugged back depth is 4,999 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and 2,884 feet from east lines of section 57, block 14, H&TC survey.

LYNN FIELD TEST

Amoco Production Co., operating from Brownfield, spotted a 10,400-foot project in the Wilson, West (Ellenburger) field of Lynn County, three miles northwest of Wilson.

It is No. 1 F. R. Nolte, 800 feet from north and 5,280 feet from west lines of league 3, Wilson County School Land survey.

CROSBY WELL

RJD Management Co., Inc., Lubbock, No. 2 Roberts is a new 4,000-foot test in the oopie (Clear Fork) field of Crosby County, 10 miles south of Lorenzo.

Location is 2,173 feet from south and 2,173 feet from west lines of section 1043, block 1, H&OB survey.

Capping deadline passes

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — An unofficial deadline for capping a runaway Mexican oil well has passed and U.S. Coast Guard officials say they still have not received an expected invitation to help recover oil at the Bay of Campeche site.

"They anticipated something all day and nothing came in," a spokesman for the Coast Guard's national pollution control team in Washington said late Monday.

Officials of Pemex, the Mexican national oil company that owns the well, and Coast Guardsmen agreed in February to set March 10 as a target date for shutting off the pesky well's 9 1/2-month-old flow.

U.S. and Mexican leaders had agreed that if oil still leaked by that date, Pemex could invite the Coast Guard to bring oil skimming equipment to the well.

Jose Luis Garcia Luna, head of Pemex's offshore exploration, said crews have lowered the well's output to 400 barrels a day. When Intoc 1 blew out June 3, it was spilling an estimated 30,000 barrels a day into the Gulf of Mexico.

Some oil traveled 500 miles northwest and blackened miles of South Texas beaches in August and September.

Council sites company

WASHINGTON (AP) — A third U.S. oil company was cited today by the Council on Wage and Price Stability for violating the government's anti-inflation guidelines.

The council, which oversees the voluntary pay and price program, said Crown Central Petroleum of Baltimore was out of compliance with the price standard.

Nelson Cooper, assistant secretary of the refining and distribution company, said Crown officials would withhold comment until they received a copy of the council's finding.

The council last month said Mobil Oil, the nation's seventh largest refiner, was in violation of the price standard. The company at the time termed the ruling "obviously political."

Last year, the council ruled that the Charter Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., was out of compliance with the price standard.

Companies found to be violating the anti-inflation guidelines can be denied government contracts of \$5 million or more. This and adverse publicity are the only weapons available to the government for enforcement of the voluntary program.

The Crown Central ruling evolved from a three-month council study that determined that 11 U.S. oil refiners apparently were violating the guidelines. The others have not been named.

The council said Crown Central's refinery operations exceeded the standard for allowable gross margin — the difference between the cost of petroleum and net sales — during each quarter of the year that ended last Sept. 30.

The standard prohibits an oil company's margin from exceeding its base quarter margin by more than 6.5 percent.

The council said Crown Central did not dispute the allegation but complained that the standards "did not provide for an adequate return on investments or promote cost savings."

The council said in a statement that this was "simply not germane" to the question of compliance with the price standard.

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Increasing gasoline prices expected to slow this month

By YARDENA ARAR

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The upward spiral of gasoline prices will be slowing this month — and prices might even drop a bit — because supply has overtaken demand for the first time since gasoline shortages began last spring, says oil analyst Dan Lundberg.

"Unless people now start buying more gasoline than they have been at current prices, there could be a surplus of publicly available gasoline in March in the nation as a whole," Lundberg said Sunday. "It's a 180-degree turnaround that few oil company executives foresaw."

But while the gas supply picture is better than any time in the past year, Lundberg said increased supplies may not necessarily end scattered lines at service stations. The blame for the lines, he said, goes primarily to "malfunctioning federal price and allocation regulations."

Until now the public has bought up all available gasoline supplies, and prices have risen an average of 1.6 cents per gallon weekly the past 10 weeks.

If a genuine surplus can be kept in effect, Lundberg said, the motoring

public will get its first chance in a year to show whether the messages stressing conservation are getting through, and whether there is resistance to gasoline purchases on the basis of price alone.

The publisher of the weekly Lundberg Letter, which is a survey of trends in the petroleum industry, said gasoline stocks are at near record levels and refiners are releasing more gas to the public during March than they have since last November.

At the same time, public consumption continues to decline. American motorists bought 11 percent less gas in the last three months than they did during the same period of the winter of 1978-79, Lundberg said.

World crude oil supplies are rising as well, he said. If the flow of crude is not disrupted, the gas surplus could continue indefinitely.

"If any gasoline goes begging in March, prices could soften," he added. "It's doubtful that they would actually fall at this time, but the past accelerating rate of price increases may be slowed or even stopped."

"It's entirely now up to the public," Lundberg emphasized. Up to now, he said, consumers have gotten credit for conserving gas even though it had no choice because there was no more gas available.

"Now, with deliveries increased, the public's option to buy less than is available would mean actual conservation by people. If the public takes one gallon less than the 283,836,000 gallons a day scheduled for delivery this month, the shortage will be over, at least for now."

March gasoline demand has traditionally been higher than February's, "but nobody can predict whether more will be consumed this year because of the increases in price."

At an average price expected to be about \$1.23 per gallon for all grades during March, Lundberg said, gas now costs 68 percent more than it did a year ago when the gas squeeze began.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
 Jovody No. 1 ARCO-University; drilling 7,225 lime, chert, shale.
BORDEN COUNTY
 Mitchell Energy No. 276-2 Morris Miller, id 7,863, preparing to core.
BREWSTER COUNTY
 Texas Pacific No. 1 Madre Grande; drilling 14,543 feet.
CHAVES COUNTY
 Union Oil No. 1 O'Brien, id 2,800, pumping no gauges, a 6,000 gallons, perforations 2,786-28, 2,885-2,918.
COKE COUNTY
 Lovelady No. 1 Featherstone, drilling 5,615 shale.
 Lovelady No. 1-50 Joies, id 6,800, shut-in.
CONCHO COUNTY
 Adams No. 2 Julie, drilling 3,900 shale, lime.
 Desana No. 1 Henderson, id 3,900, waiting on pulling unit.
CRANE COUNTY
 John H. Hendrix No. 1 Gulf-Edwards; id 5,386, fishing.
CROCKETT COUNTY
 Dameron Petroleum Corp. No. 2-3B Laura Hoover Estate, drilling 4,127.
 Dameron No. 2-92 B. E. Dunlap; drilling 2,991 lime, shale.
 Gulf No. 1-A-XA State; id 8,370, shut-in.
 Gulf No. 1-B Shannon, TD 832, waiting on potential.
 Lawrence No. 1 Nettie, id 822, preparing to set 8 5/8 pipe.
DAWSON COUNTY
 Henry Petroleum No. 1 Applegate; drilling 9,065 lime, shale.
 RK Petroleum No. 1 Mary Wilson, drilling 12,300.
 RK Petroleum No. 1 O. F. Davis, drilling 9,257, set 13 3/8 at 430 feet.
 RK Petroleum No. 1 Middleton, id 12,356, shut-down for repairs.
 Wayton Williams No. 1 Wood, drilling 6,490 lime, shale.
 Lovelady No. 1 Lindsey, id 11,000, swabbing 100 percent oil, no amount, no time reported. Perforations not reported.
ECTOR COUNTY
 Maddox No. 1 A Edwards, fractured perforations 6,202 to 6,212 with 10,000 gallons, recovering load.
EDDY COUNTY
 Drilling Chapman No. 2 El Paso State; drilling 825 in anhydrite.
 Gulf No. 1-11 Delta State; id 11,360, shut-in.
 Gulf No. 1-G Rustler Bluffs; id 13,800, acidized perfs 13,377-13,382 with 3,800 gallons, swabbing to test, no amount.
 Adams No. 1 Ann Cobb, id 12,600, waiting on pulling unit.
 Southland Royalty No. 1-13 Jeff Stewart, drilling 7,642 lime, dolomite.
 Southland Royalty No. 1 Empire, shut-in waiting on pipeline.
 Southland Royalty No. 1-14 A State Communitized, waiting on pipeline.
 Superior Oil No. 1 Delta-Federal, drilling 4,800 sand, shale.
 Petroleum Corp. of Delaware No. 8 Parkway West, id 11,675, pb 11,635, flowing i pits, no gauges, perforations 11,298-11,310 and 11,312-11,324.
 Petroleum Corp. of Delaware No. 7 Parkway West Unit, id 11,600, pb 11,377, perforations 11,280-96, 11,294-98, flowing, flowed 720,000 cfd, 3/4 choke, 13 to 2 hrs, 24 hours.
 Petroleum Corp. of Delaware No. 6 Parkway West Unit, id 11,670, PBTD 11,632, perforations 11,489-1,200, 11,298-11,320, a/2000, preparing to test.
FISHER COUNTY
 Grand Banks No. 1 Aiken, no report.
GAINES COUNTY
 Saxon No. 3 Jones Ranch, id 5,198, perforations 5,101-12, a/250 gallons, preparing to test.
GARZA COUNTY
 R.A. Mendenhall No. 1 Miller, drilling 6,815.
GLASSCOCK COUNTY
 Getty No. 1-32 L. S. McDowell; drilling 9,713.

HOCKLEY COUNTY
 South Ranch Oil Inc. No. 1 Williams, id 10,115, repairing pumping unit.
 Conoco No. 1 Pritchett, drilling 7,533 dolomite, anhydrite.
 Lovelady No. 1 Dobkins, id 10,000, drilling out cement.
 Lovelady No. 1 Williams, id 10,115, repairing pump.
HOWARD COUNTY
 Adobe No. 1 Langley; id 9,560, perforations 9,380-418, pumped 12 5/8, 1 bw, unreported time, still pumping.
 Texas Fidelity No. 5 Hydies, drilling 4,360 feet.
 Flag Redfern No. 1 Rosales, drilling 10,500 lime, shale.
 RK Petroleum No. 1 Fred Phillips, id 8,527, P&A.
 Lovelady No. 1 Read, id 4,850, P&A.
IRION COUNTY
 Berry No. 1-A Fawn, testing, no gauges.
 Berry No. 2-A Fawn, drilling 5,278.
 Adams No. 1 Dee, id 7,044, testing, no gauges.
LEA COUNTY
 Adobe No. 1-35 Fray, drilling 12,010 lime, shale.
 Clayton Williams No. 5-A Gataga, id 6,970 lime, shale.
 Getty No. 2-36 State Communitized, shut-in evaluating.
 Berry No. 2-35 State, drilling 5,472.
 Getty No. 5-N Hobbs, drilling 9,128.
 John L. Cox No. 1 Dickson, still location.
 Natoms North American No. 1-24 State Communitized, drilling 3,775.
 Southland Royalty No. 1 Querecho, building tanks, id 13,771.
 Southland No. 1 Les State, id 9,970, pb 8,885, perforated 8,849-8,848, preparing to test Pennsylvania; a/150 and 1,500, swabbed load, installing pump.
LOVING COUNTY
 Getty No. 1 Malcolm R. Madera and others; drilling 21,750.
 Getty No. 1-12-26 Glen Brunson, drilling 15,917.
 Clayton Williams No. 5-A Gataga, id 21,600, running logs.
LURBOCK COUNTY
 Hunt No. 1 Daugherty, drilling 10,078 lime, shale.
 Natoms No. 1 Nellie Harmon, id 9,734, preparing to complete.
MARTIN COUNTY
 Flag Redfern No. 1 Hill, id 10,970, flowing to test, perforations 10,487-10, 626, last 24 hours made 34 bt through 16-64 inch choke, shakedown 82 percent oil, flowing tubing pressure 125.
 Hjal No. 1 Cox, drilling 6,125 lime, shale.
 Hjal No. 3-A Mahoney, waiting on completion unit.
MIDLAND COUNTY
 Texaco No. 1 Zula B. Wylie; id 11,500, 5 1/2 11,500, pb 11,690, 1/2 pay 11, 388, view 2,705 ground, perforations 11,388-11,466, 1/2 139 hole, 5 bw, 10/64 choke, gravity 45.7, gor 3,270-1.
NULAN COUNTY
 Getty No. 1 Charlie Davis, id 10,577, 5 1/2 at 7,063, flowing and testing on unreported perforations opposite Canyon reef.
PECOS COUNTY
 Lewis B. Burlison No. 1 University; id 2,750, 4 1/2 at id, elev 2,052 ground, 1/2 pay 2,640, perforations 2,640-2,661, acidized with 2,000, fractured with 30,000, lpcad 1,500,000 cfd, gor 120, 900-1, gravity 48, Beopos Leon Valley (O'Brien gas) field.
 John H. Hendrix No. 1-B J. N. Thigpen; id 9,383, perfs 7,686-7,712, waiting on completion unit, flowed at rate of 1 million cfd, 12/64 choke, rp 1,300 pounds.
 Gulf No. 2-1 Emma Lou Unit; id 29,822, waiting on rig.
 Gulf No. 2-3 Wensberry; id 18,249, lime, chert, running 5.5-inch liner.

CONOCO No. 1 Charles Canon, id 7, 621, perfs 7,641-7,666, a/2,000 gallons; swabbing load.
Petroleum Corp. of Delaware No. 1 Harrel, drilling 8,390 shale.
Lawrence No. 3-47 Half, id 1,570, running 4.5-inch casing to bottom, no report on tests.
Getty No. 1 Miriam Ratcliff, drilling 13,909 in siderack hole.
Hunt No. 1 Cerf, drilling 17,192 sand, shale.
REAGAN COUNTY
Cox No. 2 Walters Estate, id 6,900, preparing to set 4.5-inch casing, no tests reported.
REEVES COUNTY
Petroleum Exploration & Development No. 1 Ricker-State, drilling 3,250 anhydrite.
STERLING COUNTY
Petroleum Exploration & Development No. 1 Reed, id 7,600 sand, shale, preparing to run logs.
Desana No. 1 Council, id 9,607, moving in rig and waiting on completion unit.
TERRELL COUNTY
Gulf No. 1-D Ruth White; id 9,000, running logs.
TERRY COUNTY
Adobe No. 1 Clare; drilling 1,467 in anhydrite.
Union Texas No. 2 Phipps, pumped no oil, 482 bw, 24 hours, still pumping, perforations 11,528-11,548.
Fusselman No. 1 Council, id 9,607, moving in rig and waiting on completion unit.
Tomlinson No. 1 French, pumped 23 bw, 175 bw, 24 hours, still pumping, perforations 4,264-4,264 feet.
UPTON COUNTY
Lawrence No. 1 Lane, id 10,500, fishing.
John L. Cox No. 1 Turner-Barnett, drilling 11,528-11,548.
Fusselman, a/2500 gallons; preparing to swab.
Renaud No. 1 ARCO, drilling 1,875.
VAL VERDE COUNTY
Cities Service No. 1-A West; drilling 1,142 lime and sand.
WARD COUNTY
Adobe No. 1-31 Barstow Unit, drilling 18,353, moving off rig.
Gulf No. 2-K Jack Edwards, id 5,400 lime, shut-in.
Gulf No. 1 Bank of America; drilling 3,825 salt, anhydrite.
Gulf No. 1006 H.S.A.; drilling 9,055 lime, shale.
Gulf No. 1067 H.S.A.; id 9,200 lime, shale, set 5 1/2 at id, rigging up blowout preventor.
Gulf No. 1068 H.S.A.; perforated 8, 902 a/250, flowed 249 bw, no water, 14.5 hours, 1-inch choke, still testing.
Gulf No. 1070 H.S.A.; id 8,110 lime, conditioning mud.
Gulf No. 1-17 St. Sealy Smith Foundation, drilling 1,015 anhydrite.
Gulf No. 4-XV State, id 5,400, installing pumping unit.
Getty No. 3-WZ State, id 6,580, pumped 2 bw, 84 bw 24 hours, still testing, perforations 5,049-50.
Getty No. 1-42-20 Union, id 18, 470, waiting on cement, cemented lines at unreported point.
WINKLER COUNTY
St. Sealy Smith Foundation, drilling 1,015 anhydrite.
Tomlinson Oil Co. No. 1 Oberholzer, drilling 2,05 redbeds, set 5 1/2 pipe at 254.
North American Royalty No. 1-A Price, drilling 9,000 lime.

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