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Carter 'chips away' in West Texas visit

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Treading briefly through this non-man's land for Democrats — otherwise known as the Republican territory of West Texas — Chip Carter on Wednesday pulled out the club and starting swinging in defending his father's policies, specifically the windfall profits tax, and in attacking opponent Ronald Reagan.

Carter arrived almost on the heels of Republican vice presidential nominee George H.W. Bush, who was in Midland Tuesday for a political rally. The president's son spoke to more than 100 Midland and Ector county supporters who had gathered in the Symphony Building at Air Terminal for a barbecue lunch.

Talking at a rapid pace, Carter claimed this presidential election gives voters the "stark choice" between candidates. "I can't think of an area where Dad (the president) and Reagan agree. We carry on the tradition of (John F.) Kennedy and (Lyndon) Johnson."

The windfall profits tax, which has created hostility among West Texans for the incumbent, was described as a good point for Carter's administration. The younger Carter claimed that the president "is the only one who had the guts to deregulate the oil industry.

Dad made a hard political decision," and one which he knew wouldn't bring him friends.

TAKING A positive approach to the tax, the younger Carter said since the bill has been in effect there have been more wells drilled and more oil discovered than in the past few years. "Dad wants this country to become the OPEC (Oil Petroleum Exporting Countries) of the world in 10 to 15 years. This tax lasts 10 years and will get us into energy self-sufficiency."

President Carter's comment earlier this week that if Reagan is elected he would bring about racial alienation wasn't mud-slinging, replied Carter. And, in his opinion, the president's remarks aren't strong enough.

Carter claimed it was Reagan who first brought race into the campaign picture when the GOP candidate connected the president with the Ku Klux Klan back in September.

"Gov. Reagan has slung much more mud than Dad ever thought about," he added.

Taking another swing at the Republican ticket, Carter described Reagan as having a problem with "foot-in-mouth" disease.

He also attacked Reagan's economic proposals, which include a 30 percent tax cut over three years, as a "sugar-coated solution." Continuing

in this vein, Carter criticized the plan to increase defense spending and balance the budget in light of a lower productivity level in this country.

THE DEFENSE BUDGET needs to be increased, he said in explaining the president's plan. "But you need to set long-range goals for three years, five years and 10 years in the future. Dad has done that. He wants to build the MX missile. He wants to build up the military personnel. He has a good package."

Reagan, on the other hand, wants a stronger defense but is opposed to draft registration, Carter charged.

The president's economic attacks "the symptoms of the disease. When Dad took over, he inherited a \$66 billion deficit in the budget. Now he's cut that to half," stressed Carter. "He's creating more jobs by doubling the CETA program" and other jobs programs.

News reports earlier this week that Secretary of State Edmund Muskie was unhappy with Carter's handling of foreign policy were unfounded, claimed Carter.

"Ask the reporter why he didn't talk with Muskie," Carter said in reply to questioning. "Muskie is a great secretary of state, he's good for

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Chip Carter outlines President Carter's policies and the campaign against Republican Ronald Reagan. Watching the president's son is Barbara Adkins, wife of Ector County Attorney Mike Adkins. Carter talked to area Democrats Wednesday at the Midland-Odessa Symphony Building during a brief luncheon stop in West Texas. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

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Iran claims Iraq using ground-to-ground missiles

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iran claimed today the Iraqis used ground-to-ground missiles for the first time in the war, killing as many as 180 Iranian civilians and wounding hundreds more in attacks on two Iranian cities. Iraq's president, apparently extending attempts to get outside help or mediation to settle the conflict, sent top envoys to four nations.

But Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini predicted Iran would win the war and said his goal was to take Islamic government to Iraq, Tehran Radio said. Iranian planes bombed the outskirts of Baghdad.

Iran said Iraqi invaders threatening Iahwas, capital of Khuzestan Province, were thrown back 13 miles, but Iraq said its planes severely damaged a large factory there. Iraq also reported Iranian attacks on the northeastern city of Kirkuk wounded 18 civilians and that Iraqi anti-aircraft fire drove Iranian warplanes away from the northern cities of Erbil and Mosul.

Iraq claimed its forces "continued to destroy enemy installations and to strike at military and economic targets deep in Iranian territory, inflicting heavy losses in life and equipment." But there was no comment on the missile claim or word on the progress of its key offensive to complete the conquest of the Iranian port of Khorramshahr and move on to the neighboring refinery city of Abadan.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein sent Cabinet ministers to the leaders

of Turkey, India, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and Radio Baghdad said they carried messages which "explained Iraq's peaceful attitude before and during the war."

In Ankara, Turkey, Hussein's envoy met with Turkey's top leaders and Western diplomats said they believed he asked for Turkish mediation

in the war. Baghdad Radio said Iraqi Oil Minister Rayeh Abdul Karim visited Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Jabel al Ahmad al Sabah, then flew by jet to Saudi Arabia for meetings with King Khalid and Prince Fahd.

King Hussein of Jordan, brushing aside American and British warnings following his declaration of support for Iraq, said he would send Jordanian troops to fight alongside the Iraqis if they were needed. But he said that was not imminent yet.

The Jordanian port of Aqaba was crowded with about 40 ships, three times the normal number, as supplies for Iraq were diverted there to be moved overland to Baghdad.

The Arab nations of the Mideast have been uneasy about threats from Khomeini, leader of a non-Arab but Moslem nation, to export his brand of fundamentalist Islamic revolution to his Arab neighbors. This threat is one of the issues in the fight with Iraq, where the minority Sunni sect rules a nation whose majority belongs to the Shiite sect. Most Iranians, although Persian, are Shiites.

In Washington, U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller reported that North Korea's communist government was selling ammunition and medical supplies to Iran. But he said spare parts and other equipment needed for Iran's U.S.-equipped military machine are unavailable on the world market.

The State Department said information gathered by the four U.S. electronic observation planes sent to Saudi Arabia last week was being made available to friendly countries in the war zone to lessen the threat of air attacks on them. The information was reported going to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, both major oil producers, and Oman, as well as Saudi Arabia.

In Moscow, President Leonid I. Brezhnev and Syrian President Hafez Assad signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation that sources in Damascus said gave Syria, a longtime foe of Iraq, the status of virtual membership in the Warsaw Pact. But Brezhnev said the Soviet Union is not going to intervene in the Persian Gulf war and warned the West to stay out.

Child dies in collision

A small child, as yet unidentified, died this morning in a two-car collision at the intersection of Lamesa Road and Florida Avenue.

The child's mother and another child, 23 months old, were taken to Midland Memorial Hospital. Wilene Franklin, 30, of Midland, driver of a Chevrolet Belair, was listed in stable condition at Midland Memorial with rib contusions. The child, Jason Whitely, was listed in satisfactory condition with a head injury.

The accident occurred about 7:05 a.m. when a pickup driven by Louis Salinas of Odessa and the car driven by Ms. Franklin collided.

Peace Justice John Biggs was called to the scene of the accident and pronounced the child, who was about 3 years old, dead. The body was taken to Thomas Funeral Home.

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Import restriction hearings begin

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Federal Trade Commission official says proposed auto import restrictions would, if enacted, cost consumers between \$3 billion and \$5 billion a year.

Michael Lynch of the FTC's Bureau of Economics says the limits, now being considered by the U.S. International Trade Commission, would drive down competition and drive up prices.

Lynch testified before the ITC as it opened hearings Wednesday into a request by the Ford Motor Co. to limit imports to 1.7 million vehicles a year for the next five years.

The hearings continued today, with officials of Japanese automakers, the main object of Ford's complaint, stating their case.

Lynch said American carmakers, rather than seeking to limit foreign competition, should offer more autos appealing to potential buyers.

Ford and other American automakers say it will take five years and perhaps \$80 billion to retool their assembly lines from large-car to small-car production.

Supporting the carmakers' plea to restrict foreign competition, United Auto Workers President Donald Fraser charged that Japanese producers have been determined to "exploit" the American market by increasing exports during "a period of panic-buying of small, high (mileage) cars."

The tide of Japanese vehicles "simply overwhelmed" U.S. automakers, he said, also charging that the Japanese had "turned a deaf ear" on repeated requests to limit car and truck sales in the United States.

Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., told the hearing: "We are seeing the ruthless exploitation of our current difficulties by a trading partner apparently determined to inflict deep and permanent damage on our people, our

economy and our future."

The Japanese say, however, that more crucial reasons for slackening domestic sales are rising gasoline prices, the severe recession and American manufacturers' failure to adapt quickly to changing car-buying habits.

The ITC must decide by Nov. 24 whether imports have caused "substantial" injury to the domestic auto industry. Such a finding could lead to a recommendation to President Carter, who has the final decision on import limitations.

The domestic industry lost \$1.5 billion during the second quarter of 1980 and could lose up to \$8 billion for the year.

Three out of every 10 American autoworkers are laid off; at least 85 auto parts plants have been closed and about 1,000 dealerships have failed, Ford officials say.

Solutions may rest with hospital's administrator

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of five articles examining Midland Memorial Hospital's financial problems. This section deals with possible solutions to those problems.

By SUE FAHLGREN
Staff Writer

Although Midland Memorial Hospital continues to have an extensive list of bad debts — as it has throughout its history — hospital officials and directors said they feel there are some solutions available. Many of those solutions, they said, hinge on the abilities of newly-installed administrator Ray Branson.

Interim administrator Robert Bash said one of the most important things the hospital should do in the upcoming months is develop a long-range plan. "The hospital does not have a long-term plan," he said, "nor do they have a physician recruitment plan."

However, he said, "you should wait until the permanent administrator is here because he should be involved in this." He said over the past few years the hospital has neglected the development of the plan basically because "they've been too busy building

buildings."

"It's fair to say," Bash continued, "that over the past few years the internal operations have been slighted — not intentionally, but they've been let slide — while they (hospital officials) were concerned with construction."

ROBERT ABERNETHY, assistant administrator of finance, pointed out

Examining a Hospital's Ills

part five of a five-part series

the operational downside was not the fault of any one person — in particular, not the fault of former administrator Wayne E. Ulrich.

"I don't think it's a matter of his letting operations slide," Abernethy

said. "I think it's a matter of any time you're in a construction situation, you let them slide. It's the nature of the beast. From that standpoint," he continued, "you try and maintain operations as best you can during a major renovation and construction period. But, they're going to suffer."

"There's an operational constraint and with the type of construction we had here," Abernethy continued, "you don't even have to let them slide. You can work on operations as hard as ever, but they're gonna slide because there's distractions and the normal flow of traffic within the hospital is disrupted. It's just a totally disruptive-type situation. But, the disruption of construction creates inefficiencies. It's that simple."

Abernethy said most of the major renovations are completed at the hospital now. However, there will probably be 12 to 18 more months of construction on the Allison Permain Basin Cancer Therapy Center and the yet-to-be-started renovations on the hospital basement.

IN ADDITION, Abernethy said certain policy statements on admission procedures for the hospital need to be

developed.

"I really can't talk for the directors," he said. "But, I can make recommendations." In addition, Abernethy said, "We've got to be a little more stringent on the front-end" about collecting on bills.

However, Abernethy said he didn't think the bad debt situation at the hospital was that bad. "I'm not sure that we're off-track," he said. "This hospital as a county hospital district compared to other districts is not off-track."

"We as a rule are not out of line and probably (are) in better shape than a lot of other institutions, as far as what we write off for bad debts," he said.

When asked why he thought members of the board of directors might be concerned about the problem, Abernethy replied, "I can't read their minds." He continued, "It may be that the people in town are upset about it and they're (board members) hearing complaints about this."

HE ADDED, "I'm not saying that bad debts is not a problem, but it's not as bad as people may think." He said before the district was created, bad debt was running about 9 percent

of the income, too. "The bad debt ratio has not changed that much."

However, members of the board of directors felt differently.

Director Pat Estes said she felt there is a need for a "solid business foundation at the hospital. I'm afraid we have not had solid business practices in the hospital's operations."

Mrs. Estes said she felt the hospital needs more effective policies, as well, but she thought policy-making should wait until Branson arrives. She said the boards' trying to run the hospital these past few months without a permanent administrator has been like "a team of horses with about 20 drivers."

Specifically, she wants to ask for a "rigid and strict program" to take care of the bad debts. "I do not have a definite plan for solving the problem," she said, adding that once Branson arrives the board will be able to come up with a better plan.

"We've lost sight of our basic reason for being here," she said. "And that is the patient."

"I THINK THE directors do want to bring this to a screeching halt if at all possible. This is how I feel about it. I

think we're going to get control of this problem," she added.

Mrs. Estes also suggested the adoption of an outpatient clinic for the community. The clinic, she said, would take the pressure off the emergency room, which saw more than 1,700 people in August.

"This is one of the reasons for our bad debts," she said, adding many Midlanders have no family physician and several Midland doctors have closed practices.

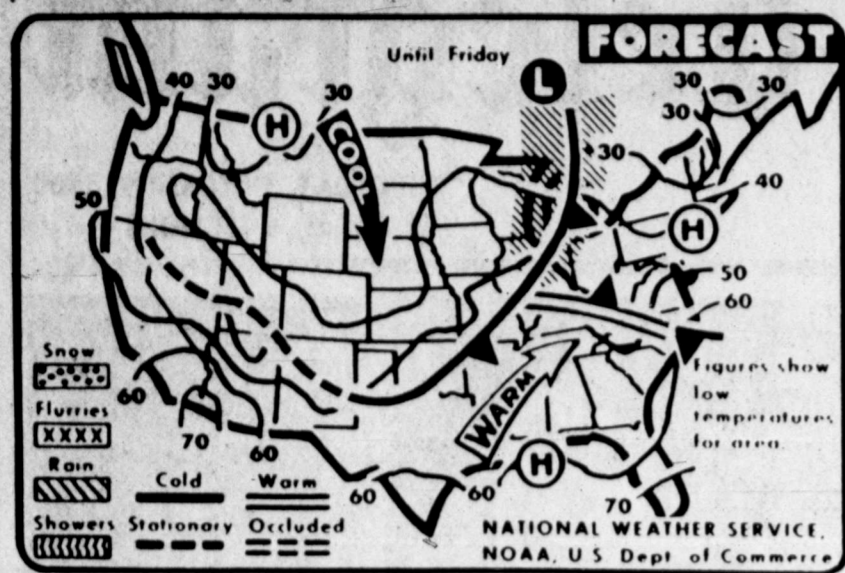
She also pointed to the adoption of a "long-range study program before the end of the year."

Director Martin Neill said the board is "in the process of trying to work on it (a solution to the bad debt problem)." He added that as a "result of very poor handling" of the accounts, the hospital was "going through and taking our beatings" with the increasing write-offs.

Neill said because of the backlog in billing and waiting so long to write off accounts the collection agencies could get little out of these patients. As a result, the hospital has not been as efficient in its accounts as it should

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Clements to honor Moore here Friday

Gov. Bill Clements will be in Midland Friday to honor Stanley C. Moore, who founded Drilco, during a recognition ceremony and a luncheon at Midland Country Club.

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An Iraqi tank moves into a new position in the Shatt-al-Arab region of the Iranian-Iraqi frontier recently as the conflict between the two nations continues. (AP Laserphoto)

Ailing Braniff cuts payroll

DALLAS (AP) — Braniff Airways has launched a new plan that relies on pay cuts and route reductions to help pull the troubled airline out of its financial morass.

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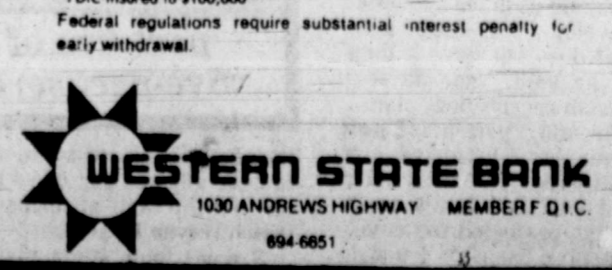


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Panic: New therapies helping some victims cope

By SANDY ROVNER
The Washington Post

It's not a new disease. Sigmund Freud referred to it. Some of our great greats may well have talked about it as "having the vapours."

Women, especially young women, and a few men, have been having panic attacks for generations. Doctors still don't know why, although current studies are shedding some light. And some new therapies are helping victims cope.

A panic attack, anxiety attack or, as it is possibly misnamed, agoraphobia — from the Greek, literally, fear of the market place — is, without question, one of life's more terrifying experiences.

You can be standing in a roomful of people — anywhere — and suddenly, for no apparent reason, you feel, well, alienated. Apart.

You may feel dizzy, or you may feel a wave of nausea. But it's more than just feeling sick. You have a sense that reality is slipping away from you.

I can still remember, one day at Bloomingdale's in New York City, feeling that the tiled floor was moving out from under my feet.

The overriding sense is that something is terribly, terribly wrong. The feeling that you're going to die. That you're going to lose your mind. Certainly, that you're going to faint. Your heart is beating out of your chest. You

can't catch your breath. You've got to get out of there so you can breathe.

In fact — and this is important to remember — you're not going to die. You're not going crazy. In all probability you're not even going to faint. You're just having a panic attack.

But often, that's just the beginning. "Think of it as being like a layer

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cake," says Dr. Donald F. Klein, who has been treating and testing agoraphobics for some years at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and is one of this country's half-dozen top specialists in the illness.

The first layer is the attack itself, which seems to "come out of the blue." Doctors usually find nothing wrong and the patient is reassured.

For a time. Because the attacks usually come in clusters, there will be another, and then another. Because they come on with no warning, the victim begins to feel deep apprehension and fear of another attack. That's the second layer, which Dr. Klein and colleagues call "anticipatory anxiety."

This can lead to the third layer — avoidance — in which victims begin to keep out of situations in which they have had attacks, or where the fear they could have one. They may refuse to go out alone, in the most severe cases, at all. They may refuse to drive over bridges or through tunnels.

"The anxiety of anticipating a panic attack," Klein says, "produces a phobia."

As the syndrome has become better publicized, and as behavioral therapies have increased in popularity, some agoraphobics are getting varied degrees of help from groups and therapies often devised by ex-patients.

But even though Dr. Klein says that anything the patient accepts — be it guru, therapist, or family member — may help overcome the phobia, a recurrence of the panic attacks "will make the whole thing topple like a pack of cards."

It is a syndrome, says Dr. David Sheehan, another top specialist, "notorious for spontaneously remitting and going away for months or years, sometimes forever. In 20 percent of

the patients they never come back. In 40 or 50 percent they go away for a period of time and, of course, if (patients) are treated with anything during that time, even if it's just orange juice, they would think that was effective."

Klein and Sheehan and an increasing number of colleagues specializing in agoraphobia — and treating it as something different from, and more complex than other phobias — have found that two families of antidepressant drugs (tricyclics and some MAO inhibitors) can block the attacks. (Tranquilizers, major and minor — like Valium — often have been prescribed for the syndrome, but are rarely useful.)

Studies have indicated that patients treated with both anti-depressants and behavioral therapy do better than patients receiving placebo or therapy alone.

"The problem with desensitization (behavioral therapy) alone," says Dr. Sheehan, "is that it's been credited with the entire cure. And while it works for this small percentage of people who have it in a mild form, it just doesn't work for the majority of the people with agoraphobia."

On the other hand there is, Dr. Sheehan concedes, a political problem within the medical community.

"Traditionally, psychologists — not psychiatrists — have treated phobias, because they do behavior therapy in which psychologists are usually bet-

ter. So as a result, psychologists are rather unhappy about the whole posture of their practice (regarding agoraphobics) suddenly not being effective anymore and having that disorder pulled back into the domain of psychopharmacology."

"Another dilemma," says Sheehan, "is that the family of drugs we are

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talking about is very, very tricky to manage. It takes quite a lot of skill, not only to regulate the dose, but to get the optimal effect."

Sheehan co-authored an article in the current Journal of Psychiatry and Medicine which gives, he says (for doctors, of course) "explicit, cookbook sort of instructions on how to prescribe MAO inhibitors, explicit instructions about all the ins and outs and ups and downs. . ."

Once the attacks have been suppressed, however, psychologists' behavioral therapies are effective, even essential, to the agoraphobic.

Because the attacks do respond to drugs, and because attacks can actually be precipitated by infusions of a chemical called sodium lactate, research is now seeking a biochemical cause for the initial attacks, a metabolic imbalance which may be inherited.

It is, Dr. Sheehan feels certain, "an inherited vulnerability."

It strikes a small percentage of the population, with around three-quarters of the victims women, and usually emerges in the late teens or early 20s.

"In my view," says Sheehan, "it cuts across all personality types, intelligence levels, racial barriers and socio-economic levels."

Preliminary indications about its biochemical makeup are "rather surprising," says Dr. Klein. For example, although it has been generally accepted that adrenalin flows during panic attacks, tests are not showing high levels of adrenalin during the attacks.

Dr. Sheehan says he hopes that "not too far off" are a diagnostic blood test and new safer and more effective drugs. At the moment, he says, the most effective drug is the hardest to regulate.

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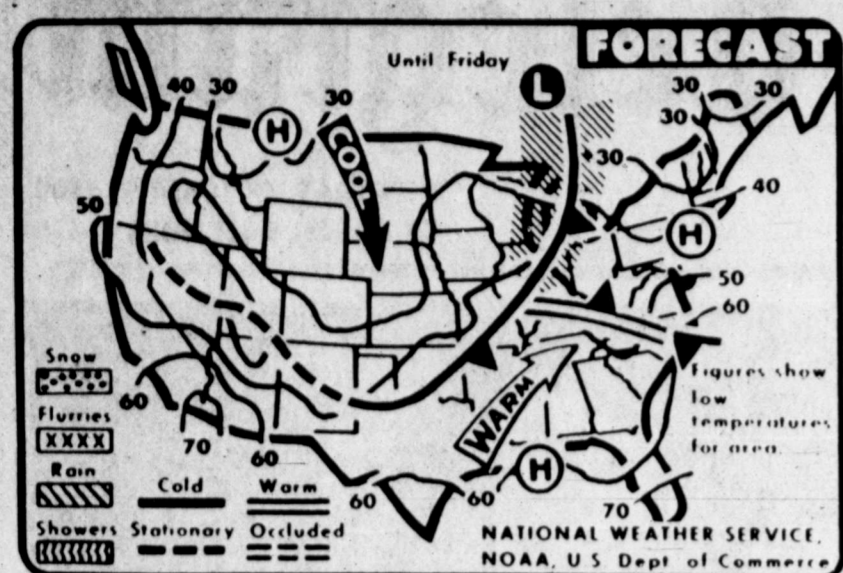
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The Democrats will be focusing on Texas in this election, he said, with other efforts going into California, New York, Illinois and Florida.

Republicans on Tuesday said they were confident they were leading in the Lone Star State, but Carter countered that the Democrats are slightly ahead, in his opinion.

Carter's visit to the Permian Basin was just the beginning of the Democratic effort that will be seen in Texas this month, Carter said.

"We're going to work as hard as we can to win this state," he said, adding that Texas will be visited by several members of the Carter family and 11 cabinet members.

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HOUSTON (AP) — Defense attorneys paraded four witnesses across the stand to try to unveil the shady character of an FBI informant, portray a labor leader as a "dutiful stooge" and emphasize the "trusting" nature of Texas House Speaker Billy Clayton.

Woman arrested on drug charge

A 20-year-old Midland woman was in City Jail this morning on charges of possession of a controlled substance, after officers discovered a substance that appeared to be hashish in the woman's cosmetic case.

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Clements to honor Moore here Friday

Gov. Bill Clements will be in Midland Friday to honor Stanley C. Moore, who founded Drilco, during a recognition ceremony and a luncheon at Midland Country Club.

Trucking tests

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Vehicles ranging from 13 to 70 tons often reach speeds of up to 40 miles an hour here on the Caterpillar test track.



An Iraqi tank moves into a new position in the Shatt-al-Arab region of the Iranian-Iraqi frontier recently as the conflict between the two nations continues. (AP Laserphoto)

Ailing Braniff cuts payroll

DALLAS (AP) — Braniff Airways has launched a new plan that relies on pay cuts and route reductions to help pull the troubled airline out of its financial morass.

Beset with spiraling operations costs and second quarter losses totaling \$47.7 million, the airline unveiled "Operation Turnaround" last week. That plan calls for a 10 percent, six-month employee pay cut...

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"more drastic measures than most." "Braniff's problems ... have been more serious than those of the other major carriers because of their highly leveraged financial position and the fact that they became one of the most expansionist carriers early in the deregulation period," Trotter said.

"They set on a course of expansion that proved to be more than they could chew, and they wound up with a classic case of corporate indigestion," he said.

The Dallas Times Herald reported this week that Lawrence told union leaders Friday that the financial problems plaguing Braniff warranted drastic reductions in operating costs.

The newspaper said the airline had laid off hundreds of workers in recent months and had negotiated a series of loans apparently designed to ease cash flow problems.

The latest of these moves includes a \$39 million loan from a group of banks, and the future sale of nine planes for \$72 million.

Braniff took out a \$100 million loan in May.

Trotter said Braniff always has carried a "very heavy debt load in relation to shareholders equity."

"This enhances reported earnings during times of operating profitability,

but it has a whiplash effect when the company has operating difficulties," he said.

Braniff began to take a beating when fuel costs and interest rates increased while passenger traffic declined, said Trotter. He said the situation became worse because the company was "stuck with a large increase in aircraft" ordered during the expansion period.

He said "vicious fare-cutting wars" on major routes hurt both Braniff and other major carriers.

The company's aggressive stance of the late '70s "very nearly dealt them a death blow," Trotter said, adding that "some still believe it may have."

Stock prices plummeted from a high of \$18.75 per share in September 1978 to recent lows of \$5.75.

Trotter said much of the trading "clearly" has been carried out by speculators who imagine that either the airline will recover or will "pack it in through liquidation or a merger."

"In the latter case a lot of the street betting is that the airline is worth more on the courthouse steps — in liquidation — than it is on the current stock market," Trotter said.

"My feeling is that they will survive," Trotter said, "but it's going to be a long, arduous workout period."

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collided on the Bowen's Grocery parking lot, 3400 Thomason Drive. Donny Moore Brooks, 6, a passenger in the Brooks' vehicle was injured but refused treatment.

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Panic: New therapies helping some victims cope

By SANDY ROVNER
The Washington Post

It's not a new disease. Sigmund Freud referred to it. Some of our greats may well have talked about it as "having the vapours."

Women, especially young women, and a few men, have been having panic attacks for generations. Doctors still don't know why, although current studies are shedding some light. And some new therapies are helping victims cope.

A panic attack, anxiety attack or, as it is possibly misnamed, agoraphobia — from the Greek, literally, fear of the market place — is, without question, one of life's more terrifying experiences.

You can be standing in a roomful of people — anywhere — and suddenly, for no apparent reason, you feel, well, alienated. Apart.

You may feel dizzy, or you may feel a wave of nausea. But it's more than just feeling sick. You have a sense that reality is slipping away from you.

I can still remember, one day at Bloomingdale's in New York City, feeling that the tiled floor was moving out from under my feet.

The overriding sense is that something is terribly, terribly wrong. The feeling that you're going to die. That you're going to lose your mind. Certainly, that you're going to faint. Your heart is beating out of your chest. You

can't catch your breath. You've got to get out of there so you can breathe.

In fact — and this is important to remember — you're not going to die. You're not going crazy. In all probability you're not even going to faint.

You're just having a panic attack. But often, that's just the beginning.

"Think of it as being like a layer

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cake," says Dr. Donald F. Klein, who has been treating and testing agoraphobics for some years at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and is one of this country's half-dozen top specialists in the illness.

The first layer is the attack itself, which seems to "come out of the blue." Doctors usually find nothing wrong and the patient is reassured.

For a time. Because the attacks usually come in clusters, there will be another, and then another. Because they come on with no warning, the victim begins to feel deep apprehension and fear of another attack. That's the second layer, which Dr. Klein and colleagues call "anticipatory anxiety."

This can lead to the third layer — avoidance — in which victims begin to keep out of situations in which they have had attacks, or where the fear they could have one. They may refuse to go out alone, in the most severe cases, at all. They may refuse to drive over bridges or through tunnels.

"The anxiety of anticipating a panic attack," Klein says, "produces a phobia."

As the syndrome has become better publicized, and as behavioral therapies have increased in popularity, some agoraphobics are getting varied degrees of help from groups and therapies often devised by ex-patients.

But even though Dr. Klein says that anything the patient accepts — be it guru, therapist, or family member — may help overcome the phobia, a recurrence of the panic attacks "will make the whole thing topple like a pack of cards."

It is a syndrome, says Dr. David Sheehan, another top specialist, "notorious for spontaneously remitting and going away for months or years, sometimes forever. In 20 percent of

the patients they never come back. In 40 or 50 percent they go away for a period of time and, of course, if (patients) are treated with anything during that time, even if it's just orange juice, they would think that was effective."

Klein and Sheehan and an increasing number of colleagues specializing in agoraphobia — and treating it as something different from, and more complex than other phobias — have found that two families of anti-depressant drugs (tricyclics and some MAO inhibitors) can block the attacks. (Tranquilizers, major and minor — like Valium — often have been prescribed for the syndrome, but are rarely useful.)

Studies have indicated that patients treated with both anti-depressants and behavioral therapy do better than patients receiving placebo or therapy alone.

"The problem with desensitization (behavioral therapy) alone," says Dr. Sheehan, "is that it's been credited with the entire cure. And while it works for this small percentage of people who have it in a mild form, it just doesn't work for the majority of the people with agoraphobia."

On the other hand there is, Dr. Sheehan concedes, a political problem within the medical community.

"Traditionally, psychologists — not psychiatrists — have treated phobias, because they do behavior therapy in which psychologists are usually bet-

ter.

So as a result, psychologists are rather unhappy about the whole posture of their practice (regarding agoraphobics) suddenly not being effective anymore and having that disorder pulled back into the domain of psychopharmacology."

"Another dilemma," says Sheehan, "is that the family of drugs we are

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talking about is very, very tricky to manage. It takes quite a lot of skill, not only to regulate the dose, but to get the optimal effect."

Sheehan co-authored an article in the current Journal of Psychiatry and Medicine which gives, he says (for doctors, of course), "explicit, cookbook sort of instructions on how to prescribe MAO inhibitors, explicit instructions about all the ins and outs and ups and downs..."

Once the attacks have been suppressed, however, psychologists' behavioral therapies are effective, even essential, to the agoraphobic.

Because the attacks do respond to drugs, and because attacks can actually be precipitated by infusions of a chemical called sodium lactate, research is now seeking a biochemical cause for the initial attacks, a metabolic imbalance which may be inherited.

It is, Dr. Sheehan feels certain, "an inherited vulnerability."

It strikes a small percentage of the population, with around three-quarters of the victims women, and usually emerges in the late teens or early 20s.

"In my view," says Sheehan, "it cuts across all personality types, intelligence levels, racial barriers and socio-economic levels."

Preliminary indications about its biochemical makeup are "rather surprising," says Dr. Klein. For example, although it has been generally accepted that adrenalin flows during panic attacks, tests are not showing high levels of adrenalin during the attacks.

Dr. Sheehan says he hopes that "not too far off" are a diagnostic blood test and new safer and more effective drugs. At the moment, he says, the most effective drug is the hardest to regulate.

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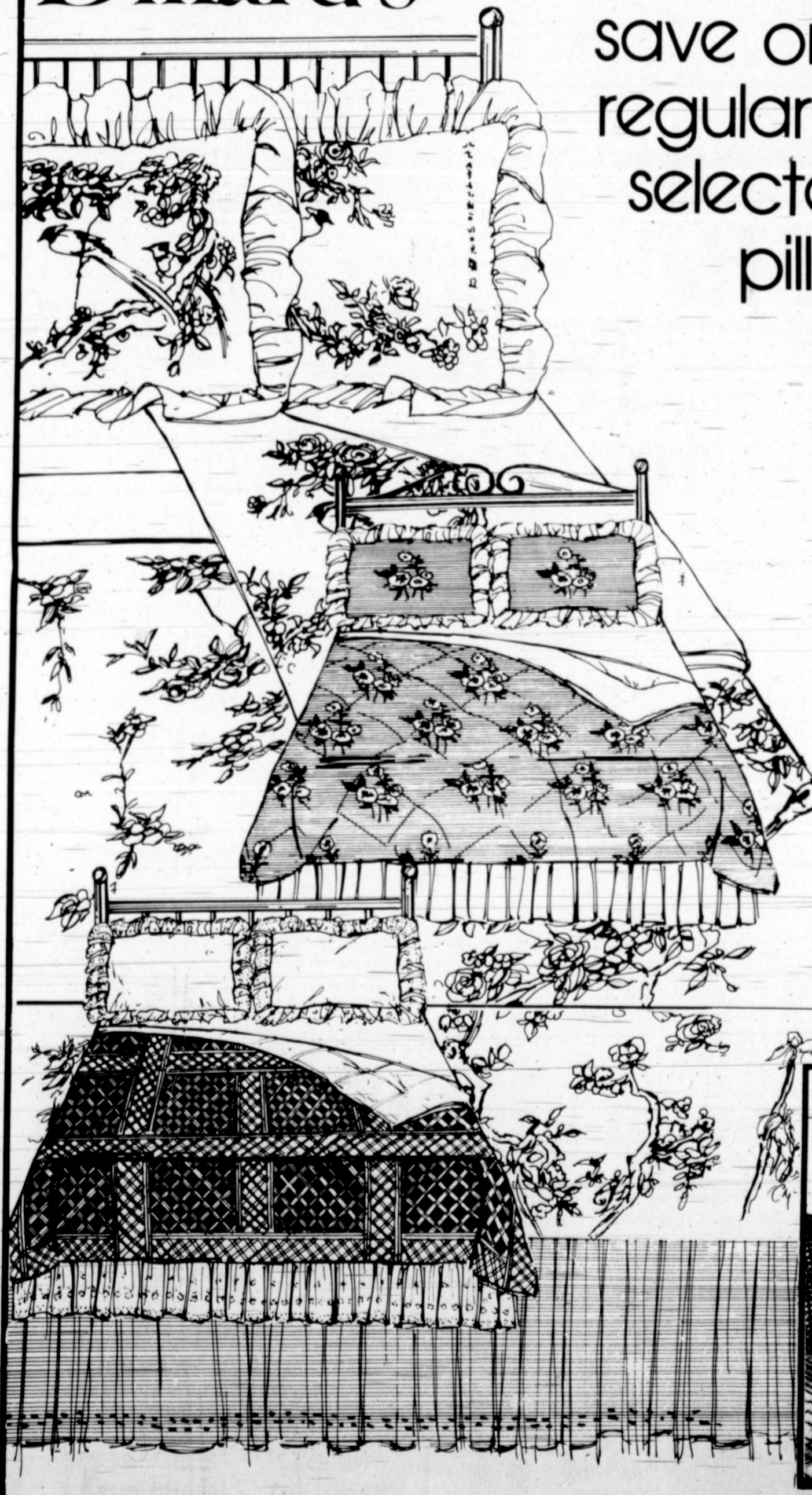
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Speaker says schools, getting back to basics

By DAVID CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

The nation's public education system is returning to setting and maintaining learning standards, said Alvin Granowski, reading specialist. However, he added that those standards should include a wide range of students with different learning abilities.

Schools (VIPS) workshop Wednesday morning at Midland Community Theatre.

"Everywhere you go, you feel the conservatism coming back," he said of the nation's school systems returning to a minimum standards policy. Granowski spoke of a cycle beginning in the 1950s when this conservatism started with school districts setting strict learning standards. Students had to meet these requirements or be failed, he said. During that time, a student's educational abilities were classified as

high, medium or low. Slow learners during the '50s were often failed, he said, even though they made greater strides.

But, these strides did not meet the standards which would bring the slow learner to the same learning ability level as the average student.

In the '60s, the nation learned how a person's socio-economic class affected his learning processes mostly through President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society programs.

"The idea at that time was to salvage as many of those students (the slow learners)," he said of the nation's Upward Bound program.

The relaxing of educational standards began during the '70s, Granowski added, until now when the public began demanding a "back to the basics" program for the '80s.

He reminded the audience that in establishing those standards, the needs of the slow and fast learner must be included.

During the late '70s, Granowski commented the Midland public school system had done its homework to prepare for a return to teaching the basics — reading, writing and arithmetic.

Other subjects not related to those basics, like art, should not be eliminated, but could be taught along with the three R's.

He pointed out that when the standards in the form of educational priorities were set, the public should be aware of the school district's priorities, responsibilities — both parent and teacher — and the scope and sequence of those priorities.

Granowski stressed the importance of parents participating in a child's education.

"Parents are responsible for teaching their kids social values, supporting the schools," Granowski said.

"Teachers are not responsible for everything."

Mental and physical fatigue — burnout — among teachers occurs because "we (society) have held these people responsible for everything. If you put too much pressure on an organism, it breaks down."

"Too many times, children learn skills at school which are forgotten at home," Granowski said. There should be some way where parents can help their children practice those skills learned in schools, he recommended.

A rich home environment where parents provide learning experiences for their children is a great educational advantage, he added.

"Parents should spend time with their children, but the important thing is how that time is spent."

After making the opening remarks at the workshop, Granowski met with school officials Wednesday afternoon to provide advice about the district's reading program.

Lithuanian refugee to speak Friday

Vilius Brazenas, a refugee from Soviet-occupied Lithuania, will speak at 8 p.m. Friday in the Frontier Room at Holiday Inn West.

The talk on "Signposts to Tyranny" is being sponsored by local chapters of the John Birch Society.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$2 a person by telephoning 694-2964. They will be \$3 at the door.

Brazenas left Lithuania as a child during World War I and returned in 1922. He was there when the Soviets invaded in 1940 and the Nazis in 1941. He left in 1949 and came to the United States, where he now lives as a naturalized American citizen.

Epidemic kills 225

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — At least 225 people have died in an encephalitis epidemic in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, the gov-

ernment-run All India Radio said today. The broadcast said the mosquito-borne disease broke out in the eastern part of the state.

DEATHS

J.D. Chappell

PARIS — Services for J.D. Chappell, 48, of Paris, brother of Marshall Chappell of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Steele & Thomas Memorial Chapel here with the Rev. Joe Blackshear and the Rev. Hubert Redus officiating. Burial will be in McDonald Cemetery in Lamar County.

Chappell died Wednesday at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 9, 1932, at Randlett, Okla. He was married April 9, 1957, to Mary Jones in Hugo, Okla. Chappell was a member of the Evangelical Church of God. He was a service station attendant.

Other survivors include his wife, his mother, two sons, a daughter, five brothers, three sisters and two grandchildren.

Bruce Moran

Services for Bruce Moran, 22, 3202 Shell Drive, were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Robert Boynton Smith officiating. Burial was in Midland Cemetery.

Moran died Sunday in an Austin hospital from injuries sustained in a fall from a building where he was doing construction work.

Pallbearers were Ray Kelley, James Wood, J.L. Hutchison, Vance Hendricks, Richard Kleinbeck and Hank Pitts.

Bland J. Fulghum

COLLINS, Miss. — Services for Bland J. Fulghum, 39, of Collins, Miss., and formerly of Midland, were held here Oct. 2.

Fulghum died Sept. 30 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Temple, Texas.

He was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration. Fulghum attended Midland High School in the

late 1950s, but moved to another town before graduation.

Survivors include his wife, two sons and his parents.

Robert Leuschner

McCAMEY — Robert Lee Leuschner, 77, of McCamey died Tuesday in his home.

Services are pending at Richard W. Box Funeral Home of McCamey.

Jo Rogers

ROTAN — Services for Jo Rogers, 56, of Abilene and formerly of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Rotan with burial to follow in the Rotan cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers died Wednesday in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 6, 1924, in Rotan, she lived for many years in Midland, Amarillo, Farmington, N.M., and Abilene. While in Midland she was a past president of the United Methodist Women of St. Mark's United Methodist Church where she was also chairperson of several commissions. Mrs. Rogers was a licensed vocational nurse.

Survivors include her husband, Earl A. Rogers of Abilene; a son, Tony Rogers of Abilene; a daughter, Brenda Rudd of Brownfield; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Clements of Rotan; a sister, Helen Brower of Sweetwater; a brother, Melvin Clements of Rotan; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Richard Wharton

Richard Wharton, 33, 2100 N. Pecos St., died Tuesday in his home.

Services are pending at Mount Olivet Funeral Home in Fort Worth. Local arrangements were handled by Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Allen Ludden still in coma

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — Allen Ludden, longtime host of the "Password" television game show, remained in critical condition today at Monterey Community Hospital.

Ludden, 62, suffered a stroke Tuesday morning and has been in a coma ever since.

"His condition is critical and unchanged," said Marge Peterson, a hospital spokesman. "We plan no surgery. There is very little you can do for a stroke victim but monitor symptoms, which vary from victim to victim."

Ludden and his wife, actress Betty White, had been vacationing in the Monterey area when the

stroke occurred. Ms. White remains at Monterey with her husband.

He fell ill earlier this year with an unspecified ailment, and said in a recent interview, "Illness is such an opportunity for realizing what's really important."

After recovering from that illness, Ludden began to take daily exercise and said he had learned the joy of good health.

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A message to users of Rely tampons from Procter & Gamble.

Women who use Rely tampons should stop using them and return the unused product to Procter & Gamble for a refund.

Government studies show that tampons are associated with an increased risk of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS). This is a newly discovered disease that affects mainly women who use tampons during their periods.

Toxic Shock Syndrome can be very serious and is believed to be responsible for a number of deaths. Almost all women who have had the disease have recovered.

Some recent studies indicate that Rely was apparently involved with Toxic Shock Syndrome to a greater extent than other tampon brands.

Toxic Shock Syndrome was first reported in November 1978. It is believed to be caused by a toxin produced by a bacterial infection (Staphylococcus aureus). In June 1980, the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) first linked it to tampon use. No one yet knows how or why tampons are associated with this disease.

In June, based on research conducted up to that point, CDC said that tampon use alone was not sufficient to cause the disease. CDC also said that no particular brand of tampon was more involved than others.

But on September 15, CDC announced a new study. It compared women who had Toxic Shock Syndrome with women who did not. The study confirmed that Toxic Shock Syndrome was associated with tampon use. It also indicated that Rely was apparently involved with more cases than any other brand. Here are the key data available to date:

Study	Cases Involved	Brands Used		
		Rely Brand	Other Identified Brands	Unidentified Brands
CDC Study #1 (completed June 20)	52	17	43	2
CDC Study #2 (completed September 12)	50	35	22	0
Other cases reported to CDC	140	24	19	100
Total CDC cases (through September 23)	242	76	84	102

(Brands used) totals more than the number of cases reported because some women used more than one brand.

group concluded that the available data were still fragmentary, but advised that the results of the latest CDC study should not be ignored.

Therefore, on September 22, Procter & Gamble announced it was suspending sales of Rely and that it would refund money to consumers who had Rely in their homes.

The Food and Drug Administration offers this advice to consumers:

"The current evidence indicates that women should stop using Rely. Women who want to reduce their risk of toxic shock even further may want to consider not using any tampons at all, or using napkins part of the time during their periods."

"Women using tampons who develop a high fever and vomiting or diarrhea during their periods should stop using tampons and see their doctor's right away."

The FDA and CDC have said they will continue studying Toxic Shock Syndrome to find out what causes it and why it is associated with tampons. Procter & Gamble will participate with the government in this important effort.

In the meantime, Procter & Gamble advises women not to use Rely tampons and to return unused Rely for a refund.

You should know these symptoms of Toxic Shock Syndrome:

- High Fever (102°) and
- Vomiting or diarrhea

If you have these symptoms during your menstrual period, discontinue use of tampons and see your doctor at once.

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Send your unused Rely tampons with your name and address to:

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And you will receive a refund including cost of mailing.

NOTE: You may see Rely advertisements in the November issues of various women's magazines. Unfortunately, these issues were already printed when the decision to suspend sales of Rely was made on September 22, 1980.

Hospital's administrator may hold debt solution

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be. "We have not taken the time to work the accounts the way we really ought to be working them," he said.

NEILL CALLED the bad debt situation an almost "insurmountable problem." Yet, he said, the hospital has to "make the best of it."

"I expect we will get it under control," he said. "We need to apply pressures where the pressure will do the most good."

He added that some of the problems could be worked out — as with the new pre-admissions procedure — in areas such as getting people to plan their elective surgeries.

Making an analogy to young people with new credit, Neill said, "A lot of folks... get in trouble with credit cards and they're in debt before they know how to handle it. It's the same thing at the hospital. With a little bit of preparation," he said, a payment schedule could be set up.

"We're trying to help people help themselves really," Neill said.

President of the board of directors Ed Magruder was hesitant to speak of any specific plans about bad debts. But, he said, "I think we're really going to have to wait on some solutions until our new administrator is on board."

Magruder said he did expect some new policies to come out of the board's future actions on bad debt accounts.

"THERE'S A WHOLE lot better methods than we've been employing to prevent an account from becoming a bad debt," Magruder said.

Director Thomas Ingram said, "I don't know what can be done, but I know it has to be done! It is disgusting to me that we have respectable people who to my knowledge can pay those bills on our (bad debt) lists."

Ingram wanted specific actions. He suggested that if after a few months, there had been no payments, the account should be turned over to a local attorney and the former patient letter be written a not-so-nice letter.

Ingram said he thought that even though bad debt payments came out of hospital revenue, taxpayers were still greatly affected. If the bad debts could be contained, taxes could be lowered, he said. "It's going to affect everything."

Ingram made an analogy with department stores, saying that the consumer must pay for all the store's losses, petty thefts and cost increases. "It's the honest ones who're paying for what others don't pay."

Ingram said he was not opposed to

paying for people who could not pay, but as for people who just didn't: "I don't believe in that."

CONTINUING, he said, "Once we get a new man on board I hope you'll see a number of changes. I think that we've turned the corner on this."

Ingram said, "I know I step on a few toes, but I didn't take the job to make friends. If I step on a few toes, well then, I'm sorry."

Dr. Henrie Mast, a retired phys-

average — some accounts would take longer and some fewer. In some of these cases, however, patients were not even receiving their first bill until after they had been home from the hospital for three months.

At the last board meeting, Abernethy reported the overall receivable days had dropped to an average of 78.5 days.

"That tells you that we're doing a better job of collecting now than last October," Bash said.

However, Abernethy said "about 60 to 65 days is pretty much of a national average" on accounts receivable days. He quickly added the hospital had never been at that level, but that it is working toward it.

"What we have been doing for the last few months," Bash explained, "is trying to catch-up — literally. I think we've gotten to the point where we have these (bad debt) accounts identified so that they can get some better collection off them."

Doug Scharbauer, trustee and member of its finance committee, summed up the statements of most of the hospital officials at the September board meeting. He told the board, "We are looking into some very stringent policies for controlling... our bad debts. We don't like to look at that (write-off) figure each month just like I'm sure you don't. We haven't formulated them exactly yet, but we do have some good ideas."



ian and a director, said, "Bad debts are an inescapable cost." Most businesses, he said, can contain bad debts because they "don't have to sell on credit." If someone abuses his credit at a certain business, Mast continued, that business can cut him off. A hospital can't.

"The hospital is one of the few businesses (operating) on credit," Mast said, "because if we do what we're supposed to do — and what the community wants us to do — then we can't refuse anybody." He continued to say the hospital is "one place you can go and get big credit."

Mast agreed that some of the people on the bad debt lists were able to pay. "Sometimes they are even rich people," he said, then added, "maybe that's how they get rich."

But Mast said he thought the problem could be overcome as well.

As far as solutions, Mast mentioned the "computerized billing system — that's going to help collections some." He said making the bills more current and prompt would enable people to pay their bills while the incident is fresh in their minds.

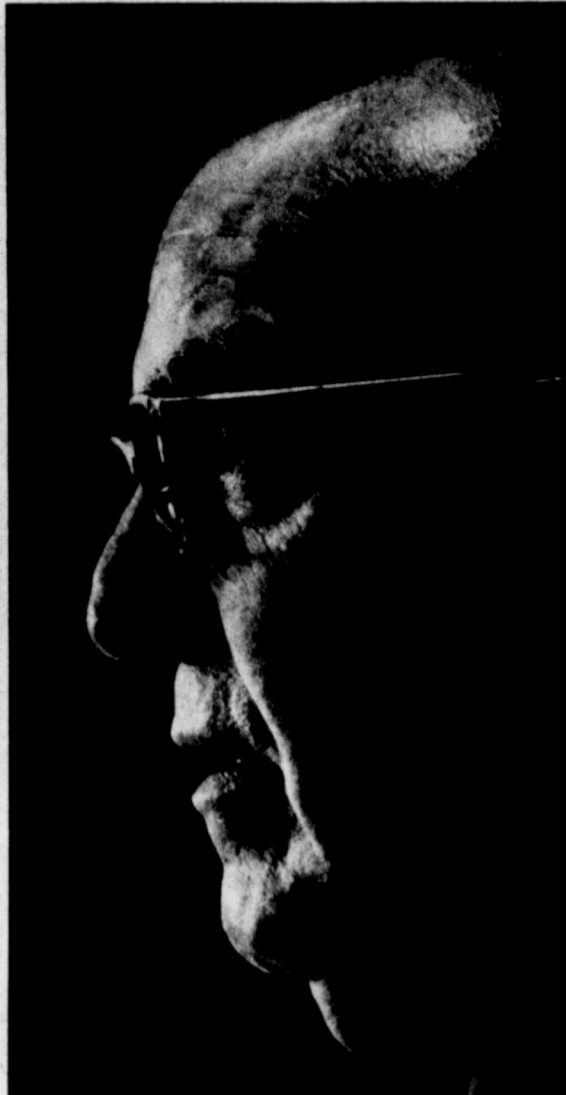
"IT'S DIFFICULT to pay a bill three weeks later than the time of discharge," he said.

The average amount of time it takes to get a bill to a patient and to have the revenue collected from that bill, or the accounts receivable days, is an important factor in the hospital money problems. That average is figured by dividing the average day's revenue intake into the total number of accounts still outstanding.

In October 1979, the average number of accounts receivable days was 114. In other words, it took 114 days to collect on a patient's charges on the



Edwin Magruder, president of the board of directors, was hesitant to speak of any financial policy changes before new administrator Ray Branson arrived. (Staff Photos by Edward McCain)



"I don't know what can be done," director Thomas Ingram said of the bad debt situation at Midland Memorial Hospital, "but, I know it has to be done!"

One faction of fair geared for South American ranchers

DALLAS (AP) — The State Fair of Texas has always been geared to the common man.

But there's one posh affair that's invitation only — the Pan-American Livestock Exposition — where wealthy South American cattle breeders come to spend megabucks and hobnob at Bunker Hunt's private party.

The ranchers have flocked to Dallas since the first exposition in 1952. Many don't speak a word of English, but know by heart the language of money.

— And boy, do they speak it well. Exposition director Don Clark said one Colombian rancher paid \$25,000 for a bull at the 1978 show, then sold it at home a few months later for \$85,000 — a tidy profit.

The breeders stay at the city's most luxurious hotels, buy designer jeans, eat at the fanciest restaurants and sip the most expensive liquors. Bedecked in finery, they travel north 20 miles from town to Hunt's ranch for a lavish party where they watch cattle imported from the fairground, eat, drink and cut a few business deals.

"It's the biggest livestock show in the world," said Carlos Remedios, who moved to Texas when he fled Cuba in 1961. "We always enjoyed Dallas a lot."

Remedios left behind a big family ranching operation, but he won't say how much he lost when he packed up his wife and two children and left Cuba with \$20 in his pocket.

Before he left Cuba, he said he attended every exposition between 1953 and 1959, buying a total of 250 head of cattle. During those years, he said, he made friends with Snake Bailey of Simonton, who gave him a job when he first came to Texas.

"I was finally able to save some money and start my own herd of red

Brahmans," Remedios said. "Here, I'm not a millionaire, but I'm happy."

Now he comes to the exposition as a seller, not a buyer. But he still attends the Hunt party where he says he makes valuable friendships — both social and business.

He says the exposition is more of a showcase than a marketplace. South American breeders get a look at the cattle they are interested in, then travel to the ranches after the show to do their trading.

At Hunt's party, Remedios visited with Victor Julio Nino of Costa Rica, who estimates he has spent \$2 million on 600 head of cattle at the expositions since 1962.

"I have sold him over 100 head of cattle," Remedios said.

"You have to buy cattle from people you trust," he said. "You have to know the people. Otherwise, you don't really know what you're buying."

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Trooper slaying suspect arrested

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A man arrested in connection with the shooting death of a highway patrolman has been returned from Kansas to Texas where he is being held without bond in the Lubbock County jail, authorities said.

tradition and was returned to Texas Wednesday under guard of Texas Rangers. Lubbock Sheriff's Capt. Donnie Fitts said Alexander was arraigned in Slaton Wednesday and denied bond.

Lubbock church quoted scriptures supporting capital punishment for the trooper's "assassin."

He had stopped a vehicle for speeding, and "that was the last contact," DPS spokesman Larry Todd said.

Sheriff's Association hired Haynes over graft remarks

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Sheriff's Association of Texas says it has hired the high-powered law firm of Richard "Racehorse" Haynes to seek legal redress for published remarks on alleged corruption in the ranks of Texas sheriffs.

The Dallas News article, picked up by the Associated Press, paraphrased a statement from an FBI agent saying at least half the sheriffs in Texas were involved in some kind of graft.

U.S. Attorney John Hannah of Tyler was quoted as saying that in an average-sized Texas county with 50,000 people, a crooked sheriff could make \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year.

The group issued a statement Wednesday, saying the Dallas Morning News should investigate and retract a Sept. 21 article that ran under the headline "Crimes Tarnish Sheriffs' Stars."

Agent Bill Hinshaw, who once worked in Texas but has since been transferred to Georgia, later denied making the statement.

Hannah said his comments were distorted and issued a statement that "some of the finest men and the finest law officers" are sheriffs.

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Bauman's 'lover' charged with blackmail

EASTON, Md. (AP) — As Rep. Robert E. Bauman denied that he is a homosexual and insisted he will continue his race for re-election, a man who allegedly claimed to have been the congressman's lover was being charged with blackmail.

later on the blackmail allegations. "I am not on trial. I will not elaborate. I do not have to elaborate. I have confessed my wrongdoings to my God," Bauman said.

An affidavit filed in Baltimore federal court for my record and my conduct has not discredited the principles I and others believe in," Bauman said. He said he had not taken a drink since last May 1.

Regina allegedly telephoned Bauman's office several times after the letter was sent, according to the affidavit. An FBI agent posed as an aide to Bauman and had four tape-recorded conversations with Regina, who allegedly made demands for money to flee the country, the court document said.

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Actors reconsider decision to honor musicians' pickets

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — As their strike against television and movie producers winds down, some actors say they are reconsidering their decision to honor picket lines set up by the American Federation of Musicians, a group that supported the actors in their strike.

"I'm still pondering it and have not made up my mind yet and am delaying making a concrete decision until the last minute because I'm absorbing all I can concerning the strike and

the pluses and minuses (of crossing the musicians' picket lines)," said "Lou Grant" star Ed Asner. "I'm concentrating on those and hoping for an act of God."

The actors had pledged not to cross AFM picket lines because studio musicians had marched with them during the 11-week strike by Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

But thousands of film technicians and craftsmen have suffered finan-

cial loss from layoffs that resulted from the actors' strike, and the actors say they don't want those workers harmed further.

"We are faced with a dilemma in which whatever course we choose, people will be hurt," said the cast of "M-A-S-H" — including Alan Alda, Mike Farrell and Loretta Swit — in a statement explaining their decision to return to the show's 20th Century-Fox set next week.

"We understand, but are disappointed," said

AFM spokesman Bob Crothers of the actors' stand.

The musicians' contract expired Aug. 1 and they walked off the job over the producers' refusal to pay them residuals of television reruns of filmed shows and movies.

Producers say there will be no bargaining until the musicians drop the residual demand, but Crothers said that won't happen.

SAG and AFTRA issued a back-to-work order that took effect

Monday and included the provision that no actors honoring musicians' pickets for the next two weeks would be punished.

Meanwhile, voting continued on the proposed three-year actors' contract reached 1 1/2 weeks ago. The Screen Actors Guild is voting by mail, and AFTRA is holding local elections in major cities around the nation.

Most TV series were either back in production or preparing to get under way Wednesday.

Wing walker already has plan for new stunt



Jaromir Wagner, the West German daredevil, rides on the back of his twin engine airplane as it passes the twin towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan Wednesday. Wagner flew from West Germany to New York strapped to the outside of the airplane. (AP Laserphoto)

FAIRFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Scarcely had West German daredevil Jaromir Wagner set foot on solid ground, rubbing the frostbite marks on his face, than he began pondering his next challenge. "Next I'd like to jump off an airplane wearing snow skis," said the wingwalker.

The stocky used-car dealer who became the first person to cross the Atlantic Ocean on the outside of an airplane was showered with champagne Wednesday by his flight crew after his landing at Essex County Airport.

Describing his latest feat, Wagner said frostbite almost forced him to abort his journey. He began losing his senses in sub-freezing conditions over Greenland, and almost canceled the trip's final leg, he said.

The temperature over Greenland plummeted to 13 degrees below zero, the weary 41-year-old

said. "Yesterday in Iceland, I was very, very tired, but now I feel OK," Wagner said as champagne soaked into his red, white and blue leather flight suit.

"I could use something to drink, but I'm not really hungry now."

To combat the cold, Wagner wore three layers of clothing including the leather suit, woolen underwear and a scuba diving outfit.

"The first thing I want to do is tell my wife it's OK and I am 'gesund' (healthy)," said Wagner, who speaks little English.

He ended his 11-day trans-oceanic jaunt with a hearty wave from the top of the fuselage of a twin-engine plane, which arrived here about 3 p.m., more than three hours after leaving Burlington, Vt.

The last part of the trip included an aerial tour of New York City's land-

marks. "I was very happy when I saw the Statue of Liberty. My trip was almost over," Wagner said.

After taking one practice approach over the runway, Wagner's twin-engine plane touched down with him strapped to a metal cage attached to the top of the craft's fuselage. Leaning forward like a ski-jumper, Wagner waved to a crowd of about 100 aviation enthusiasts, reporters and photographers.

Wagner said he wants to stay in New York to visit for a week and then try to raise money for a similar trip to California.

His trans-oceanic trek — which took him three years of preparation and cost an estimated \$325,000 — began in Giessen, West Germany, Sept. 27. After stops in Scotland, the Faeroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland, he headed for Newfoundland.

Throw-down guns carried, says ex-cop

HOUSTON (AP) — Seventy-five to 80 percent of Houston's police officers in 1977 carried throw-down guns or had access to them, according to the sworn statement of a former officer.

A deposition given by former officer William E. Byrd acknowledged department officials "didn't directly condone" the practice of planting weapons the justify the shooting of an unarmed suspect, but "they know it happens."

Byrd's statement was

read Wednesday to a federal court jury that will decide a \$2 million civil suit filed by John and Billie Webster of Shreveport, La. The suit was filed against the City of Houston, the police department and six former officers.

The couple's 17-year-old son, Randall, was shot in 1977 following a high-speed chase with police. Two officers were convicted last year of perjury and conspiring to plant a throw-down gun next to the teenager's body.

Byrd said there was no departmental policy advising officers to use throw-down guns, but added the weapons were used "to cover yourself on an individual basis."

"Let's take in a situation where a police officer gets into a building and is searching the building and a burglary suspect jumps out on him and startles him and he shoots him," the deposition said.

Officers would go into such situations with their guns pulled, and anyone

who didn't was "either braver than I am or the man is a fool," Byrd said.

However, he added, "it looks bad before a grand jury for him to go down there and say, 'Here I am, I shot an unarmed man.'"



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Iran-Iraq war best for hostages

By CHARLES J. HANLEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who has tried to help mediate the Iran hostage crisis, says the Iran-Iraq war presents the best opportunity yet for winning release of the American hostages.

Clark said if the United States makes the first move by relaxing its economic sanctions against Iran or taking similar conciliatory steps, the hostages might be released "fairly soon."

He also said he believes the Iranians do not expect a formal "apology" from Washington about past U.S.-Iranian dealings — a demand rejected repeatedly by President Carter — but would be satisfied by a full report on that relationship.

"I don't like to say war is the way to get the hostages, but the conflict with Iraq interposes a greater crisis, a greater threat and a greater enemy or evil for the Iranians," Clark said in an interview with The Associated Press at his Greenwich Village law office.

The resulting change in the Iranian national mood makes it "the best time that we've had for the hope of having the hostages released," Clark said.

He noted the Iranians are demanding that the U.S. government release billions of dollars in frozen Iranian funds, return the wealth of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, pledge non-interference in Iranian affairs and give a full public accounting

of the past U.S. role in Iran under the shah. Some action on these items "could further improve conditions to where we could hope for release of the hostages, and I think fairly soon," he said.

Waiting for an overall deal to resolve the crisis would be a mistake, he said — "I think that has already greatly prolonged the holding of the hostages."

In the years before the shah fell, Clark was a leading U.S. critic of the Pahlavi regime and came to know a number of the shah's Iranian opponents. After the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran last Nov. 4, President Carter sent him to the Middle East to try to open negotiations, but the Iranians refused to allow him into the country.

Last June, he and nine other Americans took part in a "Crimes of America" conference in Tehran. The Carter administration threatened to prosecute them for violating the president's ban on travel to Iran. That possibility officially remains under study.

Clark, answering questions in a quiet Texas drawl, said he has remained in touch with the Iranian situation through people in direct contact with Tehran.

Asked about the sometimes vague Iranian demands for a report on or apology for American "criminal" actions in Iran, Clark pointed out that the State Department has amassed documentation about U.S.-Iranian relations in apparent preparation for an official review.

'Dr. X' barred from practice

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Dr. Mario Jascalevich, dogged by malpractice claims despite an innocent verdict on multiple murder charges in the "Dr. X" curare case, has been barred from practicing medicine in New Jersey.

The state Board of Medical Examiners voted 11-0 on Wednesday to permanently revoke Jascalevich's New Jersey medical license and refused to delay their order pending appeal.

The 52-year-old Englewood Cliffs surgeon is practicing medicine in New York on another license.

Jascalevich, who voluntarily surrendered his New Jersey license in 1976, wasn't present at the hearing. His lawyer Henry Furst refused comment on the ruling.

Furst had urged the board not to "rubber stamp" an administrative law judge's recommendation that

sanctions be imposed against the doctor.

Jascalevich received national attention as "Dr. X" after he was charged in 1976 with murdering five hospital patients in Oradell a decade earlier with the muscle relaxant, curare. His eight-month trial ended in October 1978 when a jury found him innocent of all charges.

The administrative complaint by the board, unrelated to the criminal case, charged the surgeon with malpractice and neglect, performing surgery after a false diagnosis, submitting a hospital report with the wrong patient's name on it and failing to proceed with the proper treatment.

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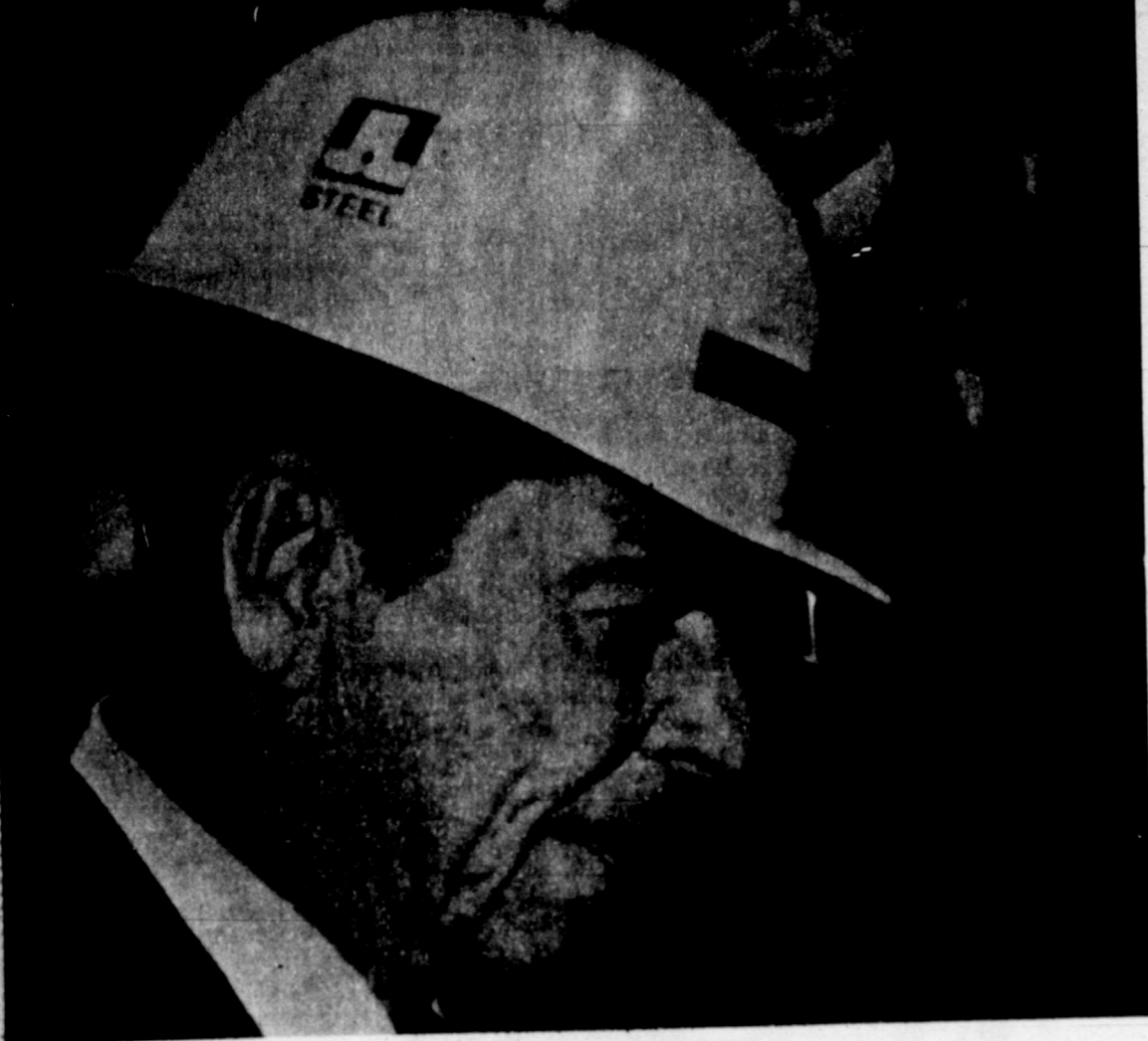
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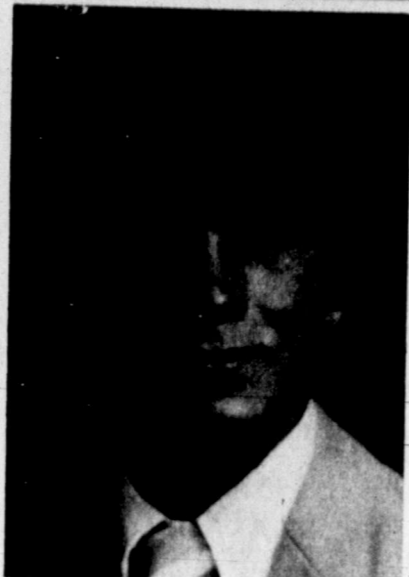
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James Earl Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, is a recipient of the Midland Downtown Lions Club Scholarship. The Lee High School graduate is attending Texas Tech University and majoring in petroleum engineering. He was a member of the LHS honors band and National Honor Society.

Kudirka is on trial again, but this time there's a difference

WASHINGTON (AP) — Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman whose attempted leap to freedom landed him in a Soviet prison camp 10 years ago, is being prosecuted again. But this time he's savoring every moment of it.

Kudirka, who could wind up in a Washington jail for two months, listened Tuesday as the government and his defense attorney argued the constitutionality of his arrest last July for demonstrating outside the Soviet Embassy.

"Look. Please. I must show you," declared the 50-year-old Kudirka as he dropped to his knees outside the Superior Court Building and pulled a rumpled West German magazine from a blue flight bag. "This is why. This is why I hate the Russian empire, why I love America."

With that, Kudirka, a small man with powerful arms and voice, thumbed to a section featuring smuggled photos of the Russian labor camp where he spent 3 years and 9 months following his abortive attempt in 1970 to defect to the United States.

"You see the graveyard, the signs on the graveyard?" he asked. "Numbers, just numbers. In one of those graves is a Ukrainian. He was my closest friend. But now he never existed. They stole his name."

"In Russia, the judge, the prosecutor, your attorney — they are all the same," said Kudirka, who now lives in New York City with his mother. "Here I was with my friends. I know the prosecutor is not my enemy. The judge, he is a real judge, he makes his own decisions. And no matter what he decides, I know he will not take away my name."

Judge Nicholas S. Nunzio rejected the pre-trial motion by Kudirka's attorney to strike down the federal law barring demonstrations within 500 feet of an embassy, for which violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and up to 60 days in jail. The trial for Kudirka and 12 co-defendants, who were protesting the Summer Olympic Games in Moscow, is scheduled for Oct. 16.

The attorney, Ernest C. Kaskauskas, argued that the law violates the speech and due process freedoms guaranteed by the First and Fifth amendments.

But U.S. Attorney Katherine Mack countered that "the Vienna Convention requires nations to protect foreign dignitaries in the host state, and it is very important for the United States to ensure that protection."

Ten years ago, Kudirka jumped from a Soviet vessel onto the deck of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Vigilant as both were moored at Martha's Vineyard. Though he asked for asylum, Coast Guard officers allowed Soviet officials to board the vessel and retrieve him.

Kudirka subsequently was sentenced to 10 years in a Soviet prison camp for attempting to defect. Then-president Richard M. Nixon labeled the U.S. handling of the episode a tragic mistake, and three Coast Guard officers were suspended.

Woolies escape prediction

BOONE, N.C. (AP) — Predictions of the approaching winter's severity will have to wait — Appalachian State University's weather-forecasting woolly worms have gone over the wall.

Dr. Sandra Glover, director of the center for woolly worm studies at Appalachian, had 400 hatched baby woolly worms — also known as woolly caterpillars — three weeks ago. She said the furry critters each were about the size of a pencil dot. But when she went to check on the tiny worms this week, they were gone.

"In three weeks time, they should have been half their adult size," Ms. Glover said Tuesday. "But when I checked the container, I couldn't find them anywhere. They were so tiny, escape can't be ruled out."

Ms. Glover has to have about 500 of the furry insects to compile data on their coloring so she can issue the annual prediction on the upcoming winter weather.

Woolly-worm weather predictions are based on the folk belief that you can tell the severity of the winter by studying woolly-worm coloring in the fall. The more black there is on the

worms, the colder the winter will be. Brown coloring indicates milder temperatures.

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Oct. 4, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Joe Bell, 2503 Seaboard Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Caston, 607 E. Cuthbert Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chan, 209-A Plaza Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnoldo Vargas, 607 S. Mineola St., a boy.

Oct. 5, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Junior Beeman, 1924 E. Pecan Ave., a boy.

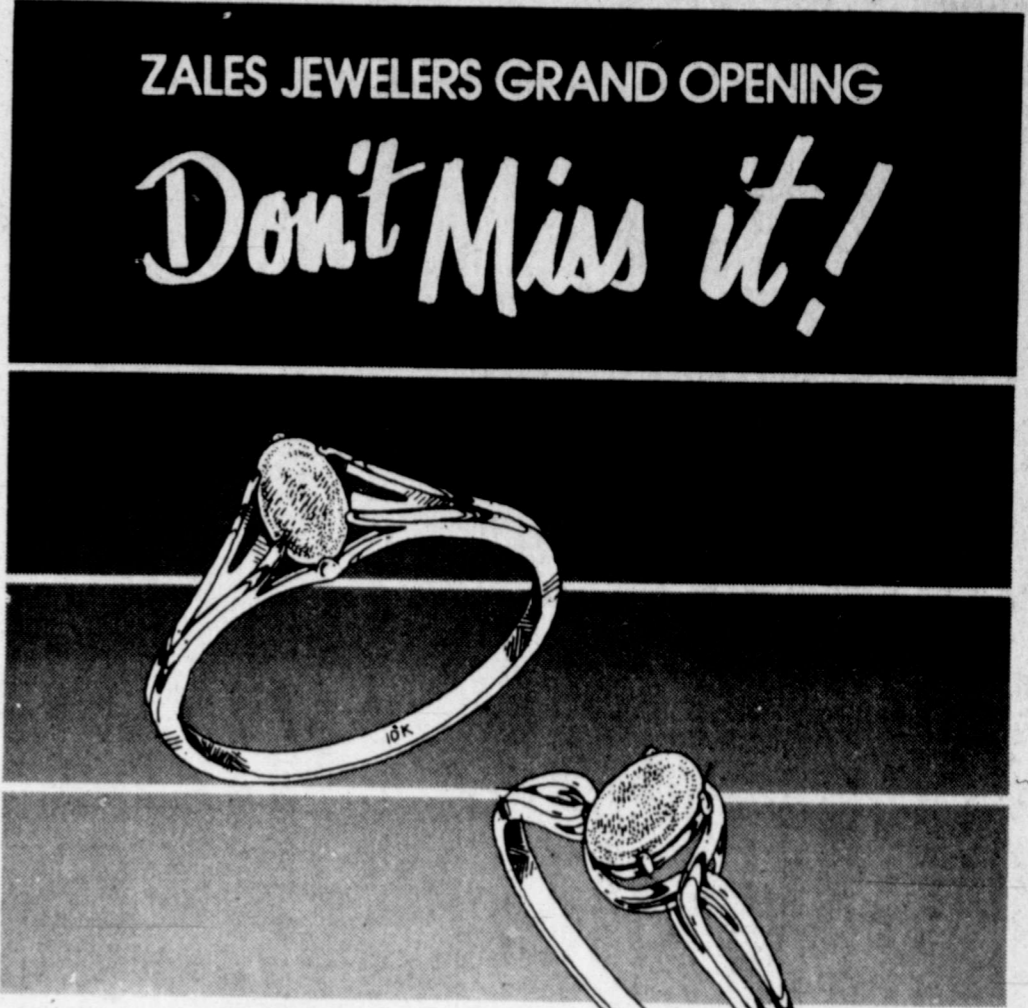
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel D. N. Galindo, 1110 W. New Jersey, a girl.

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