

# Reagan's 'State of the Union' speech tonight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, facing strengthened opposition in Congress and the longest recession since World War II, unveils priorities for the second half of his term tonight, and a White House official says there will be "no rosy economic forecasts."

Delivering his State of the Union address to a joint session of the House and Senate and a nationwide television and radio audience, Reagan will make a "strong bipartisan appeal to attack the economic problems," said the official, who spoke on the condition that he not be identified by name.

Reagan invited Republican congressional leaders to the White House this morning for a briefing on the speech and

budget.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes predicted that once Reagan's congressional allies have had a look at his proposals, they are less likely to object to some of them.

The president's reported plan to ask for a contingency tax increase by 1986 if his program fails to bring down the federal budget deficit has met with skepticism on the part of Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn.

As late as Monday afternoon, that plan was still under discussion at the White House, a senior White House official said.

The president is scheduled to begin the State of the Union speech, marking the start of

the 98th Congress, at 9 p.m. EST.

The new Congress presents the president with a new political situation.

The Republican congressional leadership is showing less willingness than it did two years ago to go along with Reagan's plans, and the Democrats have boosted their majority by 26 seats in the House.

The new scenario, and continued economic problems, has brought pressure on Reagan to propose jobs programs, reduce the planned increase in defense spending, and scale back his planned reductions in spending for domestic programs.

In addition, his political standing appears weaker among the voters.

A recent Gallup Poll showed that 41 percent of those surveyed approved of the way he was doing his job, a

figure lower than that of his recent predecessors at midterm. And a new Washington Post-ABC poll got the same results, putting the approval rate at 42 percent of those it surveyed.

One administration official, speaking privately, said that in his message, Reagan will say that "we are going to create conditions that will result in future economic growth and solve the problem of unemployment."

During the past year, the rate of joblessness rose from 8.5 percent to 10.8 percent.

Officials said the president would include proposals to:

- Allow teenagers to work for a sub-minimum wage.
- Delay cost-of-living increases for beneficiaries of certain government programs.
- Grant tax breaks to parents saving for their children's education.

—Renew fair housing laws.

—Reduce medical costs.

Administration officials, speaking on condition that their names not be used, have said the speech would include a general call for "major tax reform," but that no specifics would be included.

Reagan has said that a so-called flat-rate system, under which income tax deductions are reduced and tax rates are lowered, "is a thing we have

agreed to look at...."

The president was also not likely to include a specific figure for the fiscal 1984 budget deficit, although White House sources have placed it at \$188 billion. The

figure will be revealed when the president sends his budget proposal to Congress next Monday.

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## Services for Schroeter Wednesday



MAJOR SCHROETER

August J. "Major" Schroeter, a prominent, longtime Hereford businessman, civic and church leader, died Monday morning in Deaf Smith General Hospital after a short illness.

Schroeter, 71, was owner of A.O. Thompson Abstract Co. with his wife, Margaret, for many years. He was a former county judge, longtime county surveyor, and was selected as the county's "Citizen of the Year" for 1973.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in First

Presbyterian Church with the Rev. George Belford, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Schroeter was born Feb. 20, 1911 in Cypress Mill, near Marble Falls. The family moved to Abernathy when he was six years old, and he finished high school at Plainview. Major attended Texas Tech University. He married Margaret Thompson Aug. 27, 1931 and they lived in Lubbock a short time before moving to Hereford early in 1933.

The Schroeters have lived at 603 Union since May 1, 1936. Major worked at Thompson Abstract, Hereford National Farm Loan Association, and served as Deaf Smith County Judge in 1939-44. He also worked at the Prisoner of War camp outside Hereford.

Schroeter and his father, R. Schroeter, built Elm Court and he helped with the operation of it after the POW camp closed at the end of World War II. After the death of

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### Icy Bathing Beauty

The residents of this house on Ave. C had some fun over the weekend, taking advantage of the wet snow to build their own bathing beauty. The armless fern sports a silver two-piece suit, a close-cropped hairdo, and a bigger-than-life belly button.



That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says if Diogenes was around today, someone would steal his lantern.

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.—Albert Schweitzer

Hereford was still digging out of the snow and ice this week after a 15-inch blanket of snow covered the area Thursday and Friday. The storm caused many cancellations and postponements of meetings and events, and practically shut down business activities Friday.

We'd like to brag on our Brand carriers for getting the paper to their customers Friday and Saturday. The youngsters did a great job, even though some of the papers may have got covered up in the snow. Our subscribers were understanding and cooperative, too, and not many people called in to have another paper delivered.

While some folks are complaining about the inconveniences caused by the snow, it is a real blessing to farmers of the area. It will deposit some beneficial moisture on farm and ranch land!

We lost a good'un Monday.

The death of Major Schroeter is a loss that will be felt throughout the entire community. He was, truly, a pillar of the community—a man who contributed and participated in making Hereford a better place in which to live, work and play.

We only had the privilege of knowing the Major for 11 years, but others have loved and respected him for half a century. Major always had that pleasant smile, optimistic attitude and a word of encouragement at the right time and place.

Major was a mover in the growth and development of Deaf Smith County, but he went about it in a gracious and low-key manner. Major was a very special person to my wife, Lavon. Years ago, Lavon and Major teamed up to win a bridge tourney and they began calling each other "Champ" when their paths crossed.

Major was a champ, no doubt about it. He left his mark on this community and many of us will have fond memories of our friendship with Major Schroeter.

He was a good'un!

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## County gives nod to plan

# Move to name roads approved

By BOB NIGH  
MANAGING EDITOR

Area emergency and rescue personnel, as well as the general public, may find it easier to get to a specific location in the near future after the county gave approval Monday to a plan to get county roads better identified and marked.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Bill Bradley approached the

fathers with a plan to get county roads identified by numbers (north and south) and by letters (east and west). The numbering system has been approved by Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers, Inc., which has agreed to see the project to completion.

According to Bradley, such a system will be an immense help to local firefighters, am-

balance drivers, law enforcement officers, and the general public as well.

That contention was upheld by Hereford Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Watts and Deaf Smith General Hospital Administrator Jim Bullard during the meeting Monday.

Both those men said that an identification system would help save response time, loss

of property, and, in some cases, lives.

The system will be implemented at no cost to the county. The plan calls for the roads to be identified with number and letters with a grid map provided, and emergency personnel able to pinpoint a location in the county by the reference points given them when an emergency call is made to them.

In the other major item on the agenda Monday the court tabled action on a request by 22nd Dist. Judge Wes Gully for a second full-time bailiff for his court. Sheriff Travis McPherson appeared before the court with the plea since Judge Gully was ill.

McPherson said that one bailiff could not handle the duties of the court, especially with conflicts due to supervision of juries and guarding of prisoners. The sheriff said that he felt another bailiff was necessary, and that it was his duty by law to provide the court with one if the judge deemed it necessary.

members to the Deaf Smith County Historical Commission out of respect to commission chairman Major Schroeter who died Monday morning at DSGH.

—Agreed to advertise for bids on county insurance.

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## OPEC stalemate may lower gasoline prices

By ROBERT BURNS AP  
Business Writer

The stalemate among OPEC nations over how to eliminate a world oil glut may lead to lower gasoline prices by spring, but some industry analysts believe the cartel will resolve its differences before a price war erupts.

OPEC's problems threaten the unity of the price-fixing cartel that quadrupled the cost of gasoline in a few years and left millions of Americans waiting on line in cars for hours.

"But I wouldn't go out and buy a gas guzzler based on that," William Randol, an oil industry analyst at First Boston Corp., a New York investment firm, said Monday. "We don't see prices collapsing."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries talks, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland, ended Monday when Nigeria and other African nations refused to raise their petroleum prices to make Saudi Arabia's oil more attractive. No date was set for new talks.

The stalemate triggered alarm on the New York Stock Exchange, where the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks tumbled 22.81 points Monday to close at 1,030.17, its biggest dip since Oct. 25.

Analysts attributed the slide to worries about the effect of price declines on heavily indebted oil exporters such as Mexico and on the international banking system.

The discord among oil producers also disrupted trading in volatile commodity ex-

changes, where prices plunged Monday on contracts for future delivery of heating oil and gasoline.

After the talks broke up, the price of heating oil fell 4.82 cents to 78.54 cents a gallon in contracts for February delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while gasoline for February delivery dropped 3.24 cents to 80.51 cents a gallon.

Chances are now better than 50-50 that Saudi Arabia will reduce its \$34 benchmark price for a 42-gallon barrel of crude oil, Randol predicted. Price cuts by oil producers could come within a week,

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Several options, including the hiring of a person to act as a bailiff on an on-call basis, were discussed by the court before a decision was made to table the item for further information.

In other business the court: —Tabled action on naming

Energy costs for irrigation will rise in 1983. And again in 1984. And probably in 1985.

Farmers heard the familiar story straight from local utility managers Monday night at a forum presented by the Deaf Smith County Extension Office.

Basically: —Gas costs for running irrigation engines will be about 11 percent more in August of

this year than in August of last year.

—Electricity costs will be 15 to 40 percent over last year.

However, district Energas manager Gene Ehler and Deaf Smith Rural Electric manager James Hull had a few ideas on streamlining energy use and obtaining the

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## Engine test may help locate leak in shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A 20-second test firing of the space shuttle Challenger's three main engines may finally pinpoint the source of a potentially dangerous hydrogen leak, officials say.

"We're counting on things going well," NASA spokesman Hugh Harris said late Monday. "The whole crux of the matter is finding where that hydrogen is coming from."

The countdown for today's scheduled test began at 9 a.m. Saturday, and space agency spokesman Dick Young said that "it looks like a smooth count."

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said they would not know for several days whether whether the leak had been found.

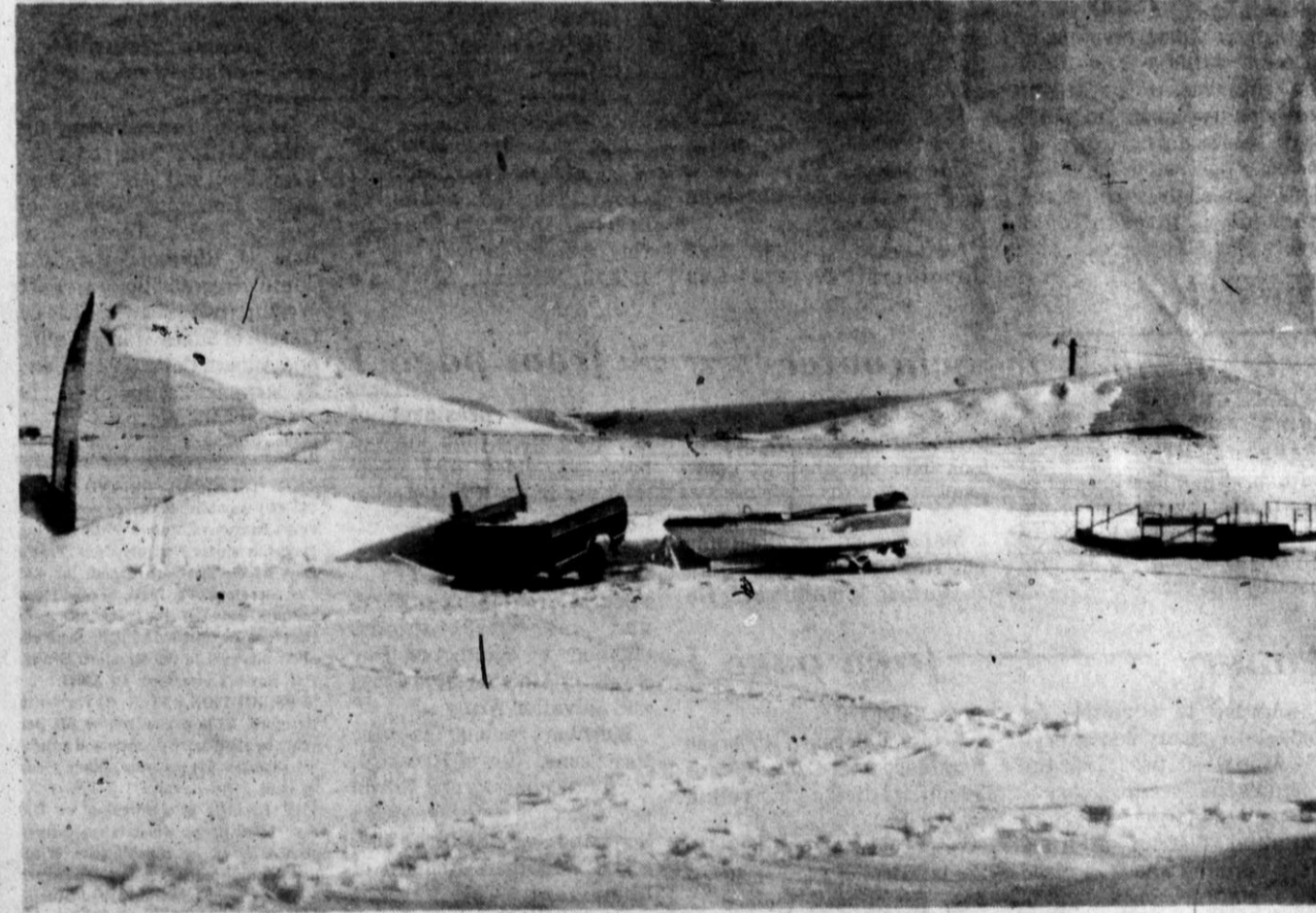
The leak of hydrogen within, or into, the tail-section engine compartment has mystified technicians since shortly after the first

engine test on the new shuttle on Dec. 18. The discovery forced NASA to postpone Challenger's first mission by more than a month — until late February, at the earliest.

Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, director of the shuttle program, said there was concern for the safety of the shuttle and its crew.

Harris emphasized that "this is nothing like the Hindenburg," referring to the German zeppelin whose hydrogen-inflated gas bag exploded over Lakehurst, N.J., in 1937, killing 36 people. "We're talking about a relatively small amount of hydrogen."

But he added: "By the time we got 80 seconds into the flight, the gas would be at the lower margin of flammability. There could be an explosion if two other failures occurred: the entry of oxygen into the area and an ignition source."



### Heavy Snowfall

The 15 inches of snow must have been too much for this metal building to stand up under last weekend, and the structure, housing Hap's Flea Market on north Ave. K collapsed

under the ponderous weight of the icy stuff. Clear skies have helped the situation the past couple of days, with much of the snow melting off streets in the area.

# update tuesday

## Representative hit by broken gavel

AUSTIN (AP) — A slow day early in the session can turn hectic fast, as Rep. Anita Hill found when she had to be hustled down to the Capitol doctor for a tetanus shot after getting hit in the head by a broken gavel.

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, was standing in for Speaker Gib Lewis who was in Houston at philanthropist George Brown's funeral Monday. Berlanga was slamming the big wooden gavel to signal passage of several courtesy resolutions when it broke in two and flew out onto the floor.

"The handle broke near the big round part, which hit me in the side of the head. It cut the skin and bled a lot, but not enough to require stitches," said Rep. Hill, R-Garland, who immediately left the House chamber.

She said the doctor told her she was "lucky" — she did not have a concussion. But she said she was not feeling so lucky.

"Everybody is staying clear of me," she said.

## Senators approve safety seat bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators have quickly approved a bill making it mandatory to keep a child under 4 years restrained in a safety seat while a car or light truck is moving.

The 9-0 approval of the Senate State Affairs Committee sent the bill to the full Senate, one of the first proposals approved for debate this session.

Laura Begnaud of Port Neches testified Monday that the death of her small son in an automobile accident probably could have been prevented if he had been strapped in a car safety seat.

"My son's death could have been avoided," she said. With her was a small daughter, April, who wore an artificial hand as a result of the crash.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said his bill provided for fines of \$25 to \$50, but that the fines could be waived if the parents prove within 10 days they have purchased or obtained a car safety seat.

He said the program had been successful in Tennessee since 1978. State patrol cars carry a child's seat with them to loan to violators until they can get their own.

## Utilities start bill-paying fund

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Two West Texas utilities have heeded the suggestion of Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace and started a fund to help the poor and elderly pay their natural gas and electricity bills.

The Salvation Army on Monday began administering the fund to which customers and employees of Energas Co. and Texas Electric Service Co. will be asked to donate.

Wallace has called on Texas utilities to start the funds.

Energas President Charles Vaughn said his company has reached agreements with seven non-profit organizations in the area to direct its "Heat Help" program.

Energas will be contributing an initial "working fund" based on the number of meters in each community, Vaughn said.

Texas Electric Service Co. has a similar program.

About \$500 has been donated to the

West Texas fund so far, Major William Swyers of the Odessa Salvation Army said Monday.

Swyers said the number of people needing help with heating bills has increased this year because of the recent economic decline and bad weather.

Families with children will be given priority.

Children "have no way of accommodating their needs," he said. "They must depend on their parents."

## Chagra case in eighth day

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A plot including high-stakes gambling, narcotics and murder-for-hire continues to unravel before jurors hearing the murder trial of Jimmy Chagra, accused of ordering the assassination of a Texas federal judge in 1979.

The government's case enters its eighth day today as prosecutors outline events leading up to the murder of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. The trial was moved to Jacksonville because of pretrial publicity in Texas.

Wood, known as "Maximum John," was shot once in the back outside his San Antonio townhouse on May 29, 1979, the day he once had been scheduled to begin presiding in Chagra's narcotics trial.

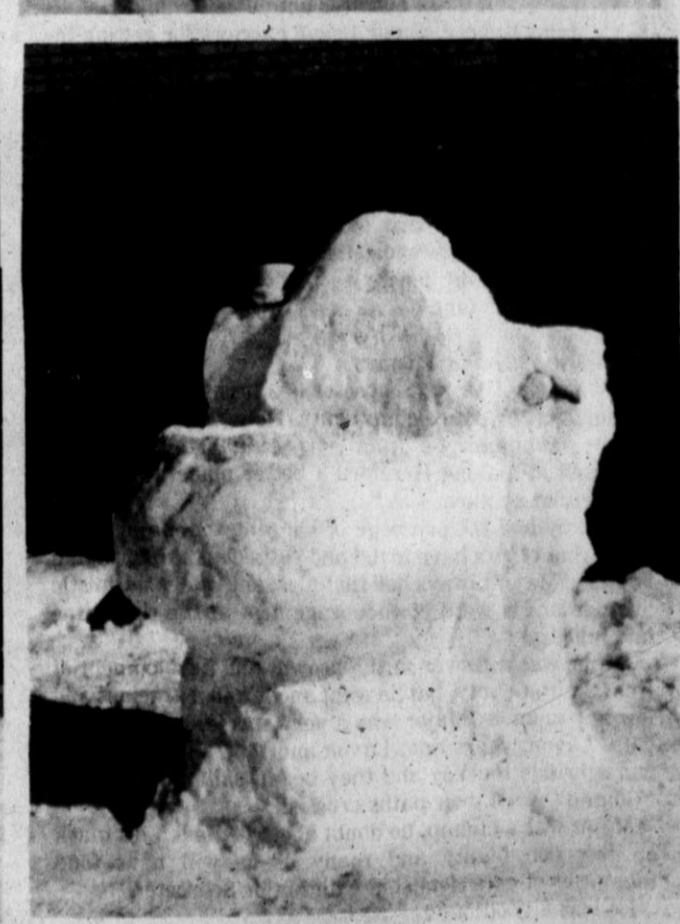
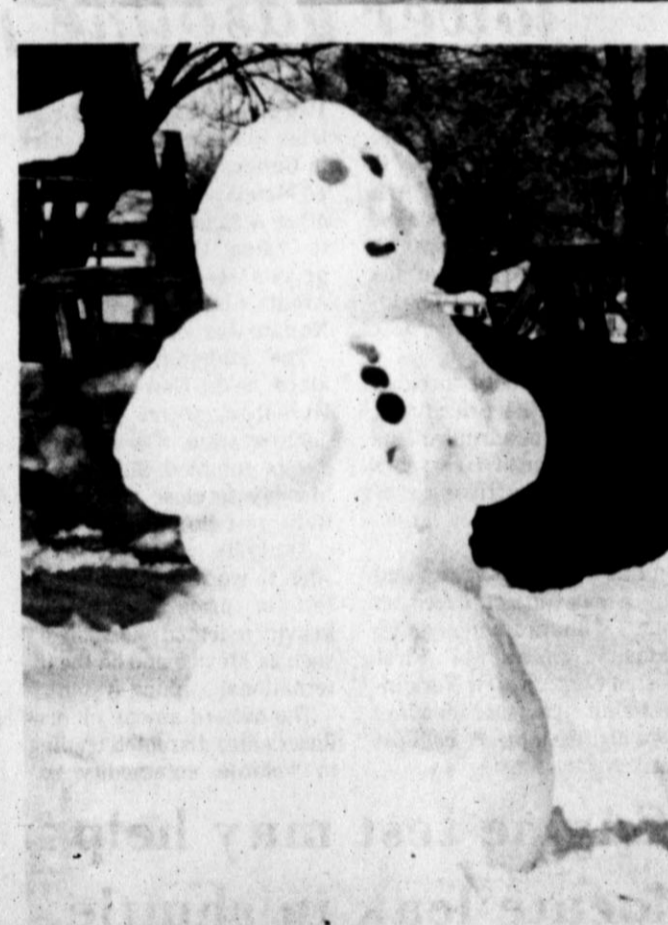
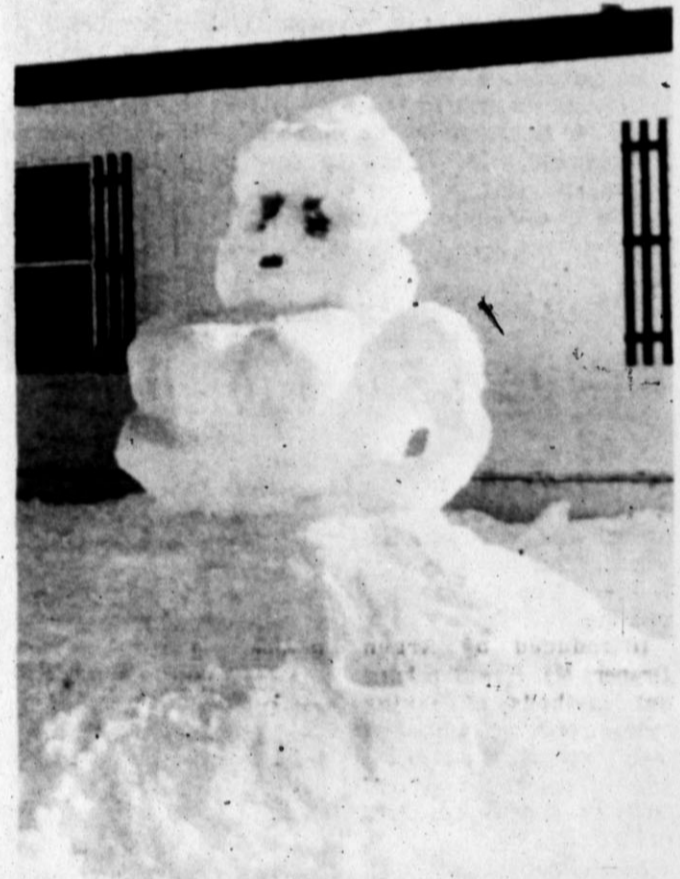
## Weather

West Texas — Cloudy to partly cloudy with widely scattered light rain or snow Panhandle today. Partly cloudy north, clearing south tonight. Fair Wednesday. Highs in the 60s, except 35 to 40 snow-covered areas. Lows 19 north to 35 south. Highs Wednesday in the 60s, except 40 to 46 snow-covered areas.

# Snowfall brings out latent sculptors



Brand Photos  
by Jeri Curtis



## Costs

cheapest rates.

Ehler said a well needed to run 24 hours a day for six days to use enough energy to get the lowest rates.

He added that engine analyzers and equipment to check gas line leaks are available to customers to make sure no fuel is wasted. "We're doing everything we know to keep costs down," he said.

Hull said the REC is encouraging those who can to disconnect wells during June, July, August and September to obtain a lower kilowatt hour rate through the year. A well left connected would cost 7 cents a kwh, while a well shut off during those four months would receive a rate of 5.5 cents a kwh.

Hull said the shut off period would help chop the peak energy consumption of which part is paid through the next year in a rate increase. He predicted a five to six percent increase each on the energy charge and fuel cost of electrical rates.

One reason for a jump is that REC's contract with Southwestern Public Service expired in 1982 after being at the same rate for the last 10 years.

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with each \$2 drop resulting in about a 5-cent-a-gallon drop in the retail price of petroleum products, he said.

He said he did not expect oil prices to go below the "high \$20s," or slightly below the current international average of \$32 a barrel.

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dent's counselor, has said Reagan will propose measures intended to balance the budget by the end of the 1980s — something he originally promised to produce by this year.

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—Agreed to advertise for bids for a county depository. —Made a part of the minutes the specific salary to be paid to former assistant criminal district attorney Jerry Smith, who was hired on a contract basis by the court at their last meeting. —Smith's salary for working on specific cases will be \$1,647.78 per month. —Accepted certification of the county jail as a detention facility for juveniles as recommended by the county

He said the causes for SPS increases are increases in cost for construction of electric energy plants, which rises with inflation, and pollution control equipment, which accounts for about one-third of the building plans.

The sudden hikes, rather than in increments will hurt, he said. "The effects of this on irrigation has been

devastating," Hull commented.

After the two energy managers spoke, Leon New, an irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo, told the farmers that fuel costs are not the only culprit in irrigation budgets.

Poorly working pumps were the target, as he gave an

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## Obituaries

Tomberlin and Irene Melugin of Hereford, Pearl Bowman of Canyon, Mary Catherine Webb of Amarillo, and Helen Melugin of Plainview; two sons, Calvin of Hereford and Glynn of Tyler; a sister, Louise Powers of Albuquerque, N.M.; a brother, John Hunter of Hereford; 25 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

LIZZIE BIRKENFELD NAZARETH—Mass for Lizzie Birkenfeld, 85, of Nazareth was celebrated at 11 a.m. today in Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth with the Rev. Harold Waldo, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery under direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Birkenfeld was the mother of John Birkenfeld of Hereford. She died at 3 p.m. Saturday at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia after an illness.

She was born Elizabeth Mary Lienen June 2, 1897, in Crown Point, Ind., and moved to Nazareth in 1908. She married Ben Birkenfeld May 6, 1916, in Nazareth. She was a

member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Other survivors include five daughters, Mary Hoelting of Olpe, Kan., Dora Pohlmeier, Tetonilla and Marcella, all of Nazareth, and Julianna Brockman of Plainview; a son, Thomas Birkenfeld of San Antonio; 37 grandchildren; and 63 great-grandchildren.

JUAN N. CANTU ANTON—Services for Juan N. Cantu, 78, of Anton were at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Anton, with the Rev. Kevin Clarke, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Anton Cemetery under direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Mr. Cantu is survived by a son, Jesse Cantu of Hereford. He died at 2:57 p.m. Jan. 19 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a brief illness. The Hidalgo County native had been an Anton resident for 18 years and was a farm laborer.

He is also survived by his wife, Felipa; three sons, Francisco and Abel of Mendota, Pomposo Bravo of Bedera, Calif., Teresa Guzman of Raymondville, and Janie Hermosillo of Fort Worth; two sisters, Elosio Garcia of Santa Maria, Calif., and Aurora Cortz of McAllen; 36 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

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LARRY CHANEY Services for Larry Chaney, 48, of 107 Westhaven, are pending with Rix Funeral Directors. Mr. Chaney died at 6:05 p.m. yesterday at Deaf Smith General Hospital.

EDNA EDWARDS Services for Edna Edwards, 84, will be at 2 p.m. today in Christian Assembly Church with the Rev. Waylon Bruton, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Wallace Kirby, chaplain at King's Manor and Westgate.

Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

A native of Neoga, Ill., Mrs. Edwards died at 5:39 p.m. Sunday in Deaf Smith General Hospital after a lengthy illness. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1915 from Bovina and married D.Y. Edwards Oct. 18, 1919, in Hereford. He preceded her in death in 1970.

Mrs. Edwards was a retired schoolteacher and a homemaker. She was a member of the Christian Assembly Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Norma Lea

## Schroeter

Alex Thompson, Mrs. Schroeter's father, the couple took over the abstract company.

Major was the longtime chairman of the Deaf Smith Historical Committee. He

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was a past president of Hereford Lions Club and had been an elder and choir member in the Presbyterian Church for many years.

He had served on the school board, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union board, and was active in the chamber of commerce, Boy Scouts of America, Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Alex of Hereford, Paul of Lubbock, and Edwin of Amarillo; a sister, Helen Sundstom of Sioux Falls, S.D.; a brother, Richard of Monument, Colo.; eight grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Girlstown USA, the Presbyterian Church, Deaf Smith County Historical Society, or a favorite charity.

## At Wits End

BY ERMA BOMBECK

They never make the Most Admired List. No one throws a tribute dinner on their behalf. And I can't remember when one of them ever got and award for what they do.

They're wives of military and diplomatic personnel who serve in countries throughout the world. Women who amended the marriage vows to read, "I do and I'm packed!"

I hear from them a lot, thanks to the papers that carry this column and from friends who are kind enough to send it on to them.

Mostly I hear from them twice a year: the Fourth of July and the holidays. That's when the women suffer an attack of "home." It gets through to them. From one of our bases in the Philippines: "How much we Americans take for granted. There's no place like the good old U.S. of A. Our children would give anything for a Big Mac and a trip to a local shopping mall. We'd love to enjoy the spirit of fall football games and burning leaves."

From Guam: "Tell us what is going on in our country. Not the big political stuff which we hear about, but has slang changed? Are there any mothers who still stay home? Has the family really changed drastically?"

The letters come from Germany, Belgium and Saudi Arabia, all wanting reassurance that their country is still here and is as they remember it.

These women are probably the closest most of the world gets to our country. Each and every member of their family is, in their own unique way, an ambassador of the United States. And what do they talk about when they get new orders? Are the schools great? Can I speak the language? Are there live-in snakes and creepy crawlers? Is the government friendly? Nope. The No. 1 priority is, "Will the curtains and draperies fit?"

Military people never keep diaries, just curtains. I read every word of the letters and always experience a feeling of sadness. I wish I had the resources to take my own troupe of women to these countries, not to entertain the servicemen, but their wives and children. Somehow it might comfort them to know that supermarkets still have the carts with the wheels designed to go in four directions, that every woman in America would eat rice the rest of her life to have a live husband on the weekends from September to March, and that one-size-fits-all is still a question.

And I could look them directly in the eyes and say, "Thank you."

## Hewitt gives wardrobe energizing tips to club

Novella Hewitt gave a program entitled "Energize Your Wardrobe" for members of the Wyche Extension Club on Thursday. Louise Axe hosted the meeting.

Introduced by Argen Draper, Ms. Hewitt pointed out methods of saving energy, both for home and body warming, suggesting types of clothing and fabric to make the body temperature comfortable.

As 50 percent of body temperature is lost through the head, it is important to cover the head and neck with a scarf and hat, noted Ms. Hewitt. She said that mittens are warmer for hands than

gloves. Louise Packard was selected as nominee for outstanding extension club member and Carol Odum was chosen as the club's nominee to the district meeting in Borger April 12.

A poem entitled "When you get On," was read by Ms. Axe, and yearbook chairman, Ms. Draper, directed the group in finishing the yearbook programs.

Ms. Odum, president, introduced three visitors, Mary Lou Aven, Gerta Rouse, and Frieda Davis. Others attending were Pt Ott, Clara Trowbridge, Gene Holden, Beverly Brooke, Jane Sizemore, and Beverly Jesko.

## Third 'Use, Abuse' session set tonight

"Dual Addiction" will be the topic of discussion at the third session on Alcohol - Use and Abuse sponsored by the Hereford Family Services Center and the First United Methodist Church.

The class begins at 7:30 p.m. today at the First Methodist Church. The Dr. Joseph Porsch film, "Alcohol, Pills and Recovery," will be shown.

There is no charge for the series of classes, which are held each Tuesday evening at the church. Anyone who is interested in learning more about alcohol and responsible use of the beverage is encouraged to attend. It is not necessary to have attended previous sessions.

A nursery is available at the church for all sessions.



Receiving Plaque

Sherry Hoover, left, was presented a plaque of appreciation for her service by members of the Child Welfare Board Monday evening at K-Bob's. The group met to honor Mrs. Hoover,

who will be moving to Plainview next week. Carolyn Johnson, right, makes the presentation as Beverly Jayroe looks on. (Photo by Lavon Nieman)

## 4-H Firsthand

### 4-H horse program offers a variety of activities

BY BRAD MORRISON  
County Extension Agent  
The 4-H horse program offers more than just competition.

4-H members in this program, conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service and supported by the American Quarter Horse Association and Insurance Company of North America, become involved in a broad range of projects and activities.

Members learn everything from tips on buying a horse to trail and endurance riding. They also learn horse anatomy and safe riding habits as well as how to train a horse for shows.

More than 255,000 4-H'ers are enrolled in the national horse program, including more than 10,000 in Texas.

These young people learn much more than horsemanship. One 4-H'er discovered that: "Showing my horse taught me to keep poised in a pressure situation, to show

sportsmanship to others, and to do a good job. Judging taught me, above all, how to organize my thoughts. This program helped me decide to become a jockey like former 4-H'er Steve Cauthen."

4-H horse program members also put their skills to work by helping others in community projects. One 4-H'er, for example, organized a county drill team and conducted several shows for community groups and nursing homes. Another 4-H'er gave low-income youth their first opportunity to ride a horse during several weekend riding sessions.

Across the country, 4-H'ers are working in special horseback riding programs involving disabled youth.

A number of incentives and awards are available to 4-H members who excel in the program. These incentives, provided by AQHA and INA are arranged by the National 4-H Council, include medals of honor to four members in

each county. Six national winners earn \$1,000 scholarships and expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago each November.

For more details about the 4-H horse program, contact the county Extension office.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

## Child Welfare Board honors Sherry Hoover

The Child Welfare Board for Deaf Smith County held an appreciation dinner at K-Bob's Monday night for Sherry Hoover, who will soon be moving to Plainview.

She was presented a plaque from board members in recognition of her service. Beverly Jayroe and Carolyn Johnson presented the plaque. Others attending were chairman of the board, Father Charles R. Threewit, and two new board members, Avis White and Lavon Nieman.

Mrs. Hoover is a legal secretary at Thomas and Burdett Law Firm and will be employed in the County Judge's office in Plainview beginning Feb. 1. Her husband, Melvin, is now the

assistant district director of Farmers Home Administration in Plainview. The couple has two children and one grandchild.

Mrs. Hoover is a charter member and has served as president of the Region I Council of Child Welfare Boards for the Panhandle and has been instrumental in reorganizing the county board, beginning a protective day care program and a public awareness program on child abuse and neglect.

At the request of the Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court, she reorganized the Deaf Smith County Child Welfare Board in 1979. She has served as vice-president of the board.

Mrs. Hoover is involved in the work of the Regional Advisory Council to the Texas Department of Human Resources, Region 01, and is a charter member of the Deaf Smith County Home Inc. She has also been involved with the Deaf Smith County Juvenile Probation Board.

She is active in the Deaf Smith-Castro Counties Legal Secretaries Association and was named Legal Secretary of the Year in 1980.

In April of 1981 Mrs. Hoover was presented a Texas Panhandle Distinguished Service Award by West Texas State University. She was named Woman of the Year by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division in 1977, having served on the board of directors in that organization and working with programs concerning youth drug awareness, summer activities for school children and the Miss Hereford Pageant.

Mrs. Hoover has been on the board of directors of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Hereford Inc., and has held membership in La Plata Study Club, the Hereford Whiteface Booster Club, and the Hereford Hustlers, a service group of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

She has also volunteered with fund drives for the United Way, American Heart Association and American Cancer Society.

## Two welcomed at recent Alpha Iota Mu meeting

Members of Alpha Iota Mu rushed two new members, Karen Bridges and Jackie Fangman, Thursday evening when they met in the home of Terri Laing. The theme for the evening was "Alice in Wonderland."

Connie Matthews came dressed as Alice. Debby Cox came as the white rabbit and all other members wore Mad Hats. Nancy George won first prize for the funniest hat. The door prize, a deck of cards, was won by Ginger Wallace.

Ms. Bridges and Ms. Fangman were presented purse-size looking glasses.

Garth Thomas gave a program on genealogy, telling members how to trace their family trees.

During the business

meeting, everyone was reminded of the Sweetheart Tea, which will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the E.B. Black House.

Melinda White presented the club with a pair of baby booties announcing her pregnancy.

Hostesses for the meeting were Ms. Laing, Debe Graves, Susan Shaw, Kay Williams, Charla Edwards, and Ms. Wallace.

Others present were Susie White, Michelle Brisendine, Sharon Bodner, Amy Schumacher, Marge Bell, Tonya Gilliam, Glenda Nigh, Cindy Walker, and Janice White.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Deaf Smith County Library.



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#### PARI-MUTUEL BETTING

The subject of pari-mutuel betting (horse racing) has been brought many times before the Texas Legislature. However, it has only recently been seen as having a strong chance of passage. It is therefore vital that we determine how the majority of the 31st District feels about this issue. This way we can vote accordingly in the Texas Senate.

With the recent passage of the Oklahoma pari-mutuel law, Texas is now surrounded by states that allow wagering on horse races. It is estimated that over 50% of the bettors at neighboring states' horse tracks come from Texas, taking with them hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Texas has a multi-million dollar thoroughbred and quarterhorse breeding industry, but they must go out of state in order to race profitably.

Proponents of legalized horse betting, which are led by the Texas Horse Racing Association, are confident that the legislation they seek will be passed in the upcoming 68th or 69th Legislative Sessions. In past sessions, these measures have died quickly without receiving serious attention.

The majority of the proposed laws would allow pari-mutuel wagering on a local option basis and set strict state laws regulating them. In the last session the Legislative Budget Board projected that Texas would receive \$40 million a year in state revenue from track

proceeds. This accounts for the recent increases in support for these measures as this revenue would somewhat postpone the initiation of new state taxes.

There is also strong, well-founded opposition to pari-mutuel betting. This opposition is based on a belief that gambling would only serve to corrupt and break down Texas' moral fiber. They cite examples of organized crime's influence in other states' horse racing industries.

When this failed in past sessions it was because of these strong moral beliefs. Many people feel that allowing pari-mutuel betting would be like "selling licenses to steal." It was also expressed that this would be "a regressive form of taxation that would hurt those most who could afford it the least."

From our research, we believe that the Panhandle area is fairly evenly divided on this issue. It is a strongly conservative area that also has a large quarter horse and thoroughbred industry.

We want to represent the 31st Senatorial District by expressing the beliefs of the majority of our constituents in the Texas Senate. Therefore we ask your opinion upon whether Texas should legalize pari-mutuel betting or refuse it once again. Please write Senator Bill Sarpalius, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711 or call (512) 475-3222.

## Group says people against executions

AUSTIN (AP) — If Texas keeps executing criminals, sooner or later its citizens will rise up against the death penalty, says the Texas representative of Amnesty International.

"Slowly but surely the horror will come through," Michael Skadden told a Capitol news conference Monday.

The group had called the news conference to protest the scheduled execution of Thomas Barefoot. Two hours after the news conference, Barefoot won a stay of execution from the U.S. Supreme Court. He was to have been put to death just after midnight today.

"I think in the long run, if the executions keep coming at the rate they seem to be coming this year and the more repulsive it is from this happening every two weeks, it's going to, in the end, work in our favor," Skadden said. "People, in the end, won't stand for it."

The Supreme Court stayed the execution to use Barefoot's case to determine how emergency requests for stays should be handled by federal courts.

Barefoot would have been the second Texas inmate executed under the state's "new" death penalty law, enacted in 1972, and the second man put to death by lethal injection. Texas' previous capital punishment law was thrown out as unconstitutional vague.

Charlie Brooks Jr. was executed with a fatal dose of intravenous drugs on Dec. 7, becoming the first person put to death in Texas since 1964. Texas previously executed condemned men by electrocuting them.

"The death penalty really wasn't too much of an issue in this state before the Brooks execution," Skadden said. "It didn't seem to be something that was really going to happen."

Skadden said state officials, including Gov. Mark White, could expect letters from Amnesty International members around the world, especially Germany. He said members in one country always "watchdog" a different country, and that Ger-

many had watch over the Texas death penalty.

He said the group has turned its focus toward a "long-range plan of education, of bringing people the facts of what an execution is until, finally, the law is changed."

Skadden said the group recognizes public opinion is against it on the issue of the death penalty.

"You're just as aware as I am that an overwhelming majority of people are in favor of capital punishment," Skadden said. "It's just a question of time and education and turning public opinion around to another way of looking at things."

Currie Burriss of Atlanta, southern regional director of the group, said people who are against the death penalty are afraid to come forward for fear of being labeled "soft on crime."

"We believe there is a large section of the populace out there that really doesn't want to see the state killing people," said Burriss. "What we're after is to create the climate where it's simply possible for decent human beings to say we don't want this to happen."

Skadden said he did not believe use of lethal injection rather than more violent methods of execution would water down the public impact of state-sanctioned killings.

"Lethal injection is no less horrifying than drawing and quartering," he said. "There is no such thing as a humane execution."

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# Prosecutors mum on introducing 'Hit Squad'

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal prosecutor who will try Edwin Wilson here on charges of smuggling explosives to Libya has refused to say whether he will introduce evidence concerning reports the former CIA agent tried to hire "hit squads" to kill seven people.

"No comment, no comment, no comment," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Powers Monday. He then joked, "And don't quote me on that."

U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling met for three hours behind closed doors with defense attorneys and prosecutors before ordering that two co-defendants — Edward Bloom, 74, of Pomona, Calif., and Donald Thresher, 41, of Houston — be tried separately from Wilson.

All three are charged with smuggling and conspiring to

smuggle more than 21 tons of the plastic explosive C-4 from Houston to Libya in October 1977. Thresher also is charged with lying to a grand jury.

Wilson pleaded innocent to the four counts Monday. Sterling excused one potential juror Monday because the man said he was illiterate. The 59 other members of the jury pool filled out questionnaires, with jury selection set to continue at 10 a.m. today.

Thresher's attorney, Mike Carnahan, said he had asked for the separate trials because of "inflammatory and prejudicial" publicity about Wilson's case and reports the former agent tried to hire "hit squads" to kill two federal prosecutors and five witnesses.

Thresher said he was "tickled to death" by Sterling's decision. Bloom said he would not comment "because

of the hit squad reports."

Sources told The Associated Press Monday that Wilson arranged for his son Eric to deliver, perhaps unwittingly, a \$10,000 down payment and a hit list to what proved to be an FBI undercover agent. The sources said prosecutors have advised Wilson's attorneys of the alleged plot and said they would try to introduce it into the trial.

Wilson was convicted last month in Alexandria, Va., of shipping an M-16 rifle and four pistols to Libya as part of a \$22 million deal. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

If convicted in Houston, Wilson and Bloom could be given sentences of up to 17 years in prison and fined \$145,000. Thresher would face 22 years in prison and a \$155,000 fine.

Wilson still faces two trials

in Washington, D.C., on charges of conspiring to assassinate a Libyan dissident, shipping explosives illegally and failing to register as a Libyan agent.

The names on the "hit list" included E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., the chief prosecutor in the cases against Wilson, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Carol E. Bruce, who has worked on the cases for several years, according to the reports.

The names of five federal witnesses also were on the list, but were not identified.

Attorneys for both sides have refused comment on the reports.

Sterling overruled three motions for a mistrial from one of Wilson's defense attorneys, Marian Rosen. Ms. Rosen contended potential jurors had been prejudiced by seeing Wilson escorted into the court by federal mar-

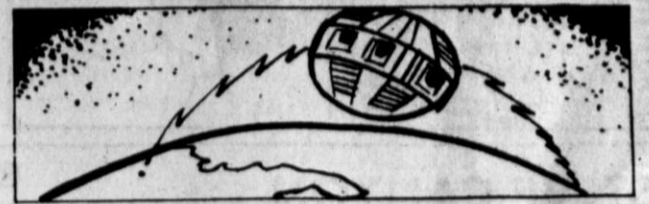
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She also said the members of the pool could be influenced by seeing marshals escorting prosecutors. Ms. Rosen maintained that the minds of potential jurors had been tainted because pens they used to fill out questionnaires said "U.S. Government."

U.S. Marshal B.S. "Stu" Baker said Wilson is being held alone in a cell at the Harris County Jail.

"We consider him a security risk," Baker said.

"Overruled. What did you want them to say, 'Marian Rosen and Associates?'" Sterling said.



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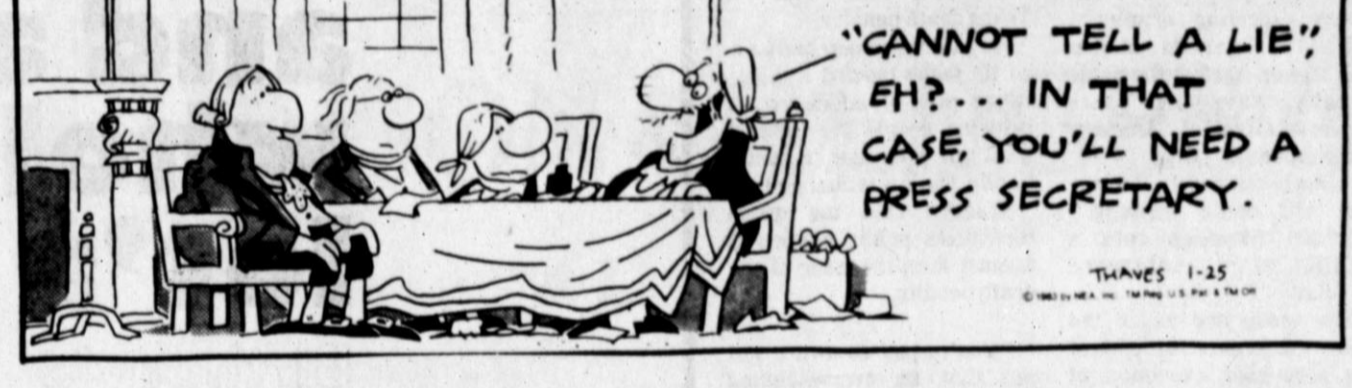
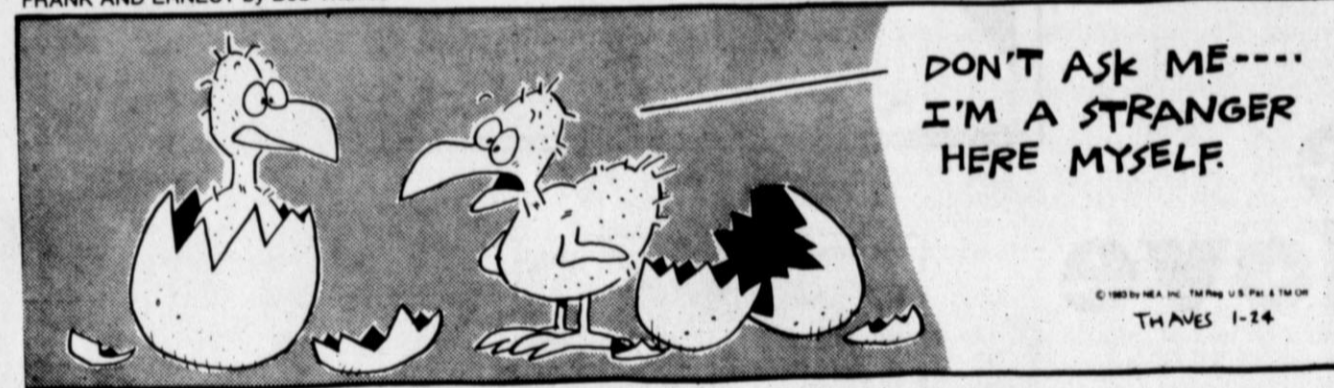
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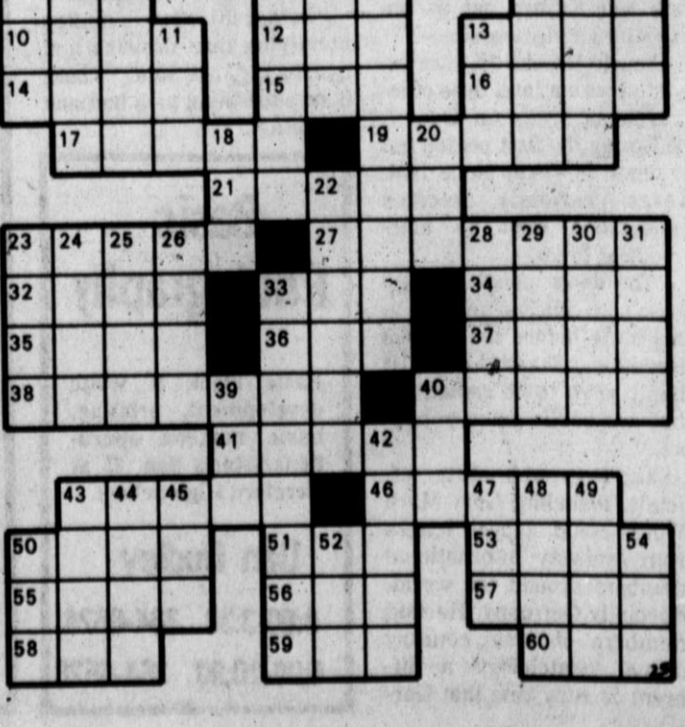
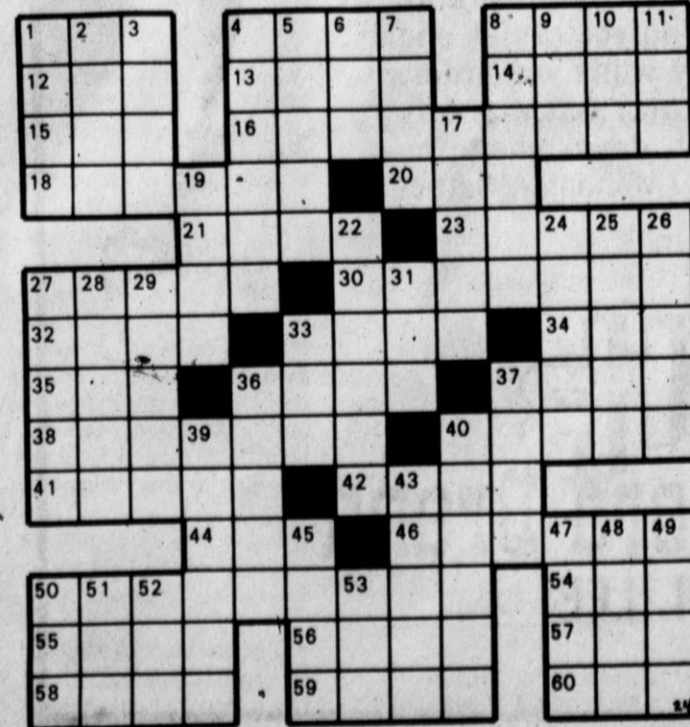


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- 16 Bucket handle
- 17 Point at stake
- 19 Leaks
- 21 Cease-fire
- 23 Demon of Arabian lore
- 27 Artist's equipment
- 32 In-the center
- 33 It is (contr.)
- 34 Off base illegally (Army sl.)
- 35 Child's vehicle
- 36 Reduce
- 37 Spirit
- 38 Robber
- 40 Capsules
- 41 Al Capp character
- 43 Stone with crystals
- 46 Romya
- 50 Outrigger floats
- 51 Skate
- 53 He loves (Lat.)
- 55 Blocks
- 56 Lacuna
- 57 Game played on horseback
- 58 Dancer Miller
- 59 Rested in chair
- 60 Golly

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- 1 Oil-grading number
- 2 All (prefix)
- 3 Cooking utensil
- 4 Street drain
- 5 Elementary particle suffix (pl.)
- 6 Information program
- 7 Spell of cold weather
- 8 American patriot
- 9 Petroleum
- 11 Wireless signal
- 13 Honest
- 18 American Indian
- 20 Long fish
- 22 Increase
- 23 Talks a lot
- 24 Discharge
- 25 Missile
- 26 Concept
- 28 Not hard
- 29 Numbers
- 30 Racetrack character
- 31 Additions to houses
- 33 Floes
- 39 Youth
- 40 Sob
- 42 Arab country
- 43 Government agent (comp wd.)
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**Snow Castle**

While the snow gave area youngsters the chance to build their own high plains igloos, maintenance personnel were kept busy again

trying to keep the roads clear for traffic the past several days. A total of 15 inches of snow fell on the Hereford area last weekend.

**Colleges, universities respond to troubled U.S. economy**

By LEE MITGANG AP Education Writer

Colleges and universities, responding to the troubled economy, are starting to provide direct help to at least some of the nation's 12 million jobless, offering tuition-free courses, job counseling and retraining. Economists generally agree that many of the jobs lost by America's unemployed — especially in heavy industries like autos and steel — are gone forever. Such workers desperately need retraining for jobs in growing new fields such as microelectronics.

Some schools have formed partnerships with state governments, private foundations and industry to provide the new skills unemployed workers need to get back to work, as well as career counseling and other services for the jobless.

"If you are being laid off in autos or steel mills, it's highly unlikely that there'll be new jobs in those areas. We're saying take time to think about it," says Vilma Allen, director of continuing education at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., which for a \$70 fee has been giving career counseling to laid-off teachers from nearby Bridgeport.

Career planning centers like the University of Fairfield's are perhaps the most common form of help higher education is offering the unemployed. Most, such as New York University and Kansas State University, provide help with job seeking skills like writing resumes and interviewing.

Massachusetts announced last week it was putting up \$1 million to provide free tuition this semester at campuses around the state to help retrain as many as 3,000 unemployed.

The state came up with the money after Greenfield Community College made a tuition-free offer to the unemployed earlier in the month and was overwhelmed with applicants.

Also last week, Bradford College in Haverhill, Mass., announced it was offering five full scholarships to children of the unemployed starting next September.

Pennsylvania, where tens of thousands of steel workers have been laid off, plans this year to establish "Ben Franklin High Tech Centers" that will use \$1 million in state grants to help universities retrain workers for jobs in emerging industries such as microelectronics and

biotechnology. Lehigh University, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pittsburgh are among the schools that have submitted proposals to set up Ben Franklin centers.

Michigan State University has begun a program to teach that state's jobless how to start home businesses such as baking and clothing alteration.

MSU has also started a "stress management program" for unemployed farmers to help prevent them from becoming alcoholics or committing suicide.

Several colleges are offering tuition-free courses to the unemployed.

Since November, Mount Aloysius Junior College, in Cresson, Pa., has offered free career development courses and a general studies course to the poor and unemployed in Cambria County, an area of high coal and steel unemployment.

"Teachers have volunteered extra hours to do this," said Sister Kathleen Mary Smith, dean of student services.

A semester of tuition-free college courses is being offered by Sacred Heart College, a tiny liberal arts school in Belmont, N.C., where nearby textile mills have fallen on hard times. The college

received a \$100,000 grant from a local yarn mill, R.L. Stowe Mills Inc., and \$50,000 from the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation in Greensboro, N.C.

Thirty-five jobless people took free courses in October, when the program began. About 80 are enrolled in the second session that started this month, taking courses like "Introduction to Business Management" and "Career and Life Planning." The courses are good for credits toward eventual degrees.

"I'll tell you the truth. It's the best thing that's happened to me," said Richard Pullen, 37, who has been out of work since a commercial print firm he worked for went out of business 7½ months ago.

"With a few business courses, maybe I could make a go of it as a radio and TV serviceman," he said.

Another unemployed student, Richard Newsom, held a managerial job with a local manufacturer of picture frames that was forced to lay off workers in September.

Newsom, 46, with a wife and daughter now in college, has two years of college credit at Clemson University and decided to go to Sacred Heart to finish his degree and make himself more employable.

"I now have something to

do with myself," he said. "It only takes so long each day to trim your shrubs back and stuff envelopes with your resume."

Texas A&M University is operating an "Oil Rig School" in the Abilene area that is training unemployed workers for jobs as roughnecks paying \$30,000 or more. A group of oil and exploration companies donated the rigs, equipment and land for the program.

"A lot of folks from Michigan and other depressed states who migrated into Texas looking for job opportunities are taking advantage of this program," says Milton Radke, who heads the school's program.

He says the waiting list to get into the Oil Rig School, which graduated its first group a year ago December, has reached 3,000 despite a \$600 tuition fee. But the cost seems worth it, since all 200 rig school graduates now have oil field jobs.



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**Wright pays off on Poke loss**

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas has paid off his bet on the Dallas Cowboys-Washington Redskins game — using a blue and red wheelbarrow emblazoned with a white Texas star.

Wright used the wheelbarrow Monday to carry Del. Walter E. Fautroy, D-D.C., into the Capitol, his payoff for

the Cowboys' 31-17 loss to Washington in the National Football Conference championship.

"I know how old Custer felt," said Wright after setting Fautroy down.

Fautroy originally had proposed that the congressman whose team lost should carry the other piggyback into the House chambers. Wright suggested

a wheelbarrow instead. As the men two stood near the Capitol on Monday, Fautroy said it would be enough for Wright to wheel him to a Capitol entrance, instead of all the way in to the House chambers.

Wright slipped on a gold Redskins T-shirt and a burgundy and gold Redskins stocking cap. He wept loudly into a Redskins towel. Then

Fautroy climbed into the wheelbarrow and they were off.

"Oh, this is wonderful," said Fautroy, who weighs 156 pounds. A reporter asked Wright if Fautroy was heavy.

"No, he's my brother," Wright remarked.

Wright said he would support Tim Martin's in Sunday's Superbowl contest against the Miami Dolphins. But just inside the Capitol, Wright and Fautroy were confronted by Rep. Clay E. Shaw Jr. of Florida.

Shaw thrust a Dolphins pennant into Wright's hands, but Wright said, "We've had a unity meeting, and now I'm supporting the NFC team."

The wheelbarrow ride was witnessed by several dozen reporters and photographers, which Wright said was more than usually showed up to cover his remarks on issues.

"I guess it shows America is still a land of deeds, instead of words," he said.

He also indicated there were no hard feelings over the loss.

"I was determined I was not going to dump Walter," said Wright. "I had to give him a good, smooth ride."

**Pretty Boy Floyd associate Purdy dead**

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Alan Purdy, who outlived a gang of reputed partners in crime that included the notorious Pretty Boy Floyd, is dead at age 84.

His violence-filled life came to a quiet end Sunday nine hours after a traffic accident at a Tulsa intersection.

Purdy was associated with a group of outlaws that ranged across Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas in the 1920s and 1930s. He outlived most of the law officers who came in contact with the gang during its heyday.

He also outlived the expectations of the state Pardon and Parole Board, which granted him a full pardon in 1965 so he could "die with a clean record."

Three years after his pardon, Purdy, at age 70, was arrested by the FBI and charged with a Texas bank burglary. Since that brush with the law, he had lived quietly in Tulsa.

Police said Purdy's car collided with a rental truck at a Tulsa intersection Sunday morning and he died Sunday

night.

Purdy was sentenced to life in prison for the robbery-slaying of an Okemah night watchman in 1927. He had denied the slaying.

In 1932, Purdy was paroled because of his history of tuberculosis.

Fifteen months later, Purdy allegedly was shot by a wealthy Lincoln County farmer who claimed Purdy and three others attempted to kidnap him.

Purdy's left arm was amputated by a Nowata doctor the day after the shooting. He claimed he had been wounded

in a hunting accident, but was sent back to prison.

During the 1930s, according to newspaper clippings, Purdy was involved in a slaying in Topeka, Kan., and was returned to prison.

He was granted parole again in 1947 but was returned the following year after he was named in a Dodge City, Kan., burglary.

He was again given parole in 1959 and was pardoned in 1965 after Tulsa attorney Gene Howard argued before the parole board that Purdy was "nearing death and knows it."

**Wilson implicated**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former CIA agent Edwin Wilson tried last week to hire "hit squads" to kill two prosecutors and at least five federal witnesses against him, broadcast reports quote federal officials as saying.

CBS News said Friday night that the alleged attempt was made while Wilson was being held in a New York

area jail following his federal conviction in Arlington, Va., last month. He was found guilty of shipping firearms to Libya and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

"The government charged that Wilson arranged delivery of a \$10,000 down payment for the murders to an intermediary along with a hit list," the network said.

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