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High winds Thursday added a temporary second story to a building at 701 S. Pecos St. occupied by Busy Bee Plumbing and Supply and the Midland Gem and Mineral Society. A metal storage shed

clung to the roof of the frame house part of the afternoon, sliding off about a minute after this photograph was taken. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

## Rain, wind lash Midland

Sudden storm catches most off guard

By BILL MODISSETT  
Staff Writer

Torrential rain, winds in excess of 50 mph and hail struck Midland at mid-afternoon Thursday, flooding streets, buffeting trees and pedestrians and breaking some windows.

The unexpected storm caught most Midlanders off guard although the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport had issued a warning at 2:50 p.m., effective for an hour.

Rain came down in sheets, drenching pedestrians and quickly flooding a number of city streets.

Accumulations ranged higher than two inches at some points in the city during the brief storm.

A radio station reported receiving 2.2 inches and the rain gauge at the Midland Reporter-Telegram in downtown Midland registered 1.9 inches. A reported 1.13 inches of rain fell at Cuthbert Avenue and A Street, .96 inch at Big Spring Street and Cuthbert Avenue and .8 inch one mile southeast of Midland Air Park.

Winds in excess of 50 mph were recorded at the weather service just prior to 3 p.m., according to a spokesman there, and forceful gusts broke tree limbs inside the city.

Hail peppered the Tall City for several minutes. According to reports, the hail ranged from pea-sized to quarter-sized. The hailstones caused some damage in the city in the form of broken windows and damaged

plants. According to a man at the Midland Farmers' Coop, hail in the Valley View community, five miles southeast of the city, damaged about 2,000 acres of cotton. He said the cotton was valued at approximately \$187,500 before the storm. At least the equivalent of 500 to 750 bales of cotton were lost as a result of the storm, he estimated.

The coop itself, located on Midland's east side, received 1.7 inches of rain during the storm, he indicated. An apartment complex on Midland's north side recorded 1.1 inches of rain and Midkiff, 34 miles southeast of

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## Suit against OPEC for price fixing thrown out of court by federal judge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge, rejecting a unique effort to stop oil price fixing, has ruled that United States courts do not have jurisdiction over "sovereign nations" that export oil.

U.S. District Judge A. Andrew Hauk said Thursday he could not go forward with an antitrust suit filed against member nations of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries because they are not subject to the

U.S. Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Hauk said each OPEC nation is entitled to protect its own natural resource, oil, for the benefit of its citizens through systems of taxation, royalties and buy-backs.

"The question is, do I have jurisdiction? The answer is that I do not," the judge said in a ruling that followed four days of testimony and legal arguments.

The suit, filed last December by the

900,000-member International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, sought an injunction to block the cartel from fixing crude oil prices.

OPEC quadrupled the world price of crude oil in 1973-74, and has raised prices more than 50 percent in the past year. Increases in the price OPEC nations charge for oil generally are reflected in the cost of petroleum products to the American consumer.

Hauk said a decisive factor in his ruling was the plaintiffs' failure to prove that OPEC countries conducted business on U.S. soil.

"If the plaintiffs could show the sheiks came over here for any other reason than to buy boutiques in Beverly Hills and go to the gambling tables of Las Vegas, I would be inclined to say it was an excellent suit," he declared.

Hauk said he does not believe that the 13 nations of the OPEC cartel hold meetings solely "to fix prices to rip off the world."

Their gatherings, he said, are for discussion of taxes, royalties and buy-backs that will help each country to "preserve their natural resources."

"These are sovereign agreements to carry out sovereign acts to stabilize prices for their own sovereign benefit, not just for profit," said Hauk.

## U.N. delegates differ on prospects for vote in Security Council

By WILLIAM N. OATIS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Arab representatives said they expected the Security Council to vote today on the Palestinian statehood resolution the United States said it would veto, but some Western delegates predicted the Council would adjourn without voting.

Senegal, chairman of the U.N. Committee on Palestinian Rights which drafted the resolution, filed the measure Thursday night after the Council adjourned and was to present it formally today with a speech in the Council.

Although Senegal is not a member of the Council, any U.N. member can submit a resolution. But it can be voted on only if a member asks for a vote.

Reported asked the Arab member of the council, Ambassador Abdalla Yacoub Bishara, of Kuwait, if there would be a vote, and he replied, "I think so."

The Palestine Liberation Organization's U.N. observer, Zehdi Labib Terzi, also said he expected a vote. But some Western diplomats said there would be no request for a vote. One said some Third World members wanted "to save Andy Young from having to veto" the resolution.

U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, who resigned last week because of an unauthorized meeting with Terzi that embarrassed the Carter administration and outraged Israel, told reporters after the council session Thursday he was ready to veto the resolution on orders from Washington.

"I feel very good about the situation, whatever it is," he added.

Egyptian Ambassador A. Esmat Abdel Meguid opened the debate with a call for approval of a resolution upholding "restoration of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people." He said Israel "committed itself to resolving the Palestinian problem in all its aspects" when it signed the Camp David accords that produced the Egyptian-Israeli peace pact.

But Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum said Security Council Resolution 242 of 1967, which speaks only of resolving the Palestinian refugee question, "cannot be supplemented without damaging its delicate balance." Blum said tampering with 242 could "gravely jeopardize the current peace process and this is precisely what the initiators of the this debate want."

The proposal under question seeks to supplement 242 by adding fulfill-

ment of Palestinian rights to the steps 242 calls for to bring about a general Middle East peace. After "reaffirming" 242, it "affirms" that "the Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise its inalienable rights of self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine."

The resolution says this "should be taken fully into account" in all negotiations for Middle East peace arranged within the framework of the United Nations.

As the council met, Israel sent a 40-man armored unit six miles inside Lebanon to the city of Baraachit where it blew up two houses during a search for Palestinian guerrillas, the Lebanese government radio reported. The Israeli military command said one of its officers was killed and two soldiers were wounded. It said the houses contained guerrilla weapons.

It was the fifth Israeli raid in southern Lebanon within a month and the first Israeli killed in operations in Lebanon in more than a year.

### New hours, phone number

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## Lending institutions cast cloud over mortgage plan

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

"What this boils down to is a philosophical thing. Midland is a redneck city," Gene Abbott of the Midland Housing Finance Corp. said Thursday during a meeting with representatives of local lending institutions.

The non-profit corporation had called the orientation session in the conference room at City Hall to review the Single Family Mortgage Revenue Financing Program and to seek support from the lending institutions in participating in the program.

But after two hours of discussion, future of the financing program looked doubtful. Citing philosophical reasons and a preference to hand out their own money at a higher interest rate, the financiers present said they doubted their institutions will support the program.

The MHFC was approved by the Midland City Council to handle the housing finance program under state law. The City of Midland Housing Authority had started work on that program, but state law prohibits the housing authority from carrying out the program.

Charter members of the MHFC are Harry Clark, Fred Kester and Gene Abbott. Assisting the trio in explaining the system Thursday were Mark Tessier with the underwriting firm of Howard, Weil, LaBouisse and Eriedrich's in New Orleans, La., and Thornton Lurie, a finance counselor. Tessier and Lurie have worked with similar revenue bond financing programs in other cities.

CLARK EXPLAINED the program was designed to provide home mortgage loans to middle income families at a cheaper interest rate.

A survey of Midland has shown the average household income to be \$33,000. According to Clark, maximum

limits on the program would enable consideration of family with about \$33,000 income for a loan on a \$65,000 house. Maximum amount of bonds that could be sold is \$39.7 million.

"This is a method of raising low interest, long term mortgage funds," Tessier told the group of about 50 interested citizens and lending institution representatives.

"This is not designed as a giveaway. It can only function if the loans are good, debt-worthy solid loans. You do not lower the standards on lending money," he emphasized.

Normal routes would be followed in processing the application and loan, Tessier added.

Midlanders applying for the loans must live in that house; it can't be used as rental property, according to the underwriter.

Bonds for similar programs in other cities recently have sold for 7.05 to 7.16 percent interest, Tessier said. By the time all charges of servicing

the loan are added, interest rate to the applicants would range from 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 percent, he said.

"MIDLAND COULD OFFER loans with a mortgage rate of less than 8 percent and bring sorely needed capital into the community," Tessier remarked.

But here, representatives of the lending institutions and real estate business began to question the program's merits.

After several expressed doubts about needing \$40 million for home loans, Abbott said the City of Midland Housing Authority, which first began pursuing the program, initially discussed selling only \$20 million in revenue bonds.

"I feel we need feedback from you (lending institutions) on what would be good for the community," Abbott

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### Midlander bilked of \$1,550 by disappearing driver

He began to get suspicious, a Midland man told police Thursday, while waiting on the loading dock of a Tall City freight business.

Earlier, in front of Merchant's Fast Motor Lines, John Kramer had handed \$1,550 in cash to a man in exchange for eight television sets and a number of washers and dryers, he told police.

Kramer, who lives on Cotton Flat Road, told officers that after he handed over the money, the man told him to back his truck up to the loading dock of the business and wait there for his merchandise.

The man was nowhere to be found when Kramer went looking for him, police were told.

An employee at the freight company said a man believed to be the person Kramer was waiting for had entered the business earlier, asked if they would ship freight to Amarillo, and left, police said.

Kramer previously had listed the serial numbers of the 15 \$100 bills and one \$50 bill he gave the stranger, police said.

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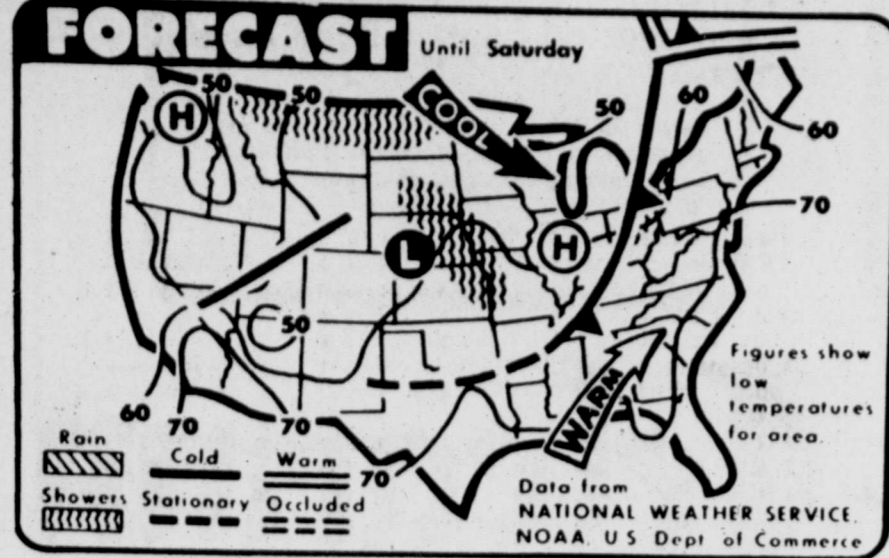
### Weather

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Warm weather is expected today until Saturday morning for most of the nation. Cooler weather is expected for the upper Great Lakes. Skies are expected to be cloudy in the East but generally sunny in the West.

Midland statistics

Partly cloudy days and fair nights through Saturday. Low tonight in the middle 60s. High Saturday in the low 80s.

Table with weather service readings including high/low temperatures, precipitation, and local temperatures for various times of day.

Table with southwest temperatures for various cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, and El Paso.

Texas thermometer

Large table listing temperatures for numerous Texas cities such as Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Childress, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, McAllen, Midland, Mineral Wells, Pecos, San Antonio, San Diego, San Marcos, Stephenville, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, Wink, Sherman, and Paris.

Border states forecasts

New Mexico: Partly cloudy east through Saturday with scattered afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. Generally fair west. A little warmer north. High 70s northern mountains to 90s lower elevations of the central and south. Lows 30s and 40s north and mountains to low 60s southeast.

MMH budget up, but new system prevents tax hike

By SUSAN TOTH Staff Writer

The \$10.98 million operating budget approved last week by Midland County Hospital District officials for fiscal year 1979-80 marked an 12.2 percent increase over this year's budget, yet will not cost taxpayers anything extra in taxes.

In fact, using a new budgeting system, actual operations of the hospital are not expected to cost district taxpayers anything at all.

The tax money collected from the 15 cent per \$100 valuation tax rate will be used to make payments on the \$10 million in bonds being used to upgrade and expand the hospital and for new and replacement equipment needed through the year.

In the past, new equipment and depreciation on old equipment was paid for from the operating budget, a factor hospital officials say added to the deficit the hospital operated under last year.

Even with the new system, which hospital officials say will give the public a better view of what is really happening in the hospital's financial operations, the next fiscal year "will be one of the tightest we've faced," according to hospital district director Dr. Henrie Mast.

"The hospital is turning the corner financially, but it may take another year before we're there," Mast noted.

For the new budget, administrators are predicting a 15.1 percent increase in gross revenues collected from patients, from \$11.62 million this year to \$13.37 million next year.

That \$13.37 million figure is based on an average of 120.9 patients per day throughout the year. Actual patient loads fell far below that level this year, but officials are confident that patient levels will pick up because of the new services and facilities offered at the hospital.

The construction project — a factor in patients going to other hospitals instead of Midland Memorial, officials believe — should also be finished by next spring, attracting even more

The weather elsewhere

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Atlanta City, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Fairbanks, Hartford, Helena, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Juneau, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Raleigh, Reno, Richmond, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tulsa, and Washington.

Table with Hi-Thursdays high, Lo-Fridays low, and Precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. EDT for various cities.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy days and fair at night through Saturday except widely scattered mainly afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms mountains and Panhandle. A little warmer north. High 80s mountains and north to mid 90s south except near Big Bend valley. Lows 50s mountains and northwest to upper 60s south.

North Texas: Mostly fair to partly cloudy and continued seasonably warm through Saturday. Over eastern portion a chance of mainly afternoon and nighttime thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Lows 67 to 72.

South Texas: Partly cloudy through Saturday with a chance of mostly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms more numerous southeast Texas and the Coastal Bend, some possibly heavy. Highs upper 80s along the coast to near 100 along the Rio Grande in extreme south Texas. Mostly 90s elsewhere. Lows mid 60s Hill Country and north to upper 60s south.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: South and southwest winds near 10 knots through Saturday and less than 10 knots tonight. Seas 1 to 3 feet. Winds and waves higher in and near scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Mexico won't discuss cost of cleanup

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Runaway Mexican crude oil crept farther up the already oil-stained Texas coast today as the Mexican government refused to discuss with the United States who should pay for the damage.

Former Rep. Robert Krueger of Texas, the new U.S. coordinator for Mexican affairs, said Thursday the United States will ask Mexico to pay for at least part of the cost of cleaning the soiled beaches.

"One matter that we suggest be included in the discussion is the question of liability and possible alternatives for dealing with claims for compensation of cleanup costs and any damages that may have occurred to property and resources," he said in Washington.

But a statement released by the Foreign Ministry in Mexico City late Thursday said there is no basis in international law for making Mexico responsible for damage claims.

"The Mexican government is not prepared to begin conversations with the United States on the theme of responsibility and eventual claims for possible damages to another state, persons or goods resulting from the accident," the statement said.

"This is the government's position for the moment," a ministry spokesman said. He refused to elaborate. Meanwhile, squalls packing winds up to 70 knots Thursday tore loose floating barriers protecting the two southern passes into the ecologically delicate Laguna Madre behind Padre Island.

Patches of filmy sheen, the least dangerous form of the spill, took advantage of the squall to seep through the Brazos Santiago Pass and past the damaged boom.

"Those patches were insignificant," said Roger Meacham of the Environmental Protection Agency. "The environmentally sensitive areas are still safe."

The harsh weather also forced the Coast Guard open-water skimmer to stop collecting oil threatening the beach near Port Aransas.

Coast Guardsmen protecting the bays and lagoons, which harbor rare wildlife and serve as fish and shrimp nurseries, have benefitted from relatively calm weather in what is the heart of the hurricane season.

Reconnaissance flights showed two patches of sheen, both about two square miles in size, had drifted 15 miles southeast of Cavallo Pass, the difficult two-mile wide entrance to Matagorda Bay.

Coast Guard officials have placed protective equipment in Port O'Connor near the pass, which is some 100 miles up the coast from Corpus Christi. They said Thursday night they did not feel the sheen was an immediate threat to the bay.

Other patches of oil, some of it thick mousse-like, dotted the waters off the South Texas coast Thursday night. Most of the thick oil was within two miles of the beaches near Port Aransas, which got a new coating of oil on Thursday.

Midlander's arrest solves 19 robberies

A total of 19 armed robberies in six Texas cities may have been cleared with the arrest of a man in Fort Worth Wednesday, Midland police said today.

Paul Dee Nobles reportedly confessed Thursday to three armed robberies in Midland, two in Odessa, three in Abilene, one in San Angelo, one in Austin and nine in Fort Worth, according to Midland police.

Nobles has been charged with two of the robberies in Fort Worth, police said.

Recently released from the U.S. Navy, Nobles was arrested about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at his parents' home in Fort Worth following a stakeout by state and local law enforcement authorities, Midland police said.

Nobles was transferred to Midland City Jail Thursday evening, police said.

A stakeout culminating in Nobles' arrest was the product of a week-long investigation by the Texas Rangers, the Department of Public Safety and the Midland Police Department, officials said.

Nobles originally was connected with the investigation when a pickup at the scene of a Midland robbery last week was noticed several days later by a police officer, officials said.

A vehicle registration check on the pickup determined that it had been reported stolen by a former roommate of Nobles' in San Marcos, police said.

Midland gets \$389,280 grant

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded a \$389,280 airport development grant to the city of Midland, U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen was notified Thursday.

The funds will be used to build access roads to the terminal area at Midland Regional Airport, a spokesman from Bentsen's office indicated.



Taking a close look at a tree struck by lightning during Thursday's storm is Chris King, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. King, 5 Bentley Court. King and some friends were sitting in the clubhouse at Ranchland Hills Country Club when the bolt struck, just yards away from the building.



Only a few vehicles made it through the underpass on Big Spring Street at Industrial Avenue Thursday after a storm dumped more than two inches of rain on parts of Midland in slightly more than an hour.

Mondale will arrive in China Saturday to discuss refugees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Walter F. Mondale is embarking on the nation's first political mission to China since relations with the United States were normalized Jan. 1.

The vice president, accompanied by his wife, Joan, and 19-year-old daughter, Eleanor, scheduled an early morning departure from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland following a live television interview aboard Air Force II.

After a 20-hour flight with refueling stops in Alaska and Tokyo, Mondale arrives in Peking Saturday for talks with Chinese officials on Vietnamese refugees, Korea and other matters. He also will deliver a highly unusual speech on Sino-American relations at Peking University and visit popular tourist spots.

Administration officials, who did not want to be identified, said Mondale is the first U.S. official to make a political visit to China since former President Gerald R. Ford's journey in 1975. However, several members of President Carter's Cabinet have been to China on trade and other missions, and Carter is expected to visit next year.

The 20,132-mile trip is viewed as the symbolic completion of the seven-year effort to normalize relations and as an effort to lay the groundwork for

the relationship between the two nations in the 1980s, the officials said.

They cautioned against speculation that textile or maritime agreements would be finalized during the trip. But one official promised that "tangible results" of the journey would become clear early next week. He declined to specify them.

The vice president, preparing for his 11th foreign trip for the administration, spent the last two weeks reading briefing papers and meeting with members of the State Department and National Security Council.

The week-long visit to Peking, Sian and Canton will be followed by a two-day stop in Hong Kong and a brief report to Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira in Tokyo before Mondale returns to Washington on Sept. 3.

The vice president will attend a welcoming banquet Sunday at the Great Hall of the People. On Monday he meets with Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and delivers the rare speech to several hundred students, faculty and visiting Americans at Peking University.

"So far as we know," one administration official said, "no American official has been offered a forum like this to the Chinese people in 30 years. We are all very excited about this opportunity." The speech is expected to focus on the future of Sino-American relations.

The vice president will meet Wednesday with Premier Hua Kuo-feng and tour the Forbidden City and the Great Wall before traveling to Sian and Canton.

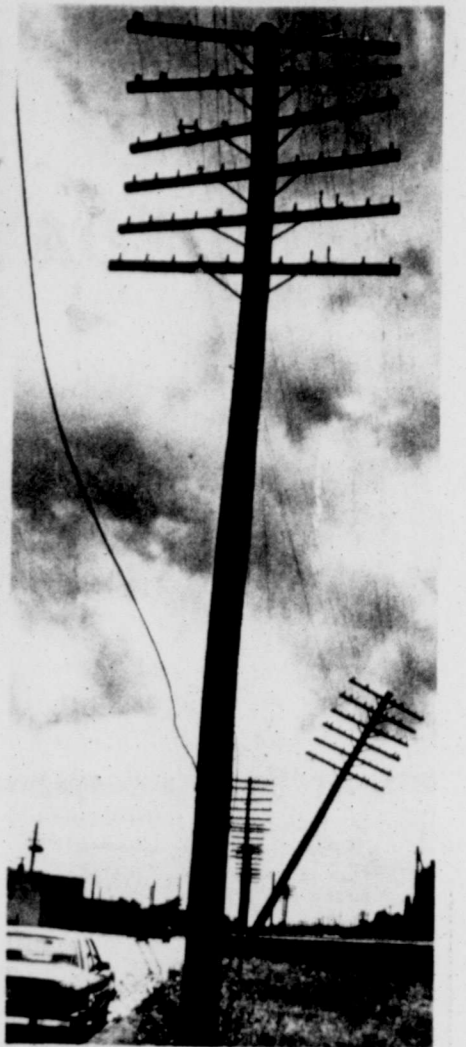
In addition to a contingent of Secret Service agents and government employees, Mondale will be accompanied by Gov. Richard Riley of S.C.; Rep. Thomas Foley, D-Wash.; Attorney General Warren Spannaus of Minnesota; John Fairbank, a history professor at Harvard University; Bruce Dayton, a Minneapolis businessman; and Patrick O'Connor, a Washington lawyer.

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An Ector County jury found James Elbert Lee guilty of the May 5, 1975, aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon of Latham Pharmacy in Odessa.

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Pushed "out of line" by winds Thursday is a telephone pole at the intersection of Big Spring and Industrial streets. Southwestern Bell crews were busy today straightening poles blown askew during Thursday's brief but fierce storm.

Staff Photos by Mike Kardos



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Winds up to 50 mph strike the Midland area Thursday

Midland, reported receiving .25 inch of rain.

Although Midlanders were knee-deep in rainwater for a spell, the weather service office, midway between Midland and Odessa, recorded only an official .03 inch of rain Thursday afternoon. That brought the monthly total so far to 2.12 inches and the yearly total to 12.15, a weather service spokesman said.

The rain fell mainly in Midland Thursday.

Seven other Permian Basin communities indicated by telephone this morning that they received no rain from Thursday's thunderstorm activity.

The weather service's forecast early today did not call for a repeat performance of Thursday's storm, however.

In fact, the weatherman foresaw partly cloudy days and fair nights through Saturday.

Low temperature tonight should drop into the middle 60s and the high on Saturday should be in the low 90s.

Winds tonight should be variable, but mostly southeasterly, at 5-10 mph.

Thursday's high was only 86 degrees, far short of the record for an Aug. 23 — 106 degrees, set in 1977. Low this morning was 65. Record low for this date is 57 degrees, set in 1966.

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A Midland police officer questions Gregory D. Coldewey, 19, Rt. 3, Box 450, right, following a one-vehicle accident at Garfield Street and Seaboard Avenue Thursday. According to police, Coldewey was southbound

on Garfield when his vehicle ran over the curb and struck a telephone pole. Coldewey received minor injuries in the accident. (Staff Photo)

## Presidential panel expected to be very critical of NRC

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential panel investigating nuclear safety procedures is almost certain to be highly critical of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and call for widespread changes in its operation, investigators say. Many of the 12 members of the commission investigating the Three Mile Island accident made no secret Thursday of their displeasure with the NRC as they chastised the regulatory agency's staff for a decision to resume licensing of new nuclear plants. The staff decision quickly was reconsidered and now remains in limbo until the five NRC commissioners can decide on the matter. The staff decision would have affected operating licenses or construction permits for 10 reactors in six states. The NRC froze all licensing of new power plants last May because of the Pennsylvania accident. Presidential commission sources, who asked not to be identified by name, said the harsh words from some of the commissioners Thursday toward the NRC was a clear indication of how the group is expected to lean when it begins to write its report on the Three Mile Island accident. Last April, President Carter told the panel to not only look at the Three Mile Island accident, but to also examine the NRC's licensing process, its role as watchdog over the nuclear industry and its responses to the events at Three Mile Island. The commission concluded its public hearings Thursday and a report is due Oct. 25. John G. Kemeny, the panel's chairman said he expects the report to recommend a substantial reorganization of the NRC. "We feel there are some significant weaknesses in the NRC in many different areas," Kemeny, who is

president of Dartmouth College, told reporters Thursday. Later, during the hearings, he said, "I would be extremely surprised if this commission did not recommend some changes in the (NRC) licensing process." Another commission member, Harry C. McPherson, a lawyer and onetime adviser to President Lyndon B. Johnson, alluded earlier to serious management and policymaking problems within the NRC. "These policy situations will result in future TMI-2s (as the crippled reactor at Three Mile Island often is called) unless things are changed," McPherson told Harold Denton, the NRC's director of reactor safeguards. Another panel member, Theodore Taylor, a nuclear physicist from Princeton University, concluded, "I find myself unsure that the NRC is organized to do its job in the guaranteeing of safe operation of reactors." And commissioner Anne Trunk, a housewife who lives in Middletown, Pa., near the Three Mile Island plant, told Denton she has lost trust in the NRC. "I just don't feel that you know everything that you have to know to run a (nuclear) plant safely," she said. Since the Three Mile Island accident, NRC officials have instituted numerous internal investigations trying to determine where the agency's policies might have contributed to the Pennsylvania accident. From NRC Chairman Joseph Hendrie to middle-level staff technicians, NRC witnesses have told the panel it is clear in retrospect that not enough priority was given to safety matters.

## Rigney proud of M-Cubs

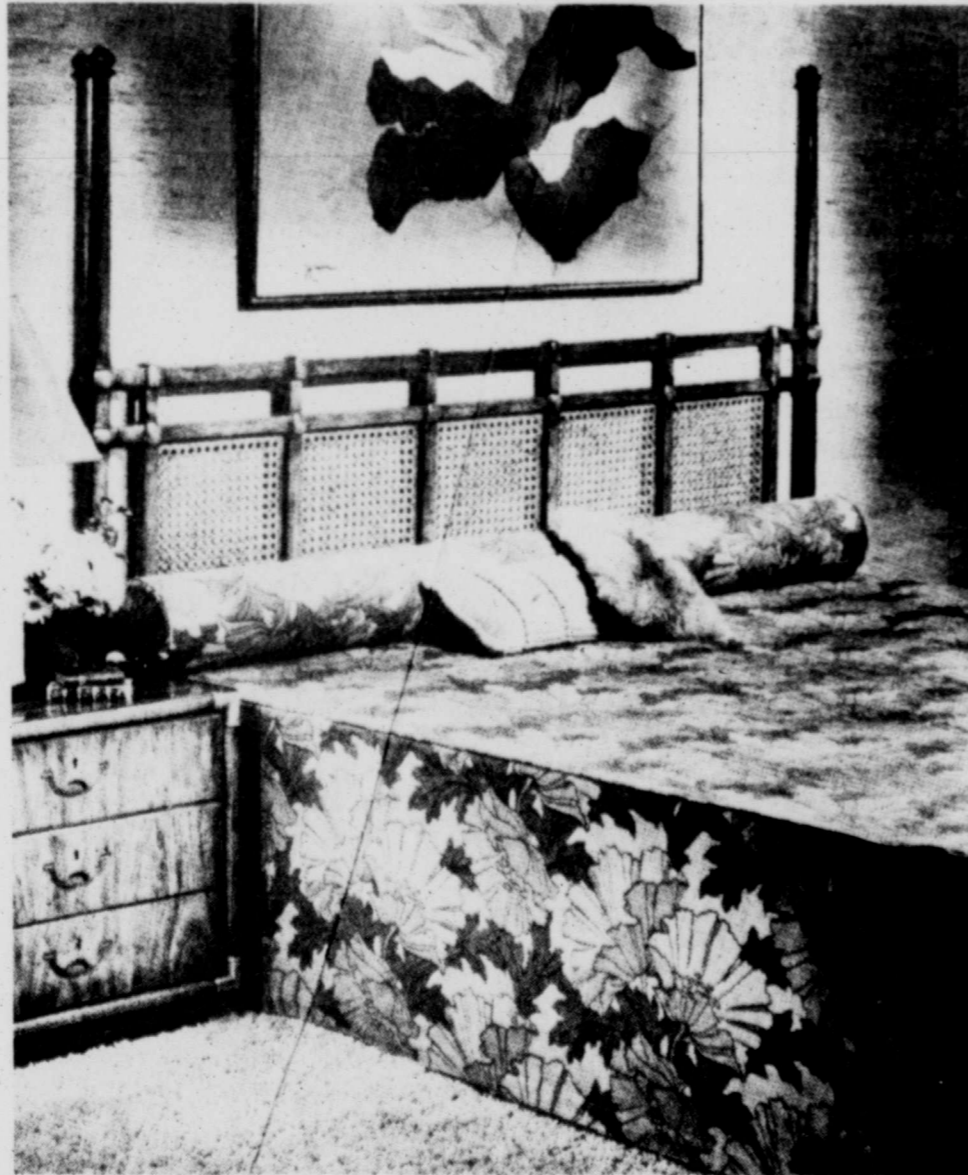
The Midland Cubs, "two games out in front and with 10 yet to play," are in excellent position to win the second half in the Western Division of the Texas League, Bill Rigney, general manager of the Cubs, told members of the Midland Rotary Club at their Thursday noon meeting in the Midland Hilton. "We have had a good season and the kids have played hard all the way," Rigney said, adding that the Cubs missed winning the first half by only three percentage points. "The team has been great on offense and is leading the league in hitting and runs scored," he said. "And we are about to set an attendance record," Rigney continued, explaining that attendance has averaged 1,300 persons a night, ranking third in the league, behind El Paso and Little Rock. Rigney lauded Manager Randy Hydley on the excellent job he has done in leading the Cubs through a successful season. "We not only have the best club in the Texas League's Western Division, we also have the best manager," the speaker said. Interesting incidents which have occurred during the season also were related by Rigney, who was introduced by John Williams, program chairman.

## Four die in rowhouse fire

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Fire swept through a two-story brick rowhouse early today, killing a woman and her three grandsons, authorities said.

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## Price of beef beginning to decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beef prices have started to come down, at least at two fast-food chains, and a similar trend may be under way at supermarkets. The Labor Department's release today of its Consumer Price Index for July was expected to show whether the decline in beef prices that began at grocery stores in June has continued. Retail beef prices had risen sharply for eight months before falling 1.3 percent in June, department figures show. Pork and poultry prices were also down in June, pork for the third straight month. The recent improvements in prices at the meat counter, however, were not enough to offset rapid fuel cost increases. As a result, consumer prices overall rose close to 1 percent or more in each of the first six months this year. The 13.2 percent annual rate of increase in the first half of 1979 was the fastest pace for any six-month period since 1951, government analysts said. Carter administration economists believe, however, that the worst of the food and fuel price increases are over and that inflation will moderate in the second half of the year. In hopes of aiding that trend, the president met last week with food processors, wholesalers and retailers and urged them to pass along to consumers the lower prices now prevalent at the farm level. The "hamburger war" has brought some food-price relief to customers of many McDonalds and Roy Rogers fast-food outlets. Marriott Corp. announced Thursday that it was reducing the price of quarter-pound hamburgers and quarter-pound cheeseburgers between 4 cents and 10 cents at its 170 Roy Rogers restaurants. The price cuts take effect Tuesday. The action followed a McDonald's Corp. move Tuesday to cut hamburger and cheeseburger prices a nickel at its 1,225 corporately owned and operated restaurants. "We're crediting the price reduction to a drop in the cost of hamburger meat," said Richard Marriott, group vice president in charge of Marriott restaurant operations. What could dampen continued retail meat-price moderation is a sharp turnabout in wholesale animal feed costs because of the world grain shortage. The price of semi-pro-

cessed animal feed rose a rapid 6.7 percent in July, according to the government's Producer Price Index. This could show up in higher meat prices in the future, analysts say. In other economic news Thursday: —Paul A. Volcker, new chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, said the country will be stuck with high interest rates as long as inflation remains a problem. "I know of no way to get these interest rates down in the present environment," Volcker told reporters. He also said he agrees with President Carter that the administration should continue to oppose a tax cut, which he said would hurt government efforts to balance

the budget. —The Investment Company Institute reported that the assets of mutual funds rose \$4.8

billion in July, the second largest monthly increase on record. The trade group said assets in July totaled \$78.8 billion.

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## Udall predicts nuclear plants will keep going

WINTERSBURG, Ariz. (AP) — The 72 nuclear power plants in the United States are likely to keep going despite Three Mile Island, and most of the 96 under construction "are probably going to be built," but some of those just getting started may be in danger of a congressional ban, predicts Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz. "We are going to write a (nuclear-energy) bill next month and the moratorium question will be

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DEATHS

Addie B. Hale

McCAMEY — Services for Addie Bell Hale, 76, of McCamey were to be at 2 p.m. today in the McCamey First Baptist Church...

She died Wednesday in a Rankin hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Hale was born March 17, 1903, in Bell County. She was married to James F. Hale in 1946 in Monahans.

Survivors include three sisters, Minnie Frith of Berger, Leasia Redden of Mart and Ida Adams of Bronte, and a niece, Hellen Cole of Midland.

G.H. Garza

OZONA — Services for Guadalupe Hinajosa Garza, 82, were Thursday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church here.

Garza died Wednesday in a San Angelo hospital. He was born Sept. 28, 1896, in Mexico.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Otilio Duran, Mrs. Ernesto Garza and Mrs. Castiana Fiero, all of Ozona, Mrs. Andrew Rivera of Colorado City, Mrs. Americo Vargas of Dallas and Mrs. Ricardo Ramirez of Pampa; two sons, Fermin Garza and Guadalupe Garza Jr., both of Ozona, 43 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wheeler

FORT WORTH — Mrs. J.W. (Marian) Wheeler, 84, of Fort Worth, mother of Mrs. Jack E. Blake of Midland, died Thursday at her home here.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Greenwood Memorial Chapel in Fort Worth.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ray L. Anderson of Fort Worth; a brother, Paul Fillmore of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler of Fort Worth, and five grandchildren, Jack E. Blake Jr. and Bruce W. Blake, both of Williston, N.D., Carolyn Blake of Austin, Mark Blake of Midland and Scott Anderson of Fort Worth.

Judge raises man's bail

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Tarrant County criminal judge prevented a burglary suspect from being released from jail on bond by raising his bail from \$2,500 to \$15,000 and keeping bondsmen from releasing him, The Dallas News reports.

Judge Randall Riley of Criminal District Court No. 3 took that action because the victim of the burglary is a friend of his, according to a copyrighted story Thursday.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals held in a similar case less than a year ago that when a district judge raises a prisoner's bond he is exceeding the authority granted him by the Texas Constitution.

David Riordan

ANDREWS — Services for David Melton Riordan, 25, of Andrews were to be at 3 p.m. today in Grace Baptist Church with the Rev. Benson Kennedy, pastor, officiating.

Riordan died Wednesday of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Andrews.

He was born Sept. 19, 1953, in Seminole. He had lived in Andrews 15 years. He was a Baptist.

A veteran of the Marine Corps, Riordan was employed as a derrick operator for Rod Rick Corp. in Andrews. He was married June 25, 1979, in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; a daughter, Crystal Yates of Andrews; his mother, Mrs. W.N. Orson of Andrews; his father, E.M. Riordan of Lemon Grove, Calif.; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Riordan of Andrews and Trueman Dolloff of Seminole; two sisters, Tressa Orson of Andrews and Kathy Tucker of Oregon, and four brothers, Brent Riordan, Robert Orson and Trueman Orson, all of Andrews, and William Orson of St. Martinsville, La.

DC-10 lands safely after engine explodes

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — A Northwest Orient Airlines DC-10, one of its three engines dead after a mid-air explosion, turned around just minutes after takeoff and made an emergency landing here to let off 167 passengers, some in tears but none injured.

The explosion took place about four minutes after the 6:45 p.m. Thursday departure for Spokane, Seattle and Portland.

The pilot, Capt. Glen Bowers, said he used a "routine" turnabout procedure to bring Flight 71 to a safe landing at Great Falls International Airport.

Passengers remained calm but some were in tears as they left the plane, one witness said.

Roy Rogers meets McDonald's in burger battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roy Rogers is taking on Ronald McDonald in a "range war" over the price of hamburgers. But other major fast-food companies say they're not ready to join the burger battle.

The Marriott Corp. locked horns with the McDonald Corp. Thursday by announcing that its Roy Rogers stores also would cut the price of hamburgers and cheeseburgers.

Richard Marriott, group vice president in charge of Marriott restaurant operations, said the \$1.5 billion corporation would reduce the price of quarter-pound burgers by 4 to 10 cents in its 170 company-owned Roy Rogers restaurants.

Last Sunday, McDonald's, the nation's largest fast-food chain, cut the price of hamburgers and cheeseburgers in its 1,225 company-owned restaurants by a nickel.

McDonald's officials said most of the company's 3,460 franchise outlet owners also had agreed to cut their hamburger and cheeseburger prices by 10 percent.

Roger Conner, a spokesman for the Marriott Corp., based in Bethesda Md., said the Roy Rogers price reduction would not affect other restaurants owned by Marriott, or the 71 independently-owned Roy Rogers restaurants.

Some other major chains say they not only don't intend to join the price war, but contend they've been offering a bigger and cheaper product all along.

James Wenzell, investor relations coordinator at Wendy's International, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, which has 1,681 restaurants, said: "We sell four ounces of meat for 89 cents. A (McDonald's) Big Mac, which is 3.2 ounces, sells for 85 cents. We feel we give you more meat and a higher quality sandwich for your money."

In Miami, Paul Reinhard, a spokesman for the Burger King Corp., said the "home of the Whopper" also has no plans to cut prices in its 450 company-owned restaurants.

Man dies after high-speed chase

ODESSA — A high-speed chase by Odessa police officers resulted in the death of a 31-year-old Odessa man Thursday morning.

Charles David Maupin was killed when his pickup struck a curb and ran into a gasoline pump at a convenience store about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, according to reports.

Maupin had led two police units on a nine-block chase at speeds of more than 70 mph, police said, after he reportedly spun his tires on a turn and refused to pull over when officers signaled him.

Two customers at the store narrowly escaped injury when they dashed from the car they were filling with gas just before Maupin's truck hit the pump.

The rear of the customers' 1979-model car was damaged by heat and smoke as a result of the explosion and fire, which shot flames more than 15 feet into the air, reports indicated.

Maupin was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Virgil Lumpee. He apparently died from head and internal injuries, but was not burned in the fire, Lumpee said.

An Odessa police spokesman today noted the chase was necessary "to enforce traffic laws."

Former Legion leader dies

HOUSTON (AP) — Harry W. Colmery, former national commander of the American Legion, died of what appeared to be a heart attack while attending the organization's convention here, Legion officials said.

Colmery, 88, a Topeka, Kan., attorney, businessman and Republican Party official, died Thursday in his hotel. He had headed the Legion in 1936.

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Committee on food safety recommends less salt

The Washington Post WASHINGTON — In a report to the Food and Drug Administration, a special scientific committee studying the safety of food additives recommends restricting the amount of salt (sodium chloride) used in processed foods. The committee is one of a number of select committees of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) that have been reviewing the Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) list of substances added to food. In its report, the committee also says the total consumption of sodium, which makes up 40 percent of common table salt, should be lowered in the United States. FASEB has made its report at a time when the scientific community is still debating not only the relationship between salt consumption and hypertension among susceptible people, but the need for the population in general to reduce salt intake. In April, 1978, Dr. Robert Levy, director of the National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute, told The Washington Post: "We do not know that a restriction of salt intake will prevent hypertension. But the evidence we have is that prudent restriction of salt intake would not hurt so that if one can learn to live without salting foods, you are probably better off." The other side of the argument was taken by Dr. James Hunt, professor and chairman of medicine at the Mayo Clinic. He said: "We've got a number of strongly suggestive pieces that sodium intake and hypertension are related." While the FASEB report agrees that "the evidence that salt consumption is a major factor in causing hypertension is not conclusive," it goes on to say "available data suggest that 10 to 30 percent of the U.S. population is genetically predisposed to hypertension and is exposed to a higher risk by ingestion of sodium chloride consumption at current levels. The Select Committee believes that a reduction of sodium chloride consumption by the population will reduce the frequency of hypertension." The per capita consumption of sodium in this country has been variously estimated at between 4 and 7 grams a day. Little of it comes from the salt shaker: most is found in processed foods. The increased consumption of processed foods, FASEB says, makes it difficult for individuals who prefer to restrict salt intake. According to the report, man's daily requirement of sodium chloride is less than 1 gram. Authorities generally agree that humans can get all the sodium they need from what occurs naturally in foods. The report calls for "adequate labeling of the sodium content of foods...." Twice the Center for Science in the Public Interest has petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to require such labeling and to restrict the salt levels in processed foods. According to the Center's director, Dr. Michael

Jacobson, FDA has said it would not act on either petition until the FASEB report had been submitted. If foods were labeled with their salt content, there would be many surprises. While most people know pickles are salty (over 3,000 milligrams per large dill pickle) they usually don't know that one McDonald's apple pie has over 1,000 mg. of salt, while their quarter pounder contains almost 2,000 mg. An apple

contains only 5 mg., 1-2 cup of Jell-O Instant Chocolate Pudding contains over 1,000 mg. and a cup of General Mills cornflakes contains over 700 mg. There are over 600 mg. of salt in a Hostess Twinkie and 1 cup of Del Monte green beans contains more than 2,000 mg. while 1 cup of fresh green beans contains 12 mg.

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Wish for quiet death fear based BOSTON (AP)—A patient's desire for "death with dignity" can be based on needless fears or a desire for attention, say two physicians who warn that doctors should be leery about meeting such requests. The two Cleveland doctors said the recent trend to following patients' requests for a quiet death "may be somewhat naive, and, in certain clinical situations, potentially dangerous." Drs. David L. Jackson and Stuart Younger said that before "pulling the plug," doctors should make sure patients who ask for death really mean what they say. The issue of "death with dignity" has gotten increasing attention in recent years. For instance, a team of physicians who treat burn victims recently recommended that patients be allowed to make life-and-death decisions. "Who is more likely to be totally and lovingly concerned with the patient's best interests than the patient himself?" they asked. But Jackson and Younger said: "Physicians who are uncomfortable or inexperienced in dealing with the complex psycho-social issues facing critically ill patients may ignore an important aspect of their professional responsibility by taking a patient's statement at face value without further exploration or clarification." They commented in an article in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine in which they described several cases encountered in the intensive care unit at University Hospitals of Cleveland.

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# Wildcats, strike reported in WT

Magnatex Corp., Oil Division of Midland spotted location for a wildcat in Pecos County, H. L. Brown Jr. of Midland staked an explorer in Terrell County, and James P. Dunigan, Inc., of Abilene reopened a field in Nolan County.

**PECOS WILDCAT**  
Magnatex Corp., Oil Division announced location for its No. 1 Abell State eight miles southwest of Buena Vista in Pecos County.

Scheduled for a 5,200-foot bottom, it is 1,980 feet from northwest and 660 feet from southwest lines of section 60, block 10, H&GN survey. The site is one location northwest of the Apco-Warner, West (Wichita-Albany) gas pool and 5/8 mile north of the Apco-Warner, West (Ellenburger oil) production.

**TERRELL PROJECTS**  
H. L. Brown Jr. of Midland No. 1-6 Amoco-University will be drilled as a 9,800-foot wildcat in Terrell County, 22 miles southwest of Sheffield.

It is 2,111 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 6, block 36, University Lands survey. Elevation is 2,738 feet.

The location is two miles southeast of Wolfcamp production in the KM multipay field and two and one-quarter miles northeast of Brown No. 1-1 Amoco-Brown, an active wildcat now drilling below 8,407 feet.

Mobile Oil Corp. No. 2 Brown-McNinch Estate is a new project in Terrell County, 29 miles northeast of Dryden.

Sited on a 16,000-foot contract, it is 5/8 mile southeast of Ellenburger gas production in the Brown-Bassett multipay pool. The field also produces from the Devonian, Strawn, Silurian and Wolfcamp.

Location for the new project is 1,320 feet from the most northerly north line and 1,520 feet from the most easterly east line of section 34.5, block 161, GC&SF survey.

**NOLAN REOPENER**  
James P. Dunigan, Inc., of Abilene (formerly Frank W. Burger) No. 1 K. Duncan has been potentialized to reopen the Hale (Noodle Creek oil) pool in Nolan County, four miles southwest of Trent.

The operator reported a daily pumping potential of 12.5 barrels of 38.4-gravity oil and 120 barrels of water, from pay behind casing perforations from 2,891 to 2,896 feet. The

perforations were washed with 500 gallons of mud acid.

The reopener is one and one-quarter miles west of pool's original Noodle Creek discovery and 467 feet from south and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 37, block 20, T&P survey.

The total depth is 2,980 feet and 4.5-inch pipe is set at 2,963 feet. The Coleman Junction was topped at 2,196 feet and the Noodle Creek was hit at 2,872 feet on ground elevation of 2,037 feet.

**REEVES OFFSET**  
Exxon Corp. No. 1 Texaco-Fee is a new project in the Golden Eagle (Castile gas) pool of Reeves County, 20 miles northwest of Pecos.

Scheduled on 3,800-foot contract, it is one location south of the discovery well and lone producer in the field, and 660 feet from north and east lines of section 27, block 55, T-4, T&P survey. The discovery well, HNG No. 1-16 Felmont-State, was completed in March for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 6,580,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 3,704 to 3,714 feet.

**WARD ACTIVITY**  
Gulf Oil Corp. announced plans to re-enter the Atoka gas discovery well of the Quito, East field of Ward County, 10 miles west of Pyote, and plug back for tests in the Wolfcamp.

The project is bottomed at 17,648 feet and will be plugged back to 13,480 feet.

One and one-quarter miles northwest of Wolfcamp production, it is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 31, block 18, University Lands survey.

Clayton Williams Jr. of Midland No. 2 Barbara Williams is to be dug as a 5,300-foot test in the Scott (Delaware) pool of Ward County, two miles south of Barstow.

It is 8,387 feet from northeast and 1,700 feet from northwest lines of section 35, block 33, H&TC survey. It is a northwest offset to the same operator's No. 1 Barbara Williams, a Delaware oil producer.

**HOWARD FIELD TRY**  
Texaco Inc. No. 1-F Howard-Fee is a new test in the Coahoma, North (Fusselman oil) pool of Howard County, three miles east of Coahoma.

One location southwest of Fusselman production, it is 467 feet from north and west lines of section 45, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey. Contract depth is 8,900 feet.

# Five counties gain wildcat projects; discoveries in New Mexico potential

Gulf Oil Corp. spotted location for a 7,000-foot wildcat in a multipay area of Reeves County, and Bruce A. Wilbanks of Midland announced a wildcat re-entry project in Crane County, and new wildcats were reported in Garza, Yoakum and Hockley counties.

Also, Yates Petroleum Co. of Artesia, N.M., completed a Morrow gas discovery in Eddy County, Amoco Production reported potential on an Atoka gas discovery in Lea County, and a wildcat was spotted in Chaves County.

**REEVES WILDCAT**  
Gulf Oil Corp. will drill No. 9 S. E. Ligon-State as a 7,000-foot wildcat 17 miles southeast of Pecos in Reeves County.

The project is 1,980 feet from north and 2,050 feet from east lines of section 16, block 7, H&GN survey.

It is one location northwest of Gulf No. 6 Ligon-State, undesignated gas discovery which completed through perforations from 6,125 to 6,497 feet, and one location southwest of No. 4 Ligon-State which was completed as a Cherry Canyon gas discovery through perforations from 6,160 to 6,178 feet. Suggested field name for that discovery is Wortham, East (Cherry Canyon gas).

**CRANE EXPLORER**  
Bruce A. Wilbanks will re-enter an old 6,070-foot dry hole in Crane County and clean out to 5,000 feet for tests as a wildcat.

The project, No. 1 Jax, originally was drilled by Magnolia Petroleum Co. as the No. 2 State-Flood and abandoned in January 1946.

It is five miles northeast of Imperial and 1,700 feet from northeast and 330 feet from northwest lines of section 20, block 3, H&TC survey. It is one and three-eighths miles northeast of the T.E. Bar (San Andres) field which produces at 2,570 feet.

**GARZA TESTER**  
Amoco Production Co. spotted location for a 9,200-foot wildcat in Garza County, eight miles west of Post.

It is No. 1 Sylvia Winder, 800 feet from south and 850 feet from east lines of section 1,320, block 1, H&OB survey.

The location is three miles southwest of the Three Way (Strawn oil) pool.

**YOAKUM AREA**  
J.C. and R.E. Williamson of Midland No. 1 W. F. Edwards Jr. was staked as a 5,200-foot wildcat in Yoakum County, 15 miles northwest of Plains.

It is No. 1 W. F. Edwards Jr., 467 feet from south and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 105, block D, J. H. Gibson survey. It is a north offset to Williamson No. 1 Dan Field which was pumping to test on last report, through perforations opposite the San Andrews from 5,173 to 5,194 feet.

The last 24 hours of testing returned 11 barrels of oil and 75 barrels of water.

**HOCKLEY PROJECT**  
Aminoil USA, Inc., No. 1 Bartlett is to be dug as a 10,800-foot wildcat in Hockley County, two miles southwest of Whitharral.

It is 660 feet from south and 467 feet from west lines of labor 8, league 721, State Capitol Lands survey and 3/4 mile northeast of a 7,615-foot dry hole. It also is three and one-eighth miles southwest of the Whitharral (Clear Fork) field.

**CHAVES WILDCAT**  
Sundance Oil Co. of Denver, Colo., spotted No. 3 Grynberg-Federal as a 4,250-foot wildcat in Chaves County, 18 miles southeast of Elkins.

It is 660 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 14-8s-31e and two miles southeast of the Tomtom (San Andres) pool which produces at 3,812 feet, and two miles east of the 3,738-foot Siete (San Andres) field.

**CHAVES FIELD WELL**  
Union Oil Co. of California No. 2-36 Tom-State has been completed in the Tomahawk (San Andres) pool of Chaves County, 15 miles southeast of Boaz.

Operator reported a 24-hour swabbing potential of 240 barrels of 23-gravity oil and 32 barrels of water, through perforations from 4,197 to 4,217 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 432-1.

Total depth is 4,293 feet and 5.5-inch casing is set on bottom.

The well is a south offset to the same operator's No. 1-36 Tom-State which was recently completed in the southwest side of the pool.

Location for No. 2-36 is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 36-7s-31e.

**EDDY DISCOVERY**  
Yates Petroleum Corp. No. 1-KU Exxon-Federal has been completed as a Morrow gas discovery in Eddy County, 20 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

The well finalized for a daily flow potential of 300,000 cubic feet of gas, through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 8,989 to 8,994 feet after 1,000 gallons of acid and 7,500 gallons

# Departments back line

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy and Agriculture departments say the Northern Tier pipeline proposal is the best way to bring Alaska crude oil from the West Coast to the Midwest. It is the only one of four proposed pipelines that would lie entirely in the United States.

The proposal by the Northern Tier Pipeline Co. was the only one to receive more than one recommendation from federal agencies asked to comment on the plan.

One proposal, that of the Kitimat Pipe Line Ltd., was not picked by any of the federal agencies involved.

Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus must recommend one of the proposals to President Carter by Oct. 15. Carter will make the final decision.

The proposals have sparked sharp disagreement among the federal agencies involved, according to their comments released Thursday by the Interior Department.

Under the Northern Tier proposal, oil would be shipped by tanker to Port Angeles, Wash. From there, it would be moved east across the northern United States via a 1,491-mile pipeline to Clearbrook, Minn., where it would connect with existing pipelines to Chicago.

"The Northern Tier Proposal is the project which offers the least potential for delay, and is therefore the most desirable," said outgoing Energy Secretary James Schlesinger.

And Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said the proposal "yields the highest net national economic benefits and is consistent with national security benefits in that the entire land route is on United States territory."

The Trans-Mountain Oil Pipe Line Corp. proposal was selected by the Environmental Protection Agency. That plan calls for bringing Alaska oil to Low Point, Wash., and moving it east via a pipeline to Edmonton, Alberta, where it would connect with existing pipelines to Chicago.

The Defense Department said it picked the Northwest Energy Co.'s plan for national security reasons.

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# Gas station operators say new price list 'worthless'

By STAN BENJAMIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spokesmen for gas station operators say the Energy Department's new listings of "estimated" gasoline ceiling prices are worthless and misleading and should be scrapped.

The department has admitted the price ceiling figures it released Monday were inaccurate and dated back to Aug. 6 — prompting mistaken complaints by motorists and a wave of outrage from dealers.

An updated list released Thursday did nothing to lessen the dealers' ire. "They're trying to create a national snitch-on-your-service-station program," complained Victor Rasheed, executive director of the Greater Washington Area Service Station Association. "It's unfair. It's almost primitive. We have dealer associations talking to their lawyers about suing the Energy Department for damages."

In issuing the a revised list Thursday, the Energy Department warned that its price estimates for eight major brands in 20 cities might be off by 10 cents or more per gallon and do not tell motorists how much any station can legally charge.

Charles Shipley, executive director of the Michigan Gasoline Retail Dealers Association, called the publication of such figures "an out and out disservice" to gas station operators.

"If it's off as much as 10 cents, my God, that's not the kind of tolerance we're allowed in calculating our actual ceiling prices," said Shipley. "Why should the Department of Energy be allowed that amount of tolerance? We're held in violation if we're off as much as one-tenth of a cent."

The department's latest figures were calculated as of Aug. 21, two days before they were issued. Shipley said they have gone out of date even in that short period.

Marathon Oil raised its prices to dealers Thursday and Shell Oil is raising its prices today, he said.

Wholesale price increases raise maximum retail prices, which are based on the cost of gasoline to the dealers plus allowable profit margins and taxes.

Mac Victor, executive director of the New York State Gasoline Retail Dealers Association, complained that "by the time these estimates reach the public, the major oil companies raise prices so substantially and quickly that the public is misled. By the time it hits the newspapers, prices may have changed, and then the public thinks we're gouging."

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# DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY  
Exxon No. 4 Elizabeth Armstrong, drilling 953 feet.

Sun Oil Co. No. 12 Nellie C. Martin, 4,800 feet, swabbed and recovered 13 barrels of load water and 2 barrels of water with show of oil and gas in 6 hours, released packer, pulled out of hole, run tubing.

Texasco Inc. No. 273-A J.E. Mabee, 12,200 feet, plugged back total depth 12,200 feet, set 4 1/2-inch casing at total depth, acidized Lower Mississippian perforations from 11,200 to 11,444 feet, 40,000 gallons, initial potential flowed 4 barrels of oil per day and 1 barrel of water in 24 hours on 3/64-inch choke, gravity 26.9, gas-oil ratio 9215 to 1.

Rial Oil Co. No. 1-4 University, 12,970 feet, plugged back total depth 12,970 feet, set 4 1/2-inch casing at 8728 feet, set 4 1/2-inch casing at 8728 feet, acidized M.A.K. Spraberry perforations from 8523 to 8546 feet with 4400 gallons, fractured with 30,000 gallons and 60,000 pounds of sand, initial potential pumped 45 barrels of oil per day and 15 barrels of water in 24 hours, gravity 28, gas-oil ratio 1100 to 1.

CHAVES COUNTY  
Depco Inc. No. 1 Sundance, drilling 2058 feet in lime and shale.

COCHRAN COUNTY  
Williamson & Williamson No. 1 Duns, 11,160 feet in lime and shale, preparing to run DST from 11,725 to 11,960 feet.

COKE COUNTY  
Natonam North America No. 6 Higgins, 12,615 feet, testing.

CRANE COUNTY  
Gulf No. 3 Eppensauer, 12,549 feet, pumped no oil and 144 barrels of water in 24 hours through perforations not reported.

Gulf No. 1086 Waddell, 12,600 feet, plugged back total depth 12,600 feet, moved in and rigged up completion unit, installed blow out preventer, set cast iron bridge plug at 8000 feet, new-plugged back total depth 5900 feet, circulated and pulled out of hole, shut down overnight.

Robert M. Wynne No. 1 Garner, 12,340 feet, waiting on orders.

CROCKETT COUNTY  
Cities Service No. 1-BW University, 12,810 feet, drilled cement from 4,962 to 4,924 feet, testing casing and circulating to run logs, pulling out of hole.

J.H. Parvus No. 1 Lady Childers, drilled 7,430 feet in shale, took drillstem test from 6,379 to 6,386 feet, recovered 3 feet of mud.

Marathon Oil Co. No. 12 Lea Deep Unit, 12,980 feet, tripping.

Harvey Yates No. 1 Burton, 12,700 feet, swabbed 88 barrels of formation water in 11 hours, through perforations from 10,554 to 10,574 feet and shut in.

MITCHELL COUNTY  
Sun Oil Co. No. 1 Barkley, 12,311 feet, ran rods and pump, released rig and moving in pulling unit.

ECTOR COUNTY  
Sun Oil Co. No. 186 Paul Moss, drilling 980 feet in red bed.

EDDY COUNTY  
Merris E. Antwell No. 1 Indian Wells, 12,832 feet, laid down drill pipe, ran freeport indicator, waiting on cement.

Cities Service No. 1-AJ Government, drilling 3415 feet in anhydrite and dolomite.

Delta Drilling No. 1 Amoco-Federal, "Tight".

Delta Drilling No. 4 South Clebra Bluff, "Tight".

Exxon No. 1-CW New Mexico-State, 12,119 feet, running production string.

Gulf No. 2-GR Eddy State, 12,901 feet, shut in.

Gulf No. 2 Marquardt-Federal, drilling 10,265 feet in lime and shale.

Exxon No. 1-D Eddy Federal, 11,785 feet, rigged up and preparing to run tubing.

Monsanto No. 1 Apex-State Communitized, 12,430 feet, pumping.

Monsanto No. 1 Cottonwood Springs State, 12,870 feet, nipped up blow out preventer, finished laying down drill pipe and drill collar, set 7 1/8-inch casing at total depth.

The Petroleum Corp. of Delaware No. 6 Parkway, drilling 853 feet in lime and shale.

Harvey Yates No. 2-22 Amoco-State, 12,270 feet, set 5 1/2-inch casing at total depth, ran logs.

FISHER COUNTY  
Zinke & Philby Inc. No. 1 Dooley, moving in rig.

GAINES COUNTY  
H. L. Brown No. 1 Jones, drilling 1528 feet.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY  
Parker & Farley Inc. No. 1 Hutchinson, 12,800 feet, flowed 88 barrels of fluid in 24 hours on 18/64-inch choke through open hole perforations from 8325 to 7848 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY  
Florida Gas No. 1 Jack Goodwin, 12,773 feet, swabbed and recovered 50 barrels of oil and no water in 10 hours, through perforations from 7,332 to 7,544 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY  
Operators No. 1-A Collins, 12,616 feet, waiting on cement.

Harvey Yates No. 1 East Yellowhouse, 12,452 feet, cutting.

IRON COUNTY  
Cola Petroleum No. 1-1219 Tankersley, drilling 6,131 feet in shale.

LEA COUNTY  
Cola Petroleum No. 2 Templo, 12,130 feet, pumping, no gauges.

Energy Reserve Group No. 2 Gulf State, 12,150 feet, preparing to plug and abandon.

Sun Oil Co. No. 2-A Akens, drilling 3,900 feet in lime.

Adobe No. 1 East Tatum Unit, 12,500 feet, layed down tubing and shut in.

Adobe No. 2-16 State, 12,875 feet, moving in and rigging up completion unit.

Adobe No. 1-4 State, drilling 8,350 feet in lime and shale.

Adobe No. 1-1 Vandiver-Federal, 12,045 feet in shale, started drillstem test from 12,271 to 12,045 feet, open with a good blow and increasing on 1/4-inch choke at end of 5 minute initial flow, now on initial shut in.

Gulf No. 46 LaMunyon, plugged back depth, 6,888 feet, pulled pump and rods, repaired pump, ran in hole with pump and rods, rigging down and moving off pulling unit.

Gulf No. 9 Schartzbaugh-Estate, drilling 7,426 feet in granite wash.

Natonam North America No. 2-23 State, drilling 11,360 feet.

David Fasken No. 1-23 Baetz, drilling 4,145 feet in lime.

Gulf No. 1-14 Union No. 2 Pelmont-Federal, 12,210 feet, circulating hole in dolomite and sand, set 9 1/2-inch casing at total depth.

J.M. Huber No. 2 Stoltz-Federal, drilling 10,305 feet in dolomite.

Marathon Oil Co. No. 12 Lea Deep Unit, 12,980 feet, tripping.

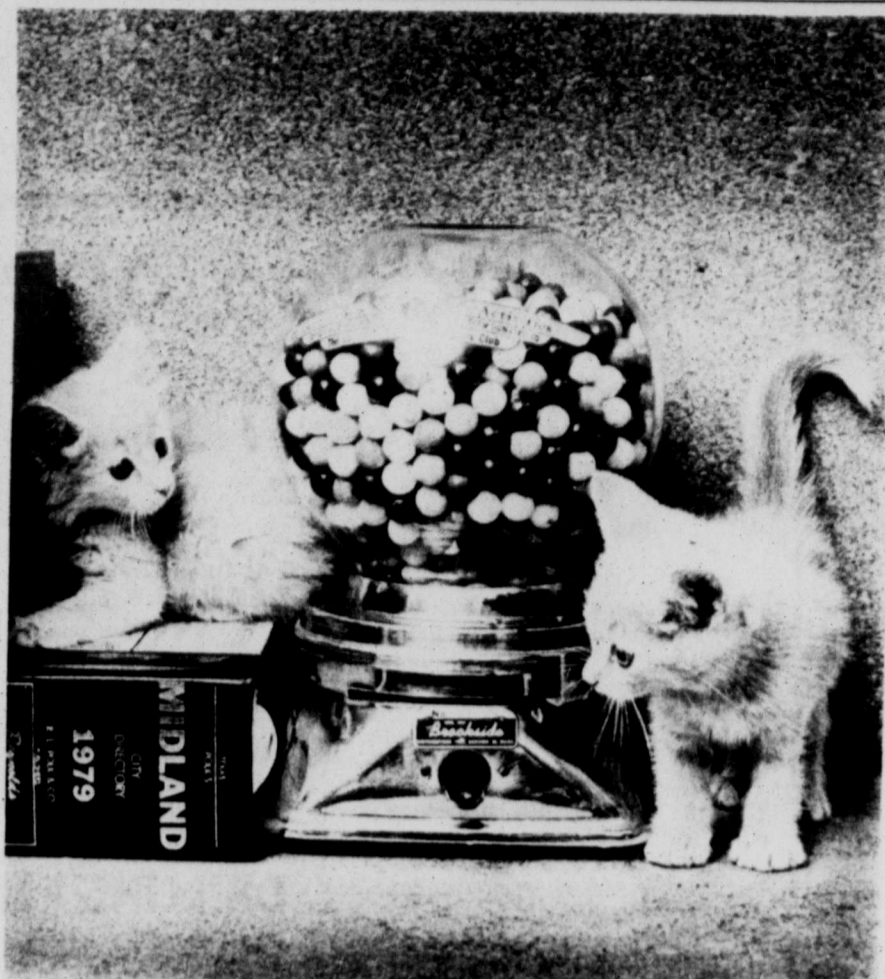
## Steer steers way through drugstore

GAYLORD, Mich. (AP) — You've heard about the bull in a china shop. What about a steer in a drug store?

A Black Angus steer escaped from a stockyard and poked his nose in the door of a downtown Gaylord pharmacy Wednesday afternoon. A worker in the front of the store hollered to pharmacist Dale Rehkopf that a bull was coming through the building.

After lumbering to the back of the store, the animal wandered behind the prescription counter for five to 10 minutes and lingered at the greeting card rack. Then, it plunged over a counter-top and left by a door which Rehkopf had hastily opened.

Three men from the stockyards rushed to the scene and tossed a halter on the steer in the alley next to the drugstore.



Pets of the Week at the Midland Animal Shelter, 1601 E. Orchard Lane, is this pair of cream-colored kittens, which can be adopted for a fee. One's a male, and they are about 5 weeks old. Shelter hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from noon to 2 p.m. Saturdays. (Staff Photo)



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## Bank asks 'patience'

NEW YORK (AP) — Banco de Ponce, the city's largest bank that caters largely to Spanish-speaking customers, is asking would-be robbers to be prepared to show a little patience, por favor.

Knowing of New York's bank robbery epidemic, officials of Banco de Ponce have posted a sign reading:

"Attention would-be robbers. This is a Spanish-speaking bank. If you intend to rob us, please be patient, for we might need an interpreter. Thank you, the management."

"I am just trying to look at a logical and reasonable way to keep anything from happening," explains security officer Joseph A. Wiscovitch. "Our people

are bilingual, but they feel more at ease in Spanish and deal with Spanish-speaking customers all day....

"I thought I'd try a little in-house Spanish mentality," the former policeman said. "I'm trying to avoid any unnecessary frustrations or incidents."

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## DR. NEIL SOLOMON Hospitals alter maternity care



Dear Dr. Solomon: A friend of mine is planning to have her baby at home, attended by a nurse-midwife. Is this becoming a common practice? — Ms. K.L.

Dear Ms. L.: The trend towards home delivery of infants seems to have hit a peak and may now be subsiding. In recent years, a number of women have chosen to have their babies at home as a protest against what they felt was inadequate and impersonal hospital care. Now the pendulum seems to be swinging to some midpoint between a highly protective, sterile hospital atmosphere and unattended home delivery.

Dr. Robert T. Hall, of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., acknowledges a number of problems related to neonatal hospital care. These include the impersonal attitudes of health care personnel, forced separation of the newborn from the mother and the general view of the baby and mother as being sick patients. Moreover, the costs of even routine care and delivery can be staggering.

Dr. Hall notes that the infant has certain rights that should be respected, including the right to have a physician present in the event something unforeseen occurs during the delivery. Low-risk pregnancies and labors can become high-risk in a matter of minutes, and these contribute to putting many newborn infants at high risk. Although 80 to 90 percent of newborn infants would do well without any of the procedures available in a hospital, the stakes are too high to take a chance on alternative birth methods that lack these ingredients.

Dr. Hall maintains that hospitals are changing as the adverse effects of some of their methods are brought to their attention. For example, infants are no longer separated from their mothers for prolonged periods, and rooming-in has become a commonplace feature.

Much remains to be done in improving maternity care, however, and there is reason for concern about infant mortality rates in the United States. Among the industrialized nations of the world, the United States ranks thirteenth in this category.

In response to such concerns, several health professional groups have suggested general guidelines for establishing an alternative birth method that will include family-centered maternity care, childbirth education and the physical development of a birthing room.

Dear Dr. Solomon: On behalf of the Dade County Association for Retarded Citizens, of which I am president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent responses to questions which appeared in the area of prevention. The responses which you have presented will impact upon the area of prevention and hopefully bring about a heightened awareness on the part of new mothers. — Joaquin J. Coello, Miami, Fla.

(If you have a medical problem, see your doctor. If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)