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## Terrorists shoot Salvadoran prelate

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — El Salvador's military-civilian junta ordered three days of national mourning for Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero and vowed to track down the gunmen who assassinated the outspoken advocate of social reform as he celebrated Mass.

The 62-year-old Roman Catholic archbishop of San Salvador, a leading critic of military repression and of all political violence, was shot in the chest Monday evening as he was raising the chalice at the altar in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence, an institution he established for terminal cancer patients.

A radio station said four gunmen

invaded the chapel. No group claimed responsibility for the shooting, but right-wing terrorists were suspected.

At the Vatican, Pope John Paul II denounced the killing as "sacrilegious" and said it represented an attack on "the dignity of man in the cruelest manner. I can't but express my most profound rebuke."

In Washington, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said he was "deeply shocked and saddened by this deplorable criminal act." He said the archbishop "embodied the basic principles of compassion and concern."

Enrique Morales Erlich, a civilian member of the ruling junta which embarked on an economic reform

program early this month, said the killers would be "sought by authorities until they are found and punished."

He told a Panamanian television station in a telephone interview the government had also "taken measures to maintain order ... in the face of disturbances provoked by groups that will now take advantage of this to attack the regime." Terrorists of both the right and left have been fighting the junta's reform program, the leftists because they want to establish a socialist government and the rightists because they want to restore control of the country to the tiny landed oligarchy and its military allies.

As soon as radio announcements of the assassination were broadcast, thousands ran through the streets of the capital to their homes, fearing new violence. But about 1,000 persons went to the hospital where the archbishop was taken after he was shot.

A nun who said she was among about 125 people in the chapel told The Associated Press the archbishop was facing the congregation and "had just raised the chalice when we heard what sounded like an explosion, like a bomb," and Romero fell on his back.

She said she did not see the assassin or know where the shot had come from.

The nun said the wounded man was taken to another hospital, the Policlínica Salvadoreña, in the center of the city, and she went with him.

"On the way to the hospital he said, 'May God have mercy on the assassins,'" she reported.

Doctors said Romero was struck once in the chest by a .22 caliber bullet. The official medical report said the bullet entered the left side of his chest, hit his heart and lodged in a lung.



A throng of Iranians fills the street of Tehran near the occupied U.S. Embassy Tuesday. Thousands of Iranians participated in a demonstration attacking the United States and President Anwar

Sadat of Egypt who invited the deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to a Cairo hospital for medical treatment and apparently a permanent refuge. (AP Laserphoto)

## Pope denounces assassination as 'attack on dignity of man'

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II today denounced the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero of San Salvador as a "sacrilegious" murder and an attack on "the dignity of man."

Romero, slain Monday evening as he celebrated Mass in his Central American diocese, had met with the pope at least twice in the past 14 months; most recently a month ago. At the time, the archbishop told a reporter he was extremely concerned about events in violence-plagued El Salvador.

In a telegram of condolence to the president of the bishops' conference of El Salvador, Bishop Jose Eduardo Alvariz Ramirez, the pope noted that Romero was killed on the altar.

Pope John Paul said he was personally wounded by the "sad news of the sacrilegious murder."

"I can't but express my most profound rebuke before this crime," which he said "struck the dignity of man in the cruelest manner."

The pope said he was praying for El Salvador and for an end to all "feelings of violence and mean vendettas."

The pope offered special condolences to the archbishop's family and members of his diocese.

In Britain, a spokesman said the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, remembered Romero in his prayers during Holy Communion at Canterbury Cathedral this morning, just a few hours before Runcie's formal installation as religious leader of the Anglican Communion.

## Afghan rebels no match for Soviet 'flying tanks'

BAJAUR, Pakistan (AP) — "The Russians have flying tanks. What can we do against them with these?" the bearded Afghan rebel tribesman said, patting his World War I vintage rifle.

"When we shoot at them nothing happens. They keep pouring rocket and machine-gun fire against us," he added.

The rebel, Halil al Rahman, 30, was referring to the deadly Soviet helicopter gunships used increasingly against them since an estimated 80,000 Russian troops entered Afghanis-

tan in December to help the communist regime crush the Moslem rebelion that broke out 23 months ago.

Rahman had just reached an Afghan refugee camp near here with other fleeing rebels after crossing the barren, snow-covered mountain range whose crest divides Pakistan from Afghanistan's eastern Konar province two miles away.

"For the past three weeks, since the Russians launched their attack on Konar province, the helicopters have been overhead all the time, firing at anything that moves," Shaker Brasul,

another rebel in Rahman's group said.

The rebels said they crossed into Pakistan when they ran out of ammunition.

"We had nothing but rifles and bullets against jets and armored helicopters in the air and tanks on the ground," Rahman said.

The Soviet airpower, particularly the helicopter gunships, appears to have nullified the traditional advantage of the fabled Afghan mountain warriors.

## Iranians demonstrate Shah, Carter, Sadat vilified

By The Associated Press

The shah's move to Egypt will make resolution of the American hostage issue "extremely difficult," Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said today as thousands of fist-waving Iranians demonstrated outside the U.S. Embassy.

Ghotbzadeh told a news conference in Tehran that the ousted monarch's flight from Panama has undermined trust in the hostage negotiations and may make the new Parliament less favorable to a settlement.

But he said the move to Egypt was a "moral victory" for Iran because it showed Iran's extradition case against the former monarch was strong.

Ghotbzadeh also said Iran will not try to extradite the shah from Egypt because Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is a "puppet of Israel and the United States."

He predicted a "tremendous amount of unrest" in Egypt because of the shah's presence.

The foreign minister said the reason the ruling Revolutionary Council has not issued an official statement on the shah's transfer to Egypt is because the new circumstances are being debated among council members.

Meanwhile, legions of Iranians filled the streets around the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, shaking clenched fists and chanting slogans condemning the United States and Sadat because Egypt took in the shah. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin also was vilified.

Women in traditional long black veils and men marched in separate groups into Ayatollah Taleghani Avenue in front of the embassy, chanting in chorus "The shah must come back! Down with the shah, Carter, Begin and Sadat!"

Many were in a holiday mood because it is the middle of Iran's new year celebration. They laughed as a man wearing a Carter mask and a tall red hat wandered through the crowd. Some took off his hat and patted him on the head or pretended to beat him with crutches.

The demonstration was called by the revolutionary guards, the militant Moslem clergy and other revolutionary groups to denounce the "treacherous plot" by Sadat and President Carter to help deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Tehran Radio said.

The ailing ex-monarch left Panama just before Iran was to file papers requesting his extradition. He arrived

in Cairo Monday and was hospitalized alongside the Nile as the Iranian and U.S. governments swapped new threats and warnings.

Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, a leading Iranian revolutionary and former chief judge, said those among the American hostages accused of spying would be put on trial and jailed if found guilty. He said the trials would take place after Iran's new Parliament convenes, which is at least a month off because of slow vote-counting and allegations of fraud, and the other hostages would be freed at that time.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter replied that "the Iranian government is aware of the consequences and condemnation that would take place" if any such trials were held. Other U.S. officials said putting any of the hostages on trial was no longer "a very possible or probable outcome," and the Carter administration did not attach "the same degree of concern" to the threat that it had to similar earlier ones.

Today was the 143rd day in captivity for the 50 Americans held by young militants in the embassy in Tehran and three embassy officials held at the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

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Edward M. Kennedy

## New York vital for Teddy

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers voted today in one of the nation's richest presidential primaries, with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy claiming he might finally gain an upset over President Carter — but vowing that defeat would not end his challenge for the Democratic nomination.

Ronald Reagan held the Republican lead in New York even before the votes were counted as he competed there and in the Connecticut primary with former U.N. Ambassador George Bush.

Bush campaigned hard in Connecticut, where he spent his boyhood, in an effort to cut into Reagan's command of the GOP race.

Meanwhile, Republican John Anderson, also running in Connecticut, threw a new light on November's general election by saying he felt he must "very carefully" consider running for president as an independent if he fails to win the GOP nomination.

Anderson, who has in the past denied aspirations for an independent race and is running far behind Reagan, has

achieved some second-place successes from the votes of independents and crossover Democrats.

Carter and Kennedy also were matched in Connecticut, but their real battleground was New York, a primary the challenger had described as a referendum on the course of the Democratic Party.

New York Democrats were assigning 282 nominating votes, apportioned on the basis of the popular vote shares in each of 39 congressional districts. Only California, with 306 delegates, has more say at the convention, and its primary is more than two months away.

A poll Monday in the New York Daily News showed Carter the preferred candidate by a narrow but still hefty margin. "I don't think we're going to win, but I don't think we're going to lose by 20 points, either," said Tom Southwick, spokesman for the Massachusetts senator. That was Carter's margin in the Louis Harris survey.

New York Republicans voted on a mystery ballot, which listed delegate candidates but not their nomination preferences.

## Bonds contain what officials deem as 'bare bones'

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the last of a three-part series examining the \$3 million school bond issue for repairs and maintenance in the April 5 election.

By DAVID CAMPBELL  
Staff Writer

Midland voters will decide April 5 whether they want to pay for school repairs with a two-cent increase in bond indebtedness or a 10-cent increase in the salary and operation part of their school taxes.

Most of the items the bonds will address April 5 were presented to the voters Oct. 23, 1979, in a \$10.2 million bond election which was turned down.

After the defeat of that "bare bones" bond package, school officials

pulled out those items they felt were "absolutely necessary" for a second try with the voters.

Of the \$3 million in the April 5 bond issue, \$951,450 is allocated for Midland High School to repair and help provide "two equal high schools" in the Tall City.

The remainder, about \$2,048,550, would be allocated to Lee High School and other schools in the district for "critical" repairs.

The big money item for Lee High School is the replacement of boiler and air conditioning equipment, which is expected to cost taxpayers \$313,000.

"The walls of the boiler have weakened from constant expansion and contraction," Garland Chapman, assistant superintendent, said, "and it needs replacement for good maintenance reasons."

Another notable need is re-roofing several school buildings.

Lee High School, Alamo Junior High, Midland Memorial Stadium Fieldhouse and six elementary

schools are due for re-roofing work costing \$613,125, according to school district figures.

The school district plans to replace incandescent lights with fluorescent fixtures, which will help reduce utility

costs incurred during normal operating hours.

Installing the fixtures would cost the district \$159,500, the assistant superintendent said.

These measures would incorporate

provide more security for the student's belongings.

Total cost for installing the lockers is \$128,370, he said.

Parking lot resurfacing at Midland Memorial Stadium would prevent future pothole problems resulting from changes in the climate, Chapman said.

Also, 6,580 fiberglass seats at Midland Memorial Stadium would be re-covered, he said, at a cost of \$41,125.

Tennis court resurfacing at Midland Freshman High School, Goddard Junior High School and Saw Jacinto Junior is expected to cost the district \$24,750, Chapman said.

Language equipment at Goddard Junior High School and Midland Freshman High School would be replaced at a cost of \$26,000, he added.

A contingency fund designed to

handle the effects of inflation is incorporated within the budget at a cost of \$183,000, according to Don Furgeson, MISD business manager.

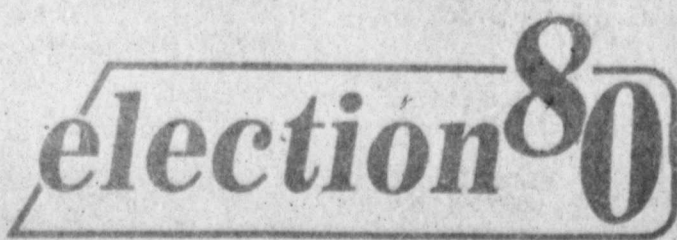
If the bond issue is passed, the district should have no trouble selling its bonds, Furgeson said.

Despite the present situation in the bond market, school officials say they feel confident Texas financial institutions would buy the school's bonds.

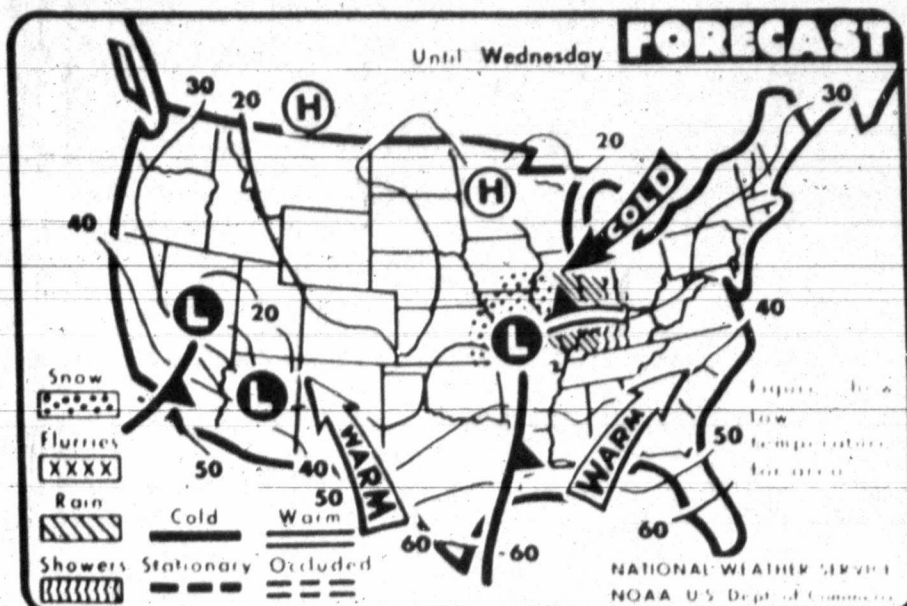
Two weeks ago, Furgeson noted, Ector County school district officials were able to sell their bonds.

One school official said bond problems occurred in northern cities because people are not willing to invest money in those areas.

However, most bonds sales are doing well in this region because of the better-economic climate, he said.



WEATHER SUMMARY



Snow and rain are expected today through Wednesday from the eastern Plains to the Midwest. Warm weather is forecast for both coasts and the southern tier of states, with colder weather expected in the northcentral areas. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Table with weather forecast for Midland, including high/low temperatures, precipitation, and wind speeds for the current day and the following week.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities across the United States, including high and low temperatures and precipitation.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities, such as Abilene, Amarillo, and El Paso.

Extended forecast

Thursday Through Saturday: West Texas: Partly cloudy with seasonal temperatures...

High court hearing challenge to capital punishment law

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court is hearing a challenge to the Texas capital punishment law for the first time since the state's death penalty was declared constitutional.

Environmentalists after 'Filthy Five'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Instead of going after the "Dirty Dozen," an environmental group says it now is training its sights on the "Filthy Five" - giant corporations it charges have shown a callous disregard for the environment.

Short courses to begin soon

Two short courses are scheduled to begin at Midland College the week of March 31. Preregistration will be held in room 156 of the MC Administration Building...

MC blood drive benefits hospital

Midland College hosted a blood drive for Parkview Hospital today in the Student Center Building. United Blood Services operated the blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and again from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Assistant DA's salary increased

By SUSAN TOTH Staff Writer. Midland County Commissioners Monday voted to spend \$18,022.48 for three new police cars and \$3,855 for cameras and television monitors for the county jail but nearly balked at putting out an extra \$3,400 to keep an experienced assistant district attorney.



Angie Casbeer, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Casbeer, is the 1980 queen of the West Side Lions Club. Miss Casbeer is a student at Midland High School. (Staff Photo)

Drilling rig workers had warning, couldn't escape platform in time

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) - A gas drilling rig where two men died and 29 others were injured in an explosion began to "kick" and mud started to spray from the well before the blast, but the workers could not evacuate in time, survivors say.

While agreeing it was "a stinky situation," Commissioner Durward Wright noted "this is the only stab we've got at keeping a man with that experience." Martin, presenting the case for the increase, added, "at some time we have to think about making the office as professional as we can."

Connally to join Reagan on North, East Texas trip

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan makes a quick trip of North and East Texas today accompanied by a man he trounced decisively in the South Carolina primary.

traveling with him if he wasn't supporting him," a former Connally aide who asked not to be identified said Monday.

Palestinians begin striking as school plans continue

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Palestinians began a general strike today throughout the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River to protest Israel's plan to house Jewish students in the Arab city of Hebron.

Minister Menachem Begin's government on Monday defeated a parliamentary no-confidence motion 56-44. Israel has built more than 50 settlements on the occupied West Bank and until the Cabinet's decision had not allowed Jews to settle in Arab cities.

Julian Read, campaign press spokesman for Connally, noted that in his withdrawal speech, Connally said he had no desire to be a vice presidential candidate. Connally also he would "remain active in politics."

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DEATHS

J.B. Cherrymomes Cline S. Rice

Services for J.B. "Cherry" Cherrymomes, 68, of Eunice, N.M., will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Wayland Boyd, minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating and the Rev. G.A. McGee assisting. Burial will be in Midland.

Cherrymomes died Monday in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born May 27, 1911, in Graham. He spent his early life in Young County and attended school in Graham. He was married at Fort Sumner, N.M. He moved to Stanley, N.M., in 1930 and from there to California. He later moved to Wink and returned to Eunice, N.M., in 1944. He was a pumper with Humble Oil and Refinery for 23 years. He retired in 1967. Cherrymomes was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eunice where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Cherrymomes of Eunice; three sons, Jerry Cherrymomes of Eunice, Terry Cherrymomes of Midland and Tom Cherrymomes of Carlsbad, N.M.; a sister, Inez Tippette of Eunice; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

R.E. Schoberth

EL PASO — Memorial services for Robert E. Schoberth, 63, of El Paso and formerly of Midland, were to be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Harding-Orr-McDaniel Pershing Drive Chapel with the Rev. Phil Baker officiating. Schoberth died Saturday in an El Paso hospital after an illness.

He was a retired Safeway Stores employee with 35 years of service. He was former district manager for Safeway in the Midland-Odessa area from 1966 to 1971. He was president of S&F Beverage Co. in El Paso at the time of his death.

He was a member of FAAM, Oasis Lodge 41 and the Lodge of Perfection in Las Vegas, Nev.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Schoberth of El Paso; a daughter, Carol Durkin of El Paso; a son, Robert Reed Schoberth of Ruidoso, N.M.; a sister, a nephew and a grandchild.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association.

Bertha Bloss

BIG SPRING — Bertha Bloss, 94, of Big Spring died Monday in a local nursing home after a lengthy illness.

Services and burial will be in New Freedom, Pa., directed by J.J. Harsten Funeral Home. Local arrangements were handled by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bloss was born Sept. 25, 1885, in Eklo, Md. She was married to John Edward Bloss Feb. 16, 1908, in York County, Pa. He died in 1939. She was a retired practical nurse and had lived in Big Spring since 1941. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Blanche Fischer of Glenrock, Pa., and several nieces and nephews.

Careless park campers may have caused fire

PANTHER JUNCTION, Texas (AP) — Careless campers in Big Bend National Park probably caused a raging wildfire that burned more than 200 acres of the scenic Chisos Mountains this weekend, said Park Supervisor Robert Haraden.

Park officials said the Laguna Meadow area, where tree stumps are still smoldering, will be off limits to overnight campers indefinitely.

The road to the Chisos Basin, about two miles below the burned area, would re-open today, said park spokeswoman Cindy Simmons.

Carter aide says decision 'common sense' victory

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The president's chief inflation fighter calls it a victory for "common sense," but U.S. growers say the decision to admit Mexican produce into the United States duty-free sacrifices farmers to enhance relations with oil-rich Mexico.

The growers, who plan to challenge the decision in court, say that what was hailed as a victory for consumers could someday result in sky-high food prices as American farmers go out of business.

"There is only one loser in this fight, and that is the American consumer, because they are the ones who are going to pay \$5 or \$10 for a salad," said farmer J. Lewis Rodriguez.

The Commerce Department ruled Monday that fresh vegetables imported from Mexico aren't being sold in the United States at unfairly low prices.

The imports last year were valued at about \$200 million and represented half the fresh winter produce sold in the United States.

Alfred E. Kahn, Carter's chief inflation adviser, said the ruling is "a victory for common sense and a victory for our national struggle against inflation."

In a separate decision, the administration refused to raise the tariffs on leather wearing-apparel, imported mainly from South Korea, as requested by U.S. companies and unions, mostly located in the New York City area.

Imported leather apparel now accounts for about 80 percent of the domestic market.

The produce ruling came in a complaint filed by the Southwest Florida Winter Vegetable Growers Association, the Palm Beach-Broward Farmers Committee for Legislative Action Inc., and the South Florida Tomato and Vegetable Growers Inc. It charged Mexican imports were being sold here at less than full value and that dumping was driving American growers out of business.

The Commerce Department said comparisons were made of prices charged for Mexican vegetables in Canada and the United States from Nov. 1, 1977, to April 30, 1978. Stanley J. Marcuss, acting assistant secretary for trade administration, said the comparison showed

prices "essentially similar." He added that while price comparisons normally are made between the United States and the home country of a particular product, this was not done in the produce case because "there were insufficient sales in Mexico during the period of investigation."

Attorney Howard J. Feldman, who represents South Florida farmers, said he would appeal the ruling in U.S. Customs Court.

"This is the most outrageous decision I have ever read, and the way they have done it is a

double outrage," he said, contending the department had "executed a predetermined political policy."

Feldman said the ruling, which growers argue was designed to

improve relations with Mexico, could lead to dumping by other Latin American countries.

"This thing has very wide ramifications," he said.

"It's the sounding of the death knell" for U.S. growers of winter vegetables, said Earl R. Crossman, a Boynton Beach farmer. "The next victims will be the lime industry, avocados, then citrus of all types."

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Keith Birkhead

BIG SPRING — Keith Birkhead, 90, died Monday in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Birkhead was born Sept. 6, 1889. He was married to Minnie Hood in 1923 in Coahoma. She died Nov. 3, 1977. He moved to the Coahoma area in 1900 and farmed there until his retirement in 1965.

Survivors include a son, Gray Birkhead of Hobbs, N.M.; four sisters, Mrs. John Davis and Lelia Birkhead, both of Big Spring, Elizabeth Martin of Coahoma and Dovie Britton of Colorado City; a brother, Elmo Birkhead of Midland; and two grandchildren.

Hoke S. King

COLEMAN — Services for Hoke S. King, 86, of Coleman, uncle of Othel Pucket of Midland, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Stevens Memorial Chapel with Masonic graveside rites in Coleman City Cemetery.

He died Sunday in a Coleman nursing home after a lengthy illness.

King was born April 18, 1893, in Snead, Ala. He was married to Norma Lane June 26, 1928. He moved to Coleman 21 years ago from Victoria. He was a retired oilfield worker and a Methodist. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Coleman Masonic Lodge.

Other survivors include his wife, a sister, a niece and two nephews.

Murchison welcomes partners

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas financier Clint Murchison has welcomed two prominent partners into his STV Corporation of America.

Joining Murchison in the pay-TV venture were veteran entertainment executives Gordon McLendon of Dallas and Sy Weintraub of Los Angeles, Murchison announced here Monday.

Murchison said McLendon and Weintraub have bought what he called a "substantial interest" in STV of America, which owns over-the-air pay-TV franchises in Dallas, San Francisco and Providence, R.I.

Murchison said he was pleased to announce the involvement of McLendon and Weintraub.

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Martin Allday on site of new commercial construction in Midland.

The economy of Midland has concerned Martin Allday since 1967 when as president of the Chamber of Commerce he helped start the Industrial Foundation of Midland. Later he served three terms as President of the organization which built the present Industrial Park. Today, over 1,000 people work at this site. Other new industrial companies—Texas Instruments, French Tool and Manufacturing Co., Michelin, and PPG—have been completing their plans and/or plants for location in Midland. Martin Allday has worked on diversification projects for years, and he will continue to encourage such industry to ensure the future of Midland.

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## A commendable choice

Jim Patten of the University of Nebraska journalism faculty has been selected to head the department of journalism at Midland College.

Patten, currently professor of journalism at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was appointed last week during a meeting of the college's board of trustees. The appointment becomes effective with the 1980 fall term.

The Allison Chair of Journalism was made possible via a generous endowment of \$750,000 made to the college in September 1979, by Mrs. Helen Y. Allison in memory of James N. Allison Sr. and James N. Allison Jr., late publishers of The Midland Reporter-Telegram and the Plainview Herald.

Establishment of the Allison chair brings about a new era for journalism both at Midland College and in Midland in general.

Patten's credentials are impeccable. He will bring to the college a unique blend of journalistic expertise from both the standpoints of education and "working journalism" experience.

The professor has outstanding experience for both areas, having served as an educator for several distinguished colleges and universities, and as a working journalist for some of this nation's most

prestigious newspapers.

Experience in both areas is essential to providing prospective journalists with the knowledge required to keep this nation's readers, viewers and listeners adequately informed of international, national, state and local events.

The journalists of today are required to do more than merely report news events. In most instances they are expected to interpret the events, thus bringing them into context for the public.

It's a big job, one that necessitates well-informed, highly educated journalists.

The importance of that job today cannot be overemphasized because in today's rapidly changing, mobile society strong emphasis is placed on getting the news to the public as quickly and accurately as humanly possible.

That's why today's prospective journalists must be taught not only the theory of journalism, but also the mechanics of actually preparing news accounts and disseminating them to the public.

For that task, Patten is well qualified. His expertise in the field of journalism will be invaluable to Midland College's journalism department.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 25, the 85th day of 1980. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On March 25, 1634, British colonists under Lord Baltimore first reached Maryland.

On this date: In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., killed 111 miners.

In 1969, Pakistan's President Ayub Khan turned power over to the military after eleven years of leadership.

In 1973, Israel's biggest spy trial ended with the conviction of two Jews and three Arabs for treason and other charges.

In 1978, the Palestine Liberation Organization announced it would increase raids on Israeli-occupied territory in southern Lebanon.

Ten years ago, the nation's major commercial banks reduced their prime lending rates from 8 1/2 percent to 8 percent.

Five years ago during a palace reception, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was assassinated by a nephew. The killer was declared to be mentally ill.

Last year, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Min-

ister Menachem Begin agreed in Washington on details of their peace treaty signing ceremony.

Today's birthdays: English rock star Elton John is 33. Anita Bryant is 40.

Thought for today: One great use of words is to hide our thoughts. — Voltaire (1694-1778)

## The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"Being humble is made easier by folk's tendency to remark about the good in us only after we're dead."



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Probe of U.S.-Iranian dealing makes sense

WASHINGTON — The lengthy, incestuous and perhaps illegal relationship between the former shah of Iran and top policymakers in Washington may finally get the long overdue official scrutiny it deserves.

Rep. George Hansen — the maverick Idaho Republican who went to Tehran twice to negotiate for release of the American hostages — has conducted his own investigation of the sweetheart relationships the shah developed with Washington's high and mighty.

Working with a staff of three investigators, the congressman has detailed his findings in secret reports to two House committees, Intelligence and Banking, and has demanded a full-scale inquiry.

Hansen's conclusions tend to confirm stories I have been reporting since 1974. Numerous high officials — including former President Richard Nixon, former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and William Rogers, and former CIA Director Richard Helms — slavishly kowtowed to the shah, actively helped build Iran into a major military power and stood by while the royal dictator pushed oil prices into the stratosphere.

The favors they received, in turn, from the occupant of the Peacock Throne came perilously close to bribery in some cases.

Hansen is convinced that the hearings he calls for would not only inform the American public of the misguided policies that put the United States into its present humiliating predicament in Iran, but would probably secure the release of the hostages. Indeed, he claims to have evidence that prompt congressional hearings could have brought the hostages home last November.



Jack Anderson

The two committee chairmen Hansen reported to — Reps. Edward Boland, D-Mass., and Henry Reuss, D-Wis. — are tough-minded and independent enough to pursue the requested inquiries no matter how high the embarrassment reaches. And Hansen's evidence suggests that it reaches to the top levels of Washington officialdom.

The shah's affinity for former secretaries of state is detailed in several parts of Hansen's reports. Hansen quotes at length from my column of Dec. 10, 1979, charging that Kissinger could have dissuaded the shah from leading the ruinous oil price rise in 1973, but "held back to accommodate the shah — an incredible favor worth untold billions" to the monarch. Hansen also describes how Kissinger and his current employer, Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller, pressured Jimmy Carter to let the shah into this country last October despite clear warnings that American personnel in Tehran might be taken hostage as a result.

Some of Hansen's more serious revelations concern Kissinger's predecessor, Rogers. For example: — Within three months after he resigned from office, Rogers turned up as a director of the shah's Pahlavi Foundation and appeared as "the at-

torney of record for the shah's relatives and his bank, the Bank of Omran." There was at the time, Hansen notes, a statute that made it a criminal offense to act, within one year of leaving the government, "on behalf of anyone other than the United States in any matter which was within one's jurisdiction as a government officer." Rogers "appears to have forgotten the Conflict Statute," Hansen observed.

According to officials of the Pahlavi Foundation, whose only asset in this country was an office building on Fifth Avenue in New York, Rogers and his law firm were paid \$35,000 a month for legal services — a total of more than \$1 million, Hansen reports. "A legitimate question arises of whether the Foundation was merely a conduit to pay the legal fees for services of the Rogers firm to members of the royal family," Hansen concluded. Furthermore, Hansen notes, "I can find no evidence that either Mr. Rogers or his firm registered as agents for a foreign government" while representing the Pahlavi Foundation and the shah, as required by law.

Finally, Hansen charges that Rogers may have played "a major part in a series of events" that eventually led to the fateful decision to admit the shah to the United States.

I have some additional evidence that I've voluntarily shared with Hansen. In June 1974, I was tracking down rumors that the shah had given large sums of money to the Nixon re-election campaign. Out of nowhere, Rogers called me and categorically denied the story.

Then Rogers' law firm followed up with a telegram stating that the firm had been "retained by the embassy of Iran" to communicate with me on the Nixon-Shah story. This, too, was less than a year after Rogers' departure from government in September 1973.

My associates Joe Spear and Gary Cohn called Rogers' office three times for comment on Hansen's charges, but were told he was too busy to talk. On request, they put their inquiries in writing, but had received no response by the time I went to press. In the past, Rogers denied any conflict of interest, insisting that he handled only "real estate work" for the shah's foundation.

LENDING A HAND: While home buyers and other individuals in search of credit are being pole-axed by double-digit interest rates, Uncle Sam is making it easier for corporations and the federal government to borrow money by selling bonds.

The best market for corporate and government bonds these days is foreign oil fatcats — the very people whose greed is helping to fuel inflation for the American consumer. But the administration is pushing a proposal that would do away with the 30 percent tax foreign investors are currently required to pay on interest they get from U.S. public and private bond issues.



Charley Reese

so. If you love freedom of expression and inquiry and have respect for truth, you must hate communists for they are enemies of all three.

I'm not just pulling your leg. In all of these things communists are consistent in both their theory and their practice. Listen to the godfather of modern communists, V. I. Lenin.

Our morality: "When people talk to us about morality, we say: for the communist, morality consists entirely of compact united discipline and conscious mass struggle against exploiters."

On fair play: "We must be ready to employ trickery, deceit, law-breaking, withholding and concealing truth. We can and must write in the language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, scorn and the like toward those who disagree with us."

On freedom of the press: "Why should freedom of speech and freedom of the press be allowed? Why should a government which is doing what it believes is right allow itself to be criticized? It would not allow opposition by lethal weapons. Ideas are much more fatal things than guns."

On freedom of discussion: "The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses."

On subversion (many liberals deny its existence): "There can be no question of only utilizing bourgeois state institutions with the objective of destroying them... The Communist Party enters such institutions not in order to do constructive work, but in order to direct the masses to destroy from within the whole bourgeois state machine and parliament itself."

Well, you have to give Lenin credit for speaking plainly, and, as I pointed out, there is a perfect match between what he preached and what communists today practice.

Since liberals tend to dominate the media, according to Walter Cronkite, most Americans are like the U.S. Government's Soviet experts: they have accepted the communist propaganda as the correct version of history.

I've heard many a guy repeat the bromide that the people of the Soviet Union or China are at least better off than they were before. This is simply not true. Lenin's gang, for example, did not overthrow the Czarist government; they overthrew the democratic government which had overthrown Czarist rule. The communists just gratuitously murdered the deposed monarch and his family.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn has pointed out that in the 80 years preceding the communist takeover, despite unrest and attempted revolutions, the Czars executed about 17 persons a year. Once the communists were in power, they executed about 1,000 persons a month and gradually ran the numbers up to 40,000 a month. The death toll of all communist governments has been estimated from a minimum of 60 million to 120 million people.

To paraphrase Gen. Phil Sheridan, the only good communist is a dead one.

## THE BIBLE CAN YOU QUOTE IT?

By LAVINA ROSS FOWLER AND ELIZABETH ROSS WIERSEMA

1. Five miles south of Jerusalem was the town of Ephrathah, sometimes called Ephrath (EE-frath.) It was named for the wife of Caleb. It was considered as a suitable place for the tabernacle. Rachel, mother of Joseph and Benjamin, died and was buried at Ephrathah. The most important of everything happened to her. Tell. Genesis 35:19, Micah 5:2 Matthew 2.

2. Why was Jesus called a Nazarene? Matthew 2:23

3. What was the inheritance of the Levites? Deuteronomy 18

4. What prophesy of Genesis 8:22 is promising at this time?

5. "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for —" Psalm 23

Four correct... excellent, three... good

## BIBLE VERSE

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. Ps. 116: 1-2

## INSIDE REPORT:

### Reagan supporters don't want Baker as running mate

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — The hottest prospect to become Ronald Reagan's vice presidential running mate is Sen. Howard Baker — a prospect that tempers the conservative movement's joy over Reagan's runaway campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Baker remains anathema to the right, mainly because of his support for the Panama Canal treaties but also because he backed such domestic proposals as the federal Education Department and President Carter's welfare reform bill. However, his moderate image and Southern background are prime assets in the view of many Reagan insiders.

Conservative leaders would much prefer George Bush if Reagan wants a moderate-appearing running mate, but Bush's poor campaign performance the last months has reduced his desirability. Other possibilities acceptable to the right include Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana and retired Gen. Alexander Haig.

REAGAN AND PRO-LIFE Complicating Sen. Howard Baker's vice presidential prospect is a pledge from Ronald Reagan to name only a "pro-life running mate."

Reagan made the pledge in a Feb. 15 telegram to Father Charles Flore of Chicago, chairman of the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee — an organization that has endorsed Reagan for president.

In ruling out possible running mates widely regarded as not pro-life



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— that is, who favor some form of legalized abortion — Reagan may have blackballed several vice presidential prospects with powerful backing, including Baker, Gov. James Thompson of Illinois and possibly George Bush.

Reagan himself, although under attack in the past for some of his abortion policies as governor of California, promised the NPLPAC that he is definitely pro-life.

CARTER'S TEDDY FEAR Fear of Teddy Kennedy inside the Carter White House has little to do with his chances to beat Carter for the nomination (regarded as zero), but everything to do with preserving or sweetening Democratic majorities in Congress and avoiding losses in lesser state elections.

The connection between Kennedy's continuing blasts as Carter, despite his impoverished showing in the primaries, and the congressional and state elections is — money. As long as Sen. Kennedy battles Carter, already scarce party funds are siphoned away from the critical statewide and local elections. The Republican war chest

is now close to \$20 million, adding together the Senate and House campaign treasuries and the national committee's. The Democrats claim virtual bankruptcy.

The Republicans, on the short end today of a 59-to-41 Senate lineup, could conceivably win control for the first time since the 1952 election. With Democratic contributors continuing to pour money into the presidential contest the Republican prospect for picking up congressional and other elective offices is enhanced.

CARTERITES VS. STRAUSS The concealed resentment of long-time Carterites toward the president's campaign manager, Robert Strauss, is reflected by their secret codeword for him: "The Eagle."

"Strauss is like an eagle," explained one campaign operative, "who soars over the country to find a primary state where we're sure to win and then lands there." That reflects feeling by the Carter old guard that Strauss, a relative newcomer to the president's camp and a neutral in 1976, takes undue credit for Carter successes against Sen. Kennedy.

Actually, the charge is unfair. Strauss put together Carter's campaign in New York last fall when the president was a distinct underdog against Kennedy. But the "Eagle" codeword reflects the underlying tension between Strauss and Tim Kraft, Carter's longtime political operative.

MEL LOWERS SIGHTS The resurgence of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign has led former Gov. Meldrim Thomson of New Hampshire to reconsider his fading,

right-wing independent campaign for president in favor of a race for the U.S. Senate — a prospect that generates mixed applause.

Thomson tentatively will dine the first week in April at the Massachusetts estate of the reigning conservative power in New Hampshire: William Loeb, publisher of the Manchester Union-Leader. If Loeb asks him to join the crowded Republican field challenging liberal Democratic Sen. John Durkin, Thomson may well say yes.

On name identification alone, Thomson probably would finish first in the Republican primary. Some New Hampshire conservatives regard him as the strongest prospect against Durkin. But right-wing political operatives in Washington have learned of Thomson's interest with dismay; they consider the former governor to be too controversial, and hence the one Republican surest to lose to Durkin.

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By PATSY GORDON  
Lifestyle Writer

The Midland Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St., is offering a new program for preschoolers, ages 3 to 6, called "Time Out For Mom."

The program will be swim and gym classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. The swimming will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:15 to 11 a.m., while the gym classes will take place from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Swimming is scheduled opposite gym to allow time for participation in both. Gary Seth will instruct gymnastics and Carol Mangan will be the swimming teacher.

Fees will be \$4 for members and \$8 for non-members for each program. For further information, call Barbara Bradt at Central Y, 682-2551.

**SPEAKING OF THE Y:** Sharon Lawrence will be the instructor for the beginners yoga class and not Steve Lawrence as reported in Sunday's column. Our sincere apologies, Sharon.

Registration is underway for the class which starts April 10, meeting once a week from 7 to 8 p.m. each Thursday for eight weeks. Fees are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Sharon has practiced yoga 7 1/2 years, studied extensively 2 1/2 years and instructed 2 1/2 years in Calgary, Canada. Call 682-2551 for more information on the yoga course.

**TRINITY SCHOOL** is having an open house today, Wednesday and Thursday. The public is invited to tour the school and its classrooms from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PERMIAN BASIN RESIDENTS** contributed more than \$100,000 to the Easter Seal campaign Sunday during the Easter Seal Telethon viewed over Channel 2, KMID-TV.

These funds will go to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at Odessa.

**MIDLAND CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION** will meet at 7 p.m. today instead of 7:30 p.m. as reported Monday. The meeting will take place in the Commercial Bank Board Room. All members are urged to attend.

**TRI-DELTA PLANT SALE** will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at 2000 Gulf Ave., the home of Betty Jones. Proceeds will benefit Young Life and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame.

## Janna Pilgreen to participate in spelling bee

Janna Pilgreen, a sixth grader at De Zavala Elementary School, will journey Saturday to Lubbock to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Miss Pilgreen won the right after coming out on top at the Midland spelling bee last week. The local contest was jointly sponsored by the Midland Independent School District and the A-J.

Should Miss Pilgreen evolve as regional winner, she will go on to Washington D.C. to take part in the 53rd annual Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee slated to begin May 28.

For the first time, private schools in the city entered the local competition and Alli Weis, a sixth grader at St. Ann's School, finished as runnerup.

Third place winner was Mark Kolar, a seventh grader at Goddard Junior High, while Melanie Richardson, a fifth grader at West Elementary, took home fourth place; Jennifer Wagner, a fifth grader at Emerson Elementary, garnered fifth and Bobby Laughlin, a fourth grader at Bonham Elementary, captured sixth.

Other finalists and their schools were: Candy Diepraam, Bowie; J'Nan Eason, Burnet; Christi Ivie, Crockett; Michelle Hamm, Fannin; Paul Pickering, Henderson; Greg Arrell, Sam Houston; Phillip Vandiver, Anson Jones; Derek Milner, Lamar; Debbie Wiseman, Jane Long; Ricky Rangel, Ben Milam; Ricardo Torres, Pease; LeAnn Simmons, Rusk; Jody Netherland, South; Barbara Kelly, Washington; Kerri Cooper, Alamo Junior High School; Deldre Bell, San Jacinto Junior High, and Megan Burleson, Trinity School.



Midlanders had a chance Saturday to view Camp Fire yesterday as compared to today. Michele Baumgartner, left, and Dianne Zinn show off their needlepoint talents at the annual Camp Fire fair held in Dellwood Plaza Mall. Both girls are members of the Midland Council of Camp Fire, Inc.

## DEAR ABBY



**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
DEAR ABBY: MAGGIE IN MANHATTAN, a happily married woman, wrote to say that her husband wants to make love on Sunday morning before mass, but she feels guilty going to mass right after having had sex.

She asked you what was wrong with her, and you said, "Your problem is rooted in the notion that sex is sinful. You grew up believing it, and even though you're married and there is no reason to feel guilty, you're still programmed to equate sex with sin."

To a Catholic, who knows that the marital embrace is blessed by God, your Freudian prejudices appear ludicrous in this connection. MAGGIE's guilt is obviously associated with the traditional eucharistic fast.

Until Vatican Council II, Catholics who wished to receive communion were required to abstain from eating and drinking from midnight preceding mass, though now it is reduced to one hour.

Although there is nothing immoral about food, we do not partake of it immediately preceding mass and communion. It is thus logical that MAGGIE feels she should abstain from all other pleasures, including sex.—UNDERSTANDING IN ANN ARBOR.

DEAR ABBY: You should have told MAGGIE to ask her husband to control himself for an hour or two on Sunday morning. After all, there are six other days, plus whatever time is left after they get back from church on Sunday.—J. IN MEDINA, OHIO.

Dear J.: MAGGIE knows her husband better than you or I. (P.S. You've got to shoot the ducks while they're flying.)

DEAR ABBY: You erroneously assumed that MAGGIE's guilt lay in some deep-seated equation of sex with sin. Please reconsider.

The problem is more spiritual than sexual. Recognizing the likelihood of distraction from worship that the thrill of the sex might provide, St. Paul advised:

"Do not refuse these (sexual) rights to each other. The only exception to this rule would be the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from the rights of marriage for a limited time, so that you can give yourselves more completely to worship" (1 Corinthians 7:5, The Living Bible).

The solution for MAGGIE might be to tell her husband that she loves to bask in the afterglow of their love-making, but she would be better able to do so when the demands of worship to God would not present a conflict emotionally.—IMPERIAL VALLEY M.D.

DEAR ABBY: With regard to MAGGIE IN MANHATTAN: I went to the Irish priest of our little church some time ago and asked him the same question, "Is it all right to have sex before mass?"

With a twinkle in his eye and a lilt in

his slight brogue, he answered, "I and don't block the aisle." — INFORMED IN ARIZONA.

## New cancers are connected to treatment

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Radiation therapy designed to cure children with cancer may be contributing to new cancers, growth defects and learning disabilities, a pediatric cancer specialist reports following a study of 200 child cancer patients.

"We are concerned that radiation therapy is not as innocuous as has been led to believe," Dr. Anna Taback Meadows, senior physician at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, told a science writers' seminar sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

"The ethical implications are immense: Do you risk your children's life (by not using 'aggressive' cancer treatment) or do you risk serious problems they will have to live with?"

"All we can do is discuss with parents the chances of producing longer life and what the child can expect later in life," she said.

Ms. Meadows said Monday the study at 13 institutes in the Philadelphia area involved children who were age 6 or under when treated for a variety of childhood cancers, from leukemia to cranial tumors.

She said studies of 200 children who developed a second cancer indicated that in 94 cases the new cancer, which sometimes took as long as 13 years to develop, could be associated with radiation therapy.

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## Garden book now available

The North American Gladiolus Council has issued a paperback on "How to Grow Glorious Gladiolus" for the beginner and fancier. It is most comprehensive, explaining planting, growth, cutting, classification, propagation, harvest and storage. Robert Dorsam, 30 Highland Pl., Peru, Ind., 46970, is Council secretary.

"Gardening Without Pests" is a new handbook issued by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225.) Well illustrated, the handbook (\$1.95) covers insects, fungi and viruses on trees, shrubs and flowers; weed control and air pollution.

(For Earl Aronson's "Associated Press Guide to House Plants," send \$1 to House Plants, AP Newsfeatures, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020.)

## Tracking of flu essential for effective vaccine

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The viruses causing influenza may suddenly mutate and so change that the immunity which has been built up in a population disappears, and existing stocks of vaccine become useless.

This makes constant monitoring of influenza outbreaks essential. For this purpose, the U.N. World Health Organization has established a global surveillance system with reports coming from 101 national influenza centers. When an outbreak occurs, the national center obtains specimens

of the virus which are rushed to WHO collaborating laboratories — in Atlanta, Ga., or London, England — where the virus is analyzed and passed on to vaccine manufacturers if a new type of vaccine is required.

WHO also keeps national health authorities informed of influenza outbreaks and the type of virus involved.

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BRAKES advertisement for Midland Dayton Tires, featuring a car and text about brake pads and shoes.

RON BRITTON FOR SCHOOL BOARD advertisement, including a photo of Ron Britton and text about his qualifications.

Livestock advertisement for Midland needs RON BRITTON on the school board, listing steering committee members.

THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK advertisement, featuring a phone and text about money market certificates.

LEVIS General Clothing advertisement, featuring a Levi's logo and text about clothing.

# New Mexico wildcats reported

**Operators have announced wildcat projects in Chaves, Eddy and Roosevelt counties.**

Enserch Exploration Co. Inc. of Dallas No. 1 J. G. O'Brien is a 4,000-foot wildcat in Chaves County, two miles southeast of Elkins.

The location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 31-7s-29e and 1.5 miles northeast of an unnamed San Andres oil pool which produces at 2,605 feet.

Ground elevation is 4,020 feet.

**EDDY EXPLORER**

Perry R. Bass of Midland No. 78 Big Eddy Unit is a 13,000-foot wildcat in Eddy County, 18 miles northeast of Carlsbad.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 35-20s-30e.

**ROOSEVELT TESTS**

Enserch Exploration Inc. of Dallas No. 1 Amoco State has been spotted as an 8,100-foot wildcat in Roosevelt County, nine miles northwest of Dora.

The drillsite is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 16-4s-33e and six miles northeast of the Peterson (Fusselman) field.

Ground elevation is 4,388 feet.

**Energy Reserves Group, Inc., Midland No. 1 Bledsoe** is to be dug as an 8,100-foot wildcat in Roosevelt County, one mile southwest of 7,850-foot Fusselman production in the Peterson, South field.

Location is 1,874 feet from north and 766 feet from east lines of section 11-6s-33e and 12 miles southeast of Elida.

**CHAVES PROJECT**

Mesa Petroleum Co., Midland, No. 5 Rock-Federal is to be dug as a 3,900-foot project in an undesignated Abo area of Chaves County, 24 miles west of High Lonesome.

The project is 990 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 18-8s-23e.

**LOCO HILLS AREA**

ARCO Oil & Gas Co., operating from Hobbs, N.M., No. 8 McIntyre-Federal is a new 11,300-foot project in the Loco Hills (Morrow) pool of Eddy County, 24 miles east Artesia.

The drillsite is 1,650 feet from south lines of 1,980 feet from west lines of section 17-17s-30e.

**LOVING SECTOR**

Belco Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Gultar Estate Communitized is a 12,600-foot project in the Loving, North (Morrow) pool of Eddy County.

Drillsite is 2,100 feet from north and 710 feet from east lines of section 19-23s-28e, and two miles west of Loving.

The ground elevation is 3,067 feet.

**AID PROJECT**

Exxon Corp., operating from Midland is a new 11,000-foot test in the AID (Morrow) pool nine miles west of Loco Hills in Eddy County.

It is No. 1-CY New Mexico-State Communitized, 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 23-17s-28e.

**BURTON FLAT AREA**

Cities Service Co., operating from Midland, spotted a pair of projects in the Burton Flat (Morrow) area of Eddy County.

No. 1-AG Government is 1,650 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 17-20s-28e and 21 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

It is to drill to 11,240 feet. Ground elevation is 3,258 feet.

**Cities Service No. 1-Y Government** is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 12-20s-28e and 15 miles northeast of Carlsbad.

The contract depth is 11,500 feet.

**UNDESIGNATED AREA**

Meadco Properties Ltd. of Midland No. 2 Huckon-Federal has been spotted as a 4,400-foot project in an undesignated (Delaware) area of Eddy County, 16 miles northeast of Carlsbad.

Location is 1,832 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 4-21s-29e. Ground elevation is 3,438 feet.

**MORROW PROJECT**

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia No. 1-NA Bowman Communitized is an 8,250-foot project in an undesignated (Morrow) area of Eddy County, two miles northeast of Artesia.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 4-17s-26e.

Ground elevation is 3,358 feet.

# Gulf Coast city officials feel confident after well capped

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP)**—The people who live along the South Texas coast lost count of the times officials predicted an end to the world's worst oil spill. But the runaway well that dumped crude onto beaches here has been capped, and residents hope tourists will return.

"I think it's time to feel optimistic," Mayor Glen McGehee said Monday after Mexican officials confirmed an end to the nine-month fight. "We've been pessimistic long enough."

The greasy brown pollution last

Officials first pumped steel balls into the well in hopes of stanching the flow, which at 130.2 million gallons was greater than the 1978 spill from the tanker Amoco Cadiz off France.

The U.S. Coast Guard sounded the "all clear" Wednesday, and by the time official word came from Mexico that the well had been plugged with concrete caps, area residents were breathing easy.

Students jammed motels, hotels and condominiums for spring break and many facilities are booked through Easter. But not everything is back to normal.

"I think our credibility is being established but I think we have a long way to go," said McGehee. "It will take us several months or, in some instances, maybe years before some people decide the coast is clear and they want to come back."

Members of the tourist industry have filed \$337 million in lawsuits against Pemex, the national oil monopoly that owns the well, and Sedco, the Texas-based company founded by Texas Gov. Bill Clements that rented the drilling rig. Mexjco has ignored the suits.

Reminders of the spill — small tar balls — still wash back onto shore occasionally.

The Coast Guard has not decided whether to remove large underwater accumulations of oil that break down into the tar balls, or leave the deposits alone.

"We're looking at them and will be making a decision on how much it would cost to remove them and the environmental factors involved,"

said Lt. Harry Vaughn in Corpus Christi.

However, Coast Guard crews will remove oil containment equipment this weekend from Port Mansfield and around South Padre Island. The rubber booms and skimmers were placed at entrances to Laguna Madre, an inland bay harboring fragile forms of wildlife, after oil slicks were spotted offshore.

## Committee to honor Exxon brass

The Midland Wildcat Committee will host a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. April 2 in the Petroleum Club of Midland honoring the officers of Exxon Co., U.S.A. Houston, and Larry Byrd of Midland, who will retire in the near future as the firm's division production manager in Midland.

Randall Meyer, president of the committee, will head the contingent of Exxon officials who will be honored.

It was reported in error earlier that the reception would be held this Tuesday.

Carl Tucker, division exploration manager in Exxon's Midland office, also will be a guest of honor.

Robert L. Wood is chairman of the Executive committee of the Midland Wildcat Committee.

## ENERGY OIL & GAS

year cost the area millions of dollars in canceled reservations and lost trade, according to tourist industry officials.

Some establishments applied for loans as much as \$100,000 from the Small Business Administration, and residents feared a second, similar washup if the well went uncapped.

The crude began rolling in when the Ixtoc I offshore Mexican well, a test hole that discovered an oil reserve estimated at 33.6 billion gallons, blew out June 3, pumping crude into the Gulf of Mexico.

Engineers said they hoped to cap the rogue well by October, then November, then January, then February. Meanwhile, crude had begun washing ashore in August.

## Wild Ixtoc in Gulf area now capped

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Engineers finally managed to cap Ixtoc I, the runaway oil well offshore in the Gulf of Mexico that spewed more than 3.1 million gallons of crude oil since it blew up June 3 and fouled beaches in southern Texas, a spokesman for the Mexican petroleum monopoly said today.

The Pemex spokesman said a third and final cement plug was successfully introduced into the well 50 miles out at sea shortly before midnight Sunday, shutting off the flow of crude oil and natural gas.

The spokesman said the first plug consisting of approximately 200 sacks of cement was inserted at a depth of 5,140 feet at 4 p.m. Sunday, and a second plug was dropped in a few hours later at a depth of 4,923 feet. The third plug went down to 4,431 feet.

"Thus ended the life of the test well that permitted discovery of one of the richest offshore oil deposits," a statement read by the Pemex spokesman said. Ixtoc I exploded and went out of control at a depth of 6,207 feet below the seabed, uncovering a deposit in the Bay of Campeche that Pemex estimated contains at least 800 million barrels of crude oil.

In another development, a drilling platform off Galveston, Texas in the Gulf of Mexico exploded in flames early today, killing at least two persons and leaving five others missing and feared dead, an oil company official said. He said nine men were injured.

In the offshore explosion, the dead and the survivors among the 42 crew members who had been aboard the platform were taken by boat to another drilling platform five miles away, where they were met by two helicopters carrying medical teams. One was sent by the Coast Guard, the other by Pennzoil, the company that operated the platform.

Authorities said the cause of the explosion was under investigation.

The drilling platform was operated by Pennzoil for a group of several owners and was about 100 miles southeast of Galveston.

## Four West Texas regions get wildcats

Dickens, King, Howard and Runnels counties have gained new wildcat operations, and a discovery has been finalized in Stonewall County.

Fisher-Webb Inc. of Abilene No. 2 Langford will be drilled as a 4,600-foot project in Dickens County, 12 miles southeast of Spur.

Drillsite is 900 feet from south and 2,333 feet from west lines of section 197, block 1, H&GN survey and 2.5 miles southeast of the active Girard (Tannehill oil) pool.

It also is a southeast offset to the discovery well of the depleted Girard, North (Tannehill) pool.

**KING EXPLORER**

Meadors Oil Co. of Wichita Falls No. 1-A Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co. is a rank wildcat in west King County, nine miles west and slightly north of Guthrie.

The prospector, scheduled on a 6,600-foot contract, is bracketed by dry holes.

It is 3/8-mile north of a 4,766-foot failure, 3/4 mile northwest of a 5,001-foot dry hole, one and one-half miles southwest of a 5,980-foot failure and two and three-eighths miles southeast of a 6,565 foot duster.

Drillsite is 5,023 feet from north and 1,938 feet from west lines of William Cain survey, abstract 77.

Ground elevation is 1,967 feet.

**HOWARD WILDCAT**

Fortune Production Co. of San Angelo staked an 8,400-foot Strawn wildcat seven miles southwest of Vincent in northeast Howard County.

It is No. 1 Thompson, 990 feet from south and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 24, block 27, H&TC survey.

The site is one and three-quarter miles south of the Vealmore, East (Canyon) field and one location west of an 8,005-foot dry hole.

It also is two and one-quarter miles west of the depleted Vealmore-Read (Canyon) field.

**RUNNELS TESTERS**

Two wildcats were staked in Runnels County.

Hack Drilling Co. of Abilene No. 1 James R. Curtis is a 4,750-foot explorer 10 miles northeast of Winters and 2,901 feet from south and 5,608 feet from west lines of Wharton County School Land survey No. 516. Ground elevation is 1,910 feet.

The site is one and one-quarter miles northeast of the depleted Tomchuck (Morris gas) pool.

Midstates Oil Co. of Abilene No. 2 Bettie Joe Willeke is a 4,000-foot wild-

cat 12 miles southeast of Ballinger and 467 feet from south and east lines of William Wilson survey No. 1.

Ground elevation is 1,702 feet.

It is 3/4 mile south of 3,607 Goen gas production in the Midstates field, 5/8 mile south of 3,314-foot Fry gas production, one and one-eighth miles southwest of 3,023-foot Capps gas production in the same field, and 7/8 mile southeast of the only Seratt well in the Love field.

**STONEWALL WORK**

Sojourner Drilling Corp. of Abilene reported potential on a Tannehill oil discovery in Stonewall County, and E. C. Johnson Co. of Longview spotted a project in a two-well Stonewall field.

Sojourner No. 1-A Van Bullard (formerly No. 2) is the Stonewall discovery, five miles southwest of Aspermont.

It completed for a daily flowing potential of 88 barrels of 40-gravity oil, no water, through a 20/64-inch choke and from open hole at 3,231, where 4.5-inch casing is set, and total depth of 3,242 feet.

The gas-oil ratio was not reported.

The Tannehill was topped at 3,230 feet. The elevation was not reported.

Wellsite is 2,122 feet from north and 1,660 feet from east lines of section 1198, block D, H&TC survey and one and five-eighths miles east of the one-well Johnsons Chapel (Tannehill) field but separated from it by failures.

**THE STONEWALL FIELD PROJECT** is E. C. Johnson Co. No. 1 Long Estate, one location northwest of one of the two wells in the Short (5700) pool 20 miles northeast of Aspermont.

Location for the 5,900-foot test is 2,056 feet from south and 2,467 feet from east lines of section 1, BBB&C survey, abstract 37.

**CROCKETT FIELD TEST**

A 3/4-mile southwest stepout to gas production in the Noelke, Northeast (Queen) field of northwest Crockett County will be drilled by Three B Oil Co. of Monahans and Moran Exploration Inc. of Midland.

It is No. 1 Shannon-Moran, 1,320 feet from north and 5,960 feet from west lines of section 27, block GG, Martha T. Wilton survey.

The contract depth is 2,100 feet and the project is 6.5 miles east of Iraan.

**UPTON PROJECT**

Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., of Midland No. 1-C Damron is to be dug one location southwest of one of the two wells in the Heluma, Southeast (Devonian) field of Upton County.

Scheduled to 9,500 feet for tests of the Devonian, it is 12 miles north of McCamey and 1,500 feet from south and 1,640 feet from west lines of A. L. Brigrance survey No. 4. Ground elevation is 2,920 feet.

**IRION WELL, TEST**

Belco Petroleum Corp., Midland, No. 1153 Sugg (formerly no. 115-3) Sugg, has been completed as the sixth well in the Sugg (Ellenburger) field of Irion County, 11 miles north of Barnhart.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 88 barrels of 48.2-gravity oil and 17 barrels of water. The gas-oil ratio is 2,466-1.

Production was through perforations from 8,863 to 8,913 feet which had been acidized with 5,000 gallons.

The well is 5/8 mile south of other Ellenburger production and 660 feet from south and west lines of section 115, block 14, H&TC survey.

Total depth is 8,990 feet and 5.5-inch pipe is set on bottom. The plugged back depth is 8,920 feet.

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland will drill No. 3-A Witherbotham as a west offset to Canyon D oil production in the Dove Creek multiphase field of Irion County, 10 miles southeast of Merton.

The project, scheduled on a 4,900-foot contract, is 1,980 feet from south and 2,080 feet from east lines of section 30, block 21, H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 2,439 feet.

**SCHLEICHER RE-ENTRY**

J. D. Thomas of San Angelo will re-enter the former Delfern Oil Co. No. 1 Ben F. Meckel and others, 6,590-foot failure in Schleicher County, 10 miles north of Eldorado.

Thomas will drillout to 4,400 feet for tests of the Wolfcamp.

The location is 467 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 44, block TT, TCRR survey. Elevation at ground level is 2,301.6 feet.

The hole was abandoned by Delfern in 1960.

The site is 3/4 mile west of the Neva, West (Strawn) field and separated by a 6,695-foot dry hole.

**NOLAN TEST**

Fisher-Webb Inc. of Abilene No. 4-A Guest is to be drilled one location north of one of the two wells in the Arledge (Pennsylvanian sand) field of Nolan County, 10 miles south of Marney.

Scheduled on a 5,400-foot Pennsylvanian contract, it is 1,980 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of section 239, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

## Workers warned but could not move fast enough

**GALVESTON, Texas (AP)**—A gas drilling rig where two men died and 29 others were injured in an explosion began to "kick" and mud started to spray from the well before the blast, but the workers could not evacuate in time, survivors say.

Four other rig workers were still missing today. Only six men among the crew of 41 escaped injury in the pre-dawn explosion off the Texas coast on Monday.

The Galveston County coroner's office identified the dead as Richard

declined to be identified. "I seen people running in and grabbing life jackets so I woke up some people who were asleep and started handing them life jackets."

The explosion hit minutes later, before the men could get to safety.

"The concussion just blew me over the hand-rail and then the flames came right up over me as I started to fall," said Stan Riley, 22, of Angleton. "I was lucky I got

blown off. The other guys on the production platform got burned."

The platform was owned by 12 oil companies and operated by Pennzoil, according to Bob Harper, a spokesman for the company. Pennzoil had a contract with Pool Offshore Co., Harvey, La., to drill for natural

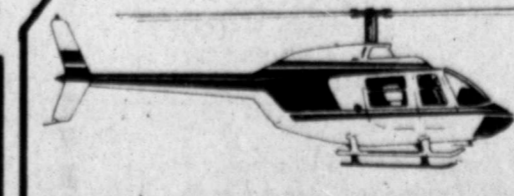
gas in the 310 feet of water, Harper said.

Survivors were taken by boat to another rig five miles away to await evacuation to John Sealy Hospital in Galveston aboard Coast Guard and private helicopters.

Paramedics who flew to the nearby rig to assist evacuation said many of

the men were injured when they jumped overboard, some from as high as 125 feet above the water.

"It's like hitting concrete from that height," one paramedic said.



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## DRILLING REPORT

**ANDREWS COUNTY**

Discovery Operating Inc. No. 1-12 University, id 2900 feet, set 4 1/2 inch casing at 2900 feet, flowing 50 mcf gas per day, waiting on completion unit.

**BREWSTER COUNTY**

Texas Pacific No. 1 Madre Grande, section 13, 77.

**CHAVES COUNTY**

Stevens Exploration Inc. No. 1-36 Kansas Federal, drilling 2830 feet in time and anhydrite.

**CRANE COUNTY**

American Quasar Petroleum Co. No. 1-A Memo, id 3018 feet, pumping 45 barrels of load water with no show of oil in 24 hours in Upper Clearfork and Devonian, acidized perforations from 3530 to 3628 with 2000 gallons, acidized perforations from 3081 to 3098 with 2000 gallons, acidized perforations 2080 to 2281 with 3500 gallons, setting 1 inch casing at 3010 feet.

**CROCKETT COUNTY**

Damron No. 1 W.P. Hoover, drilling 1372 feet in surface rock, set 4 1/2 inch casing at 1348 feet.

**DAWSON COUNTY**

Henry Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Applegate, id 11,732, total drill stem test from 11,300 to 11,430 feet, 15 minute preflow, 40 minute initial shut in, opened 2 hours and 15 minutes, testing with light blow of air, shut in 4 hours, recovered 2000 feet of slightly gas cut water blanket, 100 feet of slightly oil and gas cut mud, 10 feet oil, initial hydrostatic 376, initial flow 973, initial shut in 438, final flow 913-1012, final shut in 4779, final hydrostatic 376.

**ECTOR COUNTY**

Maddox Energy Corp. No. 1-A Edwards, id 13,775 feet, plugged and abandoned.

**EDDY COUNTY**

Adams Exploration No. 1 Ann Communitized, id 12,300 feet, preparing to acidize perforations 11,646-11,650.

**GARZA COUNTY**

Comoco No. 3-A Storrie, drilling 3,025 anhydrite and shale; set 5 1/2 at 288.

**HOCKLEY COUNTY**

Comoco No. 1 Pritchett, drilling 9,272 dolomite, lime.

**HOWARD COUNTY**

North American Royalties, Inc., No. 1 Planagan, drilling 3,400 feet.

**IRION COUNTY**

Adams No. 1 Dec, id 7,944, now tight.

**LEA COUNTY**

John L. Cox No. 1 Dickson, drilling 5,877.

**LOVING COUNTY**

Delta Drilling No. 1 Brunson, removing rig debris.

**LUBBOCK COUNTY**

Hunt Energy No. 1 Daugherty, id 16,795, plugged and abandoned.

**MARTIN COUNTY**

Rial No. 2 Reed, drilling 3,615 anhydrite.

**MENARD COUNTY**

Fred C. Brown No. 1 Davis, abandoned location.

**MIDLAND COUNTY**

Tamarack No. 2-A Parks, id 9,500, 4.5 inch at 9,500, preparing to log.

**PRECOX COUNTY**

Gulf No. 2-1 Emma Loan, id 39,802, pb 23,475, testing to test through 1/2-inch choke, last gauge at rate of 85,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

**ROOSEVELT COUNTY**

Delta Drilling No. 1-2 Weatherby, id 18,350, pb 18,274, cleaning to pits.

**TERRELL COUNTY**

Gulf No. 1-1 Bank of America, id 8,900, pb 8,243 sand, Driftwood test, 1,164-1,182 open with good blow of air, recovered 10 feet of oil, 987 feet of drilling fluid and 150 feet of water.

**UPSON COUNTY**

Chines Service No. 1-A West, drilling 5,473.

**WARD COUNTY**

Adobe No. 1-31 Barstow Unit, drilling 8,910 feet.

**WARRANT COUNTY**

Gulf No. 2-10 University, drilling 2,633 salt.

**WINKLER COUNTY**

Getty No. 1-21 University, drilling 14,800.

**YARLAND COUNTY**

Getty No. 1-21 University, id 15,800, preparing to set casing.

**YORK COUNTY**

Getty No. 1-D Webb, drilling 490 feet; set 12 1/2 at 370.

**YOUNG COUNTY**

North American No. 1-A Price, id 11,800, running logs.

**YOUNG COUNTY**

Enserch Exploration No. 9 Lambirth, id 7,900, potential on pump for 82 barrels of oil and 3 barrels of water, through Fusselman perforations 7,820 to 7,828 feet. Acidized with 500 gallons. Gravity 52, gas-oil ratio 1,166-1. Operator set 5.5-inch pipe at 7,853 feet.

**SCHLEICHER**

Delta Drilling No. 3 Jackson, id 7,800, set 4.5-inch casing 6,990, waiting on cement.

**Delta No. 2 Parker, drilling 6,400** lime shale.

**Delta No. 2 Williams, drilling 2,140;**

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# Man madder-than-mad over dogs



His goats are long gone — thanks to some "savage" dogs. But Larry Howard still has a menagerie of other pets, mostly fowl and rabbits, and the rooster. (Staff Photo by Ed Todd)

MIDLAND COUNTY — Larry Howard is as mad as a goat caught between mesquite and barbed wire.

Four of his bearded friends — a billy and his three nanny goats — were slaughtered by roaming country dogs which strayed or otherwise climbed under, over or through a fence to do their dastardly deed.

Howard is as incensed as a madder-than-mad Eddie Chiles and, like the anti-bureaucracy oilman, has a remedy for purging bothersome dogs from his sight and from the whole countryside.

"I've got a suggestion to what to do with these stray dogs," said Howard, a 38-year-old railroad switchman who was aiming to raise goats for milk, cabrito and profit. "There's a lot of (people in) foreign countries that like to eat dogs. And we ought to gather them all up and send them to foreign countries and stop sending them money."

Howard cared for the goats for most of their lives and developed a deep attachment to the billy and the "poor man's cows," which yielded richer milk than a Jersey cow.

"See, I can't put a value on the goats," said Howard, who was groping for something non-violent to avenge the massacre of his pet goats.

"Me and my wife (Harriet) almost got a divorce because I babied them so," he said with more than slight exaggeration. Even their 8-year-old daughter, Mille, misses the critters.

"I'm asking to have the dogs put away," said Howard, who said circumstantial evidence points to some large dogs as the culprits. "If they're not put away (or shipped abroad as food), they'll train other dogs to kill," Howard feared.

His mourning over his loss is about over, but his anger is getting well entrenched.

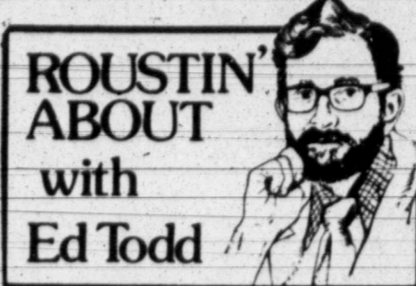
Howard had moved his goats and other farm pets — chickens, rabbits, turkeys, guineas and geese — from a 2 1/4-acre plot to a fenced-in spot about the size of a family-size chicken yard south of town last Saturday. The spot was to be a temporary holding pen for the pets until Howard got relocated in a move across the Midland countryside.

The three red-eye white rabbit were in a cage all their own. The roosters and their hens, the drake and his hens, and the guinea hens were put up in a shed so they wouldn't fly over the fence. The pigeons were caged above the other fowl.

And the goats were tethered with ropes so that they, too, could not escape from a strange environment.

And the goats' being tied to ropes apparently kept them, particularly the 1-year-old Angora billy goat, from waging a counterattack to defend himself and the Nubian milk goats.

More than the others, old horned Billy was badly torn up by the dogs.



"Oh, it really was a pitiful sight." "He put up a helluva fight," figured Howard. "He didn't have no chance." But the mad attack by the dogpack and the restraint of the rope were more than Billy could overcome. "My goats were at a disadvantage. "The dogs have killed before," Howard speculated. "They're killer dogs, and I want something done with them dogs..." Billy the buck was a year old; Nanny the doe was 3 years old, and the two kids were about half a year old. "I'm wiped out" for awhile, at least, he said of his goat-raising venture.

Howard, who said his nature is to get all fired up, is taking the more heady, patient and legal route to control straying, "killer" dogs. And he did not heed his first impulse — to shoot the suspected dogs.

"And I won't let my real emotion take over," he said. "I wanted to take a gun and shoot them." But he didn't.

His druthers is to round up stray, vexing and killer dogs and ship them overseas to the dog-eating, hungry masses.

"I'd rather not give foreign aid. I'd rather send them the dogs." And Howard volunteered to be a dog catcher.

## Washington volcano may blow again, scientists say

COUGAR, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens, silent for the last 123 years after erupting in four of the past five centuries, may be about to blow again, scientists say after a series of small earthquakes.

Subterranean quiverings during the past five days have made the mountain seem somewhat like a bear growling during hibernation. There's no harm yet, but it's attracting a lot of attention.

Cross-country skiers have been told to avoid the mountain because of avalanche hazards caused by aftershocks. A quake Monday triggered high-elevation snowslides on the north and northwest slopes.

Mount St. Helens, about 50 miles north-northeast of Portland, Ore., rises 9,677 feet to a symmetrical,

snow-capped peak often compared in beauty to Fujiyama in Japan. Layers of pumice from eruptions 3,500 and 450 years ago have been found 50 miles to the east.

The last eruption occurred in 1857. "We know the mountain will erupt again, but we don't know when," said Steve Malone, a University of Washington seismologist in Seattle.

Judy Terreberry, a spokeswoman for the UW Geophysics Program, noted a swarm of small tremors at the mountain since Thursday. Volcanoes around the world "typically display the same type of activity right before they blow," she said.

Since Friday, seismic activity on the mountain increased from what geophysicists call two "events" (or tremors) per hour to 40 per hour by Monday morning.

## Dallas County tax hike on the way?

DALLAS (AP) — Property owners in Dallas County could face tax increases of 30 to 40 percent later this year, a county official has warned.

The drastic hike may be needed to finance raises for county employees and to pay off capital improvement bonds, according to Richard Lewis, commissioners court administrator.

"The 40 percent is an outside maximum figure," he told county commissioners at a meeting Monday.

Commissioners gave no indication what the new tax schedule will look like, but Lewis said the county may be

as much as \$20 million short of the funds it needs to continue operating and that a hefty tax hike was the only way out without a reduction in services.

Of the \$20 million, he said \$8 million would be needed for pay raises for county employees.

Commissioners disagreed the tax increase would be as high as Lewis predicted. County Judge Garry Weber said he expected it to be between 20 and 30 percent.

At present, the county collects \$148 on a home assessed at \$50,000.

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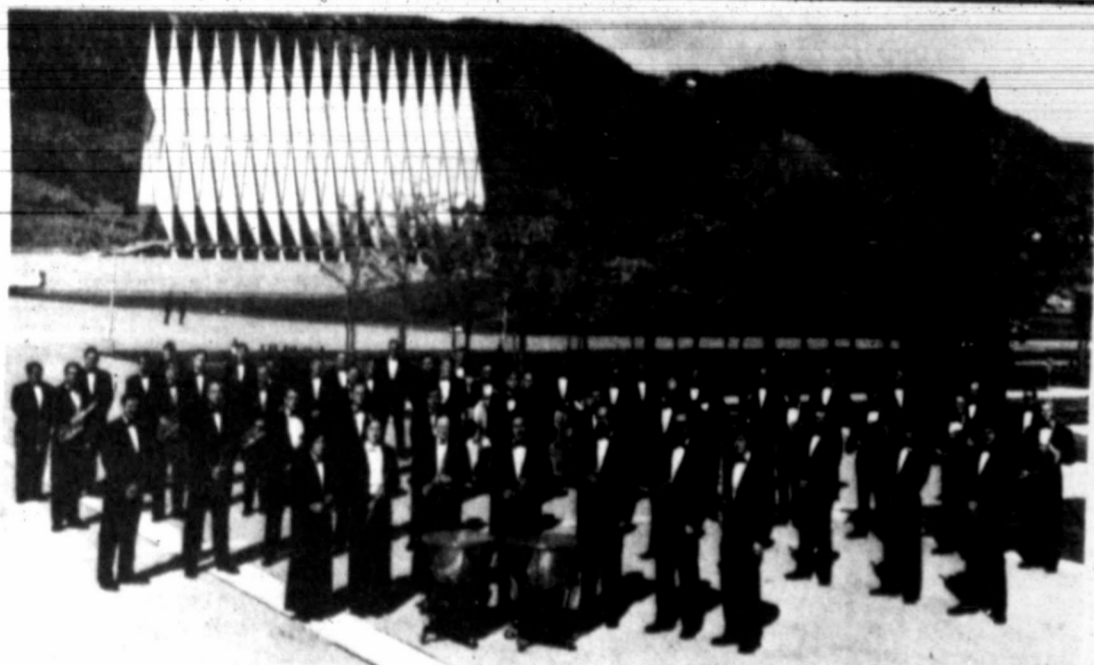
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