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Voters in Texas make varied decisions

By The Associated Press

Galveston voters want their superport, Austin voters do not want forced school busing, residents of Florence want their reluctant mayor to stay on the job and those in Laredo do not know what they want.

Those were some of the results as most Texas cities opened the polls for local city, school and bond election issues during the weekend.

Galveston residents rejected a plan to limit the size of oil tankers that could approach Galveston Island. The

failure of the fire code amendment kept alive a planned supertanker terminal.

That proposed \$350 million superport, to be developed by the city and a private corporation, would require dredging the Galveston Ship Channel to 50 feet to allow 250,000-ton tankers.

In Austin, voters picked anti-busing leader Dr. Peter Werner to the school board over incumbent DeCourcy Kelley.

Two other school board posts will be decided April 26, in runoffs that

match Steve Ferguson against June Brewer and Ed Small against Dennis Bauerle.

The board resisted race-based busing for a decade, but finally was forced by court orders to implement cross-town busing of approximately 13,000 students.

"In a sense, the only way people could register their protests was by voting against me, and that's what happened," said Ms. Kelley.

Werner, a neurologist, said he doubted voters believed his election meant the desegregation plan would

be changed.

"The only relief is that they will have a clear voice. Their point of view will be heard on the board," he said.

In Williamson County, Florence Mayor Foy Hayden was re-elected for the second time, even though his campaign slogan was: "If elected, I refuse to serve."

Hayden won with 53 of 94 votes — all write-ins since no one filed for the post in the Central Texas town.

He said Sunday he would fill the post "at least temporarily," but conceded that probably meant until the

next election, two years hence. Hayden said the job is "a lot of trouble with no pay."

Two Laredo school board candidates split 6,066 votes right down the middle — with 3,033 each.

Residents may have to vote again to decide whether incumbent Francisco Lara or challenger Ricardo Garza takes the spot, voting officials said.

"It was very interesting in that we made history," Garza said. "It was a tie — something that has not been seen here ever."

School board attorney Honore Li-

garde said a recount will be made before deciding whether to conduct another election.

Corpus Christi voters approved a city charter amendment to reduce city property taxes.

The amendment, known as Proposition 14, would reduce the rate of assessment from 74 cents to 68 cents per \$100 valuation. It also would put a 6 percent ceiling on the amount the city could increase a home's taxable value annually.

Eight killed in nine-hour attack on Israeli kibbutz

KIBBUTZ MISGAV AM, Israel (AP) — Palestinian terrorists attacked a nursery in this kibbutz on the Israeli-Lebanese frontier today, killing an Israeli baby and two adults before troops stormed the children's dormitory, killed all five Arab raiders and freed at least six hostages, the Israelis said.

One of the dead was the kibbutz leader, killed as the nine-hour siege began. Four other children, another civilian adult and 11 soldiers were wounded, a military spokesman said.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman later surveyed the blood-stained, bullet-pocked two-story nursery building at this hilltop settlement in northern Galilee and said the Israeli army "will weigh measures and actions. I hope these things won't repeat themselves."

Responsibility for the raid was claimed in Beirut by the Iraqi-backed Arab Liberation Front, one of the eight member-groups of the Palestine Liberation Organization. A front statement said the attack marked the 33rd anniversary of the Arab Socialist Baath Party and demanded the release of 50 Palestinians from Israeli prisons. There was no immediate comment from the PLO.

In Tel Aviv, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis declared: "Such acts of violence directed at a peaceful Israel

civilian community during one of the holiest of days are repugnant to all Americans and cannot be condoned by anyone sincerely interested in the cause of peace between Israel and its neighbors."

It was an Israeli national holiday, the last day of the seven-day Passover observance marking the Israelites' exodus from Egypt.

It also coincided with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's departure for Washington for talks with President Carter on the stalled Palestinian autonomy negotiations with Israel. Most Palestinians oppose the home-rule plan and guerrillas have staged a number of attacks in an effort to torpedo the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The raiders cut through the border fence and before any shots were fired reached the nursery at the center of the kibbutz, where children aged 1½ to 3 were sleeping, at about 1 a.m., kibbutz members said.

The first casualty was the community's leader, 38-year-old Sami Shani, who had gone to the children's house to repair an electrical fault. "Sami came to fix the light and met two terrorists at the door to the children's house. They started screaming at him in Arabic, and Sami tried to push them back and they shot him," said Yehudit Guri, an Australian immigrant.

Some Israeli adults at the dormitory scurried to safety with as many children as they could gather, others tried to contain the raiders, who took as hostages one adult and six of the children.

"Members of the kibbutz took one part of the nursery and freed three mothers and two children," said a man identified only as Avi. "We pushed them (the terrorists) into a second area but some children were left inside."

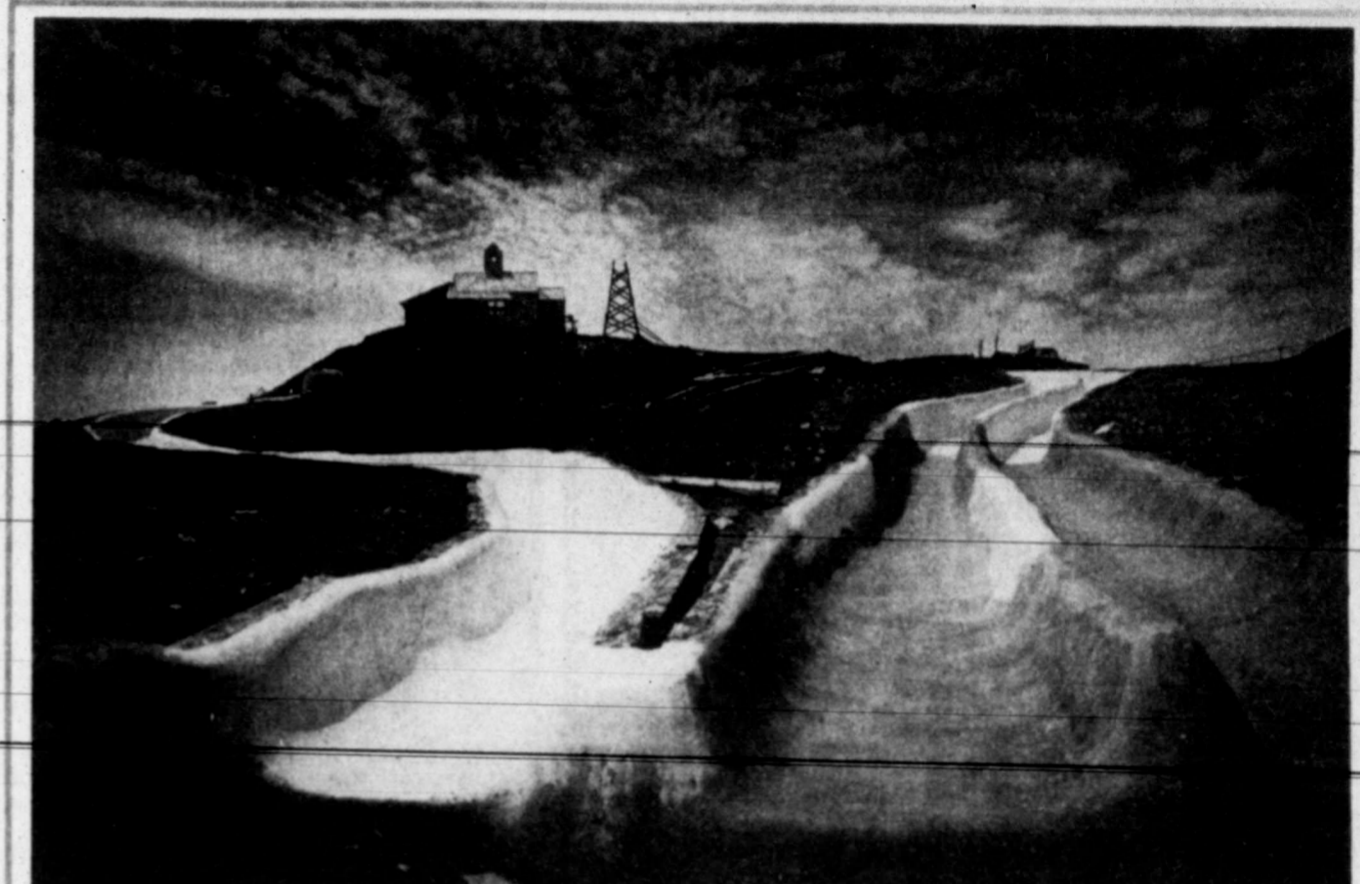
"After the first shots we organized and surrounded the building," said David Levy, one of the kibbutz defenders.

At about 2:30 the army attacked the building but troops were beaten back.

The terrorists used bullhorns to call in Arabic to the kibbutz members and troops, evidently reading lists of Palestinians whose release they sought, Levy said. Israel Radio said a kind of negotiation went on for four hours. Meanwhile the army commanders reached the scene.

"We had a long negotiation before we decided to attack," Weizman said.

A wounded civilian, Meir Peretz, said he had been tied hand and foot to a bed with hostage children and when troops stormed the nursery, one of the terrorists shot Peretz in the legs and then blew himself up with a grenade, Israeli radio said.



Curving down and around a manmade hill, concrete flumes are almost ready for the water to flow. This Mine Mountain River Ride will be

one of the attractions of Wild River Canyon when the family fun park opens early this summer. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Building a hole new world

Developer to provide a pit-full of fun

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

It's amazing the imagination some people have. Whoever would have thought that out of a caliche pit could come a 15-acre family fun park? One day last year a dreamer took a look at a caliche pit on the west side of Midland and saw not an empty useless hole, but the setting for a swimming lake, river ride, picnic areas and a small car race track. And that's just for starters.

Wild River Canyon is slowly taking shape and no longer does the caliche pit resemble its former self. Like an ugly caterpillar that undergoes a metamorphosis to become a beautiful butterfly, the park project is past the halfway point toward completion.

The pit has been cleaned out and dug deeper, and concrete poured in numerous places to form swimming holes and fishing lakes. The hard part is finished, said Nance Densmore, a spokesman for the project.

When completed, the hole no longer will look like it belongs in West Texas. Between all the rides and entertainment will be trees, grass and flowers — more like a little bit of heaven on earth.

"A wall of trees will cover the area. It (the canyon) will be landscaped so it will be nice to look at with flowering trees and shrubs," said Ms. Densmore.

Some of the "natural" surroundings will remain to add a touch of realism. For example, jutting out into the Little Baja Raceway are piles of large stones. This raceway, by the way, will feature Can-American race cars and drivers will have to be at least 14 years old,

said the spokesman.

From the road — either Andrews Highway or Holiday Hill Road — the only visible sign of activity on the canyon project is a dirt hill that has grown over the past few months. On top of that is being constructed Baby Doe, a miniature mining camp copied from a camp in Colorado. Ms. Densmore explained.

This hill will be the send-off for park-goers trying out the river ride. Children and adults will lay on a rubber mat and slide down three flumes to a splash pool in the bottom of the canyon.

The splash pool will be part of — but separated from — a swimming lake. This lake will have a water slide, T-bar rides, water volleyball court and rope walks. By the time a sandy beach is added, it may be enough to make West Texans believe that for a short while they have escaped the dry desert for a coastal area.

If they get thirsty while dreaming on the sand, a Hawaiian pavilion is adjacent to the beach to serve food and soft drinks.

A fishing lake on the south side of the canyon will be stocked with catfish and bass. A boating lake for motorized bumper boats will add more excitement for the strong-at-heart.

The very small children haven't been forgotten, said Ms. Densmore as she outlined plans for a playground in the center of the canyon for the youngsters. It will be decorated with brightly colored animals and "is designed to provide healthy exercise and hours of fun."

Walkways and footbridges will connect the play

(See CALICHE PIT, Page 2A)

More than 10,000 Cubans seek freedom at Peruvian embassy

LIMA, Peru (AP) — More than 10,000 Cubans have overwhelmed Peru's embassy in Havana seeking to escape President Fidel Castro's communist rule in what Peru government calls "an unprecedented human tragedy."

Angry pro-Castro Cubans gathered outside the teeming embassy compound on Easter Sunday and hurled sticks and stones at those clustered inside, injuring a number of them, the Peruvian Foreign Ministry said.

"You can hardly walk inside" the embassy grounds, Foreign Minister Arturo Garcia told a news conference.

Some of the Cubans climbed trees in the crowded embassy garden while others perched on the roof of the two-story mansion, a Foreign Min-

istry spokesman said. It reported cases of dehydration, sunstroke, gastroenteritis and trauma in the crowd.

The Foreign Ministry said about 800 persons left the embassy Sunday after being granted safe conduct passes permitting them to return.

Garcia appealed to the international community for help and asked the Red Cross to feed the crowds. He said there were only five Peruvians on the embassy staff and they left to spend the night elsewhere.

"Peru cannot take charge of 10,000 refugees, no country can do that individually," Garcia said. "This is an unprecedented human tragedy."

Hundreds of Cubans began pouring into the compound in Havana's Miramar residential district on Friday

after the Cuban government removed its police guard outside the embassy. The government said it removed the guards because one of them was killed in a gunfight last Tuesday when six Cubans rammed a bus through the embassy gate to seek asylum.

Two dozen Cubans had sought refuge in the embassy since Jan. 1. The Cuban government accused Peru of giving refuge to "common criminals and anti-social elements."

"From now on the officials of that embassy will be responsible for anything that happens there," the Castro regime said.

"I don't believe the Cuban government expected this response," Garcia said. It was a "veritable invasion," he said, as he blamed the Castro regime for creating the situation.

Khomeini vetoes hostage transfer

Bani-Sadr again overruled; Stalemate continues

By The Associated Press

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ruled today that the 50 American hostages must remain in the hands of the young militants occupying the U.S. Embassy in Tehran until the new Iranian Parliament decides their fate, Khomeini's office announced.

The 79-year-old leader of the Iranian revolutionary regime vetoed President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's proposal to transfer custody of the captives to the ruling Revolutionary Council after a meeting with Bani-Sadr and Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh.

In Washington, a grim-faced President Carter, after spending part of the Easter weekend considering the hostage crisis, said he was near a decision on a new set of economic and diplomatic sanctions against Iran. He remarked that the hostages' captors — he called them "terrorists" — had agreed to release their prisoners to the Iranian government "but the government refused." He did not elaborate.

Talking briefly to reporters after returning from Camp David, Md., he was asked whether he was about to invoke new sanctions. "We'll be de-

terminating in a few minutes," Carter replied, then went directly to his Oval Office to prepare for a meeting with his national security and foreign affairs advisers.

Press Secretary Jody Powell said he did not know if the White House meeting would lead to an immediate announcement of U.S. retaliatory moves.

Although there was no suggestion from Washington that military action was contemplated, two U.S. senators who visited American Navy pilots on a carrier in the Indian Ocean said the pilots seemed eager to bomb selected targets in Iran.

There was no immediate comment from the militants holding the hostages but a spokesman for the Struggling Moslem movement, which is close to the militants, said in an interview in Tehran that Iran should be prepared for vigorous American reaction.

The movement, which has opposed a government takeover of the hostages, called the transfer plan "a plot of the liberal and compromisers' wing of the government" and added that it expects those to try again to transfer the hostages to the Iranian government before the parliament meets.

The announcement from Khomeini's office said the hostages and the American Embassy "will remain in the hands of the militant students until the Islamic Parliament meets to decide their fate."

The statement added that "the health of the hostages and their living place is good in every way." It said people are being allowed to observe the health and living conditions of the captives "under the supervision of responsible officials."

Today was the 156th day in captivity for the 50 Americans in the embassy and three held in the Iranian Foreign Ministry. Three U.S. clergymen invited by the militants to hold Easter services at the embassy reported the hostages were in excellent condition.

The Revolutionary Council met for 4½ hours Sunday. Ghotbzadeh said it reached a decision on Bani-Sadr's proposal to take custody of the hostages. But he said the decision would not be announced until after it was submitted to Khomeini.

Informed diplomatic sources said Bani-Sadr and other senior Iranian officials submitted two opposing solutions to Khomeini for his ruling. They said one solution, backed by Bani-Sadr and Ghotbzadeh, would

have meant a transfer of the hostages to government custody to assure the United States and the world that the American captives were secure and in good health.

The other position, supported by some other Revolutionary Council members, would have left the hostages in the militants' control, the sources said.

Although Khomeini chose the second recommendation, the sources said he appeared to make a concession to Bani-Sadr's group by saying people will be allowed to check the health and living conditions of the hostages.

Moslem hard-liners on the council rejected Bani-Sadr's proposal at a meeting last Thursday night because President Carter had not met Bani-Sadr's demand that he agree publicly to refrain from all comment on the situation until the Iranian Parliament decided their fate. One of the hard-liners, Hojatolislam Akbar Rafsanjani, met with Khomeini Saturday and afterward told the Tehran newspaper Jomhuri Islami, "The question of handing over the hostages to the Revolutionary Council has been repudiated."

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Israeli-backed Christian militiamen, U.N.'s Irish troops clash in Lebanon

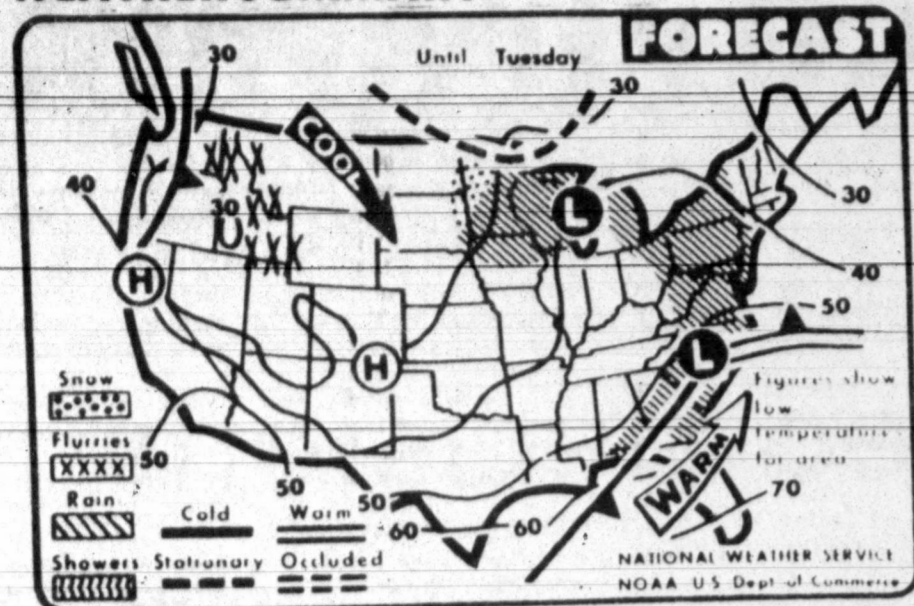
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli-backed, right-wing Christian militiamen fought a 40-minute battle today with Irish troops serving here with the U.N. peacekeeping force, diplomatic sources reported. One Irish soldier was reported wounded and 10 others were reported captured.

The sources said negotiations were underway between U.N. officials and rebel Lebanese Army Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of the militiamen, in an attempt to win the U.N. troops' release.

The sources said a group of 20 Christian militiamen, driving two jeeps and one armored personnel carrier, had been repulsed from the area of today's clash on Sunday. The battle took place near the town of Tiri.

Last April, Haddad declared a "free Lebanon" state in a six-mile-deep strip along Lebanon's 59-mile-long southern border with Israel. Haddad has criticized the U.N. force for being too weak in checking Palestinian guerrilla activities in the area.

WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected for most of the Atlantic coast states, the Great Lakes, Minnesota and northern Iowa until Tuesday morning.

Midland statistics

Table with weather forecast and national weather service readings for Midland, including temperature, precipitation, and wind data.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities across the country, including Albany, Albuquerque, and Los Angeles.

Texas thermometer

Table showing current and forecast temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Amarillo, and Austin.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Windy panhandle. Blowing dust possible from the west tonight and Tuesday. Light drizzle central and east Tuesday morning.

Fair, cooler forecast for area

More near-perfect weather is in store for Permian Basin residents Tuesday, the weatherman said. Skies should be fair and temperatures a little cooler Tuesday.



Bernadette Albino holds onto her hat as she marries Edward Rocks, second from left, aboard the Cyclone Roller Coaster at the Coney Island amusement park in New York's borough of Brook-

Rebels capture Russian air base

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Afghan rebels captured a Soviet-held air base 43 miles north of Kabul and killed a Russian general, Radio Pakistan reported.

None of the reports could be independently confirmed, and they conflicted with statements in Washington that the Soviets had curtailed their spring offensive, apparently to defuse a U.S.-led campaign for an international boycott of the Summer Olympics in Moscow.

The Kremlin has poured an estimated 85,000 troops into Afghanistan since last December to prop up the latest in a succession of communist governments embroiled in a two-year-old war with the anti-communist Moslem rebels.

Rather described the war as "18th-century people fighting a 20th-century war," and said the rebels had pleaded with the United States to send weapons.

Dan Rather angers Soviet press

MOSCOW (AP) — Walter Cronkite never resorted to such "deception and slander," said Dan Rather, the CBS anchorman's successor, visited the Afghan rebels and reported evidence that Soviet troops are using paralyzing nerve gas in Afghanistan.

his appearance is most likely a CIA agent," and "the script of the broadcast was written long before the voyage at no other place but Washington."

Seismic activity inside volcano leveling off

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Seismic activity at Mount St. Helens, the long-dormant volcano that has caused an eruption of excitement since it began belching ash, steam and gas nearly two weeks ago, may be leveling off, scientists say.

weekend contrasts with Thursday and Friday when harmonic tremors — rhythmic seismic activity as opposed to conventional earthquakes — were interpreted to mean a violent lava eruption was imminent.

Caliche pit fast becoming 'resort'

areas, with the focal point being a wooden suspension bridge leading to the river ride. For a good look at the whole operation, park-goers will be able to take a quarter-scale train that will encircle the canyon rim. The track already is being laid for this ride.

But there was still plenty of activity at the southwest Washington peak, scientists said. Several earthquakes that measured more than 4.0 on the Richter scale, a level of ground motion, rocked the mountain on Easter Sunday and new ash settled on the volcano, authorities said.



Sister Margret Pahl

Nun murdered in hospital chapel

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Police say security was adequate at a hospital chapel where a frail Roman Catholic nun was stabbed to death the day before her 72nd birthday.

Murdered attorney's wife lived in fear of strangers

DALLAS (AP) — For most of her life, Debra Martinson lived in fear of strangers — hiding behind locked doors and refusing to open them to visitors she did not know.

There was no sign of forced entry. "She had a horror of dying like this," said a close friend who requested anonymity. "Debbie Martinson would open a door to nobody."

Martinson said he had tried to call his wife at 5 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. There was no answer.

The 28-year-old nurse and mother pushed furniture against the doors at night and often slept under the bed when her husband, Don, was away, according to neighbors.

Don Martinson, 32, a civil trial lawyer, found his wife's body when he returned home after a day on jury duty.

"There's not a whole lot we can do on this case until we get some information," said Sgt. Bill Parker, head of the police investigating team.

Friends said they had to telephone in advance if they wanted to drop by to visit her. She was taught from childhood to let no strangers in her house, and she grew up determined to make herself safe from intruders.

One rebel leader, Yassini, told the Americans he had seen Soviet troops use both napalm and gas. A doctor who was a member of Yassini's squad said the Russians dropped a bomb which produced a black smoke that left the Afghans unconscious for about 30 minutes.

Calling Rather "the highest paid journalist in the United States," Tass said in conclusion: "It should be mentioned that Walter Cronkite, from whom D. Raser has taken over as the CBS evening newscaster, had never resorted to such methods of deception and slander during his entire career as a TV journalist."

"My daughter would not admit a total stranger to her home," said Debra's father, John Monroe Woodson. "She would not open a door (to a caller) unless she could see him or knew him."

Her precautions were wasted. Last week, she was found dead on the floor of her bedroom, a macramé plant holder wrapped tightly around her neck.

CBS has announced that Rather will replace Cronkite as anchorman on the CBS Evening News after Jan. 1.

A message had been scrawled on her mirror in rosy pink lipstick. It said: "Now we are even Don."

Investigators for the Midland Fire Marshal's office are still probing the cause of two fires — one which damaged a Midland business early today and one which destroyed a storage building outside the city Sunday morning.

The building is owned by Henry Cobb, 2902 Mariana Ave. When firemen arrived at the scene, they found the building blazing, reports indicated. Five firemen used 1,300 gallons of water to bring the fire under control.

An autopsy showed she died of strangulation, there was semen in her mouth and her hands and wrists probably had been bound.

The fire at 2:16 a.m. today caused heavy damage to Monterrey Flower Shop, 1507 N. Big Spring St., according to fire department reports.

According to fire department reports, the fire caused heavy damage to the storage building.

Her clothes had been folded neatly, and placed to form a trail leading to her nude body.

Four units from the fire department responded to the alarm and found the brick and wood structure in flames. The eight firemen present used 1,750 gallons of water to bring the fire under control.

The business, owned by Veloz Enterprises, suffered heavy fire damage to the walls, ceiling and roof, and heavy heat and smoke damage throughout, according to fire department reports.

Midland police this morning were investigating two burglaries in which more than \$1,400 in jewelry, stereo equipment and a gun was taken.

Police department reports indicated entry to the residence was gained through a bedroom window, according to police department reports.

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Police were questioning hospital employees and other nuns who live in a convent in the old wing of the hospital.

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DEATHS

Roy B. Reeder

BIG SPRING — Services for Roy B. Reeder, 78, of Big Spring will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Reeder died Sunday in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 8, 1901, in Howard County, Ark. He was married to Lola Johnson March 15, 1930, in Baird. She died on Nov. 24, 1971. He married Janie Smith on April 21, 1972. He was a student and instructor at Draughns Business College in Abilene.

He and his wife came to Big Spring in 1934 and established the Reeder Insurance Agency. He had served as a deacon at the First Baptist Church for years. Reeder was also a past president and the last charter member of the American Business Club, a past president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Gideons Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, AF-FM, Big Spring Chapter 178, RAM, Big Spring Council 117 of R and SM Big Spring Commander No. 31 of KT, of which he was commander in 1946, the Dallas Consistory Scottish Rite and the Suez Shrine Temple of San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife; a step-daughter, Mrs. Wallace Cataldo of Madison, Conn.; a brother, Edgar Reeder of Nashville, Ark.; three step-grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials be made to the Gideons or the American Cancer Society.

John Corcoran

ANDREWS — Graveside services for John Mack Corcoran, 90, of Andrews will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Sunset Memorial Garden Cemetery in Lawton, Okla., directed by Singleton Funeral Home of Andrews.

He died Saturday in an Andrews hospital after a short illness.

Corcoran was born in Cleburne. He moved to Andrews less than two months ago from Lawton, Okla., where he had lived for many years. He was wounded while serving in the U.S. Army in World War I. He worked in a printing shop for the civil service before he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Geranah; a son, Mack Corcoran of Bogalusa, La.; a daughter, Alma Baird of Andrews; two sisters, Alma Sims of San Antonio and Anna of Muleshoe; a brother, Ben Corcoran of Lawton; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mamie Britt

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Mamie Thompson Britt, 83, of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in Gaines County Cemetery directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home of Big Spring.

She died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Britt was born Nov. 1, 1896, in Tyler. She was married in 1932 to Ike Britt in Welch. He died Nov. 26, 1978. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. C.S. (Janetta) Ryan of Big Spring and Essie Viola Sanford of Carlsbad; a sister, Mrs. Chester (Bell) Yates of Canyon; six grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Clarice Foster

Services for Clarice Foster, 58, Route 5, are pending with Rix Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

She died Saturday in a Lubbock hospital after an illness.

An Amarillo native, she lived in Tulsa, Okla., from 1963 to 1969, when she moved to Midland. She was an accounting clerk for Alamo Oil Co.

Survivors include two daughters, Danelle Kiser of Garland and Deborah Vurich of Carmel, Calif.; her mother, Marie Powers of Midland; a sister, Wanda Beddow of Midland; and five grandchildren.

Sadat arriving for talks on Palestinian self-rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's arrival today touches off a new round of Mideast summitry over granting some form of self-rule to more than 1 million Palestinian Arabs who live under Israeli control.

President Carter is stepping into the lagging West Bank-Gaza Strip autonomy talks with all major issues still unresolved. He is not only trying to get his own Mideast policy moving again, but struggling to maintain U.S. control over the sputtering peace process.

If the May 26 target date for an agreement on self-rule is not met, Western European countries are expected to launch their own initiative in behalf of the Palestinians. The tight control the United States has maintained over settling the Arab-Israeli dispute could give way to negotiations centered in the United Nations.

This, in turn, might give the Soviet Union and radical Arab regimes new leverage to use against Israel and even Egypt. And Carter's election-year claims of successfully arranging peace between the two countries could be overshadowed by a serious foreign policy setback.

Sadat's ceremonial late-afternoon arrival marks the return of the only Arab leader to rely totally on the United States. This relationship has brought Egypt peace with Israel, top-notch American weapons and U.S. economic aid — and near-isolation in the Arab world.

He opens three days of talks with the president Tuesday, to be followed next week by Israeli

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the other principal figure in the Mideast drama.

Carter hopes to make headway on at least some of the five unresolved issues. This could lead to a three-way summit sometime in the future, although administration officials said this was not the strategy in inviting Sadat and Begin to visit Washington separately.

The issues are: —How to protect Israel's security while the Palestinians are given greater control over their affairs.

—Who is to control the two territories, held by Israel since the Six-Day War of 1967.

—How water resources are to be allocated among Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan and Syria.

—Whether Palestinians living in the section of Jerusalem that Jordan lost to Israel in 1967 will vote in the autonomy elections.

—Whether the elected council will control municipal matters only or will have legislative and executive powers.

The Palestinians and Jordan have boycotted the negotiations and condemned them. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, last month called for a "holy war" against Israel.

But U.S. and Egyptian officials who have been in contact with Palestinians insist they could be persuaded to participate

in the elections if there is agreement on a reasonable autonomy plan.

"They have expressed an interest in these negotiations," a U.S. official told reporters Friday. "They are eager to know whether we are making progress toward full autonomy."

Prospects appear dim for reaching an accord by the May 26 target, which Carter, Sadat and Begin set for themselves when they signed the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty last year. As a result, none of the participants is insisting on that as a deadline.

Meanwhile, Osama al-Baz, counselor to Sadat and a key Egyptian link to the Palestinians, predicted here Thursday that Carter's meetings with Sadat and Begin probably will lead to a three-way summit.

"I think it is almost inevitable, it is necessary," al-Baz said.

New York commuter traffic heavy

NEW YORK (AP) — Warned of a potential traffic nightmare, commuters began streaming into the city in cars earlier and jamming aboard available trains to get to work in the seventh day of the city's massive bus and subway strike.

"It's definitely heavier than last week," said Transportation Department spokesman Victor Ross shortly before 5:30 a.m. At 6 a.m. there was heavy pedestrian traffic reported at the Brooklyn Bridge.

By 6:30 a.m., bumper-to-bumper traffic was reported on several expressways, bridges and in tunnels leading into Manhattan.

Early Conrail trains on the lines from Westchester County to the north carried nearly double the load of last week, when up to 2 1/2 times the normal number of passengers rode the trains.

City officials had braced for a possible "Nightmare Monday," but Traffic Commissioner Thomas Guthrie said, "We think we have an orderly system. It takes two to three hours, but it's not a nightmare. We'll get you there safely, but it certainly won't be a speedway."

Mayor Edward Koch vowed anew on Sunday that the 35,000 striking transit workers would not bring New York's 5.4 million daily commuters to their knees.

Authorities said that if more than 550,000 cars — more than double the normal number — tried to enter Manhattan, it could create a traffic knot that would take hours to untangle.

And it was feared the problems would get worse on Wednesday, when public school students end their holiday.

Meanwhile, negotiators for the city's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Transport Workers Union met briefly Sunday night and there were reports of some progress.

"We are managing to discuss the issues fairly

steadily, and that's a good sign," said chief mediator Walter Gellhorn. "I do believe that an interchange, even if it is repetitive, is better than a rupture."

John Lawe, president of TWU Local 100, said Sunday he saw hope for a settlement this week. "But I wouldn't bet on Monday," he added.

A three-man mediation panel scheduled separate meetings with the union and management for this morning. Later in the day, Gellhorn holds an important session with the 46-member TWU executive board, the first since last Tuesday when the walkout began.

In Brooklyn, Supreme Court Justice John Monteleone was to hear more testimony today on an MTA request that the TWU leadership be punished for disobeying a contempt of court order forbidding a strike. The state's Taylor Law forbids strikes by public employees.

The TWU is demanding a 25 percent salary increase over two years, and opposes the MTA's demand of "givebacks" of prerequisites gained in past contracts. Management last offered 12 percent over two years. Subway and bus workers earn \$18,000 annually.

At the same time, talks were scheduled between the Long Island Rail Road and seven operating unions that walked out for two days last week. The 4,000 workers returned to work at the urging of a federal mediator but have threatened to walk out again if talks do not progress.

"If the MTA is sincere, this thing can be settled either tomorrow or the day after," said John Mahoney, head of Local 808 which represents LIRR trackmen. "However, if the MTA is not sincere, I'll shut down the railroad."

Talks were also scheduled by the TWU and four private bus lines which carry commuters in Queens, under a state mediator. Some 1,200 TWU members are waging a simultaneous strike against the bus lines.

There were these other developments:

—The city was to consider today whether to place some 30,000 to 40,000 nonuniformed employees on a four-day work week. Officials said a few private companies, employing some 60,000 workers, were expected to follow with similar plans.

—Complaints of taxi fare gouging are averaging 50 per day, double the normal number but fewer than expected, said the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Drivers complained that they were making more long trips and less money.

—The reassignment of police detectives to street patrols gave drug traffickers, prostitutes and gamblers a break, authorities said.

—Striking MTA bus and subway workers today were getting paychecks totalling \$12 million. The checks were due last week.

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Police wound sniper after four-hour siege

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — A man equipped with an "arsenal" of weapons was wounded in a shootout with police after he held police off for about four hours this morning. Authorities said the man shot and killed his parents.

The siege ended when police wounded the alleged sniper, identified as William Jennings, about 36, said Police Chief Edward Palardy.

Jennings, who was shot several times, was taken to a hospital. His condition was not immediately available.

Police said the bodies of Jennings' parents, James and Louise Jennings, were found dead in a first floor bedroom in this community about 15 miles from New York City. Palardy said they had been shot with a high-powered rifle.

Meanwhile, to the south in Pleasantville, a Pennsylvania man held off police for more than seven hours before critically wounding his lover and taking his own life today. The woman was hospitalized with bullet wounds in the stomach, pelvis and back.

Palardy said Jennings' sister, 19-year-old Meg, escaped through a second floor window during the standoff. She was not injured.

Police said they knew of no motive for the siege, which began just after 4:30 a.m. At one point, tear gas was fired into the home.

When the tear gas pro-

duced no results, Capt. Frank Kernan and Patrolman Richard D'Amato made their way up a spiral staircase to the second floor bedroom where Jennings had barricaded himself.

Jennings pointed his rifle at the officers and fired, but the weapon jammed, Palardy said. The officers, who were wearing bullet-proof vests, fired their shotguns and automatic weapons, hitting Jennings three or four times, he said.

Palardy said Jennings, who was unemployed, refused to communicate with police. The telephone in the house had been taken off the hook, he said, and calls over a bullhorn were not answered.

Jennings' brother, James, told police there was "love-hate affair" between William and his parents, Palardy said.

Police found a high-powered rifle, several shotguns, revolvers and pistols and hundreds of rounds of ammunition in the house.

About 40 policemen surrounded the home on Northfield Avenue, and evacuated neighbors. Classes were called off at

a school next door. Several dozen shots were fired by the suspect and police during the standoff, authorities said.

Just before the standoff began in West Or-

ange, a siege ended in a home in Pleasantville, near Atlantic City.

Charles Hicks, 56, of Radnor, Pa., died of his self-inflicted wound at about 4 a.m. at a hospital, officials said. Sandra Walker, 40, who had been bound hand and foot with her panty hose by Hicks before he shot her, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Officers had tried to convince Hicks to give up his .38-caliber, 10-round automatic pistol. Police said Hicks also fired two shots at Miss Walker's teen-age nephew and a third shot into the floor.

Police were called by the woman's nephew, Lawrence Miller, 17, who said Hicks had shot at him and taken his aunt hostage.

"This was his girlfriend and this was a domestic quarrel," Deputy Chief Ralph Peterson said. Police said Hicks made no demands except to talk with his wife and other relatives.

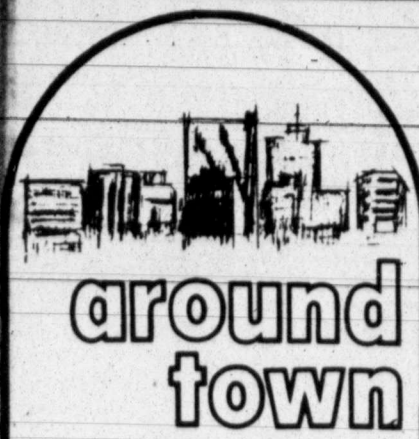
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By PATSY GORDON
Lifestyle Writer

...Robert Derrick Michael of Midland entered his final phase of training recently to qualify for an associate degree in science in veterinary technology from Murray State College at Tishomingo, Okla.

He then began eight weeks as a preceptorial student under the guidance of L.D. Barker, DVM, at Snyder Animal Clinic, Inc., at Snyder, Okla.

Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob J. Michael, 719 Sinclair Ave.

Upon completion of his preceptorial work, the student will be among the first to graduate from Oklahoma's only college-taught program in veterinary technology...

...MIDLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lancaster Garden Center to hear a program by Eunice Barks on "Archaeology by Experiments."

Ms. Barks, a charter member of the society, received her B.S. degree in zoology from Louisiana Tech, a B.A. degree in anthropology from Texas Tech University and an M.A. in museum science-anthropology from Texas Tech. She has worked for the Lubbock Lake Project since 1975, and her most recent project was the study of bone technology...

...PERMIAN BASIN EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION will have its first membership meeting on the campus of The University of Texas at the Permian Basin at Odessa.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Devonian Room in the student lounge at UTPB.

John Relaford, organizer of the meeting, said the meeting will be of interest to anyone interested in epilepsy. "There will be ample time for questions and answers about the available services in the Permian Basin," he added.

According to Relaford, more than 6,000 people in the Permian Basin suffer from some sort of seizure disorder. He said that the Midland-Odessa area has been chosen as a site for a regional task force meeting on epilepsy, and that volunteers are needed to help with the planning stages for this meeting.

...PTA MEETINGS SCHEDULED: Washington Parent-Teacher Association unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the school for a sixth grade program entitled "Our Country 'Tis of Thee."

Election of 1980-81 officers also will be conducted.

The language arts, music and physical education departments have participated in the development of the program. All of the six classes of the 6th grade have united to give a brief overview of American history.

"Our Country 'Tis of Thee" includes individual speaking parts, choral readings, songs and square dance. Transparencies illustrating events will be flashed onto the backdrop.

The program will be presented again at 5th grade orientation slated for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Fannin School PTA unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school's cafeteria.

A kindergarten mini-musical, written by the music teacher, Rhonda Lacy, will be presented...

...LA LECHE LEAGUE of Midland will sponsor two meetings this week. Group I will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday at 2801 Metz, while Group II will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway...



DEAR ABBY
Too much expressed on express bus

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Since the gasoline crunch has become a fact of life, I have stopped driving my car to work in favor of taking the express bus.

I am appalled at the total lack of breeding exhibited by those who ride the buses. They discuss the most personal things at a shouting pitch.

Without wanting to, I have learned what color shorts one woman's husband prefers, and even more personal preference expressed by tasteless loudmouths who ride the bus.

The other evening on returning home, a group of regular riders passed around cans of beer, large bottles of wine, potato chips, salami and cheese!

Are these people so friendless that they have to do their social interacting on the bus? How do I escape? — NAUSEATED IN NORTHBRIDGE.

DEAR NAUSEATED: Buy a transistor radio with an earplug attachment, and stick it in your ear!

DEAR ABBY: I work for five doctors. I've been here for only one year and have the responsibility of running the entire office. There are four psychologists and one psychiatrist (the boss, whom I will call Dr. J.). There is another girl in this office, and between us we book the appointments, file, type, fill out insurance forms, call in prescriptions, do hospital billing, etc.

The girl I work with is blond, cute and well-built. She's nice and we get along fine. What bugs me is that she can get away with anything. If she starts working on an insurance form and it gets tough, I have to finish it.

If I tell Dr. J. that he is behind on his dictation, he gets hostile and asks me not to bother him with that. If the blonde tells him, he smiles and thanks her!

I'm tired of doing most of the work and not being appreciated. Don't tell me to find another job. I really like my work. Besides, we're in an area where the auto industry just laid off 3,300 workers, and jobs are scarce.

Any suggestions? — HAD IT.

DEAR HAD IT: Tell Dr. J. that for the sake of his business and your peace of mind, you simply must unburden yourself. Then let him have it. And if he knows which side his bread is buttered on, he will be more sensitive to your feelings and will show more appreciation and consideration in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I can't understand why a woman would feel hurt or insulted if a widower proposed to her and offered her his late wife's wedding rings.

When I was 19, I married a man with five sons ranging from 9 to 16 years old. His wife had been dead for two years. When he offered me his first wife's rings, I felt honored. To me it symbolized that he loved me as much as he had loved her. Furthermore, I felt that if I could accept five human beings that were her flesh and blood, I could certainly accept the rings she had worn.

Although it was hard for the boys to accept me at first, after two years we have a loving family relationship. — PROUD TO BE NO. 2.

DEAR PROUD: You are No. 1 in expressing and unusually broadminded, unselfish attitude.

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Patti DeFrance, president of the Midland City Council of PTAs, has been awarded a life membership by the council. Mrs. DeFrance, who moved to Midland from Houston 5½ years ago, has been a Girl Scout leader since that time. She has served the PTA council as secretary and vice president, and next school year will be co-chairman of the Volunteer Coordinating Team for CCPTA. The recipient also is in her second year as a member of the Citizens Against Crime Commission, and was appointed secretary of the Advance Committee of the Texas State Volunteers Program, Inc. She has served as a room mother for both her children and, as an Emerson School parent, has been secretary and president for Emerson PTA. She will preside as Goddard Junior High School PTA president during 1980-81.

UTPB slates M-A Week

ODESSA - A sampling of Mexican-American foods, films and speakers will be part of Mexican-American Week on The University of Texas at the Permian Basin campus this week.

Films will be held throughout the week and will focus on the historical and cultural achievements of the Mexican-Americans.

Spanish students will prepare tasty Mexican dishes for visitors from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Devonian Room. Keynote speaker Paul Moreno, state representative and chairman of the Mexican-American Caucus, will speak at 1 p.m. on "Mexican-American Heritage."

Perez noted all events are free and open to the public.

SENIOR PARTIES

Sharon Stringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stringer, 3208 N. I St., was honored recently with a Mexican dinner party at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Hostesses were Mrs. Paul Scherzer, Mrs. Wayne Westerman and Mrs. Gene Erwin. Sharon, a Midland High School graduating senior, will attend Angelo State University at San Angelo in the fall.

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Making final arrangements for the women in business seminar scheduled Thursday by the Permian Chapter, National Secretaries Association, International, are, from left, Florene Anderson, chapter president; Sharon Taylor, publicity chairman, and Andrea Yarbrough, CPS, seminar chairman. The seminar will be held in the Midland Hilton. Registration begins at 8, followed by the

seminar from 9 to 4 p.m. Lewis Timberlake of Austin will be guest speaker. He will show participants how to like themselves and their career and how to coordinate the two. For more information, Mrs. Anderson at 683-5356 or Andrea Yarbrough, CPS, at 684-4412. All area businesswomen are invited to attend. (Staff Photo)

Adventurous Midlander to share experiences in Afghanistan, Russia

"Rushing Through Russia — A Soviet View With Sue," will provide this Tuesday's Lunch Bunch with a more exotic fare for their brown bag break.

Sue Snelson, former airline stewardess, and owner of Midland Travel Agency, has tales and slides of her uniquely adventurous trip. Tea in a nomadic Afghanistani chieftain's tent, Mongolian banquets in the style of Genghis Khan, picnics on a Russian river boat, are but glimpses of the unusual this inveterate traveler pursues.

This week's program is to be 40 minutes, and will begin at 11:55 a.m. All Midlanders are invited to be Lunch Bunchers every Tuesday at

11:45, through May 27. Coffee is provided for the programs held in the old American Legion Building, 206 S. Colorado Ave. They are another extension of library services sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Library staff always prepares a bibliography, and this one should help the vicarious or for-real traveler.

Last Tuesday's April Fool spoof

Holmes hosts chapter

Jill Arthur presented a program on "The Things About Us" at a meeting of the Xi Alpha Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

The group met in the home of Caroline Holmes. Pat Phillips was co-host-

ess. "Sgt. Swell" and "Blaze Glory," reminded the 60 brown baggers of the satirical flicks so often enjoyed at the Summer Mummies. The public, as well as the lunch bunchers can avoid the re-run season by borrowing films from the library's collection to be found in the Audio-Visual Department. Projectors can be rented if needed.

Beta Sigma Sunday will be April 27 and the chapter made plans to attend the First Christian Church. Guests were Carol Schmitter and Francine Hudgens.

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Eastwood, the American leading man who after TV success made his big screen name in Italian westerns, then returned to Hollywood and became one of the big action stars of the late '60s and '70s, also directed this film.

(Stations reserve the right to make last-minute changes.)

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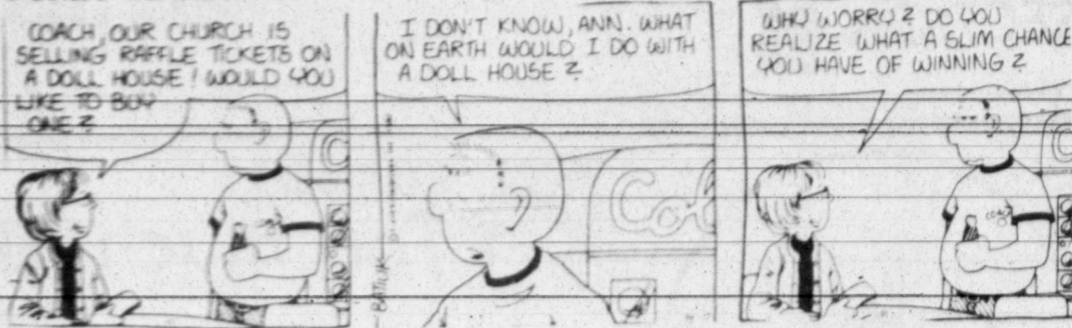
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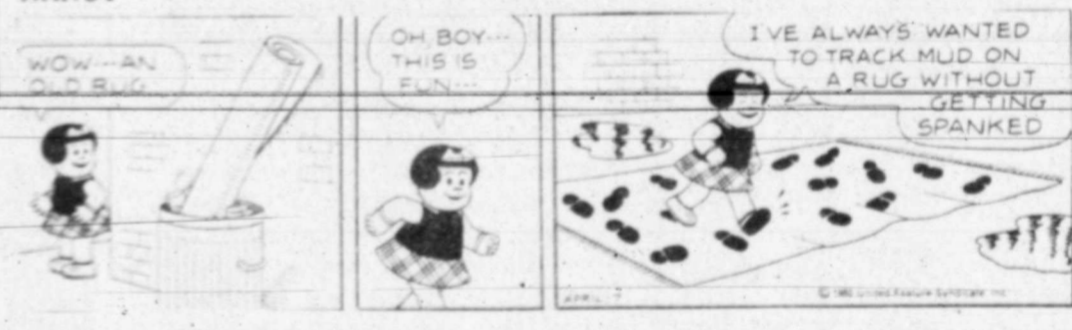
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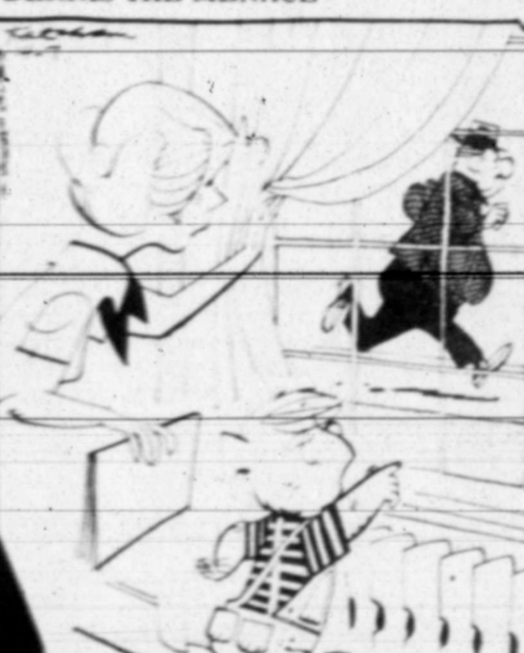


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your horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Tuesday, April 8, 1980

YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: You, who were born on this date, are strong-willed and energetic and know exactly how to enjoy life to the fullest! Those with less drive and vigor look to you for direction. Success in your ahead depends mainly on meeting basic business obligations on time and widening your circle of acquaintances, contracts. Loved ones lend strong support and encouragement for your efforts. You know how to make best use of opportunities that appear. A romantic relationship grows in importance and you have to make big decision regarding future lifestyle. Think with your head, not with your heart!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Argument could put your nerves on edge. You may feel criticized for way you have handled work assignment. Make sure you really know what is being said. Lie low for awhile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Atmosphere is favorable for laying groundwork for development of idea you cannot promote right away. Keep busy. What looks like a setback is blessing in disguise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Problem concerning mate or partner may not prove as easy to resolve as you think. Business activities are likely to demand more time. Work to achieve better balance in daily schedule.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on completing projects already under way. Someone may urge you to make risky decision. Follow your hunches about family finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Finish up old jobs and answer pending correspondence before embarking on new venture. Teamwork reduces time spent on tedious everyday tasks. You find it easier now to arrive at personal decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Limit spending to purchase of essentials. Interruptions by neighbors or relatives can hold up progress on work project. Be alert to actions of individual who is intent on scoring off an associate of yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial problem could cause domestic upset. Revised budget is best answer. Good news from friend may help hope materialize. An unusual event has special appeal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Come to grips with business, financial realities. Discuss plans with mate, spouse before committing yourself to new course of action. A property transaction can have fortunate results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may crave a change of environment. Avoid impulsive moves, however. Consider effects of work situation on family relationships. Then, decide what is best for all concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your total honesty sometimes lands you in hot water, but in the end it proves you have true star quality. A sense of humor helps you get through many ticklish moments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Business meeting or conference could produce important results for you. Accept every opportunity to show what you can do. Be sure to keep work and personal relationships separate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be earning more now, but unless you moderate spending, sudden jump in daily expenses could wipe out gains. Mail, phone call is likely to bring happy news.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF © 1980 by Chicago Tribune

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A1072 ♠AQ1072 ♠KJ83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Your void in hearts is a latent liability, so we would accept a pass. Nevertheless, you have such a fine hand opposite a partner who has made a jump rebid, we would make one more effort to get to slam. Bid four clubs. This will complete the description of your hand pattern and allow partner to make the final decision. Of course, if he signs off in four hearts or four no trump, you must pass.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠1092 ♠A865 ♠AK105 ♠Q6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?

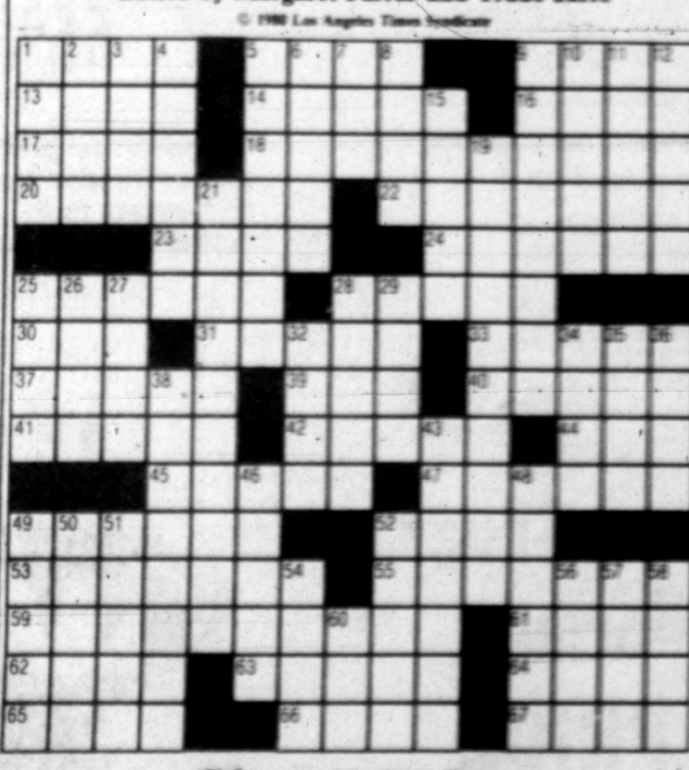
What do you bid now?
A.—With an opening bid facing an opening bid, you want to be in game. Since partner has shown a rebiddable spade suit, you have adequate support. Jump to four spades. Don't waste time with a "clever" bid of three hearts. When you later support spades, partner might think that you were trying to show a singleton club in an effort to get to slam.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQJ76 ♠6 ♠832 ♠AK92
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Since you have an unbalanced hand, there is no reason why you should want to play no trump. But don't make the mistake of rebidding your spades—that suggests a six-card suit. Show your club suit. After all, partner could have a singleton spade and five or six clubs on this auction.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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BUSINESS MIRROR

Hunt brothers not only ones hurt in silver game

By ROXINNE ERVASTI

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Nelson Bunker Hunt and his brother W. Herbert aren't the only ones who got hurt when the price of silver collapsed. A lot of small investors looking for a quick profit also are in pain.

Like me. The Hunt brothers, usually described as Texas oil billionaires, haven't said how much they lost when prices slid from more than \$50 an ounce in January to about \$14.50 this week. But I know my investment now is worth less than a third of what it cost me.

I've always been one to turn my head to get-rich-quick schemes and to be continually amazed by those who fell prey to them.

As a kid, I stayed away from the nickel toss and shooting galleries at the carnivals, preferring the guaranteed return of a thrilling ride or cotton candy to the risk of winning trinkets and stuffed animals.

As an adult, the closest I've gotten to spreading my money around was buying a few financial advice books supposedly aimed at the wage earner. But they don't give cut-and-dried answers. And I never had any money anyway.

So in December, when another reporter in the pressroom at Alaska's Statehouse got off the telephone and announced he'd arranged to buy several thousand dollars worth of silver, I took the bait.

I'd been reading about how silver prices were soaring, how they'd multiplied eightfold in just a few months time, but it all seemed so far away. My colleague's decision to buy brought home the possibility that yes, inflation-battered and exasperated, I too could jump on the bandwagon.

"You have to look at it as a long-term thing," he said. "It can't go down, and even if it does, it'll go back up. What are you earning, 5 1/4 percent interest? At an inflation rate of almost 20 percent?"

My assets amounted to \$2,500, all in savings. I contemplated, reasoning that if I ever needed to go into the savings, \$2,500 wouldn't be worth anything anyway. Inflation WAS gnawing at the savings.

I told him to arrange to buy about \$2,000 worth.

I figured I would just hang onto the silver for a few months, let it go up a little bit, then cash in and perhaps have a little more money for an investment not so speculative.

"I almost feel unpatriotic," I said as we left for the bank that afternoon. I referred to a feeling that somehow I was abandoning the good old dollar because of greed.

At the bank, I handed over a check for 40 ounces of silver — at \$47.75 an ounce — and was told the two 20-ounce bars would arrive in about a month.

By the time I got back to the office, The Associated Press wire reported that silver had closed for the day at \$46 and change.

Ouch! It's gone down steadily. I got to the point where I refused to even read the daily silver price reports. But, somehow, I was able to laugh.

Until the stories broke about the Hunts' misfortunes — and the plunge in silver prices to \$11.60.

Those 40 ounces that cost me \$1,910 now are worth a little less than \$600.

Now, it's only knowing that there are others in the same boat that keeps me joking that I'll have the bars hammered into a beggar's cup or take them with me on my next trip to the dentist.

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Then, midway through the festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and preached openly.

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The crowd replied, "You're out of your mind! Who's trying to kill you?"

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Think this through and you will see that I am right."

John 7:14-24

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Application deadlines announced for health program classes at OC

ODESSA — Application deadlines for new classes in Odessa College's allied health programs have been set, according to Don Huff, division chairman of science and health occupations at OC.

Five of the six allied health programs have application deadlines. They are: nursing, May 1; radiologic (X-ray) technology, May 30; respiratory therapy, June 15; operating room technology, June 15; and medical lab technology, June 15.

There is no deadline for emergency medical technology.

New classes in nursing begin in the fall. Nursing students can enroll in a one-year program to become licensed vocational nurses, or LVNs, or in a two-year program to earn associate degrees and be certified as registered nurses, or RNs.

Radiologic technology is a 24-month program which leads to an associate in applied science degree and certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. New classes begin with the second summer term.

Respiratory therapy classes begin in the fall. Following a 24-month program, students earn associate degrees in applied science and are eligible to take the national registering exam by the National Board for Respiratory Therapists.

New classes in operating room technology (ORT) begin with the fall semester. The ORT program lasts 10 1/2 months, and students completing the program can take the national certification test by the Association of Sur-

gical Technologists.

The medical lab technology program takes 22 months, and students completing the program are then eligible for the national registering exam given by the Registry of Medical Technologists of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. New classes begin in the fall.

Students in the emergency medical technology (EMT) program have the choice of a one-year certificate program or a two-year program that leads to an associate in applied science degree with a specialization in EMT. The basic course in EMT lasts only one semester, with students who complete the study eligible to take the examination for registry with the Texas Department of Health Resources, Texas Emergency Medical Services.

The EMT program begins each semester, and there is no deadline for application.

Persons interested in any of the allied programs should contact Huff at OC for details.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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Coke, Stonewall, Runnels get tests

Petrolo Exploration Inc., of Abilene, No. 4 Durham is to be dug as a 6,700-foot gas wildcat 10 miles northwest of Robert Lee in Coke County. Drillsite is 3,300 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 312, block 1-A, H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 2,094 feet.

The prospector is one location southeast of the Bloodworth, Northeast (5750 Canyon) pool and one and one-eighth miles northwest of production in the ACR (Canyon gas, Odum oil and Canyon oil) pool.

STONEWALL WILDCAT

Harvey Heiser of Midland No. 1 Bess Murphree is 2,750-foot wildcat in Stonewall County, 5.5 miles north of Old Glory.

Scheduled for tests of the Tannehill, it is 366 feet from north and 2,246 feet from east lines of section 6B, Thomas Constable survey.

It is 35 feet southeast of Heiser No. 1 Bess Murphree which was a re-entry wildcat one location east of a depleted Bend conglomerate discovery.

Attempts to cleanout to 2,820 feet were abandoned. That project was drilled to 5,897 feet by Hunt oil Co. as No. 1 H. C. Yakey and abandoned in 1951.

STONEWALL RE-ENTRY

Remuda Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland will re-enter a 6,252-foot failure 10 miles north of Aspermont in Stonewall County and clean out to 3,000 feet for completion attempt in the Tannehill.

The project, the former W. E. Butler No. 1 Morrow, will be operated by Remuda as No. 1 Jones "A."

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 105, block D, H&TC survey. It is one and three-eighths miles west of the Gloria Gay, West (Tannehill, Conglomerate and Ellenburger) field.

RUNNELS PROJECTS

James K. Anderson Inc. of Dallas announced locations for three wildcats in Runnels County.

No. 1 A O'Dell is 3,950 feet from north and 3,886 feet from west lines of section John Early survey No. 449 and two miles west of Wingate. It is one location northwest of the one-well Wingate, West (Gardner) field.

It will drill to 5,300 feet.

Anderson No. 1 Leszczynski, another 5,300-foot wildcat, is 467 feet from north and 4,820 feet from west lines of John Early survey No. 449 and 1/2 mile east of a well in the Fritress (Odum lime gas) pool. It also is two miles west of Wingate.

Anderson No. 1 Nelson-Michaels was staked as a 5,450-foot wildcat four miles southwest of Wingate. Drillsite is 5,117 feet from north and 3,736 feet from west lines of Hiram Friley survey No. 448. It is 1,500 feet west of the Fritress (Odum lime gas) production. Ground elevation is 2,015 feet.

UPTON TEST

Cola Petrolo Inc. of Midland No. 1-19 Elkin is a new 9,200-foot project in northeast Upton County, two miles east of Midkiff.

Scheduled as a project in the Calvin (Dean) pool, it is one location west of production and 660 feet from north and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 19, block 37, T-5-S, T&P survey.

WINKLER RE-ENTRY

Ike Lovelady Inc. of Midland will re-enter the former Hilliard Oil & Gas Inc., No. 1-G Sealy-Smith in Winkler County and attempt to complete it as a 3/4-mile northeast extension to the Paladin (Pennsylvania) field.

It will be operated by Lovelady as No. 1-30 Sealy Smith. It was abandoned by Hilliard in May 1977.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 30, block A, G&MMB&A survey.

Lovelady will clean out to 9,200 feet. It was drilled as a wildcat by Hilliard to 9,340 feet.

MITCHELL COUNTY

Sun Oil Co., operating from Midland, spotted No. 18-D V. T. McCabe as a one and one-eighth mile southwest outpost to one of the five Ellenburger wells in the Jameson, North multipay pool of Mitchell County.

Drillsite is four miles northwest of Silver and 1,375 feet from south and 50 feet from east lines of section 227, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Contract depth is 7,300 feet.

Duncan keeps his friends during first eight months

By STU HENIGSON
Dallas Times Herald

WASHINGTON — In his first eight months as secretary of energy, Charles W. Duncan Jr. has accomplished a remarkable feat — he hasn't made many enemies.

Opinions vary on why that is. His supporters contend that the plain-spoken, unpretentious Texan is far better suited to the political demands of the job than his predecessor, James R. Schlesinger. Others argue that Duncan is a manager, not a policymaker,

Several oil industry officials say the industry "is being treated with better manners these days," in the words of one, but they differed over how much credit Duncan deserves.

The most widely noted of Duncan's contributions so far is his reorganization of the department, which was fashioned from the parts of several other departments in October 1977 and now employs 20,000 persons on an annual budget of around \$11 billion.

In contrast to the department under Schlesinger, which one industry executive called "totally free form," Duncan has set up the agency along energy resource lines.

Now one person is in charge of coal development, with policy, research and development, contracting and other functions below him. The same structure is used for nuclear power, solar power, conservation and petroleum.

"DOE is much better managed now," says Gramm, adding that the department's presentations to Congress are more complete and information is provided more quickly.

An official of one major oil company agreed that "things are organized a bit better," but he said some offices are still known in the industry as "black holes" because requests go in and nothing emerges.

"But at least our letters are acknowledged now," he added. "When Schlesinger was there, we would write and never hear another word."

As a policymaker, however, the jury is still out on Duncan. "Duncan probably knows how to pay his gas bill. That's it for his energy knowledge," said Ed Rothchild, the head of Energy Action, a Washington-based consumer group. "But he was not brought in as an energy thinker; he was brought in as a manager."

Duncan's role in policy matters is limited because of Schlesinger's legacy. The major features of the nation's energy policy — crude oil decontrol, the windfall profits tax, the natural gas pricing policy and coal and synthetic fuel development — were chiseled out under Schlesinger's tenure

first as Carter's energy "czar" and then as the first energy secretary.

Most observers believe that Duncan, a "company man," has been well-chosen to pursue those policies. While Duncan officially heads the energy policy-making groups within the Cabinet, the White House took over control of some policy matters from the Energy Department in a much-publicized transfer of power during the final days of Schlesinger's regime.

"He (Duncan) is the handmaiden of Carter far more than anything Schlesinger approached," said one oil industry official.

But Energy Department officials, avowed partisans of Duncan, contend that he has put his stamp on the nation's energy policy in several important areas. He has steadfastly opposed gasoline rationing, likening it to "open heart surgery," and pushed instead for the voluntary state gasoline conservation targets that the administration is relying on to cut consumption.

Duncan also has tried to improve relations between the energy ministers of the producing and consuming nations. The effects of the policy already are evident in the more conciliatory tone the United States has taken recently with producing nations.

On a recent trip to Saudi Arabia, for example, Duncan agreed to halt plans to fill the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) in Louisiana's salt domes at the request of Sheik Ahmed Yamani, the Saudi oil minister. The Saudis are opposed to filling the SPR because they don't believe the oil market is stable enough, and they are uneasy about how the United States would use the potential one-billion-barrel reservoir.

Although Duncan got no formal concessions in return from the Saudis, Energy Department sources argue that Saudi goodwill is worth far more than the stored oil. "The SPR isn't worth much," said one source. "We'd like to fill the SPR, but what we really want is for them to keep pumping their oil."

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and has avoided ruffling feathers by doing little that is controversial.

But Duncan is almost uniformly praised for having steered the Energy Department away from the adversarial attitudes that marked its relations with Congress, the oil industry and the oil-producing nations under Schlesinger.

In Congress especially, Duncan has won kudos for his cooperative approach toward achieving legislative goals. And he has benefitted from the backlash against Schlesinger, whose abrasive, haughty attitude antagonized so many people that he was forced to step down.

"Most everybody likes Duncan," says Rep. Jim Collins, R-Texas, who has observed both energy secretaries as a member of the House energy and power subcommittee. "With Schlesinger, you either liked him or you didn't."

Duncan also is widely credited with progress in bringing the unruly Energy Department to heel, diminishing its reputation as the champion disorganized bureaucracy. Even his supporters, however, question whether Duncan has the ability to contribute much to the energy program that was formulated under Schlesinger.

And many observers wonder how well he will perform when first confronted with a serious energy emergency, such as Iran's oil cutoff last year or the coal strike in 1978.

"The time of testing is not at hand," says James Bishop, a public relations consultant who served as Schlesinger's press secretary.

A former president of the Coca-Cola Co., Duncan, 53, is a Houston native who worked as a roughneck in the oil fields during his days at Rice University. He moved to the Energy Department last September from the post of deputy defense secretary.

Duncan's four years as president of Atlanta-based Coca-Cola, which bought out his family-owned Duncan Foods Co., coincided with Jimmy Carter's tenure as governor of Georgia from 1971 to 1974, but Duncan was not known as an adviser or political supporter of Carter.

Duncan's style, repeatedly labeled "low key," differs fundamentally from Schlesinger's high-profile, no-compromise approach, which so polarized Congress.

"It's like comparing an ICBM with a tugboat," quipped one of the head of one consumer advocacy group. "Schlesinger had to get a number of things done quickly. He was very successful at budgeting the energy policy through Congress, but he antagonized people doing it."

An Energy Department official explained it succinctly: "Schlesinger is a talker; Duncan is a listener."

Duncan has avoided the publicity-soaked confrontations in congressional hearing rooms that marked Schlesinger's tenure, opting instead for private talks with congressmen. And when Duncan does testify he usually sticks to the mechanics of implementing a policy, rather than the policy itself.

Minister says prices may stay split

KUWAIT (AP) — Iranian Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moïnfar said Sunday that crude oil prices would remain split if Saudi Arabia failed to raise its prices to the Iranian level of \$35 a barrel.

"We are not going to accept any restrictions on our oil-pricing policy after we scrapped the pattern of dictating and imposing prices at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries" Caracas conference last December," Tehran Radio quoted Moïnfar as saying.

Saudi Arabia, America's leading supplier of imported oil, charges \$26 a barrel for its crude. President Carter banned oil imports from Iran last Nov. 12, eight days after Americans

were taken hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Tehran Radio said Moïnfar was commenting on a statement by Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani last week that a special meeting of OPEC oil ministers will be held in Taif, Saudi Arabia on May 5 to discuss unifying oil prices.

"The meeting is designed to discuss OPEC's long-term pricing policy and has nothing to do with deciding prices in the short run," Moïnfar was quoted as saying.

"If Yamani means that Iran should reduce its crude oil price to the level of Saudi Arabia or the average of the two prices, it is another matter, and I should say that Iran rejects such an idea," Moïnfar was quoted as say-

ing. Moïnfar announced Thursday that Iran raised the price of its oil from \$32.50 to \$35 a barrel as of April 1.

Meanwhile, Tehran Radio quoted an Oil Ministry spokesman as saying fire broke out early Sunday at an oil storage area near Kermanshah, in western Iran, after it was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. The broadcast said work continued normally while "measures were taken to deal with the incident." The radio did not say who fired the rocket.

Another explosion at an oil and gas pipeline interrupted to flow of fuel gas to Abadan refinery and its production fell down by 30 percent, the radio said. It gave no further details.

Replacement platform is evacuated

OSLO, Norway (AP) — An oilfield platform, being readied to replace the floating hotel that sank in the North Sea 10 days ago, tilted slightly in Stavanger Harbor on Sunday and 57 persons aboard were evacuated, officials said.

The floating platform, the Henrik Ibsen, is to replace the Alexander Kielland oil platform that capsized in the Ekofisk field March 27 with the loss of 123 lives in the world's worst

offshore oilfield disaster.

Officials at Stavanger said a valve jammed open as one of the Henrik Ibsen's five legs was being filled with water ballast, and the leg became overloaded with ballast and dropped to the harbor bed.

The platform tilted 20 degrees from its horizontal position, but remained above the surface because the leg was resting on the bottom only 65 feet below, the officials reported. They

said the 57 workers on board were removed as a precautionary measure.

The Henrik Ibsen, like its 10,000-ton sister rig Alexander Kielland, is owned by Norway's Stavanger Drilling Co. and has been chartered by Phillips Petroleum Co., based in Oklahoma. It has not yet been certified for North Sea operations.

Phillips spokesman Per Erik Bjoerklund told a Norwegian radio station that officials of the two companies will confer on how the rig can be balanced.

A spokesman for Det Norske Veritas, an organization that classifies ships and oil rigs, told Norwegian television the oil rig would not have capsized even if it had tilted 40 degrees at high seas.

"Such an accident that occurred at Stavanger Harbour tonight could never have happened in the North Sea," he said. "Human failure was most likely the cause of the accident."

Aksel Kloster, one of six members of a commission investigating the Kielland disaster, said in a radio interview the commission also will look into the Ibsen accident.

TO&G wants acceleration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Oil and Gas Corp. of Dallas wants a federal judge to expedite its lawsuit against the Interior Department, which recently cancelled 20 noncompetitive oil and gas leases at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

Cecil Andrus, the department secretary, cancelled the leases because he said Texas Oil and Gas filed application for drilling permits before regulations went into effect opening military lands for oil and gas leasing. However, the action also came after several questions were raised about the government's role in granting the leases without competitive bids.

The corporation has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court here seeking reinstatement of the leases. The case is pending. James W. McDade, attorney for

Texas Oil and Gas, asked Judge Joyce Green for a quick hearing on the lawsuit because he said Andrus and the Interior Department were trying to subvert the status quo on leases.

The department's Bureau of Land Management has tried to return the \$40,434 check Texas Oil and Gas paid for leases on 33,000 acres at Fort Chaffee.

McDade said the leases stipulated that drilling must be limited to the period between Sept. 1 and April 30 because the military reservation is used for National Guard training in the late spring and summer.

"If a hearing is not expedited, drilling operations will have been delayed for an entire year," McDade said, adding that such a delay could cause Texas Oil and Gas to suffer first-year production losses.

Reed survey lists 10 less rigs going in Basin areas

The rotary rig county in the Permian Basin of West Texas and southeast New Mexico showed a drop of 10 rigs last week, as the Reed Rock Bit Co. survey listed 305 active units.

A week earlier, the total was 315, and one year ago the count was 225. Part of the loss came in Lea County, where operators were working 42 rotaries, a loss of four from the previous count.

Eddy County, N.M., continued as the second most active county in the Basin with 29 rotaries making hole — the same total reported a week earlier.

In the West Texas side of the Basin, Pecos county was the most active area on the Reed count last week with 23 rigs going, one less than the previous total.

Reagan County gained four rigs for a total of 15 to become the second most active county in West Texas.

The only other county in the Permian Basin with more than 10 rotaries at work was Ward with 13. Reed county nine in Martin and nine in Winkler. Andrews, Crockett, Howard, and Sterling had eight.

County	4/4	3/28
Andrews	8	9
Borden	4	5
Brewster	1	1
Chaves	3	6
Crane	6	5
Cochran	6	5
Coke	5	5
Concho	1	1

Crockett	8	8
Crosby	2	2
Dawson	3	4
Dickens	2	3
Ector	5	5
Gaines	29	29
Garza	4	4
Glasscock	4	7
Hockley	6	8
Howard	8	8
Hudspeth	1	0
Irion	7	6
Kent	3	2
Lamb	1	1
Lea	42	46
Loving	7	6
Lynn	2	0
Lubbock	6	6
Martin	9	7
Midland	4	2
Mitchell	1	3
Pecos	23	24
Reagan	15	11
Reeves	2	4
Roosevelt	2	2
Runnels	2	2
Schleicher	5	6
Scurry	5	7
Sterling	8	6
Sutton	3	3
Terrill	4	5
Terry	5	4
Tom Green	4	4
Upton	4	4
Val Verde	3	4
Ward	13	13
Winkler	9	10
Yoakum	2	6
Total	305	315

Writer enlarges audience to include older folks

By LESLIE HANSCOM
Newsday

NEW YORK — Richard Peck is a popular author of young adult fiction who has just enlarged his audience to bring in an older generation. Until now, he had addressed himself to teen-agers, partly to work off his frustration as a high school teacher who had tried — and failed — to communicate with the young in the classroom.

Peck feels that his career as a teacher, which began when he got out of the Army in 1958 and ended in 1971, when he gave it up as a futility, coincided with the collapse of the New York City school system. This was roughly the decade of the 1960s, when society unraveled in general. The effect on the New York schools, as he sees it, was to make them inhospitable to anybody who wanted to teach and instead to the psychiatric social worker.

Ironically, Peck discovered when he turned to writing that order and decorum, which has been successfully banished from the schools, were just what young people wanted in the books they read.

"Adolescents," Peck says, "won't tolerate a protagonist they can't admire. Adults enjoy a protagonist who makes them feel superior, but young people want somebody they can look up to. For example, they don't like a dirty-talking hero or heroine — which of course has nothing to do with the way they themselves speak. The young are very judgmental about the behavior of other people."

In writing for teen-agers, Peck says, it is also essential that a novel have plenty of crisp, well-written dialogue. "They love conversation," he explains, "because they are so inarticulate themselves. You don't dare give them slang because it changes so quickly, and you had better not try to copy the speech of real teen-agers — who can't say much except 'like' and 'you know' — because the dialogue would be unreadable even to them."

As a novelist for young adults, Peck — who is tall and who has a slight resemblance to Frank Sinatra — knows he is now communicating

across the gap he found unbridgeable in today's classroom because his fans write and tell him so. The ex-teacher notes with mixed satisfaction that many of the letters are written from study halls where the writers are supposed to be preparing for their next class. It is common for the adolescent who has enjoyed one of his novels to request that he write another one just like it, which Peck feels is a demonstration of the resistance of novelty that up-to-date educators choose to ignore in the young.

The novelist himself prefers not to repeat what he has already done, and he has just made his widest departure by turning out his first book for grown-up readers. It is "Amanda Miranda" (Viking, \$12.95), a romantic historical novel about an extraordinary relationship between mistress and female servant, set in the Edwardian period and featuring the sinking of the Titanic as a central event of the plot. The leading characters are English, which caused the author, who comes from Illinois, to worry about the authenticity of the spoken idiom. "I told myself, 'At least no English person will ever read this,'" Peck says, "but now, the book has been sold in Britain, and I'm in the soup."

Peck chose to set his first adult novel in the Edwardian era because he has a special affinity with the period and because the television series, "Upstairs, Downstairs," has made it a favorite of everybody else. The book is long, which makes it different in this respect from his juveniles. Kids, the author reminds, want books that are compact because, if they like what they are reading, they won't put it down before the end. Grown-ups, on the other hand, want a book that can be returned to as a companion.

As his next effort for the older audience, Peck has a novel in mind for which the idea was inspired, in New York shown in the Woody Allen movie, "Manhattan." Peck found Allen's image of the city about as close to present-day reality as the movies of his childhood that made him think everybody in New York danced on the keys of giant pianos. The novel he is planning will be about the simultaneous disintegration of a marriage and of the city.

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