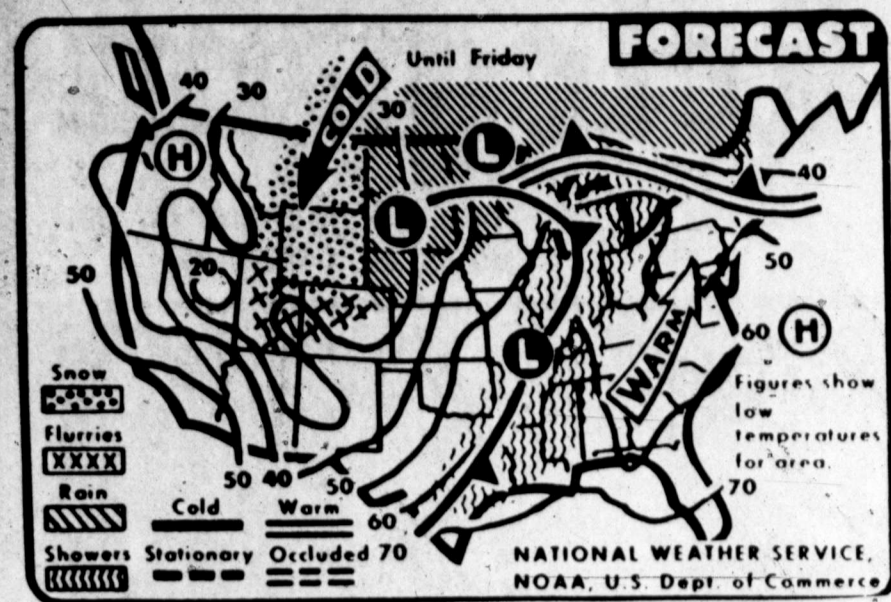


WEATHER SUMMARY



Snow and snow flurries are expected for the western and northern Plains. Rain is forecast for the Dakotas, Nebraska and Minnesota. Showers are forecast from Texas to the upper Great Lakes.

Midland statistics

Table with weather forecast for Midland, including high/low temperatures, precipitation, and wind speed.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities across the country, including Albuquerque, Amarillo, and Dallas.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, and Amarillo.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Cooler through tonight. Windy Panhandle today. Widely scattered thunderstorms most sections today and southeast tonight.

Extended forecasts

Saturday Through Monday: West Texas: clearing and continued rather cold north and cool south. Lower near freezing extreme northern Panhandle to near 50 extreme south.

1980 heat wave was very lethal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The summer heat wave of 1980 was one of the deadliest of this century, killing 1,265 people, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports. The heat wave that came boiling out of the Southwest in June and clung on into September in the East and Midwest also caused \$20 billion in damage, the weather agency said Wednesday.



Iranian special envoy Ali Shams Ardakani, left, and other members of the Iranian delegation listen to speaker at the U.N. Security Council meeting at

the United Nations Wednesday. Iraq told the Security Council that Iran provoked the Persian Gulf war. (AP Laserphoto)

Europe fears new cold war

By LARRY GERBER Associated Press Writer BONN, West Germany (AP) — New restrictions and tough talk from Poland's Warsaw Pact neighbors have chilled the political climate in Central Europe this fall, giving rise to fears of a new cold war.

where workers are trying to implement government promises of independent trade unions and a loosening of censorship. Bilak claimed that the unions would be turned into a "legal base for opposition activity and a main channel for permanent interference from abroad in the affairs of the Polish People's Republic."

Oral Roberts reassured by vision

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oral Roberts' vision of a 900-foot-tall Jesus Christ has assured him that the huge City of Faith project will be completed, he said in a fund-raising letter.

said Wednesday he mailed copies of the letter to several Oklahoma newspapers with tongue-in-cheek recommendations for news coverage of the May 25 meeting. Thompson said the vision was either a highly newsworthy event or the product of imagination or fraud.

United Way collects 37 percent of goal

At the first of a series of weekly report meetings Wednesday at Midland Center, United Way campaign chairman Donald Evans reported that the organization has already collected \$429,406.

Odessa trucker dies in crash

An Odessa man died early Wednesday morning when his truck-tractor semi-trailer overturned on Interstate 20 seven miles west of Midland.

Car, train crash kills Midlanders

ODESSA — Two Midland men died and another man is listed in stable condition in an Odessa hospital from injuries sustained when their car crashed into a train in south Odessa Tuesday night.

Laundromat reports theft

Jim Dixon reported to police Wednesday the theft of \$500 from the R.J. Laundromat, 1105 N. Midkiff Road. Dixon told police that on Oct. 13 he checked the money from the machines and then compared it to the money from the dryers.

to drive back on to the roadway, but the truck struck a high shoulder and overturned on to its side. It then ran on to the top, the spokesman said. Marland was pinned in the cab. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Midland County Peace Justice John Biggs.

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Ray charges Garwood with conflict of interest



C.E. Ray

By DAVID CAMPBELL Staff Writer

Democratic Supreme Court candidate C.L. Ray has charged his Republican opponent, Will Garwood, with conflict of interest while sitting on the state's highest court. During a Wednesday afternoon press conference at Midland Regional Airport, Ray told reporters that Garwood should have dismissed himself from a case where a customer was suing the Riverside National Bank of Houston under the state's consumer protection law.

At one time, Ray said he has held some stock shares but sold them at a loss to himself before he accepted any judicial positions. "I have asked Garwood to divest himself of stock holdings and he won't do it," he said. He also pointed out that Garwood has 14,000 shares of oil company stock. Most of Ray's support is coming from a variety of sources, but he noted that lawyers compose a large part of his financial support. One of the major issues affecting the West Texas area which the Texas Supreme Court will be handling during the next 10 years is water rights. As a legislator, Ray said he helped draft the Texas Water Code. If elected he would be in a better position to interpret and make rulings regarding the code's implications, Ray said. Most of the state criminal courts have crowded dockets and Ray suggested that the state should create five intermediate courts to handle some of the case load. However, he said he believed Proposition 8 would not be the way to provide this relief. Proposition 8 is an amendment to the state's constitution which would change the name of the Court of Civil Appeals name and the qualifications of the Supreme Court justices. Also, the language of the proposition would prescribe the jurisdiction and authority of the appellate courts. In another charge against Garwood, Ray noted his opponent has refused to debate in public and has avoided the press. When asked if he would favor a woman sitting on the Texas Supreme Court, Ray stated he thought it would be a great idea since his daughter is graduating from law school and would be in a position to accept a position. Ray continued his campaign with other Wednesday stops in Abilene and Fort Worth.

Police Roundup

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Advertisement for The Midland Reporter-Telegram, including subscription rates for home delivery and mail rates in Texas and outside Texas.



Nancy Jordan turns "book pusher," as she carts around a few of the 20,000 or more books to be sold this weekend by the Friends of the Midland County Library. Bulk of the books, records, periodicals and "junk" will sell for a quarter each. So-called Better Books, including antiquated, first-edition

and reference books may sell for \$1 to \$2 or so, while autographed books will be sold in a "blind auction" Friday night at the Midland County Exhibit Building. The sale will continue Saturday and Sunday. (Staff Photo by Edward McCain)

Benefit book sale is set

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Book browsers seeking a rare find for a quarter, or a dollar or two, or who are just looking for "something of interest" to put on the home bookshelf, may be in luck this weekend.

That's when the Friends of the Midland County Library holds its 13th annual benefit book sale in the Midland County Exhibit Building off U.S. Highway 80 East.

Approximately 20,000 books, including novels, non-fiction books, textbooks, technical books, a few tomes, and books in the arts and sciences and Reader's Digest Condensed Books, will be selling for 25 cents each. Also in the offering will be first-edition and autographed books by the likes of Herbert Hoover and Larry L. King and untold periodicals and fewer records and garage-sale odds-and-ends will be in the offering.

"Yeah," said Friends helper Dolores Gunner, who was assisting in sorting and lining up books in the building. "There's everything. There's a lot of good stuff."

Much of that "good stuff" is generously laden with tons of donated and sundry periodicals, particularly the National Geographic Magazine.

Friends member Nancy Jordan was assigned the task of sorting the National Geographic periodicals, which number "150,000, give or take three," she quipped amid her chores.

"They've got 'junk' magazines over there," she said in referring to stacks of more general and even specialized periodicals. "We're special," she said in the drugery and all the while wishing that someone else had beaten her to the task.

"We've got a National Geographic on countries that don't exist anymore," observed sorter Adele McDaniel.

Members of the Friends of the Library will put on the sale from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, when the "Early-Bird" browsers will be admitted to the sale for \$2 each. No admission will be charged at the sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Last year, a \$1 fee was charged on the Saturday and Sunday sale days.

All books, magazines and records outside the Better Books Section will be going for 25 cents per volume. Volumes, including encyclopedias, other reference works, first-edition books of late and early dates and books bearing autographs of authors will be offered for sale at various prices.

Some, including the 1922 essay of Herbert Hoover's "American Individualism," published when he was Secretary of Commerce under Warren G. Harding, and Mary Roberts Rinehart's "The Spiral Staircase," and Larry L. King's "The One-Eyed Man"

will be sold in a "blind auction," according to Jerry Hickman, who, as president of the Friends board of directors, is overseeing the book sale.

The Midland Genealogical Society will hold a benefit garage sale, while the Friends are selling books and journals.

"We've got honest-to-goodness dyed-in-the-wool junk," honestly volunteered Margaret Suddath, who's looking after the junk-treasure sale.



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Oilman lashes out at windfall profits

The government's lack of consistency in word definitions has led to some bungling in interpreting the Windfall Profits Tax, Glenn Redmond, operations analyst for ARCO Oil and Gas Co. in Midland, told members of the Midland Downtown Lions Club at Wednesday noon.

The same terminology and have different definitions," he said in referring to the U.S. Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service.

The lack of coordination between the IRS and DOE is giving attorneys and petroleum engineers much stress and much to argue about, he suggested.

MMH to expand

AUSTIN — The Texas Health Facilities Commission will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday to consider an application by Midland Memorial Hospital to renovate part of its facilities.

The hospital is seeking to renovate the basement area of its building to expand physical therapy and occupational therapy areas, and provide space for the existing Sara Woolridge Multiple Sclerosis Clinic.

The hospital also plans to acquire additional equipment.

Earlier this week, the Commission voted to waive a hearing scheduled on the specifications of the change. Friday's meeting will be to give formal approval of the hospital's application.

The meeting will be held at the THFC offices at 1600 W. 38th St. in Austin.

"Our people are still trying to find out what the IRS will allow," said Redmond, a petroleum engineer.

Redmond outlined the IRS three-tier tax system, which allows for \$40-a barrel oil under the free-market system, stripper oil and "old" oil at lower regulated prices.

Under the system, the independent oil producers get a better "break" than major oil companies. The majors are taxed from 70 to 60 to 30 percent, while the independent are taxed from 50 to 30 to 20 percent on oil placed in Tier I, II and III levels, respectively. Tier I includes free-market-priced oil and lower- and upper-level oil; Tier II, stripper oil; and Tier III, newly-discovered oil from wells not in production before 1978.

The tax on Tier I oil, selling for \$40 a barrel, is \$17, Redmond noted. The tax on Tier II drops to \$13, and on Tier

III, \$6.

"We're seeing some potential for a refund," even so, he said.

But after petroleum is totally deregulated on Oct. 1, 1981, oil producers should be better off in the exploration, production and profit areas.

"After next year," he said, "your income will be up."

Redmond switched from oil to gas and again lashed out at the federal regulations.

"The gas rules are more screwed up than the oil rules," he allowed.

Bureau needs new logo

The Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin is looking for a new logo and area residents could win \$100 by designing one for the bureau.

New logo entries must be submitted before Dec. 15, 1980, and must be no larger than 11 x 14 inches. Only one color should be used in designing the logo and the logo should be adaptable to all sizes of print.

All entries become the property of the BBBPB. Entrants should include name, address and phone number with their entries, which should be mailed to BBB, P.O. Box 6006, Midland, Texas 79701.

For additional information, call 563-1880.

Astronomers discover atmosphere on Pluto

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Scientists have detected a thin atmosphere of methane on the distant planet Pluto, and they say the discovery discredits the theory that Pluto is not really a planet at all, but some other type of body, such as a comet.

"We feel that the recent discovery of (Pluto's) satellite and the present detection of an atmosphere will do much to enhance its image and establish Pluto as a more regular and respectable member of the planetary community," said Uwe Fink of the University of Arizona.

Pluto's moon was discovered in 1978.

Some scientists have speculated that Pluto was a comet or an asteroid, or even a runaway satellite of Neptune.

Fink, an associate professor with the university's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, disclosed the discovery of an atmosphere Wednesday during the annual meeting of the Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society in Tucson.

"Pluto is the last planet for which the presence or absence of an atmosphere was in question," Fink said.

The tiny planet's atmosphere is composed of methane gas and is about 1-300th as dense as the total Earth atmosphere, he said. Current data suggests the presence of no other gases in Pluto's atmosphere.

"It is the least dense atmosphere in the solar system, but it's not too different from the atmosphere of Mars," Fink said.

Researchers discovered the atmosphere after observations in May with a special light detector attached to a

spectrometer designed and built by the lab. The spectrometer, which measures light waves, was mounted on the university's 61-inch telescope.

Scientists were looking for methane on Pluto because atmospheres of "all the major planets contain a lot of methane. So if there was an atmosphere on Pluto, then methane was a likely candidate."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 16, the 290th day of 1980. There are 76 days left in the year. Today's highlight in history: On Oct. 16, 1964, China became the world's fifth nuclear power when it announced the testing of its first atomic weapon.

THE BIBLE CAN YOU QUOTE IT?

By ELIZABETH ROSS WIERSEMA 1. About this time each year, when people begin to turn their thoughts to planting gardens, replenishing the soil comes to mind.

A CHANGING WORLD

Japan, United States can't stop Kim's death sentence

TOKYO — The death sentence South Korea has ordered for dissident Kim Dae Jung is a sad episode in continuing repression imposed by the new Seoul government — and it poses a sticky dilemma for both the United States and Japan.



John Pinkerman

able in this specific case than are those that have muted the usual "human rights" outcries of Mr. Carter.



'Don't involve me in your petty bickering!'

WASHINGTON-MERRY-GO-ROUND

Records show Vesco plot had Libyan help



Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON — A federal undercover operation that had unraveled an international bribery plot masterminded by fugitive financier Robert Vesco was abruptly quashed last year by the Justice Department.

had been indicted on various fraud charges. In the meantime, Feeney was to gather all the information he could on the bribery scheme.

spread around in the deal. On several occasions, the participants discussed proposed payoffs to White. The Democratic chairman also had many meetings with Day and at least one meeting with Libya's United Nations ambassador, Mansur Kikkia.

ART BUCHWALD Voting against a candidate gets tougher

By ART BUCHWALD WASHINGTON — What makes this election year different from all other years is that no one seems to be discussing which candidate he's supporting, only which candidate he's not voting for.

"That makes sense. If you decide now you're going to vote against one of the three, you get committed. And if the other two say something, you might want to vote against them instead."

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by Frank Clark Trust in the future is about the only escape from a miserable present.



Reagan, Carter meet tonight

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ronald Reagan, still mum on whether he will finally debate President Carter, comes face to face with his Democratic opponent tonight for the first time in the presidential race.

The meeting is not a debate, but a bipartisan political affair on neutral ground in New York City — the annual Al Smith charity fund-raising dinner.

By tradition, politicians poke a little fun at themselves but not at their opponents and say something nice about

Smith, the longtime Democratic governor of New York who was defeated by Herbert Hoover for the presidency in 1928.

Reagan teams up with running mate George Bush and former President Gerald Ford today for a rally in a Detroit suburb before heading for New York. He also will meet with black ministers in Birmingham, Mich.

Still unresolved, with 19 days remaining before the election, was the question of whether Reagan and Carter will ever

debate.

Reagan left the possibility open Wednesday, saying he wanted to see if the League of Women Voters still deemed independent John Anderson a viable candidate and would insist on including him.

Reagan and his staff made it clear they would not be bound by the league's judgment about Anderson.

Suggesting that the league might drop Anderson in the interest of having a Reagan-Carter debate, Reagan said, "I wouldn't want them to,

maybe, just get carried away because they want to sponsor a debate."

However, his campaign manager, William J. Casey, replied to an urgent request from the Carter camp for a debate by saying Reagan had accepted an invitation to a three-man debate including Anderson and suggesting Carter do the same.

Reagan's press secretary, Lyn Nofziger, indicated a final decision about debating Carter was imminent. "I think you'll see some movement within the next two

or three days," Nofziger said Wednesday night.

He said he did not know what the decision might be. Reagan has been insistent that any debate include Anderson or that Anderson and Carter debate before Reagan and the president meet. The thinking behind this is that Anderson draws more votes from Carter than he does from Reagan, and that Reagan's campaign profits politically from Anderson's continued candidacy.

Questions about a presidential debate dogged Reagan during stops Wednesday in Lima and Akron, Ohio, and Flint, Mich.

Reagan aides have dubbed his campaign in the industrial heartland as the "Blue Woo" — a courting of blue-collar voters. "It's out there for us to win," said James Brady, a high-ranking Reagan aide. "We'll push the economic issues."

Reagan did just that at each stop during the day. "Catch your breath, hold onto your hats and grab your wallets because Jimmy Carter's analysis of the economy means that his answer is higher taxes," Reagan declared.

"It's just that simple," he added. "He thinks the cause of inflation is not enough taxes, and he'll raise those taxes."

With unemployment running at 20.7 percent, Flint has the worst jobless rate of any major community in the United States. Reagan for weeks has talked about the unemployment in Flint as an example of the failure of Carter's policies.

In an area that has lost thousands of jobs in the auto industry, Reagan said he opposed the so-called "gas guzzler tax," which he said ranges from \$200 to \$550 on big cars with poor gasoline mileage.

Carter reminding workers of issue

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — President Carter, facing difficulties in normally Democratic areas of the Northeast, is appealing to traditional Democratic constituents by reminding them about Ronald Reagan's history on blue-collar issues.

He is campaigning today in Connecticut and New York, after searching for votes Wednesday in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Reagan is showing strength in Connecticut, but the president is believed secure in New York.

At the end of the road today, Carter will share a dinner with his Republican opponent. Both accepted invitations to the Al Smith dinner in New York, which honors the 1928 Democratic presidential nominee.

Reagan has sought to overcome the Democrats' edge in registered voters by appealing to blue-collar workers normally counted in the Democratic column.

"Reagan's doing everything but playing 'Happy Days Are Here Again,'" the Democrats' theme song, said Robert Newman, the Democratic National Committee official who accompanied the president Wednesday.

To counter that, the president, at each stop on his 14-hour trip Wednesday, told his audiences that Reagan had once opposed the minimum wage and called unemployment insurance "a prepaid vacation for freeloaders."

The president said that Democrats had proposed a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour during the Great Depression and "the Republicans opposed it."

Deputy White House press secretary Rex Granum said the president's comments were intended "to remind people of the traditions of the Democratic Party."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Carter's primary

opponent, introduced the president at his stop in Boston and two of his three campaign events in New Jersey. Carter returned to the White House after the day's campaigning.

Meeting with New Jersey labor leaders at a hotel in the newly developed New Jersey Meadowlands complex, Kennedy said the president was "a real friend of organized labor."

At the next stop — the second of two fund-raising events that grossed about \$450,000 for the Democratic Party — Carter portrayed himself as "an integral part" of the Democratic tradition associated with Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

With Reagan appearing secure west of the Mississippi, although the Carter campaign maintains it will continue its effort in California because it believes it can be successful there, the president is forced to focus on the arc of industrial states stretching from the Northeast to Illinois.

In addition, Reagan is trying to make inroads in Carter's native South, an area the president will visit again next week with stops, announced Wednesday, in Florida, Louisiana and Texas.

In Connecticut, the president's first stop today, the race is considered very close. It is a state Carter lost four years ago to Gerald R. Ford.

The Carter campaign is counting on New York, which has 41 electoral votes, to anchor its effort against Reagan on Nov. 4. Several different surveys have found the president taking a lead there in recent weeks, but Carter is expected to campaign there at a fund-raising event Monday night, also with Kennedy.

First Lady busy

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In this general election campaign, the first lady is out on the hustings two or three days a week — the same pace she maintained during the primary election season when her husband stayed home in the White House.

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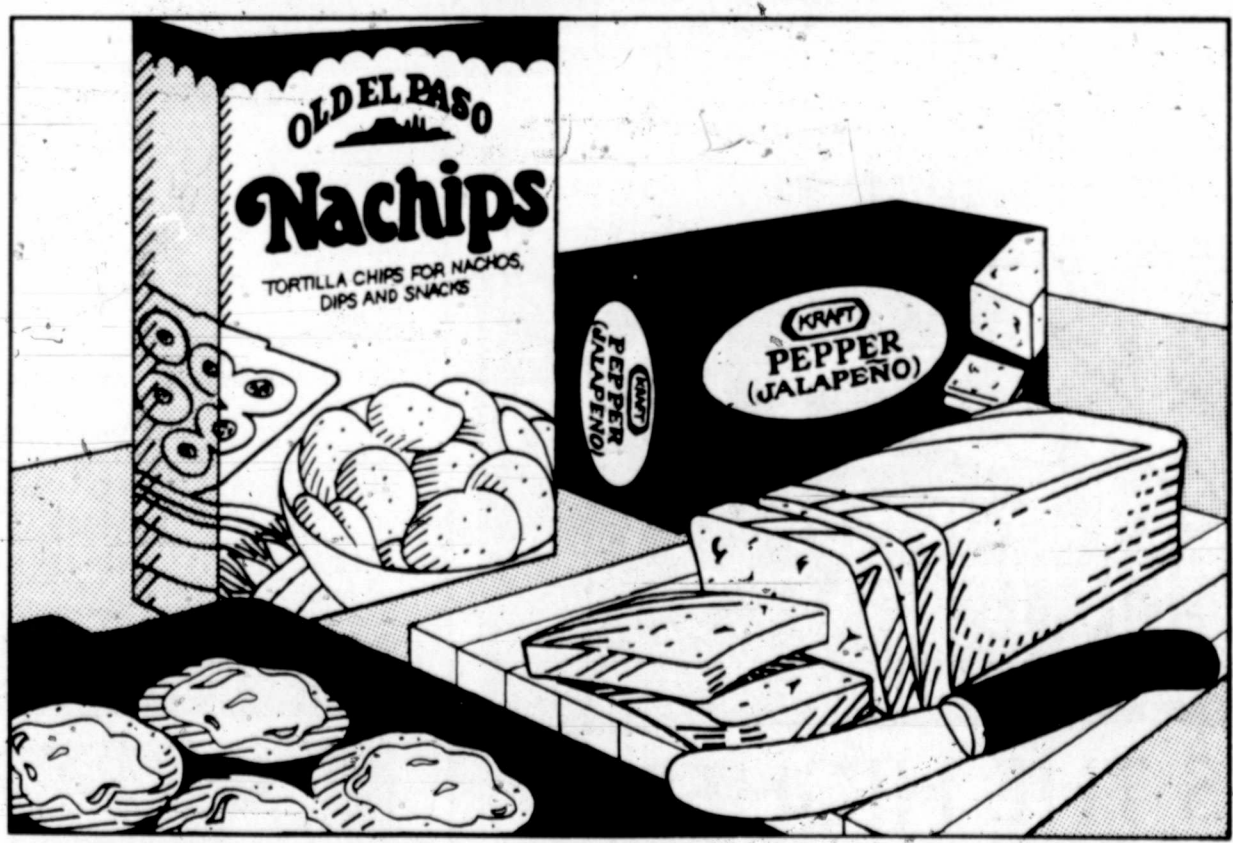
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Harvest of dread, doubt

By the Associated Press



The carcass of a Texas Longhorn, a victim of the summer's drought, lies on parched ground on the Light Cattle Co. Ranch in South Texas. The sum-

mer's drought caused 1,265 human deaths and overall damage of nearly \$20 billion, according to federal figures. (AP Laserphoto)

The autumn harvest is under way in most parts of the nation's breadbasket, but many Southwestern and Midwestern farmers are reaping little but dread and doubt.

The summer's drought — which caused 1,265 deaths and an overall damage figure of almost \$20 billion, according to federal figures — will have a long-lasting effect on farmers, ranchers and foresters.

Specific figures on crop and livestock losses will not be available for several weeks, but individual state estimates total in the billions of dollars.

And in some states, the drought continues, threatening next year's crop and the farmers already being crushed by debt and high operating costs.

"It's going to be an extremely difficult year for farmers," said Sam Johnson, director of the Oklahoma State University Extension Service. "How many of them go out of business is going to depend on how friendly the bankers are."

Oklahoma's summer brought the worst combination of heat and drought there since the Dust Bowl of 1936. Oklahoma City had only 3.54 inches of rain in June, July and August; temperatures averaged 98.2 degrees, breaking the previous record average of 97.5 — set in 1936. Analysts say it will take farmers

two to three productive years to offset 1980 losses. Jim Plaxico, Oklahoma director of the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said 1980 losses were the worst in 10 years, with cotton and peanuts hit hardest and next year's grazing wheat "a total loss."

Cattle ranchers will suffer because the killing drought has "put the price of hay out of sight," said Wendell Bowers of the extension service.

In Texas, where 190 of 254 counties were declared drought disaster areas and crop and livestock losses are estimated at \$1.5 billion, experts say any coming rains will be too late to help the 1980 crop.

"It's real easy to assume the drought's over, but it doesn't end the minute you get your first rain," said Pat Sulterfuss of the Farmers Home Administration. "We're going to need more rain — a lot more rain really — to save the state and break the drought."

Winter crops and forage are dying in the ground or refusing to sprout, but he said Texas could "still make a 1981 crop if we get the right amount of rain."

Crop losses are nearing \$750 million in Kansas, with corn, sorghum and soybeans hardest hit. In mid-August, state officials estimated losses at 85 percent from lack of rain alone, excluding damage from disease or insects.

In neighboring Missouri, where 8-

227 farmers had requested aid by the end of August, the drought did an estimated \$1.5 billion damage.

"This has always been next-year country, but we're running out of next years," said George Stensland, a northeastern Montana farmer whose wheat crop yielded only four bushels per acre this year.

The drought battered eastern Montana's wheat belt, damaging the crops of 95 percent of the farmers and wiping many of them out financially. State officials estimate losses around \$200 million.

The drought cut North Dakota grain production by 30 percent, an estimated loss of \$1.3 billion. Then, in July and August, portions of the state got 30 inches of rain — twice the average — that made the soil so soggy that 30 percent of what crop is left can't be harvested.

"It's getting kind of tough," said Munich, N.D., farmer Norman Wirth. "Prices are up, but if you don't have anything to sell it doesn't matter if it's \$100 a bushel."

Nebraska officials said 90 of the state's 93 counties were affected by the drought, and losses could total \$1.5 billion. Corn suffered most and hay was severely reduced, forcing some stockmen to use up their reserves instead of saving it for the coming winter.

Losses to poultry and agriculture in Arkansas are estimated at \$1 billion.

Grain talks may lead to accord with as many as 15 countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration is considering launching international trade talks that could lead to grain agreements with as many as 15 countries.

Whether the talks go ahead, however, may depend on whether the United States renews an agreement with the Soviet Union.

"We have to have them (the Russians) involved in these discussions," Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland said Wednesday. "They're the world's largest wheat producer."

He told reporters that it may be in the national interest to renew the agreement with the Soviets in order "to keep a bridle" on their import practices.

Bergland said the Soviets have been "predators" in world markets, following an erratic course that deprives grain farmers of assurances there will be purchasers for their crops.

He said the five-year U.S. grain trade agreement with the Soviets, which is about to expire, was signed as a steadying influence on the Russians.

The United States is supplying 8 million metric tons of grain to the Soviets this year under the agreement. That is apart from the 17 million tons in grain sales that were suspended by President Carter last January after the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Bergland said he was not worried that the possible

international agreements would deprive U.S. cattlemen of adequate feed.

But he said he is concerned that renewing the grain agreement with Russia, and making arrangements with other countries, might deprive poor nations of grain when there are shortages.

Bergland also said he expects a grain trade agreement soon will be signed with China, possibly this week or next. Agriculture Department negotiators are in Peking working out the details.

Bergland said he hoped the agreement would be a forerunner of major expansion of trade with the Chinese that could make them the United States' leading trading partner.

The United States and China are on the verge of signing a three-year agreement that American officials say would commit China to buy between 6 million and 9 million metric tons of U.S. grain a year through 1983.

The negotiations reportedly have been snagged over Chinese concerns that the United States might set up new official ties with Taiwan.

China has purchased an average of between 4 million and 6 million metric tons of U.S. grain annually in recent years. The pending agreement would assure there would be added sales to China and could help blunt the impact on U.S. farmers of the partial embargo on Soviet sales. A metric ton is 2,204 pounds.

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What's cooking?

Mrs. Max Levin has been involved in many groups and activities during her 27 years in Midland and is known for her gracious entertaining, and delicious cooking.

Among the groups she belongs to are the Temple Beth-el and Sisterhood, Duplicate Bridge Club, Midland Symphony Guild, Midland Women's Tennis Association and Heritage Study Group.

In addition, she has served as president of several of these organizations.

She has worked for Action Line Fish and was the driver for the State Blind Representative. She is also an artist.

She and her husband, Max, a geologist, have four grown sons. Mrs. Levin said that her sons were the reason she became involved in gourmet cooking. She loves to entertain.

Below are several of her favorite recipes.

Slice thin 4 medium potatoes, arrange half the slices over the onions; salt and pepper and cover with 2 tablespoons melted butter. Slice 2 green peppers, cut in 1/4 inch strips and arrange over the potatoes. Sprinkle 1/2 cup raw rice. Continue to layer prepared vegetables with salt, pepper, garlic salt and butter, finishing with tomatoes. Pour 1/2 cup water in pan, cover with foil and bake for 1 hour at 350 F. Remove foil and take one egg slightly beaten with one cup light cream and pour over vegetables. Sprinkle vegetables with 2 cups grated cheese (cheddar) and bread crumbs mixed (tossed with 1/3 cup butter). Bake until the cheese is melted, 20 minutes. This can be made in advance except for the last 20 minutes. It is a vegetable and starch combined and cuts in squares. It is lovely to serve.



Mrs. Max Levin

VEGETABLES MARENGO

Peel 4 large tomatoes and cut into 1/4 inch slices. Arrange half in one layer in a buttered 9x13 baking dish. Sprinkle with garlic salt, pepper and oregano. Thin slice 3 large zucchinis and arrange half over the tomatoes. Slice thin 1 large onion and arrange half over zucchinis. Season with salt and pepper taragon and 2 tablespoons melted butter.

PRALINE BOTTOM PUMPKIN PIE

4 tblsp. butter
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 9-inch baked pastry shell
1 3 oz. package instant custard
1/3 cup sugar
2 teasp. pumpkin pie spice
2/3 cup milk
1 can (5 1/3 oz.) evaporated milk

1 16 oz. can pumpkin
Melt butter, stir in 1/2 cup cut up pecans and brown sugar; cook and stir until it bubbles. Spread over bottom of baked pastry shell. Cool. In 2 quart pan, combine vanilla custard mix, sugar and spice; stir in milk, evaporated milk and pumpkin; cook until it bubbles and cool for 10 minutes. Pour into pastry shell and chill. Decorate each slice with

whipped cream, chopped pecans and dash of nutmeg.

MANDEL BROT

1 cup butter or oleo
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
4 cups flour
1 teasp. baking powder
1/3 teasp. salt
1 teasp. vanilla or almond flavoring
1 cup chopped nuts.
Cinnamon and sugar

mixed
Cream butter and sugar; add eggs one at a time. Sift flour, salt and baking powder. Add vanilla, then flour and add nuts last.
Shape into long loafs 3 inches wide. Bake on long cookie sheet for 35 minutes at 350 F. Cut at a slant, and lay flat on cookie sheet. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and bake for 15 minutes. Will keep in covered cookie jar for weeks.

Anyone mind being called Sweetie Pie?

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
AP Food Editor

If you have always thought of desserts as merely something good to eat, you may be interested to know that a couple of scholarly authors recently disclosed that the names of a number of them are used in a special way.

I learned of this discovery from a quarterly publication called Verbatim, devoted to articles, anecdotes, squibs, letters and other materials concerned with the history and use of language.

In the summer 1980 issue of Verbatim there is a short article by Joan Sill Cummins and Mark Sill Cummins called "Edible Endearments."

When I came on it, I expected the subject would be treated rather lightly, but I was wrong. The Cummins' introduction to "Edible Endearments" is written in dead serious style: "A curious feature of the English language is the frequent utilization of edible terms as endearments. The idiom supports this pattern in its use of variations of 'I'm going to eat you up.'"

When the authors asked their students and friends to list food terms used as affectionate words the compilation contained the names of a good many desserts plus words signifying sweets: Angel Cake; Cupcake; Gumdrop; Honey Bunch; Muffin; Plumdrop; Sugar Dumpling; Sweets; Sweetie Pie; Sweetums; Baby Cakes; Cookie; Cutie Pie; Honey; Honey Child;

Sugar; Sugar Plum; Sweet Cakes; Sweet Potato; Bon Bon; Cream Puff; Dumpling; Honey Bun; Hun (Honey); Marshmallow; Peaches; Sugar Bear; Sweeties, and Sweet Thing.

The non-sweet food terms listed as "edible endearments" are: Cabbage; Lamb Chop; Lambie Pie; Munchkin; Pumpkin; and Punkin.

In explanation of this amusing phenomenon the Cummins write: "It is difficult to account for the paramount frequency of food-related

endearments. Although nutrients are an essential human need, it is quite startling to note that almost none of these food terms refers to foods which are, in fact, essential: words in the food category are associated with desserts or culinary treats — chiefly luxuries. Indeed, one of the most frequent grammatical forms used affectionately — pie — transforms almost any word into an edible endearment. Thus are dearest ones reduced to sugary carbohydrates."



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Individual pineapple turnovers with "happy faces" make a special Halloween treat, whether enjoyed at breakfast, lunch, supper or as a party snack.

"Pineapple Happy Faces" can be eaten out of hand, or topped with a bit of whipped cream or ice cream as dessert. Youngsters love their bright, cut-out faces and surprise filling.

Start with a whole wheat pastry, cut into rounds. Top half the rounds with well drained slices of canned pineapple and streusel crumbs. Cover with second pastry round with face cut-out. Seal and bake until golden. Delicious warm or cold.

Pour apple cider over crushed ice for a frosty drink to go with these pastries and watch the "happy faces" at your house this Halloween.

PINEAPPLE HAPPY FACES

- 1 (1 lb., 4 oz.) can sliced pineapple
- Streusel Crumbs
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 cup unsifted whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup milk

Drain pineapple well. Prepare Streusel Crumbs. Combine flours and salt. Cut in shortening until particles are size of peas. Sprinkle with milk, adding just enough to make a stiff dough. Divide dough in half, then each half into 10 equal size pieces. Round each up, and roll to 4 inch circles. Cut faces from 10 rounds. Place remaining rounds on ungreased baking sheet. Top each with a pineapple slice and sprinkle with Streusel Crumbs. Moisten edges of pastry and top with remaining rounds. Seal with tines of fork. Bake below center of hot oven (400 degrees F) 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove to wire rack to cool. Makes 10 pastries.

Streusel Crumbs: Combine 1/3 cup each sifted all purpose flour and brown sugar, packed, and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Cut in 3 tablespoons butter or margarine until particles are size of peas. Makes 1 cup.

Halloween quick treats

HAWAIIAN PUMPKIN COOKIES

Cut sugar cookie dough with pumpkin cutter. Bake and cool. When ready to serve, put two cookies together with cream cheese beaten smooth and blended with well drained canned crushed pineapple.

PUMPKIN PATCH SALADS

Add drained canned pineapple chunks to thickened orange flavored gelatin. Chill in square pan. When firm, cut into squares and place in lettuce cup. Make a pumpkin face with mayonnaise pressed through pastry tube.

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Cooking with eggplant versatile, economical

By CLARE BARRETT
Copley News Service

As appealing to look at as it is to savor, the deep purple, glossy eggplant was first cultivated in this country as an ornamental. A star-shaped flower amidst verdant greens gives way to a voluptuous purple "berry," as it is botanically escribed.

The recipes to follow are some of my favorites.

SESAME EGGPLANT AU GRATIN

- 1 large eggplant
- 1 clove garlic, put through a press
- Three-fourths tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 3 tbs. sour cream
- Three-fourths cup milk or light cream
- 2 eggs
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- Lots of freshly-ground

- black pepper
- 2 and one-half tbs. toasted sesame seeds
- One-half cup fresh whole wheat bread crumbs
- One-half cup cheddar cheese

Wipe the eggplant and prick it with a fork in several places. Place it on the rack in a 375 degree oven for 45 minutes to an hour, until the eggplant is soft and "pooped." Cool enough to handle, then scrape out all the pulp and discard the skin. Puree the pulp and all but the last three ingredients in a blender or food processor. Stir in half the toasted sesame seeds. Pour the mixture into a long and shallow baking dish. Sprinkle with the crumbs, the remaining sesame seeds, and then the cheese. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes in a 350-degree oven and serve hot.

STUFFED BAKED EGGPLANT

- 3 small eggplants
- 5 tbs. olive oil
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 2 onions
- 2 red bell peppers
- One-fourth cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tsp. basil
- One-fourth tsp. tarragon
- One-fourth tsp. oregano
- 3 to 4 tomatoes
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper

Topping:
Three-fourths cup ground walnuts
One-half cup wheat germ

Three-fourths cup grated parmesan cheese
2 tbs. melted butter
Milk or light cream to moisten (One-half to one cup)
Slice each eggplant in half lengthwise. Bake them face-down on an oiled tray for 15 minutes in a 400-degree oven. Remove and cool slightly; scoop out pulp to within one-fourth inch of skin

and dice into small chunks. Heat the oil in a large skillet. Sauté onions, garlic, chopped bell peppers and spices until onions are clear. Add eggplant cubes and spices and sauté a few minutes longer, then add parsley, tomatoes, salt and pepper, and continue to cook for a few minutes. Remove from heat. Mix in one-fourth cup Parmesan cheese,

and stuff the shells with the mixture. For the topping, combine walnuts, wheat germ, and grated Parmesan and moisten with the melted butter and enough milk to make a soft paste. Spread a thin layer of the mixture on top of each well-stuffed eggplant. Bake the eggplants in an oiled dish for about 40 minutes at 350 degrees, and serve hot.

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Federal aid cut for construction of Texas highway

AUSTIN, TEXAS (AP) — The state's refusal to comply with federal requirements for minority business enterprise in government contracts has stopped the flow of federal aid for new highway construction in Texas.

The Texas Commission on Highways and Public Transportation met with Assistant Atty. Gen. Andy Keever to plot litigation to thaw the freeze on the \$400 million a year aid.

U.S. oil industry sources reported that Abu Dhabi, a major Persian Gulf oil exporter, was raising its crude oil price \$2 a barrel, retroactive to Sept. 1.

China delays signing American grain deal. The agreement signed earlier this month grants the representatives of the U.S. group an equal counterpart in Taiwan.

Stock market gains. NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market rolled up its third straight gain Wednesday in a sharp advance led by oil and some blue-chip manufacturing issues.

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