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Fatal fire's cause still undetermined

Staff Writer

Cause of the fire that killed four Midland children Monday night remains undetermined, but Fire Department investigator Bobby Williams says he has nar-

"It started in the room where the kids were found," said Williams, "and the only mechanical thing in there that could have caused it was the television.'

But he explained that "spalling" on the floor of the room and the pattern of the fire led him to believe the fire started on the floor.

Spalling is a pattern fire creates on concrete. It takes a temperature of 1,200 to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit to cause this pattern, "and points to a hot spot.

The spalling was found only in the one room, and only on one side of the room where the fire started, he said. The television was found lying face down in the area with the spalling, said Williams.

Televisions occasionally short out and burn, he said, but usually those are electrical fires which smoulder for quite a while before bursting into flame. And according to all witnesses, the fire Monday at the Tall City Apartments, 1506 Gargen City Highway, raced through the now destroved block of apartments.

Williams pointed out that the room had a cellulose covering on the walls, a knotty pine wainscot about half-way up the wall and that the floor tiles were asphalt - all of which burn easily

'But the way it burned from the baseboard to ceiling kind of makes it difficult to deal with." Most fires, explained Williams, burn in a funnel shape

"Of course, there's an unknown factor here — what action the kids took," said Williams.

"But it's down to that close. Tuesday evening, Williams talked to Rudy and Yolanda Bennett, parents of 8-month-old Jennifer Ann Bennett, 2-year-old Rudy Bennett Jr. and 3-year-old twins Noel and

Joel Bennett The four children died in the intense flames that swept through the block of apartments, converted from an old,

motel built in the 1950s. A report that the building was condemned is false, according to city and Fire Depart-

Williams also said the parents told him Tuesday the children may have been unable to escape because of faulty locks on the doors.

"He (Bennett) said they had locks that sometimes would get jammed and they would have a hard time getting them open or shut," said Williams. Whether the locks jammed this time will never be known. The doors

and locks were destroyed in the fire. Speculation arose concerning the locks after the children were found huddled next to a door that would have led them to safety.

Firemen were notified of the fire - the worst in Midland's history for fatalities - at 6:48 p.m., and reports said the fire had been burning for some time before it was

discovered and reported. Five rooms were damaged in the blaze. Three of the rooms were joined and occupied by the Bennett family. Neither of the parents was at home when the fire broke

out. The mother told Williams she was only gone five minutes and was never out of sight of the apartment. Yolanda Bennett's sister-in-law Rosie Bennett said Yolanda had come over to her apartment in the same complex to ask her to babysit Tuesday while Yolanda Bennett went to work at Midland Park Mall.

The father was taking his car to a relative's house to have some work done on it. On the way there, he ran out of gas. He was walking back to the apartments when he saw the fire and ran the last few blocks.

Bennett told Fire Department officials he kicked open two doors trying to reach the children and did get one open, but the flames drove him back. Yolanda Bennett was treated at Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room for a burned arm.

The apartment manager, Lewis Acree, said building owner J. Kirk Cansler of Austin was expected to fly into Midland today

According to reports, however, Cansler has denied owning the complex, saying it belongs to Power-Sage Petroleum Corp.



Looking over the population clock in the lobby of the Commerce Department is Jackie Sipes, 11, of

Saverna Park, Md. The 1980 Census count is to be certified today. (AP Laserphoto)

IN THE NEWS: Longtime Lynn County sheriff retiring Thursday ...

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the Persian Gulf under various

pretexts. The chaotic situa-

tion...will possibly provide the

necessary excuses." - Iranian

WASHINGTON (AP) - The 1980 census count becomes official today, but not without some emergency help from the Supreme Court overturning a ruling that the government said would have delayed reapportionment

of Congress By a 7-1 vote Tuesday, the nation's highest court cleared the way for the Census Bureau to certify its 1980 count and submit it to President Carter before the midnight New Year's Eve deadline imposed by

Preliminary figures showed the nation's population as of April 1 was 225,234,182, or 21.4 million more than a decade earlier.

The high court temporarily set aside an order by a federal judge in New York City that would have blocked official certification.

"We're delighted with the ruling," Census Bureau spokesman Henry

Smith said. "Allowing us to meet the deadline was quite important, as it allows us to release the totals needed

to reapportion Congress. Census Bureau Director Barabba and Commerce Secretary Philip Klutznick were to announce today how the nation's population shifts over the past 10 years have affected each state's number of seats in the House of Representatives.

Sixteen of the 435 House seats probably will be affected

New York State, one of the states expected to lose House seats, almost succeeded in delaying any reapportionment

New York State and New York City are challenging the 1980 count's accuracy, contending that mismanagement resulted in a substantial undercount of blacks and poor persons. In addition to determining the number of seats in the House, census figures affect how much federal money states ended. Tuesday's action merely set and municipalities get.

U.S. District Judge Henry Werker until the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of in New York City agreed and ordered Appeals rules on the merits of the the Census Bureau earlier this month to check its figures Such cross-checking could take four

or five months, according to the gov-

ernment, and would have fouled up efforts to determine how many seats each state is entitled to in the House. Smith acknowledged that, despite Tuesday's victory, the legal validity of the bureau's head count is "still very much an open question." The

Supreme Court's action did nothing to dispel federal court challenges pending in 13 states over the 1980 count. Those states are Colorado, Florida,

Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. The New York controversy has not

In seeking emergency help from Justice Thurgood Marshall, government lawyers argued that Werker's

aside the effect of Werker's order

ruling "will indefinitely delay the reapportionment of the next Congress "The members of minority groups

and other residents of low-income areas who were not counted by the Census Bureau will therefore suffer the irreparable injury stemming from the undercount," Marshall

Government lawyers argued there was virtually no chance that New York's total population would have to be adjusted by the 611,230 persons needed to obtain an extra seat in

Hostage freedom unlikely before Carter term ends

By The Associated Press

Iran has signaled it will consider a new U.S. proposal for ending the hostage deadlock, but reports from Tehran today indicated the crisis probably could not be resolved before President Carter leaves office on

Jan. 20 Iran's main hostage negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, said Tuesday his government would accept a U.S. counterproposal on Iran's demand for \$24 billion if it "con-

tains a kind of guarantee acceptable to the Algerian government." The Algerian intermediaries were to leave Washington for Algiers today with the U.S. answer. One U.S. official in Washington said it could end the 424-day-old crisis for the 52 captives "if the Iranians are willing

and able to do so. However, CBS News correspondent Tom Fenton reported from Tehran that Iran's internal situation is making it increasing difficult for its negotiators to find a compromise which would be acceptable to the United States and politically feasible for the Iranian leadership.

He said despite the apparent desire of Iran's negotiators to resolve the hostage problems as soon as possible, diplomatic observers in Tehran are not optimistic that a solution can be found before Jan. 20, when President-elect Ronald Reagan takes

Fenton quoted the diplomats as saying that Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, who has sent hundreds of Iranians before firing squads and is a

political foe of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, has applied for a diplomatic visa for France, and that other political clergymen have made contingency plans to flee Iran.

The official Pars news agency reported today that Justice Minister Ebrahim Ahadi had resigned. The agency said that the resignation was announced by Iran's Judicial Council but did not give further details. It was not immediately known if the resignation was a result of political differences among Iranian officials.

Carole Jerome of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported from Tehran that "respected sources withinhthe government believe that the Soviet Union is responsible for the crisis because the people manipulating the situation are working in the inter-

ests of Moscow "The sources point out that it is in Moscow's interest to ensure the relations between Iran and the United States remain broken." The reporter said the sources believe the militant students who seized the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979 were members of Iran's pro-Moscow Communist Tudeh

She said that knowledgeable Iranian authorities said whoever set the demand of \$24 billion "was fully aware that it would be impossible for the United States to accept it. In other words, there was a deliberate intention to prevent resolution of the

The CBC reporter said even Iranian officials were "shocked and surprised" by the demand. She said senior Iranian authorities who saw a report of the parliamentary committee handling the negotiations had expected the hostages to be home for Christmas, but the terms were increased after the report left the com-





Longtime Senegalese leader submits expected resignation

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) - President Leopold Sedar Senghor, who led his West African country since independence from France 20 years ago and was one of Africa's most respected leaders, presented a letter of resignation today to the Senegalese Supreme

The resignation of Senghor, 74, had been expected and was to take effect as of midnight local time.

Under the Senegalese constitution, Prime Minister Abdou Diouf, 45, will assume the presidency on New Year's Day, when he is scheduled to appear before the Supreme Court to take the

oath as president. He will not have to face the electorate until the end of Senghor's original

term in 1983. After considered reflection, I have decided to put my duties as president of the republic at the disposition of the Supreme Court, the guardian of our constitution," Senghor said in the resignation letter as quoted by the Senegalese news agency.

"I ask you take the necessary steps to swear in Mr. Abdou Diouf, the present prime minister who replaces me," the news agency quoted the letter as saying.

Senghor was scheduled to make an official announcement to the public in a radio and television message later

A well-known poet, Senghor was appointed president upon declaration of the republic of Senegal on Sept. 5, 1960. He was elected to successive five year terms in 1963, 1968, 1973, and

Diouf, long considered a Senghor protege, was appd by the president in February 1970 and was reappointed in April 1973 and in March 1978. In describing Diouf recently, Senghor called him an "intelligent, competent and humble" man.

Party issues another warning to Polish people

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - The Communist Party warned the Polish people today that 1981 will be difficult and bring decisions "that will not be accepted by all with the same satisfaction.

In a front-page commentary in the official daily Trybuna Ludu, the party said, "The new year will not greet us with prosperity

"We must be prepared that the process of making order in our lives will rest in decisions and operations which will not be accepted by all with the same satisfaction.

The party called for "hard and patient" efforts in the coming year which can be of tremendous importance for our future

It also made clear it will not relinquish its "leading role" in society. The party is the only force which is able to lead the country out of the crisis and on the path of socialist development," the commentary

Poland was beset by widespread strikes, economic decline and political upheavals in 1980. The regime plans to begin food rationing in February and has promised new legislation on trade unions, censorship and various other issues.

Strikes and other labor unrest have led to sharp reductions in exports of coal, fertilizer and other items sold for hard currency. Poland owes some \$23 billion to Western creditors, the largest such debt in the Soviet bloc.

The threat of a food strike diminished Tuesday when the Supeme Court postponed a ruling for an independent union charter by Poland's private farmers.

The postponement provided Poland with a temporary reprieve from labor unrest that began last summer over rising meat prices and established unions free of Communist Party control for the first time ever in the Soviet bloc.

'We don't see any need to use pressure as the postponement of the verdict follows our line," the chairman of the proposed farmers' union, Zdzislaw Ostatek, told reporters at a news conference

The farmers shelved plans to keep food from government marketing agencies after the Supreme Court said it needed more time for an official translation of a French-language document offered by the farmers as evidence that they qualify to form a

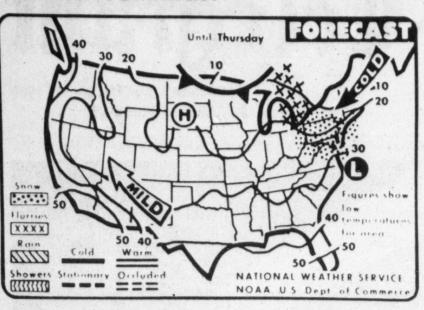
A lower court had ruled in October that the farmers were self-employed and thus not protected by terms of an International Labor Organization convention of 1924.

Morning edition planned

The Reporter-Telegram will be published as a morning newspaper Thursday in order that employees can have the New Year's holiday with

their families The classified advertising department will be open on Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. to accept ads, make corrections and take cancellations.

The circulation department also will be open until 11,a.m. Subscribers who do not receive their newspaper should call 682-5311. Regular publication schedule will be resumed Friday



Sunny skies and mild temperatures are expected in the forecast period, today until Thursday morning, for most of the nation. Cold weather is forecast for the Northeast with snow expected from the Ohio Valley to southern New England. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

READINGS: Yesterday's High	58 degrees
Overnight Low	27 degrees
Sunset today	
Sunrise tomorrow	
Precipitation:	
	0 inches
This month to date	
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5 p.m57	5 a.m
	6 a.m

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair and mild through Thursday. Highs 0s. Lows 26 to 34. Highs Thursday 48 to 56.

New Mexico: Fair and mild through Thursday, a little cooler Thursday. Highs 50s and 60s. Lows teens, moun-tains to 20s and 30s elsewhere. Highs Thursday 50s mountains and north, 60s south.

Louisiana: Mostly fair and mild through Thursday. Highs 60s. Lows 30s.

Tonight expected to be in mid-30s

The extreme weather conditions of 1980 will come to an almost pleasant end tonight as temperatures dip to the mid-30s tonight after today's expected high in the upper 60s.

No snow, rain or even sleet is predicted for this final night of one of the harshest weather years for Midland. The total precipitation for 1980 will remain at 17.76 inches, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

No blustery lows in the 20s tonight are predicted as the mercury should stop its descent in the middle 30s. And, according to the weatherman, the high Thursday should be near 60 degrees.

Winds will be north to northwesterly at 10-15 mph through Thursday.

Tuesday's high was 58 degrees and this morning's low was 27. The records for the date, however, showed a wider span with an 82 degree high in 1951, and a 14 degree low in 1976.

It may sound like a mundane end to a year of record-breaking weather stats, but it will be pleasant.

Weather elsewhere

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Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Fair through Thursday, turning cooler Panhandle today and most sections Thursday. Highs 60s except 70s Big Bend. Lows upper 20s Panhandle and mountains to upper 30s extreme south. Highs Thursday low 50s Panhandle to near 70 Big Bend.

North Texas: Fair and mild through Thursday. Highs 58 to 66. Lows 34 to 40.

South Texas: Fair and warm today, not as warm. Thursday, Highs 70s except 60s coast. Lows low 30s Hill Country to upper 40s coast, 30s most sections. Highs Thursday 60s.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southwest winds near 10 knots today, shifting to northerly 10 to 15 tonight, increasing to 15 to 20 Thursday. Seas 2 to 4 feet today and 3 to 3 tonight.

Extended forecasts

Friday Through Sunday

West Texas: Fair skies with a warming trend through Sunday. Lows upper 20s north to near 40 south Friday warming to mid 30s north to low 10s south by Sunday. Highs upper 50s north to mid 60s south Friday warming to low 60s north to low 70s south by Sunday.

North Texas: Fair with a slow warming trend. After-noon highs in the mid 50s Friday warming to the mid to upper 50s by Sunday. Morning lows in the low to mid 30s Friday warming to the upper 30s to lower 40s

Harassment suit filed by minister in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) - A minister who helped publicize the slayings and disappearances of 15 black children has filed a \$1 million damage suit in U.S. District Court contending he has been harassed by police and city officials.

The Rev. Earl Carroll, who founded the Committee to Stop Children's Murders, contended in the suit filed Tuesday that Mayor Maynard Jackson and police officials have kept him under constant surveillance since September.

The suit contends the surveillance was ordered because he brought the cases of the 11 slain and four missing children to the public eye before police were willing to acknowledge that there was a problem.

Police officials have declined comment on the allegations.

After the committee was formed last summer, a special police task force was set up to investigate the killings and disappearances, all of which have occurred in the past 17

The task force has not solved any of the cases. They have had assistance from hundreds of volunteers who have participated in neighborhood searches for clues.

The searchers have been concentrating their efforts this week in a northwest Atlanta cemetery, where tracking dogs found a child's shoe last

Don Laken of Philadelphia, owner of the dogs, said Tuesday night that excavation of the cemetery will continue for several more days in the hopes that clues can be found to help solve the cases. In another development this week,

Fulton County police said they have virtually ruled out as a suspect in the cases a 64-year-old man who has been under investigation.

Assistant Police Chief Louis Graham said the man, whose identity has not been disclosed, probably was not involved in any of the slayings or disappearances based on a check of his movements during the period when the crimes were occurring.

The man was arrested Dec. 6 when he visited Atlanta from Dallas. He was indicted last week on an unrelated charge of child molestation involving a 12-year-old girl.

American, Viet shrimpers agreement falling apart

First Baby of Year Contest set

Local businesses are sponsoring a contest for the first Midlander born

Merchants participating in the First Baby of the Year Contest and

in 1981. The lucky baby who is the first to be born at Midland Memorial

Hospital - as specified by the attending physician's exact account of

the prizes they will award the baby and his or her parents include the

following: Western Auto, a \$10 gift certificate; The Stitching Post, a nee-

dlepoint kit for Mom; Calico Barn, a \$10 gift certificate; Kids Toggery, a

\$10 gift certificate; J.C. Penney, a \$10 gift certificate; Deja Vu, a \$20 gift

certificate; Texas Burger, two free steakfinger dinners; Midland Nation-

al Bank, a \$50 savings bond; Borden, an Elsie doll and an Elsie flower

arrangement for Mom; Upstairs Downstairs, a \$25 gift certificate;

Tyson's, a gift for baby; Olan Mills, an 8-inch by 10-inch portrait of baby;

Buddy's Flowers, a novelty flower arrangement; "M" System Food

Stores, two boxes of Pampers; Ozarka Water, five five-gallon bottles of

water; and the Midland Reporter-Telegram, a three-month subscrip-

SEABROOK, Texas (AP) - An agreement between American and Vietnamese shrimpers who earn their livings in Galveston Bay apparently is falling apart, only eight months after it was enacted in an effort to end violence in the coastal area.

Gene Fisher, a spokesman for the American shrimpers, has accused the Vietnamese of building new boats in preparation for the May 15 opening of the shrimping season.

"I noticed them building one boat about three weeks ago," he said recently. "Then the other day I noticed six new boats were under construction. They're going to work like an army of ants, violating the agreement.

Nguyen Van Nam, owner of a Seabrook seafood business, said the Vietnamese have been building new boats, but the crafts would be sold or used to replace old boats, a practice permitted under the agreement.

Currently there are 70 American and 55 Vietnamese boats docked in the Kemah-Seabrook area of Southeast Texas Nam said he is "going to send a

discouraging them from building new boats, but I can't control everyone. He also said American shrimpers

letter to all the Vietnamese shrimpers



As searchers for Atlanta's missing children dig near a cemetery, dog trainer Donald Laken of Philadelphia gives one of his dogs a sniff of items found in the dig Tuesday. 11 black children have been found dead in this general area of the city in the past 17 months, four others are missing. (AP Laserphoto)

Iran spokesman says U.S. preparing to invade

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Iran's government spokesman says the United States is preparing to invade Iran: U.S. officials had no comment, but a retired Army general who says he is an informal adviser to President-elect Ronald Reagan suggested mining Iran's main oil terminal to free the 52 American hostages.

The Iranian spokesman, Behzad Nabavi, told a news conference Tuesday in Tehran, "We have learned that the United States intends to attack the

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Persian Gulf under various pretexts. The chaotic situation in the region will possibly provide the necessary excuses.

Nabavi, who also serves as minister of state for cabinet affairs and frequently speaks on the hostage crisis, did not say where in the Persian Gulf the United States planned to attack, or where Iran obtained its information on the impending attack.

But he implied anti-government disorders in Iran's Caspian Sea towns facing the Soviet border in the north might be designed to set the stage for American invasion from the Persian Gulf in the south. He said the unrest "is probably

intended to prepare the ground for external action," and that the aborted American military operation to rescue the hostages in April, and the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war 101 days ago were both preceded by internal troubles in Iran.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said in Washington Tuesday the "least controversial"

tages would be to plant mines in the waters surrounding Kharg Island. Iran's main oil terminal in the Persian Gulf.

He said the mines could be detonated on command so "you don't kill anyone" and that the operation would shut down Iran's oil flow, already crippled by the war with Iraq, "100 percent. Graham said he was an adviser "in

an informal sense" to Reagan, but that he had not discussed his idea with the president-elect or any of his transition advisers. "I can't speak for the Reagan administration by any

U.S. attorney Boyd is named U.S. magistrate

By ED TODD Staff Writer

Jamie C. Boyd, the U.S. attorney whose investigation into drug trafficking was heightened in the wake of the May 29, 1979, assassination of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr., has been named the U.S. magistrate for the San Antonio Division of the U.S. court system's Western District of

He will succeed Magistrate Joseph F. Leonard Jr., who is retiring on Feb. 9, according to Chief Judge William S. Sessions.

The shift in Boyd's duties from U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas comes with the impending Republican administration of Presidentelect Ronald Reagan.

The U.S. attorneys post is a politically-appointed job.

In June 1977, Democratic President Jimmy Carter named Boyd as the U.S. attorney for the Western Distrist of Texas, which extends from San Antonio and Austin westward to El Midland attorney J. Michael Cun-

ningham is magistrate for the district's Midland-Odessa Division. Judge Lucius D. Bunton presides over the division.

U.S. Sen. John Tower, Texas' senior

senator and a Republican, is expected to nominate Boyd's replacement some time in 1981. The nomination will be submitted to the U.S. Senate for confirmation, and Reagan, unless he vetoes the choice, will make the appointment.

Boyd was selected as magistrate upon the unanimous vote of the U.S. district judges, who reviewed the report of the Merit Selection Panel. chaired by San Antonio lawyer Seagal V. Wheatley.

Boyd served as an assistant city attorney in Austin in 1960-61, as assistant county attorney for El Paso County in 1962-64, as assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas in 1964-69, and as the district attorney for the 34th State Judicial District in El Paso in 1969-71.

Prior to his appointment as U.S. attorney by President Carter in 1977, he was magistrate for the federal court system's El Paso Division in 1971-77. Sessions announced that the judges

were "extremely pleased" that Boyd is taking over the magistrate's job in San Antonio Boyd has received national publici-

ty in the wake of Wood's assassination, which Federal Bureau of Investigation agents surmised was plotted by the drug underworld. That murder is still unsolved.

Boyd had been leading grand jury investigations into interstate and international drug smuggling and trafficking

"We're talking about drugs," he had said shortly after the judge's assassination. "They (drug smugglers) have been threatened and they are upset and Judge Wood has been in the forefront of the battle.'

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Ranch house destroyed by early morning fire

A ranch house, 20 to 30 miles southeast of Midland was a total loss after an early morning fire Tuesday.

According to Fire Department officials, the house was destroyed before firemen arrived on the scene. Firemen reported they could see the fire from Midland. It took fire trucks 31 minutes to

reach the house, which was owned by Jim Walton.

A Midland fireman was injured in a house fire at 12: 15 p.m. Tuesday. Firemen responded to the fire at

1201 N. Lamesa Road. The house is

A bedroom sustained heavy damage and there was heavy smoke and heat damage throughout the house. Fireman Robert Segovia was treat-

Police, Fire Roundup

ed at Midland Memorial emergency room for a cut above his left eye and released Police are investigating a burglary

in which \$998 worth of power tools and accessories were taken. Robert Clyde Easterly, 412 E. Oak

kept in a workshop in the backyard. Entry to the workshop was gained through an unsecured door.

Taken were a band sander, % horsepower router, router bits, 5band radio, chain saw, 1/4-inch variable speed drill, %-inch variable speed drill, 1/2-inch variable speed industrial drill, two jigsaws and two power saws.

Police recovered a missing bicycle tire and wheel. The tire and wheel were reportedly stolen from 1725 S.

An accident resulted in minor injuries to Joe Augel Rangel, Route 1

Rangel was not treated.

A Friday morning report in The Midland Reporter-Telegram said a two-car collision occurred at 3 p.m. Dec. 25 on private property involving Bill Lipps and Richard L. Dempsey. The accident was a car-pedestrian accident involving Billy Lipps and Dempsey. Lipps was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

Reports showed that Armando Ramirez was westbound on Taylor Avenue and Rangel was northbound on Terrell Street when the two vehicles collided at the intersection about 5:35

occupied by Ann Hernandez, and fire-Ave., told officers the tools had been men remained at the scene for about Racial discrimination case in judge's hands

By ED TODD Staff Writer

The case alleging racial discrimination against the Permian Basin Planned Parenthood Inc. of Midland and Odessa has been submitted to U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton following testimony which ended Tuesday.

The case is pitting two former PBPP black employees, Mildred Ford and Clara Garnett, against the former United Way agency, which provides medical counseling and aid relating to birth control and family

Ms. Ford, a nurse practitioner and director of the PBPP's Midland clinic between 1970 and 1978, and Ms. Garnett, the clinic's records clerk, claim that they were fired because they are black and because of an uncontrolled "confrontation" between Ms. Garnett and a white clinic nurse, Georgia Kubiak, on Nov. 9, 1978.

Both are seeking actual and punitive damages in their federal suit. Both are seeking redress of alleged deprivation of their rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and violation of their equal rights, which are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

Ms. Garnett maintains that she was released from her job on Nov. 13, 1978, by then PBPP executive director Phyllis Macey, who gave "no reason for her termination." Ms. Garnett said that she was fired after she had refused to resign from her position. Ms. Kubiak, the white licensed vocational nurse, was not fired, Ms. Gar-

Ms. Ford claims that she was placed on a two-month paid leave of absence after she had failed to intervene in the "fuss" between Ms. Gar-

nett and Ms. Kubiak. But later in November 1978, Ms. Ford said she was fired after Odessa's Channel 7, KOSA-TV, on Nov. 13

had broadcast her statement, which allegedly was critical of PBPP.

In testimony Tuesday, PBPP board member Betty Byerley said that Ms. Ford had a "history of temperamental behavior." However, Ms. Byerley said she personally had not noticed any personality conficts involving Ms. Ford but "had heard of conflicts' involving Ms. Ford. "When I was in the clinic, everything was sweet and nice," she said.

Testimony also suggested that Ms. Ford was capable and efficient in her role as a registered nurse but that she was "too emotional," "erratic" and "irrational" in her administrative ca-.The final thing (in leading to Ms.

Ford's summary firing) was the calling of the television people and making the scene at the clinic," Ms. Byer-KOSA-TV newsman Conrad Cole-

man had filmed the interview with

Ms. Ford. Ms. Byerley said she pre-

sumed that Ms. Ford had called the television station.

Ms. Byerley, too, said that she had heard that Ms. Garnett carried a knife in her purse and a pistol in the glove compartment of her car. 'We had a real fear that some people might be hurt" in the verbal

exchange between Ms. Garnett and Ms. Kubiak. "We felt that the police should be informed that there was a tense situation at the clinic The PBPP's Midland clinic is about a block west of the Midland Police

PBPP's current executive director, Tamra Oatman of Odessa, testified that the organization was "having a lot of problems" at the Midland clinic. "It was pretty chaotic" under the administration of Ms. Ford.

Department.

"Her medical expertise on the whole was very good," Ms. Oatman said under examination of PBPP's defense attorney Jerry Prothro of Midland. "I felt that Ms. Ford's first tiffs had four witnesses listed.

priority was the medical" care afforded by the clinic. "She was often emotional and er-

ratic in her handling of personnel," said Ms. Oatman, who was promoted to the PBPP top job last June. She said that Ms. Ford's behavior had 'pretty much cowed the personnel...It was like everybody was walking on ice." She said Ms. Ford cried

On the taped television interview, Ms. Ford "was very hysterical and saying she didn't understand what was happening. It didn't make a lot of However, Ms. Ford, under ques-

and whimpered on occasions.

ningham of Dallas, said she was 'upset" at that time but was not hysterical about losing her job. The defendant PBPP had 21 witnesses lined for the trial before Judge Bunton in federal court in Midland in November and December. The plainThe Midland Reporter-Telegram
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DEATHS

Dr. B.O. Wood

CORSICANA - Services for Dr. B.O. Wood, 88, of Coriscana, father of Oliver Wood of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Westminister Presbyterian Church in Corsicana with the Rev. Harold Odum, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo,

Burial will be Friday in Abbeville, Fla., after a service at 10 a.m. in First Presbyterian Church of Abbeville, directed by Corley Funeral Home of Corsicana

Dr. Wood died Tuesday in a Corsi-

cana hospital after an illness. A resident of Corsicana since 1977, Wood was born Feb. 27, 1892, in Moss Point, Miss. He was married to Elizabeth Nettle on Nov. 2, 1915, in Abbeville. He was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo for 35 years, moving to San Angelo in 1922. He attended the University of Mississippi and Southwestern Presbyterian

Other survivors include two sons and five grandchildren.

Donnie Ray Hill

Services for Donnie Ray Hill, 29, of Dilley and formerly of Midland, were Tuesday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Hill died Sunday near Pearsall on Interstate Highway 35 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Pallbearers were Bud Gray, Ray Tindall, Jackie McClendon, Larry D. Williams, Ronnie Oliver and Ted

Rev. Jim H. Goins

VIGO PARK - Services for the Rev. Jim H. Goins, 71, of Vigo Park, father of Verla Lee Goins of Midland, were Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Ron. Hart, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Tucson, Ariz., offi-

Memorial services in Midland were to be at 10 a.m. today in Bellview Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Stovall and the Rev. T.O. McGee offi ciating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Goins died Sunday after an apparent heart attack.

Pallbearers were to be W.D. "Slats" Adams, H.A. "Peck" Hale, Tom Hale, George Medley, W.H. "Bill" Measures, J.L. Easley, J.T. Dorsey and Leon Clark of Hobbs,

Bennett children

Services for Joel Bennett, 3, Noel Bennett, 3, Rudy Bennett Jr., 2, and Jennifer Ann Bennett, 8 months, of 1506 Garden City Highway, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Hermosa Baptist Church on Rankin Highway with the Rev. George Herridia officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery directed by Thomas Funeral Home. The four children died Monday night in a fire in their home.

Joel and Noel Bennett were born on March 9, 1977, Rudy Bennett Jr. was born Dec. 19, 1978 and Jennifer Ann Bennett was born April 12, 1980. All were born in Midland. Their parents have been lifelong residents of Mid-

Survivors include their parents, Rudy and Yolanda Bennett, and their grandparents, Augustine and Carlota Bennett and Joe and Irene Bernal, all

Ida Hancock

WEATHERFORD - Services for Ida Hancock, 95, of Weatherford, sister of Alphie Donaho of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Home here. Burial was to be at 4 p.m. in Morgan

Mrs. Hancock died early Tuesday in a Weatherford nursing home after a long illness.

Born Aug. 10, 1885, in Texas, she moved from Houston to Weatherford three years ago. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Other survivors include two sons. four daughters, two sisters, 17 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Bids to buy newspapers will close at midnight

LONDON (AP) - The Times of London and the Sunday Times, two of the world's most famous newspapers, face what may be their most crucial. deadlines at midnight tonight, the final hour for "suitable" bids for their

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At the stroke of midnight, Lord Thompson, the Canadian millionare who owns the newspapers that have been troubled by heavy financial losses and union problems, will close

If no bid is acceptable, The Times, the Sunday Times and three weekly supplements covering literature and education will be closed during March.

A few millionaires have expressed interest, including Robert Maxwell, a former Labor Party member of Parliament and chairman of the Pergamon Press printing group. Also expressing interest are The Economist weekly newsmagazine and Associated Newspapers Group Ltd., which owns the Daily Mail.

The Daily Mail's founder, Lord Northcliffe, who died in 1922, once owned the Times.

The traditionally tight-lipped Times, selling 290,000 copies a day, said nothing about the crisis in today's 22-page edition, the 60,814th printed since 1785. The newspaper's board also kept silent on what bids if any - it had received.

The Times said it will consider only bids from "suitable" buyers whom it judges capable of maintaining its reputation and editorial integrity.

The Times journalists say they also have laid down requirements for the new buyer. Union leader Jake Ecclestone has said there must be no editorial interference and no layoffs, and the new proprietor must be accepted by

'We are crucially involved and it makes no sense at all for some person or some company to come along, with no matter how much money, and say 'I'll buy the Times' if they don't have the confidence and the agreement of the people who actually produce it," Ecclestone said.

'If they don't have that confidence the same problems of lack of confidence and trust between the workforce and the owners," he said.

The publishing company. Times Newspapers Ltd., is part of the Toronto-based Thomson Organization, an international conglomerate. Thomson, whose late father bought the daily Times in 1966, has pumped \$165 million into the papers since then.

But he has faced constant disputes between the management and printers about overmaning and introducing computerized technology to cut staff and costs that have led to multimillion dollar losses when the paper kept failing to appear.

The Times is expected to lose \$35 million this fiscal year, the worst in its history. The Sunday times, which has shown profits for 17 of the past 20 years and has a ciruclation of 1.4 million, is expected to break even.

After the journalists struck over a pay dispute this year, Thomson issued his ultimatum. If nobody buys the papers. Thomson will shut down The Sunday Times on March 8, the supplements March 13 and The Times march 14, laying off 4,200 employ-

City court judge acquitted of unusual criminal charge

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Calling the case a "test of our system of justice," a special Criminal Court judge has acquitted City Court Judge Robert Love of an unusual criminal charge of official oppression.

Judge William Russell, a retired Court of Criminal Appeals judge from Shelbyville, announced the verdict Tuesday after hearing 11/2 days of testimony in the non-jury trial.

Love, 49, was accused of violating the rights of Johnny King by ordering King's arrest last August on the eve of a judiciary court hearing in which

King was to testify against Love. But in ruling for acquittal, Russell said, "I am not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of official oppression in connection with the matter of Johnny

Still, Russell said, the verdict was a difficult one to reach.

'More than any other case I've been associated with, this case has been a test of our system of justice," he said. "I believe justice was served.

A Justice Department complaint filed against Love on King's behalf last summer is pending. U.S. Attorney Mike Cody said he would check on the status of the complaint, but added he did not expect any federal action beyond the state trial.

Tuesday's acquittal meant Love tould return immediately to his \$32,-

held for five years. Love, removed from the bench without pay after his Oct. 3 indictment, also is entitled to back pay

Love reporters he intended to return to work within several days. King said he was happy Love had been brought to trial, but refused comment on the outcome.

The case began with a stolen driver's license and a drunk driving ar-

King, 28, lost his coat and wallet to a thief in January. About a week later, police arrested a man on a charge of driving while intoxicated charge and the man produced a driver's license which identified him as Johnny

When the suspect, later identified as W.C. Anderson, failed to appear for an April 5 hearing before Love, the judge issued a bench warrant for the

arrest of Johnny King. King was arrested in March. He said he repeatedly tried to convince Love and other authorities they had the wrong man, but Love's only response was to twice order him to hire an attorney to defend himself on the DWI charge

King said when he showed up a third time without an attorney, Love ordered him jailed for contempt of court. King spent 31/2 days in jail before he hired a lawyer who convinced authorities of the mistaken identity claim.

Ford to mail 20 million warnings

DETROIT (AP) - Ford Motor Co., in an agreement with the federal government that will avert a record recall, soon will mail warnings to owners of 20 million cars and trucks telling them that their automatic transmissions could slip into reverse, a company spokesman says.

Such slips have claimed almost 100 lives, the government says.

The warning, already spelled out in the owner's manual for Ford vehicles, will also will appear in the form of dashboard stickers, according to the com-

Jerry Sloan, spokesman for the No. 2 automaker, confirmed the settlement Tuesday. It allows Ford to avoid what would have been the largest recall in automotive history, a recall estimated to have cost

investigation indicates that transmissions in some Ford vehicles turned out since the 1973 model year

can slip from park to reverse. After a three-year investigation, NHTSA said in June that slipping transmissions had caused 6,000 accidents resulting in 1,710 injuries and 98 deaths. Officials had advised Transportation Secretary

Neil E. Goldschmidt to order Ford to recall 16 million vehicles new enough to fall within the eight-year statute of limitations. The stickers will advise drivers not to leave the

brake and to make sure the transmission has been placed properly in park, the Detroit Free Press

reported today

already make those suggestions. And the automaker has contended the problem is due not to faulty A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration transmissions but to drivers who do not shift all the

Braniff chairman to step down

DALLAS (AP) - Harding L. Lawrence, who directed Braniff Airways growth to the nation's eighth largest air carrier, has announced he will step down Thursday as chairman and chief executive officer of the financially strapped airline

"I have been in the aviation business for a very long time, and it is time for a change," Lawrence said Tuesday in a statement that signaled an end to 39 years in aviation and 35 years in the scheduled airline industry

A Braniff spokesman said Lawrence, 60, who denied rumors last August that he was considering early retirement, would not return to his office before the Jan. 1 retirement date.

Lawrence said Braniff directors indicated they would appoint a new chairman an a new chief executive officer at the board's regularly scheduled Jan. 7 meeting. The board also is expected to name Lawrence chairman emeritus.

Lawrence's retirement comes at a time when Braniff and the much larger Eastern Airlines are holding merger talks.

I have particularly enjoyed my years with Braniff. Braniff is a fine organization made up of very fine people," said Lawrence.

"Like other airlines, it has been impacted by the shortages and prices of fuel ... by deregulation, lagging fare relief, excessive competition and by a major recession and slowdown in the economy. But Braniff is on the right course and should do well." Braniff, which reported second quarter losses of \$47.7 million, relied on capital gains of \$61,187,000 in

The capital gains from the sale of 16 jetliners allowed the airline to report it had trimmed its losses for the year to \$51.6 million or \$2.67 per share of

Among the models — which have a C-6 transmission — included in the NHTSA investigation were Ford Torinos, Elites, LTD IIs and Thunderbirds; Mercury Montegos, Cougars and Lincolns; and F100, F150, F250, F350, Econoline and Bronco trucks.

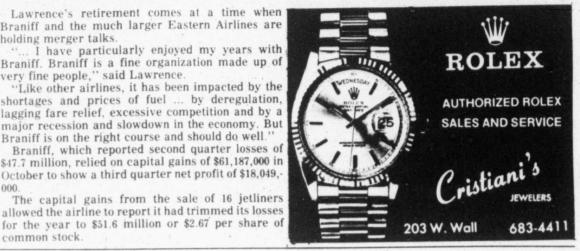
Ford has been named in several lawsuits brought by people who claimed to have been injured because of slipping transmissions.

The first settlement of great magnitude involving a lawsuit brought about by the transmissions was a vehicle with the engine running, to use the parking \$100,000 settlement Ford paid to the widow of a Montana farmer who was struck and killed after his

new 1973 Ford pickup apparently slipped into gear. The settlement absolutely does not imply that we Ford has said in the past that its owner manuals acknowledge any fault in our transmissions," a Ford

spokesman said at the time of the settlement. Ford made modifications in the transmissions on its 1980 models. But the company said in April 1979 that the changes were made not to correct a problem

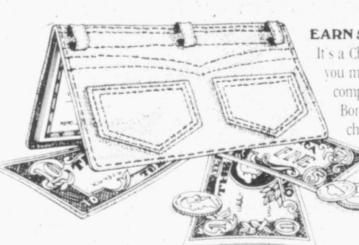
but to "merely enhance the present design. The No.2 automaker, which already has lost more than \$1.5 billion this year, had no immediate estimate of the cost of the mail warnings.



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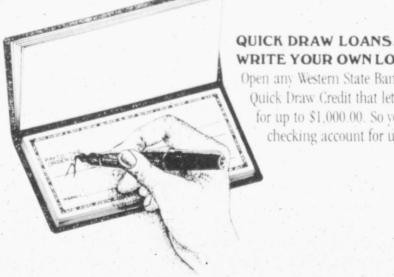
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Don't waste a day

There will be those who undoubtedly will breathe "good riddance" when today is over and 1980 steps aside to let 1981 ease.

It's true; 1980 wasn't a year most Americans will want to keep in the forefront of their memories. The bad news far outweighed the good. Interest rates in the United States neared the 20 percent mark earlier in the year, eased for a short while and then bounded right back up to their lofty heights. Prices for literally everything went up, in some cases drastically, catching nearly all Americans in an inflation vise that hurts and isn't showing any signs of easing up. To say the least, the economy dominated U.S. news in 1980.

Worldwide, troubles also were numerous. We all know what they are. There's no use in rehashing them here.

It all adds up to somewhat of a

gloomy start for 1981. Changes can be made, though, that will bring about a resurgence of optimism like this nation has never seen before. Sure there are a lot of problems in America and the world, but there also is a lot of talent to overcome those prob-

In the United States, for example, the administration of Ronald Reagan faces a tremendous challenge to bring the economy under control and to lead the nation back to its rightful role as leader of the free world.

That won't be an easy task or one that can be accomplished quickly. But that is the challenge and we hope that Mr. Reagan and the other government officials in this country are capable of and willing to give us the leadership Americans have demanded and deserve.

The challenge facing the world in 1981 is even more ominous. Can the nations of the world get through the next 365 days without being engulfed in the maelstrom of war? Can the nations of the world act to bring about an end to terrorism, prejudice, hatred? Can the nations of the world learn to live in harmony and peace?

Needless to say, that's a pretty large order. But we have to hope that such goals eventually can be

The world is just beginning the new year. Not a day should be wasted in attempting to meet those goals.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 31, the 366th day of the year. This is the last that the Soviet Union had moved an-

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 31, 1946, the end of World War II was officially proclaimed by President Harry Truman. On this date:

In 1879, Thomas Edison first demonstrated the electric incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1890, Ellis Island in New York Harbor was opened as a center to receive immigrants.

In 1943, there was a near-riot of bobby-soxers in New York's Times Square as Frank Sinatra opened a singing engagement at the Paramount Theatre.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford proposed statehood for Puerto Rico.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union commuted the death sentence of two Jews convicted of trying to hijack an airliner to Israel.

One year ago: Diplomats reported istan border - bringing to 100,000 the estimated number of Soviet troops helping the Afghan government put down Moslem rebels.

Today's birthdays: Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 34. Singer John Denver is 37. Singer Donna Summer is 32.

Thought for Today: Conceit can puff a man up, but can never prop him - English writer John Ruskin (1819-

NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY. BIBLE VERSE

Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from all your transgressions wherein ye have transgressed; and make you



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Language barrier defeated Soviet defector

tor, had called on the United Nations

Acting on the assumption that

Kruglov would eventually have to be

escorted out of Afghanistan, the State

Department turned to the Geneva-

based U.N. High Commission on Ref-

ugees. Using the United Nations as an

intermediary would avoid possible

accusations that the United States

But as it turned out, the United

Nations was just as ill-prepared as

the U.S. Embassy to handle possible

defections in Afghanistan. The U.N.

refugee commission had no office in

The nearest U.N. refugee office was

in neighboring Pakistan, to which

thousands of Afghanis have fled since

the Russian invasion. But instead of

flying in a refugee official from Paki-

stan, the U.N. authorities decided to

turn Kruglov's case over to the inter-

national office that was on the scene

in Kabul: the U.N. Development Pro-

What the U.N. officials overlooked.

however, was that the head of the

development program in Kabul was a

Bulgarian: Although he would pre-

sumably be able to make himself

for help in the delicate matter.

had coerced the Russia

defecting. So far, so good.

Jack

Anderson

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON - When Pvt. Alek-

sandr Kruglov, a member of the So-

viet forces that invaded Afghanistan

a year ago, strolled into the American

Embassy in Kabul with the apparent

intention of defecting, he made head-

He also touched off a tragicomic

series of events that revealed how

ill-equipped the United States is to

deal with Russian citizens seeking

The comic part of the episode be-

came all too obvious: Though the

Soviets had been occupying Kabul for

months by the time Kruglov showed

up at the embassy - and, indeed, the

Russians had dominated Afghanistan

for years - there was not a single

Russian-speaking Foreign Service

employee on the staff of our embassy

So until a Russian-speaking diplo

Embassy in Moscow, poor Kruglov

The tragic part, of course, is what

may have happened to Kruglov when

he decided - after less than a week in

our embassy - to give up his claim of

political asylum and return home

The Russians said Kruglov "will-

ingly agreed" to leave his sanctuary,

and under the circumstances, U.S.

diplomats could not reasonably argue

that he had been coerced. It is at least

possible that Kruglov simply got tired

of trying to communicate in Katzen-

What hasn't been disclosed to the

American public is that the United

States; without either a clearcut poli-

cy or an on-the-spot capability of

dealing with a potential Soviet defec-

had to communicate with the Ameri-

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All that 'plastic money' can give creditors ulcers

'Is this Mr. Erek Gerende?

'This is Mr. Barkle of the Visa card company

'Happy New Year. 'That is not what I'm calling about. We notice that you have \$2,340 in charges and we haven't heard from

'I didn't know I was supposed to

"You weren't supposed to call. You were supposed to send us a check.' "I would have, but it would only bounce and then you people would

have gotten mad at me You mean you don't have \$2,

"Who does, except the Hunt broth-"I'm not in a joking mood." Mr

Gerende. We need the \$2,340." "Well, you better call somebody

else because I don't have it." Why did you use our Visa card if you didn't have the funds?

'I didn't intend to. But every time I went into a store before Christmas. the person behind the counter said. We'll take either Visa, MasterCharge or American Express. I figured you people needed the business so I gave everyone my Visa card.

We sent you that Visa card on the understanding that you would pay us back for the things you charged on

understood to the Russian soldier -

certainly better than someone speak-

ing schoolboy German - his political

guidance for a potential Soviet defec-

tor would be suspect, to say the least.

Bulgaria is one of the Kremlin's

"A Bulgarian diplomat is not exact-

ly your ideal choice to deal with a

Russian soldier seeking to defect." a

U.N. source remarked wryly to my

As it happened, the Bulgarian offi-

cial never did meet with Pvt. Krug-

loy. Faced with a diplomatic vacuum.

American embassy officials allowed

Much to the Kremlin's satisfaction

and to nobody's great surprise -

the session with the Soviet officials

proved persuasive. Kruglov changed

his mind about defecting and agreed

SUSPICIOUS VETS: Veterans Ad-

ministrator Max Cleland has confided

privately that the most frustrating

experience of his tenure has been

dealing with Vietnam veterans' com-

plaints about the controversial defo-

liant, Agent Orange It has been an

even more frustrating experience for

the vets who suspect their exposure to

The vets' cynical attitude toward

the government was made depress

ingly clear in a recent survey ordered

by VA officials to see if veterans'

hospitals were doing a proper job of

The internal survey showed that

most of the veterans don't believe the

government is giving them straight answers. More than half rated the Agent Orange tests as either "poor"

At the same time, most of the veterans who were tested said they were

TOUCHY QUESTION About that

little popgun Nancy Reagan says she

keeps in her night table drawer: One

security-conscious government offi-

cial suggested jokingly that, by

rights, the Secret Service should have

an agent posted in bed between the

Reagans as long as that loaded pistol

is there. But the service's spokesman,

Jack Warner, put such speculation to

rest. "We don't believe Mrs. Reagan

he said. And Reagan isn't the type to

poses a threat to the president-elect,"

treated courteously at the VA hospitals. In other words, their complaint is that they think they're being lied

testing for Agent Orange effects.

or "only fair.

Soviet diplomats to talk to Kruglov

associate Lucette Lagnado

staunchest allies



Art Buchwald era

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Well, if that's the way you feel about it. I'll send the card back to you. I don't want to do business with any company where I'm not welcome.

'You don't have to do that. We've canceled your Visa card already. If you pay us back the \$2,340 we will be happy to reinstate you.

For \$2,340 I could join the Burning

little strapped now, what with Christmas and everything What did you buy, with the

Tree Country Club. Look, if I had the

money I'd send it to you. But I'm a

"A lot of stuff for the kids and two

airline tickets for my parents to visit. "Have they used the tickets both

'Yeh, they went home last night. 'Mr. Gerende, this is going to look very bad to the computer. The com-

'That's a rotten thing to do. Do, you know what you are now

No, what am I'

A deadbeat

MARK RUSSELL SAYS

Guess whose books are too much for highly religious Salt Lake City? Irma Bombeck: She never should have admitted to having a filthy lint trap

It seems that Irma's work on behalf ok. How To Cope at the PTA Meeting When They Burn You at the

Before the Mormons and the Moral

What goes on here? Exactly how Grass Is Always Greener Over the ...

BEN WICKS



What seems to be the trouble?

NICK THIMMESCH

Ronald Reagan taking new hope for '80s into White House

year, those billions of souls living in the Northern Hemisphere - by far the largest portion of world population - are given to reflecting on the passage of time and the condition of mankind. The short, often darkened, days, the winter solstice, the Christmas season and the approaching New Year inevitably bring on such re-Many of us, especially in the media

trade, see the world in dismal shape indeed. Though living standards have improved dramatically, there is constant fretting about "the economy." as it is called in capitalist and socialist nations alike. Life expectancy increases, but so does publicized concern over disease and privation.

Engineering marvels abound, entire new cities sprout from nowhere, and, simultaneously, the tropics are spoiled by development, and the battle between environmentalists and producers rages everywhere.

There is no single act of global violence like World War II taking 50 million lives, but Iraquis, Iranians, Israelis, Palestinians and Irish revolutionaries and loyalists fight and kill each other.

Authentic world leaders are as scarce as, say, an Anwar Sadat or a Pope John Paul II. We in Western civilization have prospered as never before, and war has not ravaged the battle-scarred face of Europe or the occasionally touched U.S., and yet there is worry about how the great powers - the U.S. and the Soviet Union - will confront each other in

The U.S. has had bad luck with its leaders in the past 20 years. A president was assassinated. His successor got bogged down in Vietnam, Richard Nixon struggled, and was forced to



Nick Thimmesch

leave office. A man named Ford had a brief try at binding wounds, and James Earl Carter Jr. stayed only a little while. Meanwhile, the world wondered what was going on in this great republic of promise, the home of the free and the brave, the nation millions voted for by coming here.

I happen to believe that the way America goes has a lot to do with how much of the rest of the world goes. We are not the absolute influence, but we are a large one. And we have confused and exasperated the rest of the world in the past two decades. There are some people who would even write us

So now we prepare to inaugurate Ronald Wilson Reagan, an Irish-American whom middle-aged Americans became acquainted with in two installments - during his entertainment career, and as a national politician. His political opponents always underrated him. "The American people will never elect a right-wing 70year-old ex-actor," Hamilton Jordan

reassured me about a year ago. But Reagan is earnest, pleasant and pragmatic, a man who obviously believes with the ancient, "Moderation in all things." He paces himself, does not get flustered, and can communicate who he is and what he believes like few in the political game. As president, he can bring back the He can do it for the American people and, thus, for much of the world

His administration must do some thing about the economy, both to improve the lot of most Americans, and to put down the incessant recitation of alarming statistics on inflation, deficits and the soaring federal budget. I don't think he'll achieve this immediate goal by declaring a national economic emergency, as his eager nomi nee for director of the Office of Management and Budget recommends.

The social questions which annov people - forced school busing, federal funding of abortion, excessive affirmative action, crime - can be dealt with effectively by a Reagan administration charting a rational course and not mistaking provocative rhetoric as remedy.

The president-elect doesn't have to speak moderately about the Iranian captors of the 52 American hostages, and I was lifted when he called them "nothing better than criminals and kidnappers who have violated international law totally." We have played enough games with Iran. It is time to get tough on the hostage matter, especially after that Iranian official spoke audaciously about keeping them for 10 years. At the same time, Reagan can use an even-handed ap-

proach in dealing with Iranian de-mands for their Fozen assets. He can be just as even-handed with the Soviets and with the noisiest elements of the Third World. If it is nationalism to follow a what's-fair-isfair policy in diplomacy, and not cower or pander, well, let's have some Ronald Reagan nationalism. We might regain the respect of our European allies in the process.

If that isn't a plate full for the

incoming president, there's another

plate ready laden with the challenges of lowering our trade deficit, reforming the civil service, reducing federal programs sensibly, and winning the House for Republicans in 1982, thus making the GOP the majority party in every sense.

None of this will be accomplished by a president or an administration which carries on the way some of his transition team have in Washington in recent weeks. Those narrow, hardline, right-wing Reagan folk demanding loyalty to "Reaganism" - whatever that is - and dismissing potential nominees as not being "Reaganites," ignore the reality that most of the people who voted for him were not "Reaganites," or know what "Reaganism" is

Perhaps the president-elect has remained away from the scramble, spending his time with hair cuts. chopping wood and messing around his ranch, because he shrewdly wants the rightists to get their feelings out during the transition drill, leaving him to take office when it counts so that he can run his government pragpush his luck by eating crackers in

The Country Parson



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DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Skin discoloration may mean many things

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etables. Whenever she tained in vegetables are be ruled out? Once they feels hungry, she nibbles important to health since are, a change in her eaton raw carrot sticks. they are converted to vi- ing habits should cause Lately her hands have tamin A. But the body is the skin disoloration to turned an orange-ish limited in its ability to disappear. color, which I attribute use carotenes. The pigto all the vegetables ment also is found in like to start using honey she's been eating. Is this leafy green vegetables, instead of sugar, and and chunk honey is a a possibility? - Mrs. and in milk fat and egg would appreciate some combination of the liquid

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The carotenes con- these other disases may

information about it. I'm not a food faddist, and I comb. als who consume a sub- An excessive intake of don't consider honey to stantial quantity of red carotene-containing be a miracle food, but I can be used in hot or cold such as carrots and son for the kind of skin things. Can you provide blends well with the in-

Dear Dr. Solomon: My carotenemia (an excess thyroid output and dia- foods for medical pur- tive tract and therefore daughter usually does of carotene in the blood) betes, that may produce poses, and in religious is used by some people as rituals, is the oldest an energy food.

are four kinds available at the retail level: Comb honey is the type found in the cells of the comb, just the way bees store it; liquid honey is extracted or separated from the comb; granulated honey Dear Dr. Solomon: I'd is partially or completely solidified or sugared; honey and pieces of a

Honey mixes well and do like to try different drinks. In addition, it some basic facts? - Ms. gredients used for desserts or other baked

The sweetening power of honey is roughly equal to that of sugar. It should be stored at room temperature and kept tightly covered to protect its flavor and aroma.

Dear Dr. Solomon: I would like to know how protein, carbohydrate, and fat compare in terms of calories. Would you provide this information? — Susie

Dear Susie: One ounce of fat contains 255 calories; one ounce of protein or carbohydrate

Dangerfield performance may be canceled

fans in Florida, but Rodney Dangerfield's New pavement on Christmas at Fort Lauderdale, where Year's Eve performance may be canceled.

The comedian, whose routine is that he doesn't get ater. any respect, suffered a dislocated shoulder in an auto accident in Florida, an employee of his Manhat- Eve engagement there might have to be canceled. tan club said Monday.

The spokesman for Dangerfield's said the injury

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The spokesman said Dangerfield's New Year's



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Prolific Crockett oiler completed

D. A. Metts and Magnum Exploration Co. of Midland have completed their No. 1 W. W. Owens as a prolific flowing well in the southeast side of the Clará Couch (San Andres) field of Crockett County, seven miles southeast of Iraan.

The operators reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 600 barrels of 24-gravity oil, no water, through a 24/64-inch choke. Completion was natural from open hole at 1,644 feet, where 41/2-inch casing is set, and total depth of 1,699 feet.

Location is 330 feet from northwest and 5,640 feet from southwest lines of section 12, M. Carriona survey,

The well blew out Dec. 7 and was out of control until Dec. 9. During that period, the well flowed approximately 5,000 barrels of oil. A dam was thrown up around the well to contain the oil.

LOVING GAS OPENER

Hillin Production Co. of Odessa No. 1-76 Johnson has been completed as a dry gas discovery in the Wheat field of Loving County, five miles northeast of Men-

The operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 2,060,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 5,853 to 5,869 feet after 1,000 gallons of acid and 18,000 gallons of fracture fluid. Hole is bottomed at 6,447 feet and plugged back to

The pay was topped at 5,853 feet on ground elevation of 2,790 feet.

A re-entry project, it is 660 feet from northeast and 1,980 feet from southeast lines of section 76, block 1, W&NW survey

It is the former C&K Petroleum, Inc., of Midland No. 1-76 Johnson which was plugged and abandoned in

YOAKUM STRIKE

Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc., No. 1 Hudson-Morley Trust has been completed as a Devonian discovery in Yoakum County, 15 miles north of

The operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 446 barrels of 38.9-gravity oil and three barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 11-1.

Completion was through an 11/64-inch choke and perforations from 11,972 to 12,012 feet after a 2,000-gallon acid treatment.

Total depth is 12,137 feet, 51/2-inch pipe is set on bottom and hole is plugged bak to 12,086 feet. Location is 660 feet from north and west lines of

section 29, block D, John H. Gibson survey. The Devonian was topped at 11,972 feet on kelly bushing elevation of 3,717 feet. Other tops include the Atoka at 11,005 feet and the Mississippian at 11,242

Texas American Oil Corp. of Mid-

land will attempt to reopen the Mid-

land, Southwest (Ellenburger) field

The attempt will be made at No. 1

Southwest Midland, 2,490 feet from

north and 2,175 feet from west lines of

section 8, block 39, T-2-S, T&P sur-

Midland, is contracted to 13,000 feet...

The project, 1/4 mile southwest of

V-F Petroleum, Inc., of Midland

No. 1 Moreland will be drilled in the

three-well Janice (San Andres) field

of Yoakum County, 14 miles south-

The project, scheduled to 5,500 feet,

V-F Petroleum No. 1 Yeager is to be

dug as a 7/8-mile northeast stepout to

one of the eight wells in the Sea-

graves, South (San Andres) field of

Gaines County, five miles west of

The project, slated to 5,800 feet, will

be drilled 720 feet from north and 467

feet from west lines of section 17,

Texland, Rector & Schumacher of

Fort Worth spotted two upper Clear

Fork projects in the three-well Ter-

ryon (upper Clear Fork) field 10 miles

No. 5 Pauline Morgentstern is one

location west of production and 1,680

feet from south and west lines of

section 34, block D-11, SK&K survey.

The operator spotted No. 6 Pauline

Morgenstern one locaton northwest of

production and 2,400 feet from north

and 1,680 feet from west lines of sec-

The field also produces from the

Belco Petroleum Corp. of Midland

staked No. 5-13 University as a 1/2-

mile northwest outpost to Queen pro-

duction in the Ingham multipay field

of Crockett County, 25 miles west of

Location for the 1,700-foot project is

NEW YORK (AP) - Americans

will be paying an estimated 8 cents

more for every gallon of gasoline or

heating oil due to another round of

price increases from members of the

Organization of Petroleum Exporting

Libya, Indonesia and Venezuela,

which together supply 8 percent of

U.S. oil needs, on Monday announced

price increases of as much as \$4 a

The current round of increases was

touched off Dec. 15 when Saudi Ara-

bia raised its oil price from \$30 to \$32 a

2,500 feet from north and 467 feet from

east lines of section 13, block 29,

tion 34, block D-11, SK&K survey.

CROCKETT PROJECTS

University Lands survey.

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northeast of Tokio in Terry County.

Each is contracted to 7,000 feet.

is 1,980 feet from south and 2,447 feet

from east lines of section 662, block D,

near Midland.

VOAKUM TEST

John H. Gibson survey.

GAINES PROJECT

block C-35, psl survey.

TERRY LOCATIONS

Seagraves.

Omar Operating Co. of Midland No. 1 Harvey has been completed to reopen Pennsylvanian production in the Bonner field of Fisher County, 10 miles north of Sweetwater.

It finaled for a daily pumping potential of 35 barrels of 46-gravity oil and 30 barrels of water, through perforations from 5,713 to 5,725 feet after a 2,000-gallon

Hole is bottomed at 7,322 feet, 41/2-inch casing is set at 6.314 feet and hole is plugged back to 6,279 feet.

The following tops were called on ground elevation of 2,112 feet: Saddle Creek, 1,389 feet; Swastika, 1,904 feet; Strawn, 3,590 feet, and Ellenburger, 4,116 feet. Wellsite is 1,000 feet from north and 1,500 feet from west lines of section 2, block 21, T&P survey.

CRANE PRODUCER

Gulf Oil Corp. No. F-6 Crawar Field Unit has been completed to extend the Crawar (Wolfcamp) field into Crane County. The field, with only one other producer, was discovered in Ward County in February by Gulf No. 14 Crawar Field Unit.

No. F-6 was completed for a 24-hour pumping potential of 22 barrels of 36.1-gravity oil and 86 barrels of water, through perforations from 5,940 to 6,137 feet after 5,250 gallons of acid and 20,000 gallons of fracture

Total depth is 8,300 feet, 7-inch casing is set at 8,300 feet and hole is plugged back to 7,720 feet.

Location is 4,620 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 8, block B-20, psl survey and 71/2 miles southeast of Monahans.

WINKLER WELL

Gulf Oil Corp., operating from Midland, has completed a re-entry project as the third Devonian well in the Flying W multipay field of Winkler County, 15 miles northeast of Kermit.

The well, No. 315 Keystone Cattle Co., finaled for a 24-hour pumping potential of 156 barrels of 38.5-gravity oil and 705 barrels of water. The gas-oil ratio during the potential test was 1.641-1.

Completion was through perforations from 9,703 to 9,742 feet after a 5,000-gallon acid treatment. A former Ellenburger well, it is bottomed at 11,770 feet and plugged back to 9,810 feet. The seven-inch casing is cemented on bottom. The pay was topped at 9,703 feet on kelly bushing elevation of 3,160 feet. Location is 2,341 feet from south and 1,580 feet from east lines of section 24, block A-57, psl survey.

IRION WELL

MWJ Production Co. of Midland No. 1 Henry is a new well in the Rock Pen (Canyon) area 31/2 miles west of Mertzon in Irion County.

The well, 5/8 mile norrtheast of other Canyon production, complted for a 24-hour flowing potential of 22 barrels of 39.9-gravity oil and 20 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 4,000-1. Completion was through a 14/64-inch choke and

perforations from 6,900 to 6,964 feet after a 4,000-gallon acid treatment. Wellsite is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east

lines of section 39, block 1, H&TC survey.

GARZA PRODUCER

Ellenburger test staked near Midland

James L. Lamb Jr. of Midland an-

nounced locations for four projects in

the Howard Draw, Northeast (Queen

gas) field of Crockett County, 16 miles

No. 2 University-Maccarthur is 5/8

mile southeast of production and 1,250

feet from south and 467 feet from west

ines of section 1, block 31, University

Lands survey. Contract depth is 950

Lamb No. 1-2 University-Macarth-

ur will be drilled 5/8 mile southeast of

production and 660 feet from north

and 467 feet from west lines of section

It is a twin to Grayburg-San Andres

mile east of production and 467 feet

fromnorth and 1,767 feet from west

lines of section 1, block 31, University

Lands survey. It will be drilled to

University, is 5/8 mile east of produc-

feet from west lines of section 1, block

31, University Lands survey.

SCHLEICHER WORK

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tion and 1,550 feet fromnorth and 800

Fisher-Webb, Inc., of Abilene spot-

ted a pair of projects in the area of the

one-well Emmons Ranch (Canyon

gas) field of Schleicher County, 10

Each is contracted to 7,300 feet.

No. 2 H. Emmons is 5,683 feet from

south and 6,200 feet from east lines of

Concho County School Land survey

No. 8. Ground elevation is 2,474 feet.

The operator staked No. 3 H.

Emmons 3,650 feet from south and

4,800 feet from east lines of Concho

County School Land survey No. 8.

staked No. 1 Mertz "B" as a 1%-mile

north outpost to the two-well Mertz-Harmill (lower Canyon gas) field of

Schleicher County, four miles south-

The project, scheduled to 6,450 feet,

is 990 feet from south and 1,320 feet

from west lines of section 13, block A,

HE&WT survey. It also is one location

north of the lone well in the Flying

Brazos Petroleum Co. of Midland

No. 1 Stockton is to be drilled 1/2 mile

barrel. OPEC, which provides 26 per-

cent of the oil used in the United

States, decided a day later to let its 13

members raise prices an average of

Analysts predict that the Jan. 1

increases by cartel members and

others could boost U.S. gasoline and

heating oil prices as much as 8 cents a

Industry sources, who asked not to

be identified, said Libya increased its

price for a 42-gallon barrel of oil from

\$37 to the new OPEC ceiling price of

Anchor (Wolfcamp gas) field.

NRM Petroleum Corp. of Midland

Ground elevation is 2,481 feet.

east of Eldorado.

about 10 percent

gallon.

Gas price to increase 8 cents

The fourth project, Lamb No. 6

Lamb staked No. 5 University 3/4

block 31, University Lands survey.

northwest of Ozona.

gas production.

1.000 feet.

Rocker A Well Service, Inc., of Post No. 3 First National Bank of Dallas is a new well in the AFG (Clear Fork) field of Garza County, 16 miles north of Post.

The sixth well in the field, it finaled for a 24-hour pumping potential of 21 barrels of 37-gravity oil and 17 parrels of water, through perforations from 3,425 to 3,534 feet. The zone was acidized with 4,000 gallons.

Surrounded by other Clear Fork wells, it is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 112, TW&NG survey, abstract 1009.

south of the lone well in the Venado

(Wolfcamp) field of Schleicher Coun-

ty, eight miles southeast of Eldora-

and 2,200 feet from west lines of sec-

Discovery Operating, Inc., of Mid-

land announced plans to re-enter a

7,000-foot failure in Schleicher County

and attempt to complete it as a well in

The project is No. 1 Page. It is the

former J. Cleo Thompson of Dallas

No. 1 Pae which was abandoned in

Location is 1,320 feet from north

and 467 feet from east lines of tract 3.

Concho County School Land survey

The site also is 11/4 miles northeast

of the lone well in the Page, West

(Wolfcamp) gas field and six miles

William B. Wilson & Sons, Inc., of

Midland announced loation for a 6,-

400-foot project in Tom Green County,

1% miles northeast of the three-well

The site also is two miles northreast of dual Strawn and upper Strawn gas

producton in the Carlsbad field.

Carlsbad (Strawn reef oil) pool.

northwest of Eldorado.

TOM GREEN TEST

the Page Ranch (Canyon gas) field.

elevation is 2,369 feet.

May 1978.

17 wildcat projects staked in nine West Texas counties

Seventeen wildcat operations have been announced in nine West Texas counties, and operators have announced field reopening attempts in two other counties.

HOWARD EXPLORERS

Ike Lovelady, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Brasher is a new 9,800-foot wildcat in Howard County, 41/2 miles west of Knott.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 27, block 33, T-2-N, T&P survey. It is 3/8 mile northwest of the depleted Bond (Spraberry and Canyon reef) field. The Spraberry was productive at 6,665 feet and the Canyon at 8,870

Petroleum Exploration & Development Funds, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Flanagan "A" has been spotted as a 9,700-foot wildcat in Howard County, five miles southeast of Big Spring.

The project is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 24, block 32, T-1-S, T&P survey. It is 3/4 mile south of 9,564-foot Fusselman production and 11/8 miles southwest of 9,168-foot Mississippian production in the Red Draw field. It also is 5/8 mile north of the Moss Creek (Grayburg) field.

GLASSCOCK DRILLSITE

Western Reserves Oil Co. of Midland No. 1 Little Whit has been staked as an 8,100-foot wildcat in Glasscock County, 31 miles southeast of Mid-

Drillsite is 2,310 feet from north and 1,500 feet from west lines of section 36, block 35, T-2-S, T&P survey.

It is 21/2 miles northeast of the onewell Blalock Lake, West (Wolfcamp) field which produces at 8,330 feet and 11/2 miles northeast of the Blalock Lake Wolfcamp field which produces at 8,215 feet.

SCURRY PROJECT

Texfel Petroleum Corp. of Abilene will drill No. 1 Stephens in an attempt to reopen the Hermleigh (Strawn) field five miles northeast of Hermleigh in Scurry County. The 7,450-foot operation is 467 feet

from north and 2,195 feet from east lines of section 90, block 3, H&TC survey.

BRODEN AREA

Grand Banks Energy Co. of Midland will attempt to reopen the Ackerly, East (Pennsylvanian oil) pool of Borden County

The attempt will be made at its No. 2 Dyer, a 9,200-foot project which has been staked 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 7, block 33, T-3-N. T&P survey and six miles northwest of Vealmoor

The drillsite is surrounded by proin the Ackerly (Dean) pool

tion 14, block 9, TW&NG survey. Con-CROCKETT TESTER tract depth is 3,350 feet and ground

Crockett County gained a 9,800-foot wildcat with the staking of Sioux Natural Gas Corp. of Houston No. 1-15-33 University.

It is 17 miles southwest of Ozona and 1,300 feet from south and 1,325 feet from west lines of section 15. block 33, University Lands survey. Ground elevation is 2,329 feet. The location is 11/8 miles southeast

of dual Ellenburger and Devonian gas production in the Perner Rancyh

IRION EXPLORER Mayco Exploration Co. of Dallas

announced plans to drill a 7,100-foot wildcat in Irion County, 12 miles northeast of Mertzon. It is No. 1 Tullos "A," 1,000 feet

from south and 850 feet from east lines of C. Freidrich survey No. 844. The drillsite is one location southeast of a 7,000-foot dry hole and 11/4

miles northeast of the Arden, South (Canyon) field.

NOLAN WILDCAT

Remuda Oil & Gas Corp. announced The new test, No. 1 Wilson "79B," is drillsite for a 4,800-foot wildcat in 3,107 feet from south and 467 feet from Nolan County, seven miles southeast wet lines of section 79, EL&RR sur-

It is No. 1 R. E. Althof, 800 feet from south and east lines of section 86. block 23, T&P survey, abstract 688. Ground elevation is 2,540 feet. The drillsite is 11/2 miles west of the

Lake Trammell (Canyon) field and separated from it by depleted Ellenburger producers.

It also is 3/4 mile northwest of the one-well Kennemer, East (Cisco) pool. South African forces

raid nationalist bases

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa (AP) - South African security forces in the mineral-rich territory of South-West Africa, or Namibia, raided black nationalist guerrilla bases in Angola over the last few days, a commanding officer in the territory

Maj. Gen. Charles Lloyd told South African radio that South African and South-West African troops had taken the initiative and were acting aggressively against black nationalist guerrillas. No other details of the crossborder raids, which have become a regular feature of the war, were,

made public. The South African army has been fighting guerrillas in the northern part of the territory since the South-West Africa Peoples Organization launched a bush war from Angolan bases 15 years ago. More than 1,200 black nationalist guerrillas and 82 South African troops were reported

killed in 1980. A multi-party, week-long conference on the future of the mineral-rich area is scheduled to begin Jan. 7 in Geneva, Switzerland. Western nations for more than three years have been urging U.N.-supervised elections that would lead to independence. South Africa has been administering the territory under a League of Nations mandate subsequently voided by the United Nations. Before World War I it was a German colony.

Meanwhile in Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, defense headquarters announced that the first group of South African marines had arrived in the territory following three months of counter-insurgency training with the army.

The statement, carried by the South African Press Association, said the chief of the navy, Vice-Admiral R. A. Edwards, had requested a company of marines serve in the embattled

border area. A second group of marines would start training soon, the statement

STONEWALL PROSPECTORS

Sands Energy Ltd.-1980 staked two 2,550-foot wildcats in Stonewall County, 10 miles northeast of Hamlin. They are new pay tests in the S.L.C. (Tannehill) field.

No. 8 Pastura Unit is 1,875 feet from north and 2,050 feet from east lines of section 134, BBB&C survey.

Sands Energy No. 9 Pastura Unit is 1,200 feet from north and 2,150 feet from east lines of section 134, BBB&C

FISHER EXPLORERS

JEM Petroleum Corp. of Englewood, Colo., spotted a pair of wildcats in Fisher County.

No. 1 Puppy, a 3,250-foot operation two miles south of McCaulley, will be drilled 1,500 feet from north and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 51. block 1, HT&B survey. Ground elevation is 1.924 feet

The project also will test for production in the Flippen zone of the McCaulley field.

JEM No. 1 Schemert will be drilled as a 5,450-foot new pay wildcat in the west side of the Sylvester multipay field one mile east of Sylvester.

Operator spotted the Fisher County wildcat 2,101 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of J. F. Newman survey. It also will test the regular pays in the Sylvester field.

COKE WILDCAT

Walsh & Trant Petroleum Corp. of Dallas announced location for a 5,000foot wildcat in Coke County, seven miles south of Bronte. Scheduled as No. 1 C. W. Johnson, it

is 467 feet from south and 2,173 feet from east lines of HE&WT survey No. 1. Ground elevation is 1,945 feet. Drillsite is one location east of a

5,919-foot dry hole and 5/8 mile northeast of a 6,050-foot failure. It also is 3% miles southwest of the depleted Bronte, Southeast (Cross Cut 4420)

RUNNELS LOCATIONS Six wildcat operations were an-

nounced for Runnels County. Trenco, Inc., of Abilene No. 1 Byrd is a 5,300-foot prospector 21/2 miles north of Wingate.

Location is 473 feet from north and 467 feet from wesr lines of Eliaha Isaacs survey No. 454.

D&J Operating, Inc., of Abilene, No. 1 Paul Pruitt is a 5,500-foot wildcat 11 miles southwest of Winters.

Operator spotted location 5,997 feet from north and d7,439 feet from west lines of Burnet County School Land survey No. 271.

Caddo Corp. of Dallas announced location for a 4,200-foot explorer in Runnels County, 6½ miles southeast of Winters. It is No. 1 Betty J. Gray, 1,780 feet

from north and 50 feet from west lines of T. R. Webb survey No. 357, abstract

Cockatoo Corp. of Dallas staked its No. 1 Pruser as a 5,000-foot wildcat one mile west of Winters. Drillsite is 4,152 feet from south and

1,177 feet from east lines of T. A. Baber survey No. 1. Ground elevation is 1,892 feet.

A 4,800-foot wildcat was staked three miles southeast of Wingate in Runnels County by Boyd & McWilliams of Midland.

Scheduled as No. 1 L. E. Geistman, it is 1,680 feet from north and 1,380 feet from west lines of section 94, block 64, H. F. Baggs survey, abstract

Midstates Oil Co. of Arlington has resubmitted its application requesting permission to drill No. 1 M. H. Taff, a 5,000-foot wildcat 2,200 feet northwest of Gardner lime oil production in the Winters, Southwest multipay field and four miles west of Hat-

chell. Location is 467 feet from south and east lines of Redin Gainer survey No. 4371/2. Ground elevation is 1,832 feet. The original application was filed

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
Hanson Corp. No. 1 Bird. drilling
7,240 feet in time CROSBY COUNTY

Cities Service No. 1-A Ratheal; drilling 6,750 feet in shale. DAWSON COUNTY

J. M. Huber Corp. No. 1 J. C. Bennett; 1d 13,126 feet; has been plugged and abandoned.

Bennett: 1d 13,126 feet, has been plugged and abandoned.

EDDY COUNTY
Getty No. 1-24 Getty-Federal, 1d 14,335 feet; pb 14,730 feet, testing, no gauges, through unreported perfora
BISHER COUNTY
GMW Corp No. 1 Crouching Eagle: feet, undesignated Noodle Creek, 1d 2,300 feet, until go of gumping unit; set 5% inch casing at unit.

Jake L. Hamon No. 1-33 Federal, td 0,451 feet; still testing, no gauges, brough perforations at 10,021-10,148 lest Mitchell Energy No. 1-25 Federal:

GAINES COUNTY GMW Corp. No. 1 Micanopy. drill-ing 7,277 feet in sidetrack hole.

IRION COUNTY
Meadco No. 2-20 Cravens, 1d 7,785
feet; installing tank battery
Meadco No. 1-29 Farmar, 1d 7,350
feet, still shut-in for pressure buil-

Meadco No. 2-11 Sugg. 1d 7,500 feet. pb 7,360 feet, preparing to fracture treat perforations at 7,123-7,172 feet, acidized with 1,500 gallons.

Getty No. 1-33 Federal, drilling 10. 848 feet. LEA COUNTY tty No. 1-15 Getty-Federal, drill-

Getty No. 1 Getty-Riggs-Federal completion unit.

Getty No. 1 Getty-Riggs-Federal completion unit.

Getty No. 1-28 Getty-State. 1d 8,892

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(Devonlan); if (Devonlan); if

Federal; td 13,700 feet; preparing to test lower Morrow perforations at 13.

LOVING COUNTY Getty No. 1-25-76 Tom Linebery; drilling 22,392 feet in sidetrack hole.

LUBBOCK COUNTY
Hunt Energy Corp. No. 1 DeBusk,
pb 8,017 feet, waiting on completion
unit; set 5½-inch casing at 6,798 feet.

MARTIN COUNTY Robert B. Holt No. 1 Mabee Ranch; drilling 7,715 feet.

MIDLAND COUNTY Gulf Oil Corp. No. 12 McClintic, td 7,300 feet; pb 5,100 feet; fractured perforations at. 1,036-1,050 feet with 10,000 gallons and 11,000 pounds.

NOLAN COUNTY Hanson Corp. No. 1 Boyd; td 4,000 feet; walting on completion unit.

PECOS COUNTY
Exxon No. 1 McComb, drilling 20,079 feet.
Exxon No. 1 Mitchell; drilling 10. SASI feet GMW Corp. No. 1 Satanta: drilling 6,105 feet in lime and shale. Hunt Energy No. 1-9 Cerf Ranch, drilling 24,596 feet in shale.

BTA Oil Producers No. 1 Arno, td t reported; has been plugged and not reported, has been abandoned.
Getty No. 1 Ava Farwell; td 11,198 feet; preparing to cement 7% inch liner at td.

TERRY COUNTY Exxon No. 1 Harold R. Coons: td 8,400 feet; still shut-in UPTON COUNTY Exxon No. 7 Giddings Estate; td 10,534 feet; milling.

VAL VERDE COUNTY Cities Service No. 1 West "B" drilling 9,671 feet in sidetrack hole. WARD COUNTY Gulf No. 1218 G. W. O'Brien et al., td

10%-inch casing at td. FIELD WELLS

4.580 feet: waiting on o

ANDREWS COUNTY CITCO No. 5 King "B" Deep Rock (Devonian); to 10,005 feet, still test-ing, swabbed 42 barrels oil and 84 barrels load water in 12 hours through en hole 9,951-10,005 feet

CHAVES COUNTY Mesa No. 1 Coyote-Federal: Unde-signated (Abo): td 4,400 feet; moving in and rigging up completion unit.

Mesa No. 2 Coyote-Federal: Undesignated (Abo): td 1,784 feet, nippling up blowout preventors; set 85, Incheasing at 1,784 feet.

EDDY COUNTY CITCO No. 1-A Brantley: Undesig-scred; drilling 8,485 feet in lime and

(Ellenburger): drilling 21,436 feet CITCO No. 1 State "CZ". Turkey
Track, North (Morrow), drilling 122
feet in redbed
_Exxon No. 3 Laguna-Grande-Unit
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feet in redbed

Exxon No. 3 Laguna-Grande-UnitFederal Laguna Grande (Morrow);
6t3.580 feet; circulating and conditioning preparing to log.

Gulf No. 2 Callaway. Diamond
Mound (Atoka); drilling 9,100 feet in
lime and shale.

REEVES COUNTY

CITCO no. 1 Matthews-Camp "A"

Barstow. South (Delaware); drilling
7,137 feet in sand and shale.

Gulf No. 17. C. H. Strain. Waha.
North (Delaware sand oil); dt 1,990
feet; pb 4,972 feet, set 5/5 inch casing
time and shale. 1,858-64, 4,898-04, 4,924-32 and 4,942-46

WARD COUNTY Exxon No. 1 Carr Gads Unit: Qui-bar (Fussleman gas); drilling 11,868 GARZA COUNTY
D.A. Metts No. 1 Lovelady Aldredge Rocker A. Southwest (Ellen-

WINKLER COUNTY
Getty No. 1-33-21 University: Little
Joe (Ellenburger); drilling 19,106
feet. HMH Operators No. 2 Tullis: Anton (lower Clear Fork); td 6,696 feet; Getty No. 1-39-21 University: Little (Ellenburger); drilling 16,095

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IRION COUNTY Meadco No. 1-40 UT: Aker (Canyon i), td 7,645 feet, waiting on comple-on unit; set 4 ½-inch casing at 7,637 Meadco No. 1-3064 UT: Ella Sugg isco oil), td 7,540 feet; moving in

ourger); abandoned location

moving in completion unit

HOCKLEY COUNTY

FISHER COUNTY

Gulf No. 1-28 Getty State, 1d 8,892
Gulf No. 10 S. J. Carr. Fowler
Grace Petroleum No. 1 West Tonto.

(Devonian), 1d 7,700 feet; pb 7,400

feet; shut in waiting on pumping Jake L. Hamon No. 1 Hamon Samedan-Petty: Osudo, North (Morrow): td 11,688 feet; moving in completion unit preparing to log Morsaito No. 1 Bell Jake (Morrow gas); drilling 13,010 feet in lime and shale.

LOVING COUNTY Getty No. 1-8-26 Glenn Brunson: Brunson Ranch (gas); td 860 feet; waiting on cement; set 20-inch casing at 860 feet.

PECOS COUNTY Metts No. 1 Roxie Neal Gomez

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Stock market mixed

NEW YORK (AP) — Drug and chances of uncontrolled radiation redefense stocks scored some notable gains as the stock market drifted

through an erratic session Tuesday. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials changed directions several times during the day before closing with a 1.45 gain at 962.03.

The overall tally on the New York Stock Exchange showed losers slightly outnumbering gainers, but the exchange's composite index managed a :14 advance to 77.58. With one session left in 1980, the Dow Jones industrials stand with a

net gain of 123.29 points, or about 11 percent, since last Dec. 31. The average hit its closing low for 1980 at 759.13 on April 21, and its high at 1,000:17 on In the pharmaceutical group,

Merck climbed 314 to 8312 as of the 4 p.m. close in New York, and single handedly accounted for the Dow's gain. Smithkline rose 23, to 801/2; Upjohn 13, to 6631; Pfizer 1 to 525, and Squibb 38 to 2918 in active trad-

Several drug issues have drawn favorable comment from analysts lately. Brokers said traders taking profits in other stocks also might be turning to the group in their search for issues that have not already had a big run in the 1980 bull market.

The aerospace sector, meanwhile continued its strong performance of the past few days amid expectations of increased emphasis on military spending in the administration of

LTV led the active list, up 12 at 191 in trading that included a 500,000 share block at that price. United Technologies gained 11% to 60%; Northrop 13s to 603s: Lockheed 1 to 32%: McDonnell Douglas % to 47%,

and Boeing & to 43%. Speculation continued that interest rates had passed their peak - a prospect that helped spark a sharp rally in stock prices over the past two

But the market also had to digest the news of more price increases Monday and Tuesday by several Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members. Libya's \$4 boost put its price at \$41 a barrel; the maximum permitted under a recent

Biscayne Federal Savings & Loan fell 11/2 to 201/2 after directors postponed action on a dividend.

Bob Evans Farms tumbled 63, to 223, bid in the over-the-counter market. On Monday Beatrice Foods said it decided against going through with its plans to acquire the company.

Beatrice shares gained is to 19 is in active trading on the NYSE

Volume on the Big Board totaled 39.75 million shares, up from 36:06 gency Radiation Re-

Standard & Poor's index of 400 industrials rose .40 to 154:04, and S&P's 500-stock composité index was up .30

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index picked up .17 to 349.54 The NASDAQ composite index for the over the counter market closed at 200, 16, up. 62

Fishing is most grueling sport

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - The most grueling sport of all? "Fishing," says Clayton J. Dixon, holder of 62 trophies for baseball.

bowling, tennis and fishing On weekends from March to Octonaments which start at 6 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. During that time he does not eat or drink, spending the entire

Sealright Co here, Dixon estimates that in a day he casts from 3,600 to 6,000 times, an average of 6 to 10 times

Livestock.

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TMI water should be purified, officials say

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Contaminated water at Three Mile Island should be purified quickly to reduce leases, say officials of the damaged nuclear plant.

Some 600,000 gallons of radioactive water flooded the basement of the plant's Unit 2 reactor containment building during the nation's worst commercial nuclear reactor accident in March 1979.

"The company feels there is a real urgency associated with processing the highly contaminated water," Robert Arnold, a senior vice president of the Metropolitan Edison Co., told a citizens advisory panel Tuesday.

The third meeting of the 12-member advisory panel, appointed by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, centered on processing and disposal of contaminated water at the

Arnold said that Met Ed, the plant operator, hadn't decided what to do with the water once it's purified, but added, "It's in every body's interest to see that the water is treated as soon as possible, and defer to another day the question of what method to use in disposing of it.

Arnold said General Public Utilities Corp., parent company of Met Ed and two other plant owners, does not plan to make a formal water disposal proposal until 1982. Treated water could be stored onsite until then, he said.

Plant officials have said the contaminated water is a potential safety threat that could result in uncontrolled radiation releases. They have also said it is holding up surface decontamination inside the building because crews would have to wear heavy protective gear and limit their

Arnold said GPU wants to process. the contaminated water through a demineralizer system similar to one used to treat less contaminated water from an auxiliary building. The system has not yet received NRC approv-

As far as ultimate disposal, options include discharging the water into the

Susquehanna River; evaporating it through the plant's cooling towers, a pond or a boiler; trapping it it concrete; or storing it on a long-term basis at the plant.

"None of these options result in zero releases of tritium to the environment," GPU said in a statement.

GPU has said that once the water is processed, its level of radioactive tritium gas would meet federal regulations and it could be dumped into the Susquehanna without harm to the environment.

Some exposure a job hazard

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) -Tennessee Valley Authority officials say low-level radiation exposure of the kind in four recent cases is an occupational hazard for nuclear

power plant workers. Four employees at the TVA's new Sequoyah nuclear power plant near Chattanooga have been exposed to mild doses of radiation in minor accidents since Nov. 21. None have been

injured. In the latest incident, on Monday, two workers were exposed to a small amount of radioactive gas in a plant auxiliary building. They were working on an instrument connection in a radioactive waste gas treatment system when rubidium and cesium, two radioactive gases, leaked, TVA offi-

The men waited for several hours, then returned to work after monitors no longer detected radioactive con-

tamination, officials said. "These things are going to happen," said TVA spokesman Steve Goldman. "They're one of the occupational hazards of the job."

The Sequoyah plano is awaiting a full-power license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The plant was testing at 90 percent power ca-

Radioactive fallout likely cause of high cancer rates

SALT LAKE CITY bombs were exploded cers. (AP) - Exposure to ra- above ground in the Nedioactive fallout likely is vada desert, with most of the reason childhood the fallout passing over cancer rates in southern southeastern Utah and Utah soared in the 1950s the town of St. George. and early 1960s during atmospheric atomic testing, scientists say.

The Deseret News, in a among residents of that copyright story Tuesday, area during the testing quoted an unpublished period. report by the Interasaying an excessively look into the allegations high rate of childhood and make recommendacancer "remains unex- tions to the Carter adplained on grounds other ministration, the newsthan possible fallout ex- paper said.

size," the study said.

Studies by University

of Utah scientist Joseph L. Lyon showed a highly abnormal cancer rate

The research commit-

Several hundred peo-That rate "should not ple in southern Utah, be summarily attributed northern Arizona and to quirks in analysis. Nevada have joined a study design or sample suit seeking damages from the government for In the 1950s and early what they contend are 1960s, several atomic radiation-caused can-

In counties where fallout was heavy, Lyon found the incidence of leukemia among youngsters rose from below the national average to as much as 21/2 times the average during the test-

After the open-air tests ended, the rate fell back to normal.

Three congressional committees and a White House task force have said that atomic test fallout was responsible for an increased number of cancer deaths in the

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Jean Hilliard is flanked by her parents. Bernice and Lester Hilliard, as she rests in a Fosston, Minn., hospital after surviving six hours in 22-below-zero temperatures when she left her snowbound car. The 19year-old was found huddled in the snow, her body stiff and her eyes frozen. Her skin was frozen so solid doctors could not start intravenous feedings for several hours. (AP Laserphoto)

The FDA previously has proposed removing caf-

feine from the GRAS list but allowing continued use

of the ingredient pending further study. The agency

also is prepared to change the definition of "cola" so

that caffeine need no longer be a required ingre-

dient. Tests have shown a link between caffeine and

FDA Commissioner Jere Goyan said the overall

Of the 415 additives reviewed, 305 were put in Class

results of the review panel's evaluation should be

'generally reassuring to the American consumer.'

1, a category given substances considered safe at

Sixty-eight substances were put in Class 2, for

ingredients considered safe at current levels of use

but in need of more research to determine whether prolonged use might pose a health hazard. That

category included alignates, which are seaweed derivatives used in beverages, ice cream and baked goods; and iron and iron salts, used as a nutritional

Nineteen additives, including caffeine, were put in Class 3. Items in that category are recommended for

Eighteen substances, including some other iron

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Salt use should be restricted, food additive panel advises

WASHINGTON (AP) - A scientific panel has ed. Such substances generally are allowed to remain classified salt as a food additive that the Food and available while the studies are conducted Drug Administration should restrict more tightly.

The scientific review panel found that most of the 415 food additives that have been used by processors for years are safe, the FDA said Tuesday. The panel studied food ingredients on the agency's GRAS list, ingredients the agency has classified as generally recognized as safe.

The review panel said reducing the use of salt in processed foods would help between 10 percent and 30 percent of the population with a genetic tendency to high blood pressure. The reduction might even lower the incidence of the condition, the panel

Caffeine, a stimulant found in coffee, tea and cola beverages, was put in a category of substances for which additional scientific studies were recommend-

Possible carcinogen found at hospital

GLEN ELLEN, Calif. (AP) - Separate tests have confirmed the presence of suspected carcinogen BHT, two preservatives used in oils, shortenings, PCB on the grounds of Sonoma State Hospital chewing gum, dry breakfast cereals, nut prodand at an Alameda County jail, according to author- ucts and beverages.

The Environmental Protection Agency said Tues- salts, were placed in Class 5 because of insufficient day that leaking transformers, disposed of about 10 information with which to make an evaluation. years ago, were discovered at the hospital by an employee last month.

Bill McNeice, EPA spokesman in San Francisco, said further tests would be made by the state to whether PCBs, or polychlorinated phenyls, had leaked into the water supply

They don't think it has," he said. He said the levels found around the transformers ranged from 200 parts per million to 3,500 parts per million, "all on the very high end of the scale." The current maximum allowable concentration is 50 parts per million, and that is being revised downward, McNeice said.

The chemical, used as an electrical coolant before it was banned, has been linked to cancer in laboratory animals and to skin and other disorders in

McNeice said the state Department of Health Services was in the process of scraping up the contaminated soil and shipping it, along with empty transformers, to an approved dumpsite in Southern California. The transformers which are still leaking will be stored in a specially constructed building on the mental hospital's grounds, he said.

Meanwhile, state and Alameda County officials reported some 40 gallons of the chemical apparently were spilled behind the main building of the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center at Pleasonton when a junk dealer hauled off two discarded transformers.

They said the 25-by-40-foot area had been cordoned off and that PCB-laden soil would be removed. Tests by a Hayward chemist showed the concentration of the chemical was low, sheriff's department officials

The contaminated transformer hulls were carted off by the Oakland trash contractor who dumped the fluid. Two other transformers, possibly filled with PCB, remain in the jail's salvage area, officials

Teen 'frozen stiff,' making recovery

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Jean Hilliard was literally frozen stiff — "like a piece of meat out of a deep freeze" — when a friend found her in the snow after a night of 22-below-zero temperatures. But the 19-year-old blonde has made a miraculous recovery.

"At worst, I might lose a couple of toes," she says. "I can't explain why she's alive. She was frozen stiff, literally," Dr. George Sather, who helped treat the teen-ager, said Tuesday. "It's a

Miss Hilliard was frozen after a midnight car accident in rural north-

western Minnesota. When she arrived at the Fosston, Minn., hospital, her skin was too hard to pierce with a hypodermic needle or to reveal a pulse. Her temperature

was too low to register on a thermometer. Her face was ashen and her eyes were solid and didn't respond to light. 'The reaction didn't appear until two or three hours after she started thawing out. The body was cold, completely solid, just like a piece of meat

out of a deep freeze," Sather said. Her bizarre ordeal began late Dec. 20 as she was returning to her parents' home near Lengby, Minn. The family car skidded off the road on the

edge of the White Earth Indian Reservation and stalled in the windy, frigid Clad in western boots, a coat and mittens, she began walking to Wally Nelson's home some two miles away and collapsed only 15 feet from his

Nelson found her as walked out the door at 7 next morning. "Her face was ghost-like. I figured she was dead," he said.

'You could see where she had crawled the last few feet before collapsing," he said. "You could also see where she had fallen three or four times from the mailbox, one-eighth of a mile down the road. Her body was so stiff that Nelson loaded her "diagonally" in the back

seat of his car and headed for the hospital. Wrapped in "water-type heating bags," Miss Hilliard received oxygen and hospital staff heard "little whimpers, probably air coming out of her lungs," Sather said.

She took breaths only two or three times a minute, about one-fifth the

Doctors were unable to give her intravenous feedings because "she was frozen too solid to penetrate the skin," said Sather's brother, Dr.

Edgar Sather. Her pulse, hardly registering through her frozen skin, was about 12 beats per minute. And her temperature was too low for a thermometer,

with a low reading of 88 degrees, 10 degrees below normal. But in several hours, wrapped in an electric heating pad, she began to

"By noon, she spoke a little. By evening she was lucid," Sanger said. Tests reveal her heart, kidneys, blood chemistry "are all OK. She has patches of gray on her legs and her toes are blistered, but there is

no talk of major amputation. When I woke up, all I wanted was a glass of water," Miss Hilliard said by telephone. "Here was my whole family. Everybody's eyes were just big. They were saying, 'She's alive.'

"It's more or less like I dreamed about it," said Miss Hilliard, who wants to study heavy equipment operation and maintenance. "It's really eerie when you think about it.





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BONNERS FERRY Idaho (AP) - For all of his 21 years, Nick Hill may have carried in his skull a mass of tissue that may have been part of an undeveloped twin. say doctors who removed the growth during brain

"It's really weird, boy. Really weird. That's all I can say," Hill said Tuesday in a telephone interview from Bonners Ferry in northern Idaho. Hill, who has five

brothers and sisters, underwent brain surgery earlier this year.

During the surgery, doctors removed a tumor called a teratoma. While most tumors are composed of one type of body tissue, a teratoma is composed of several, said Dr. John Grollmus, who lead the surgical team which operated on Hill at Deaconness Hos-

Hill's tumor included cartilage, hair and fat, and doctors theorize it was a "twin-like sub-

stance," Grollmus said. "Some feel it is an analogue of a twin because it has all three types of tissue in it," he said.

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