

WEATHER SUMMARY

Midland statistics

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

Weather elsewhere

Table with weather data for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, etc.

Table with local temperatures for Midland at different times of the day.

Texas temperatures

Table with temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, etc.

Extended forecasts

West Texas: Cloudy most sections today with freezing drizzle mixed with rain this afternoon. (Continued from Page 1A)



President Carter, sitting on his desk with his back to the camera, meets with members of his cabinet in the Oval Office of the White House Sunday about the hostage situation. Clockwise, from left are: CIA Director Stans...

Hostages finally coming home

They were to be taken to the U.S. military hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany, for a week or more of "decompression," medical examinations, consultations with psychiatrists and reorientation to accustom them to freedom after their long ordeal.



President-elect Ronald Reagan crosses his fingers in hope for the release of the American hostages held in Iran as he leaves the Blair House today in Washington. Vice President-elect George Bush is at left. (AP Laserphoto)

Five-inch snow recorded here

From now on, when the weather man says there's a 30 percent chance of snow, people should heed his word. That less-than-50-percent chance of precipitation forecast for the week-end turned into 5 inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

Reagan keeping fingers crossed

While Reagan made the social rounds Sunday, he was dogged by questions about the hostage stalemate. He told reporters President Carter had called him with the latest developments Sunday evening. Reagan said the president told him "the same thing that we all know. We all know the same thing."

pland's "Duo for Flute and Piano." The hall, which seats 1,100, was less than half full. Then they moved to the Opera House, where they watched a performance of Joseph Hayden's "Push Comes to Shove," featuring Baryshnikov.



Mrs. Barbara Rosen, wife of hostage Barry Rosen, answers questions outside her home in Brooklyn. Tree at right is decorated with yellow ribbons for the hostages. (AP-Laserphoto)



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Agreement lifts burden from families

That's all that went through my mind, "Thank God, it's finally over." "I'm practically jumping around I'm so happy," said Andrew Appel, lawyer for Ivan and Alberta Gillette of Columbia, Pa., whose son, Duane, was a hostage.

It's wonderful that it happened. It's about time," said Alyssa Keough, of Burlington, Vt., daughter of hostage William Keough. "I'm very happy, very happy," said Doris Moeller of Loup City, Neb., when she got word about impending freedom for her son, Michael. "It's

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Flores typifies Oakland's rise

OAKLAND (AP) — Tom Flores is not the most colorful coach in the National Football League. But the man who guides the Oakland Raiders is becoming better known by the day as the countdown continues to Super Bowl XV.

In his own softspoken way, Flores has typified Oakland's rise in what was to be a rebuilding year to the threshold of football's greatest prize of all.

Praise has been slow in coming to Flores, who took a team picked to finish near the bottom of the American Conference West and steered it to the playoffs for the first time in three years. When it came time to pick the NFL's Coach of the Year, the honor went to Chuck Knox of Buffalo.

In the same way, nobody paid much attention to the Raiders, and even when they got to the playoffs, they were looked upon skeptically. They were supposed to lose to Houston, Cleveland and San Diego, and next Sunday they will be underdogs to the Philadelphia Eagles.

And Flores is the underdog in the battle of personalities with Philadelphia's Dick Vermeil.

"I think the reason Tom doesn't get the (publicity) is that he doesn't promote himself," says Oakland wide receiver Bob Chandler. "He suffers from it in the long run, but I don't know if that is important to him."

"I think the most important thing to him is that the players appreciate him — and they do. I have never ever heard anybody say anything bad about Tom Flores."

Dressed in a black pullover sweater, Flores all but disappears on the sidelines. There is none of the emotion of a Don Coryell or the cold presence of a Tom Landry.

"I'm probably not as exciting or funny as Bum Phillips or Sam Rutigliano," Flores says with a shrug. "It's just not me."

In addition, Flores, like previous Raider coaches, labors under rumors that owner Al Davis actually runs the club.

Flores, finishing his second year at the Oakland helm, admits that Davis runs the off field operation of the team. It is Davis who makes the trades, negotiates the salaries and evaluates the draft choices.

But make no mistake, says Oakland receivers coach Lew Erber — "Tom Flores is head football coach here, no question."

Perhaps the game in which Flores came of age as a coach was the wild-card playoff against Houston. Taking advantage of flaws in the Oilers' formations that had been picked up in films, Raider defensive backs blitzed untouched to sack quarterback Ken Stabler.

Flores had outcoached Bum Phillips, who was fired afterward. And the confidence engendered by that 27-7 victory helped carry the Raiders to New Orleans.

McNeil, Easley pace West victory

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — If a pro football team were ever set up in Japan, the first two players sought might well be the UCLA pair of Freeman McNeil and Kenny Easley — so great has been their success in games played in the country.

McNeil gained a game-high 74 yards and bolted for two fourth quarter touchdowns while Easley, a three-time All-American defensive back, grabbed one fumble and two interceptions to lead the West to a come-from-behind 25-13 win in the sixth annual Japan Bowl Sunday.

A month before, the two Bruins had ended their regular-season careers in Tokyo on a similar high note. McNeil scored three touchdowns and Easley scored the first touchdown of his career on a 63-yard interception return as UCLA trounced Oregon State 34-3 in the Mirage Bowl.

"Scoring five times in these two games is something I'll never forget," said McNeil, voted the Japan Bowl's top offensive player. "And getting two touchdowns against the likes of Bubba Green (of North Carolina State) and Hugh Green (defensive end from Pittsburgh and the Vince Lombardi Trophy winner) was a real thrill."

For three and a half quarters the East, coached by Dan Devine, who is retiring at Notre Dame, and Johnny Majors of Tennessee kept a step ahead of their opponents.

Almost before the capacity crowd of 30,000 had settled in, Purdue's passing phenomenon Mark Herrmann swept the East team into the end zone with a four-play, 64-second drive capped by a 12-yard touchdown strike to Chris Collinsworth of Florida.

For a time it was all the West could do to keep up. Phil Bradley of Missouri drilled a 19-yard scoring pass to Keith Chappelle of Iowa with 8:22 left in the first quarter to tie the score, but the East moved ahead 10-7 at halftime on a 30-yard boot by Dale Castro of Maryland.

The West again pulled even with 1:36 left in the third quarter on a 23-yard field goal by Ken Nabor of Stanford after Tom Flick of Washington directed a 14-play drive.

Herrmann, who hit 8 of 14 passes for 101 yards while sharing quarterback duties with Tim Clifford of Indiana and Nickie Hall of Tulane, then hit Collinsworth again for two quick first downs and the East regained the lead on a 45-yard Castro field goal.

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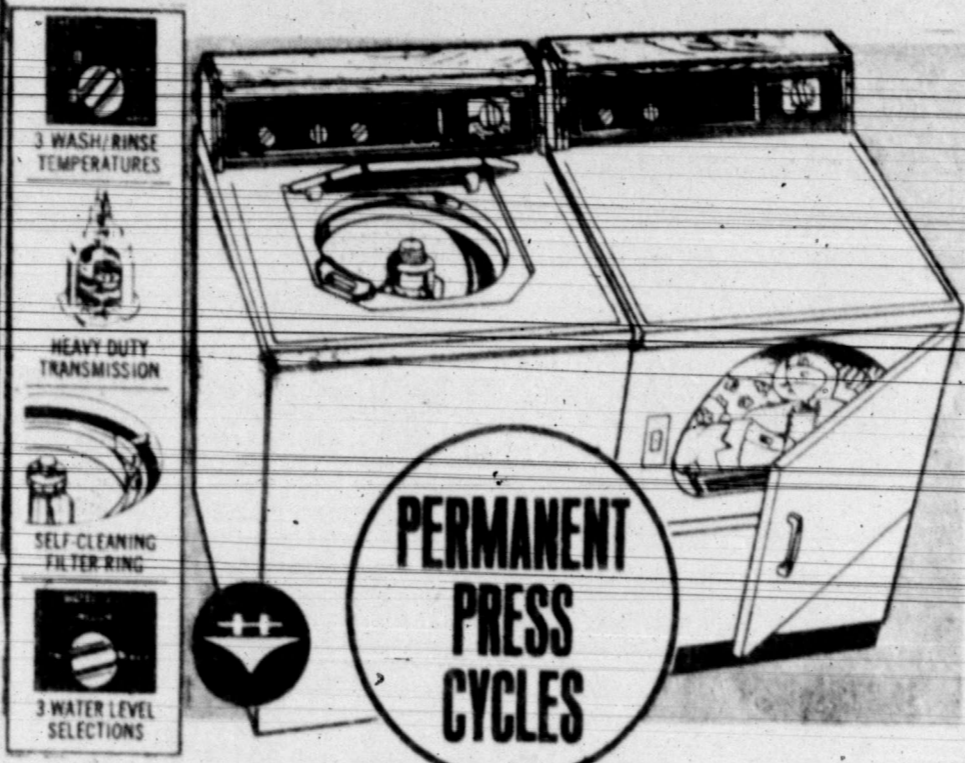
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As they neared Bethphage and Bethany on the outskirts of Jerusalem and came to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples on ahead.

"Go into that village over there," He told them, "and just as you enter you will see a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie him and bring him here.

And if anyone asks you 'what you are doing, just say, 'Our Master needs him and will return him soon.'"

Off went the two men and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside a house. As they were untying it, some who were standing there demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

So they said what Jesus had told them to, and then the men agreed.

So the colt was brought to Jesus and the disciples threw their cloaks across its back for Him to ride on.

Then many in the crowd spread out their coats along the road before Him, while others threw down leafy branches from the fields.

He was in the center of the procession with crowds ahead and behind, and all of them shouting, "Long live the King! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the Kingdom He is bringing, the Kingdom of our father David!" "God save the King!"

And so He entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple. He looked around carefully at everything and then left—for now it was late in the afternoon—and went out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

Mark 11:1-11

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It's been sooooo cold here in New England...

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
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RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (AP) — Don't tell me how cold it's been, I'll tell you, so take off those earmuffs and listen up.

Kay Bartlett, an AP feature writer, got a call from someone in Anchorage, Alaska, the other day.

"How's the weather up there," she made bold to inquire.

"Lousy," came the answer. "It's been so warm we may have to cancel the dog sled races."

Well, put those tundra trotters on a plane and race them down here. A few mornings ago the outdoor thermometer I got for Christmas registered 17 below. Think of it: 17 below in Ridgefield, Connecticut! Better still, forget it.

I took out the family photo album and looked at the gag photo we took of an egg frying out on my deck (push for porch in southern New England) on a scorching August day a summer or two ago. Easy over light even with redwood splinters beats mashing your way out to the garbage bin in sub-zero temperatures with that 28-mile-an-hour north wind howling off the lake.

"It's the Russians," the lady at the bakery wheezed at me between coughing fits. "They've done something to the weather."

I conjured up Soviet agents in fur hats operating giant fans on the shores of Lake Baikal to send some Siberian blasts our way.

"Do you think they're behind the Bangkok flu also?" I asked.

"No," her laryngitis reached new lyrical heights. "That's them North Vietnamese in revenge for that defoliant orangeade we spilled on their forests. And this drought across the country. Not natural at all. You can bet the communists are tinkering with the atmosphere, reversing the rain clouds or something."

The man in the liquor store is convinced a new ice age already is upon us.

"Scientific facts, he assured me, gift wrapping a liter of Virgin Island black rum as a door prize for a local ski hop. "By the time this century ends, we'll be down to a three-week summer like Lapland."

"Oh well, my mother would have blamed it on the astronauts, as did a cab driver I once had in Washington, D.C."

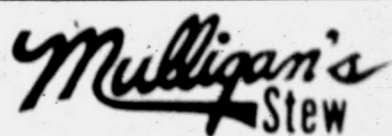
"The fishin' ain't been good since they went stomping around up on the moon," he complained as we skidded down Constitution Avenue in an icy fog. Maybe we should put those moon rocks back.

A dairyman who works one of the few real farms still left in this area tells me this is the coldest winter he has ever experienced since moving to Connecticut from the northernmost part of Vermont, just across from the Canadian border. The prize cows he looks after have to be almost walked like dogs and then hurried back into the barn before their faucets freeze.

I don't know how they go about defrosting cows, but the man across the street had to resort to a blowtorch when his basement pipes burst on Christmas Eve. That sort of treatment might result in the first cattle stampede in these parts since the British put a cannonball in the Keeler Tavern during the Revolution.

The most annoying thing about this continuing cold spell is that no one wants to hear my stories about Spitsbergen anymore or riding a truck up the Alcan Highway in the dead of winter or landing on the Greenland polar cap in a military plane equipped with skis.

I spent a good deal of my professional journalism career going out of my way to find brutal winter weather so I could write home about it. I put in a week on Spitsbergen way up in the Arctic Ocean, the northernmost inha-



bited place in the world, where the Norwegians and Russians mine coal and dodge polar bears. I got there in early February, the dead of winter, when the days are about 40 minutes long. I used to tell about having a hearty Norwegian breakfast you sit by a hole in the ice with a club waiting for a seal to surface. But in truth while I was there the coldest it got was 15 below.

There's a plaque on the wall in my den attesting to my membership in the "Order of the Ice Capper" for my courage in shutting my eyes and having a death grip on the arm rests when our ski-equipped C-130 landed on the Greenland Ice Cap during a visit to the DFW line in the winter of 1967. Turned out to be a mild winter by Greenland standards, only 10 below when we got there and a warming trend setting in.

A couple of winters later, doing a story on over the road truck drivers, I traveled up the Alcan Highway in five days of bright February sunshine. "It was 75 below here last week," the man at the wheel said as we climbed up Steamboat Bend. "If you touched a tire iron, your fingers would come off in your hand."

But it was 15 above when I made the trip, and the first thing the driver and his mate did when we pulled into Anchorage was head off to a topless bar.

I once even visited T-3, a floating ice island in the Arctic Ocean on a Navy blimp. Honest, Eskimo. On the day we called, the scientists were out hanging up their longjohns on the clothesline, taking advantage of an unexpected warm spell. One bearded oceanographer had parked his parka and his snowshoes and was out practicing putts with an orange ball and a tiny hole drilled in the ice. It reminded me of that great Collier's cartoon of the crooked Eskimo chipping away at the igloo with an ice pick to fill his martini glass with cubes while his worried wife exclaimed, "Uk-luk, you're drinking us out of house and home."

But let me tell you about the winter of '80-'81 in Ridgefield, Conn.

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