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**Past**

They waded a vast West Texas lagoon 100 million years ago — great dinosaurs whose tracks have survived the ages to stand as a testament to the past. Follow their tracks west of McCamey in the Local Section of Sunday's Midland Reporter-Telegram.



**Present**

From Bombay to London to Pittsburgh to Midland, Dr. Manek Panthaky has been successful at some diverse careers, first as a medical doctor and then as an award-winning IBM salesman. In Sunday's FOCUS he shares his dreams for his newest venture.



**Future**

Professional model and beauty consultant T.J. Ford teaches a "make-over" seminar at the High Sky Girls Ranch and unveils the mystery of "what to do with brushes, bottles and boxes" at the cosmetic counter. Read about it in Sunday's Lifestyle section.

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Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

See a penny...

Ole Olsen holds a penny to symbolize his firm's 1-cent sale — buy a Lear Jet for \$1 million and get a second for a penny.

## ...And it only cost a penny

By JIM PRESNELL  
Energy-Business Writer

Now! See our 1-cent Sale! Come and get 'em! For one week only, Petro Jet Aviation Inc., an aircraft charterer and broker at Midland Regional Air Terminal, is having a 1-cent sale. Buy one of four fast, sleek jet aircraft for a cool \$1 million and get the second jet for one penny.

Equipped with a wet bar, a telephone, sink-in seating and an atmosphere of lofty luxury, the flip-open door of a Lear Jet stares at the observer, eyeing his wealth. Lear Jets have been termed the "fastest moving office in the world" for busy executives and staffs.

A classic case of excess supply triggered Petro Jet's unique effort to stimulate some demand. Through a sales technique best known to K-Mart Stores Inc., Petro Jet will try to unload its inventory of jets so it can buy more of them. The sales technique seems strange as the company president describes the "prestige and status" of owning a Lear Jet.

But offbeat or not, Petro Jet's sale has garnered "incredible" response, officials said, especially

from people who did not know they could afford a Lear.

Out of five, four jets remain. One 10-seat Lear Jet 25 was sold Wednesday for a sum greater than \$650,000. It was not part of the 1-cent sale.

Lear Jets cost \$2.2 million new — and that includes figuring a 6 percent discount from the Tucson, Ariz., factory.

Two years ago, a used Lear Jet sold for \$1.2 million — right at book value. In fact, offers-to-buy were refused as high as \$1.5 million, because the plane's owner had more money than that invested in the craft.

Ole Olsen, president of Petro Jet, said Thursday his company is offering the six- and eight-seat planes at lower than market value in this one-week offer because "today's economy is weakened. This dictates competitive pricing — dealing in volume, we can reduce the price to better enable people to afford a Lear Jet."

"The price is now equal or lower than the price for a (slower) turboprop aircraft," Olsen said. These words came from the same marketing man who offered in 1981 "Buy a Rolls Royce for a mil-

lion dollars and get a Lear Jet free!" Three of the car/jet pairs were sold.

In having a Lear Jet at your disposal, if you're a businessman, Olsen said, "You leave when you feel like leaving. You go direct to your destination. You return when you need to. There's no more basing your business schedule on the schedules offered by commercial airlines."

"And we don't lose your luggage," commented Petro Jet sales manager Marc Mustafa.

Petro Jet invested in an inventory of Lear Jets recently because prices were depressed and the company found good deals. Interim use of the planes for charter service — at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per mile — helped pay costs of service and has kept the firm's five Lear Jets in top flying shape, say company officials.

A trip to Butte, Mont., is over \$5,500 by Petro Jet charter — but you can take who you like, stay just a little, and come back. If one is with associates at a meeting in Butte you can forego staying in any hotels, renting cars, or any other tiresome expenses — just fly, meet, and fly back.

(See PENNY, Page 2A)

## New housing figures could alter index

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is changing the way it calculates housing costs in its inflation measure, a move analysts say could mean the price gauge will edge up more than it might have otherwise.

Inflation was 3.9 percent last year, the smallest rise in a decade.

The changes, showing up in today's new inflation report, are being made in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, the government's most widely watched — and reported — inflation measure.

Economists expect the new report to show consumer prices in January rose a small 0.1 percent to 0.2 percent, or even dipped some. Those prices were off 0.3 percent in December, only the second recorded decline since 1965.

Thomas Thomson, chief economist at San Francisco's Crocker National Bank, predicted falling food, heating oil, and gasoline prices kept inflation to a slow pace last month.

Yet, Kathleen Cooper, senior financial economist for Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, said the report might have been even better had the department not changed the way it calculates certain housing costs.

Even so, she and other analysts applauded the change being made in the index's home ownership component, which has been widely criticized for distorting the overall inflation rate.

"I think it definitely was a good change," said Ms. Cooper. "It makes a lot more sense as a measure of inflation."

Janet Norwood, commissioner of the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, which puts out the report, said, too, the change will make the index "a better measure."

In criticizing the old index, analysts said it distorted the inflation rate by overstating the effect of increases or decreases in home prices and mortgage rates, which make up home ownership costs, because they counted so much in the measure.

When mortgage rates and home prices climbed, the index tended to rise even more. But at the end of last year, when mortgage rates were falling, the index may have understated inflation, analysts said.

In fact, an experimental measure similar to the new one found prices going up 5 percent last year, compared with 3.9 percent under the old index.

Under the new formula, the department will calculate what homeowners would charge if they rented their homes. "If I rented my house to myself, what would it cost me," explained Mrs. Norwood at a recent press briefing. Home prices and mortgage rates will no longer be included.

Most people buy homes both as an investment and to live in, and the old index measured both elements. The new one, however, will only monitor the consumption — not the investment — feature.

Another weakness of the old measure was that the department had difficulty in recent years getting reliable data on house prices and mortgage rates because of changes in the financial market.

Adjustable rate mortgages couldn't be checked. Moreover, the index didn't reflect the various financing arrangements buyers and sellers worked out to try to move houses in the wake of record-high mortgage rates.

The calculation change to a "rental equivalence" formula is being made now only in the department's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

It won't be made for two more years in a companion index — the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers — which is widely used in collective bargaining agreements and in adjusting Social Security and other government payments.

Both inflation measures rose modestly last year as a result, analysts said, of the steep recession, abundant crops and worldwide oil surplus.

And analysts said the price picture could look even better if there is a big break soon in oil prices as a result of the changes going on in the world oil market.

For example, economists at New York's Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. calculate that a \$5 drop on oil prices, from the current \$34 a barrel, would lower the Consumer Price Index by 1 percent within a year.

## Though Reagan moves quickly on EPA, critics still dissatisfied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although President Reagan wasted no time replacing three fired managers at the Environmental Protection Agency, some congressmen say they won't be satisfied until he does something about Administrator Anne M. Burford.

For her part, Mrs. Burford acknowledged to reporters Thursday she had considered whether she may be becoming a political liability to the president. But she said she rejected the notion.

"I am not a quitter. I am there to do a job," she said in a television interview in San Francisco.

However, some of the subcommittee chairmen who have been pursuing allegations of mismanagement and political manipulation of a \$1.6 billion hazardous waste clean up fund said Mrs. Burford — Anne Gorsuch before her marriage Sunday — will have to go.

"If they think this is a fresh start, they have got to start at the very top," said Rep. James Florio, D-N.J. "If the administration wants to send out a signal of a new beginning, Mrs. Burford is the one who has set the tone."

Rep. James Scheuer, D-N.Y., called Reagan's personnel shifts Thursday

"too little, too late" and said a real house cleaning "should aim a little bit higher."

The president, however, said the only scandal brewing at the EPA "is in the media that's talking about it."

However, The New York Times said in today's editions the White House had begun its own investigation of contacts between the president's senior aides and the EPA to determine whether the cleanup program had been manipulated politically.

Unidentified officials were quoted as saying counsel Fred Fielding was gath-

ering "issue alerts" sent over by the agency last year, and from April to September directly to Edward Rollins, the top political staffer.

Rollins was quoted as saying he did not pay much attention to the bulletins and never asked EPA or any other agency to change or delay a planned action.

Meanwhile, Rita Lavelle, whose firing by Reagan on Feb. 7 triggered the flood of allegations, ended up 10 hours of congressional testimony Thursday with the revelation that she believes her telephone has been tapped.

She said she had "no idea" who might have done the bugging, but she said she confirmed suspicions of a tap by testing her telephone with a handheld electronic device.

In addition to hearing Ms. Lavelle's testimony, the House Public Works subcommittee heard a tape recording of unidentified EPA employees discussing burning agency records.

After the mention of burning records, one employee said "like Watergate?" and another replied "like Stringfellow-gate," an apparent reference to the Stringfellow Acid Pits in

Riverside, Calif., a dump which has become the focus of several investigations.

Rep. Elliott H. Levitas, D-Ga. and chairman of the subcommittee, said the workers noted they were "kidding" and he said he believed that to be the case.

Levitas' subcommittee, which reached an agreement with the White House last week over release of subpoenaed documents, was to begin receiving those documents in closed session today.

## Man expelled from doctoral program

Chinese leaders object to his paper's charges

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — An anthropology student expelled from Stanford University's doctoral program after writing about forced abortions and infanticide in China has vowed to "use every recourse" to appeal the decision.

"A scholar's first duty is the truth," said Steven Mosher after learning of his expulsion Thursday. The faculty committee weighing his academic fate "chose to believe the charges that were brought against me by the Chinese," he said.

"The Chinese say I used the article to attack China," Mosher said. "But they do not say the article was wrong."

The Stanford committee had investigated complaints that the 34-year-old student violated professional ethics and engaged in illegal activities while doing field research in Guangdong Province, in southeastern China, for 10 months during 1979 and 1980.

Faculty members would not comment on the complaints or their ruling, which came after two hours of discussion with Mosher in attendance.

But a letter from department chairman Clifford Barnett, which Mosher disclosed, praised his "excellent academic record" and said the decision to expel him was made with great regret.

Asked whether he regretted the article, Mosher replied, "I don't regret it at the moment. When the article initially came out, I came under a great deal of pressure by those who felt I was ... jeopardizing opportunities for others to go to China to do research."

The Chinese have sharply limited fieldwork by American scientists since Mosher's departure.

The focal point of the investigation was a May 1981 article by Mosher, a Fresno native, which included photographs of women allegedly about to

undergo forced abortions, published in Taiwan's Sunday Times Chinese Weekly.

"I initially wrote a short factual report on the fact that women were forced to agree to abortions," Mosher said. "The problem got worse and by 1981, birth control quotas had come into effect in the village where no one was allowed to have a child unless they were given permission to do so."

In the article, Mosher said that women seven, eight and even nine months pregnant were coerced into having abortions as part of a government-mandated birth control program and that there were "even occasional cases of officially instigated infanticide."

Those refusing abortions or tubal ligations to prevent future pregnancies were told they would return home without their babies, he said.



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— Steven Mosher

## INSIDE TODAY



**Weather**

Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers through Saturday. Details on Page 2A.

**Service**

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 Other Calls.....682-5311

Midland's Human Relations Council is considering several new services to begin during 1983, says director Gloria Ellis. Under discussion are career day for minority young people, a neighborhood block club to combat crime, a tenants' organization and prenatal and high blood pressure seminars.

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# WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST Saturday, February 26  
● Low Temperatures



National Weather Service  
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce  
Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary  
AP Laserphoto Map

Sunny skies are forecast for most of the nation Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. Cold weather is expected across the northern tier, with mild weather through the South. Rain is forecast for the Pacific Northwest.

## Cloudiness, some showers forecast

As the end of February grows closer, so does the end of a relatively dry month. Chances of showers, which should decrease to 30 percent for tonight and Saturday, are expected to raise the .08 of an inch of recorded precipitation for the month. Precipitation for the year stands at 1.22 inches. A canopy of clouds will continue to hover over the Tall City through Saturday. Lows tonight are expected to drop

into the lower 40s while temperatures should reach the lower 60s Saturday. Winds will be from the south and southeast at 10-20 mph tonight, continuing from the southeast at 10-20 mph Saturday. Thursday's warm high of 72 was 12 degrees below the record high of 84, set for that date in 1956. The overnight low of 38 was 27 degrees warmer than 1980's record low of 11.

## Midland statistics

FORECAST Friday  
Temperatures on left indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EST. Temperatures on right indicate outlook for tomorrow.

City	Hi	Lo	Pre	Outk	Hi	Lo
Albany	41	25	cl	28	12	31
Albuquerque	64	42	cl	59	36	24
Anaheim	52	31	cl	59	38	24
Anchorage	37	19	cl	35	25	12
Asheville	49	30	cl	46	24	12
Atlanta	59	37	cl	53	32	20
Atlanta City	48	40	cl	37	32	20
Austin	76	45	cl	59	50	30
Baltimore	47	32	cl	38	30	18
Birginham	52	32	cl	37	25	12
Birmingham	58	40	cl	53	33	21
Bismarck	39	24	cl	46	23	10
Boise	63	41	cl	60	46	30
Boston	46	31	cl	52	32	20
Brownsville	79	63	cl	80	64	48
Buffalo	33	24	cl	28	22	10
Burlington	37	25	cl	23	18	8
Chapel Hill	58	32	cl	54	34	22
Charleston, S.C.	64	50	cl	57	53	39
Charleston, W.V.	48	38	cl	38	31	18
Charlotte, N.C.	53	40	cl	47	37	25
Cheyenne	40	19	cl	34	24	10
Chicago	36	20	cl	30	21	10
Cincinnati	47	28	cl	38	24	12
Cleveland	40	27	cl	31	20	10
Columbia, S.C.	67	44	cl	53	34	22
Columbus	46	27	cl	33	20	10
Dallas-Ft. Worth	72	38	cl	62	42	30
Dallas	43	25	cl	32	20	10
Denver	43	31	cl	37	22	10
Des Moines	30	20	cl	45	31	18
Detroit	38	21	cl	35	24	12
Duluth	25	10	cl	28	22	10
E Paso	68	46	cl	66	38	26
Fairbanks	31	15	cl	15	08	02
Flagstaff	49	30	cl	50	30	18
Great Falls	63	40	cl	58	35	23
Hartford	43	26	cl	32	19	8
Houston	64	30	cl	54	34	22
Honolulu	82	65	cl	82	63	46
Houston	72	34	cl	62	32	20
Indianapolis	38	28	cl	37	28	18
Jackson, Miss.	74	41	cl	60	32	20
Jacksonville	71	50	cl	54	34	22
Juneau	40	33	cl	39	29	18
Kansas City	41	30	cl	40	28	16
Las Vegas	66	47	cl	70	45	30
Little Rock	64	38	cl	62	40	28
Los Angeles	69	52	cl	67	50	34
Louisville	50	29	cl	37	24	12
Lubbock	68	33	cl	58	34	22
Memphis	57	38	cl	58	38	26
Midland	73	44	cl	61	41	29
Milwaukee	35	21	cl	39	29	18
Mpls-St. Paul	31	16	cl	34	24	12
Nashville	51	32	cl	50	32	20
New Orleans	72	34	cl	62	42	30
New York	46	34	cl	34	24	12
Norfolk	46	38	cl	38	28	16
North Platte	35	28	cl	35	28	16
Oakland	49	35	cl	46	32	20
Omaha	34	26	cl	43	33	21
Orlando	75	50	cl	60	43	27
Philadelphia	45	32	cl	36	19	8
Phoenix	78	53	cl	75	50	34
Pittsburgh	42	25	cl	32	22	10
Portland, Me.	42	25	cl	31	17	7
Portland, Ore.	55	45	cl	54	44	34
Providence	44	35	cl	44	31	21
Raleigh	50	40	cl	45	31	21
Rapid City	42	29	cl	32	20	10
Reno	54	28	cl	43	29	17
Richmond	49	37	cl	42	29	17
St. Louis	42	30	cl	45	37	25
St. Pete-Tampa	72	34	cl	63	43	31
Salt Lake	41	40	cl	54	37	25
San Antonio	74	51	cl	62	51	39
San Diego	63	37	cl	60	40	28
San Francisco	57	45	cl	57	45	33
Seattle	21	02	cl	28	19	9
Seattle	50	45	cl	54	43	31
Shreveport	70	48	cl	65	41	29
Snow Falls	31	24	cl	35	28	16
Spokane	39	30	cl	34	24	12
Syracuse	37	24	cl	39	29	17
Topoka	48	32	cl	47	33	21
Washington	48	38	cl	39	22	10
Wichita	43	30	cl	48	34	22

## The weather elsewhere

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## Texas temperatures

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Abilene	71	36	00
Alamo	62	45	00
Amarillo	52	31	00
Austin	76	45	00
Beaumont	72	53	00
Brownsville	79	63	00
Childress	64	41	00
College Station	68	47	00
Corpus Christi	77	56	00
Dalhart	58	40	00
Dallas	76	38	00
Del Rio	71	56	00
E Paso	68	46	00
Ft. Worth	72	40	00
Galveston	71	50	00
Houston	74	52	00
Langford	71	45	00
Lubbock	68	33	00
Lufkin	76	47	00
Marfa	69	47	00
McAllen	83	64	00
Midland	71	38	00
Palacios	74	52	00
San Angelo	73	42	00
San Antonio	74	51	00
Shreveport, La.	75	48	00
Stephenville	75	37	00
Texasarkas	75	40	00
Victoria	78	50	00
Waco	77	41	00
Wichita Falls	66	38	00
Wink	71	30	00

## Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Cloudy and colder today with a few showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight with scattered showers east of the mountains. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers east of the Pecos Saturday. High 48 north to 66 south. Lows 32 north to 46 south. Highs Saturday 58 north to near 70 Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Partly cloudy through Saturday with widely scattered showers tonight. Highs 54 to 70. Lows 36 to 45. Highs Saturday 60 to 72.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Northeasterly winds 15 to 20 knots shifting easterly and northeasterly 15 to 20 knots tonight and Saturday. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight and Saturday.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Northeasterly winds near 15 knots becoming easterly and southeasterly near 15 knots Saturday. Seas 2 to 4 feet increasing to 3 to 5 feet tonight. Winds and seas higher near scattered thunderstorms through Saturday.

North Texas: Partly cloudy with mid nights and warm afternoons. A chance of showers Sunday. Lows 40s. Highs middle 60s to lower 70s.

## Penny will purchase second jet

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Olsen said five executives' plane fare and travel expenses for the three-day commercial airline trip would cost \$5,700. "We offer executives an all-impor-

tant chance to save their valuable time," Mustafa added. He said the time executives waste making painstaking travel connections should be used constructively by making appointments and doing business deals in your personal Lear Jet.

## Actor Eastwood warned Reagan of plans for Gritz's raid on Laos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Clint Eastwood told President Reagan in advance that former Green Beret James G. "Bo" Gritz planned a raid into Laos to find American prisoners of war, the Los Angeles Times reported today. The newspaper said Eastwood told Reagan he had given money to the rescue effort, and that the government should be officially involved, according to testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee. When Reagan asked his advisers about Gritz, Robert McFarlane, chief deputy to National Security Adviser

William P. Clark, told the president the government should not get involved with the decorated Vietnam war veteran, according to an unidentified administration official quoted by the Times. "The president said, 'Fine,'" the official added. However, Gritz team members said messages they received in Southeast Asia advised that Reagan supported them completely, the newspaper said. Former Green Beret Charles J. Patterson, 37, of Dinuba, Calif., told the Times he heard Eastwood say he could get help from Reagan if necessary.

# Oil ministers gather for session in Paris

PARIS (AP) — Oil ministers from Venezuela, Mexico, Algeria and Kuwait met here in the latest series of emergency contacts among major oil producers worried about recent price cuts by three countries.

As the Paris meeting convened

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Volcker comments on rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker says although some interest rates charged by banks seem "quite high" in light of recent declines in inflation, he sees little point in trying to talk lenders into lowering rates.

Chrysler made money in '82

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. (AP) — Chrysler Corp. turned its first annual profit in five years in 1982, the company says, but it lost \$96.1 million in the fourth quarter and its automotive operations continued to lose money for the entire year.

Money market fund assets fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Assets of the nation's 302 money market mutual funds fell \$1.3 billion this past week, the 12th consecutive weekly decline, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Fewer autoworkers on layoff

DETROIT (AP) — There were 5,700 fewer U.S. autoworkers on indefinite layoff this week, the industry says, but U.S. car production was expected to remain stable.

Mexican loan gets comments

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bank Advisory Group for Mexico says it has received commitments for a \$5 billion, six-year loan to Mexico.

Fewer file for worker benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department says new applications for unemployment benefits declined in the second week of February.

Unions want wage increase

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — The AFL-CIO is calling for an increase in the minimum wage, signaling trouble for President Reagan's plan to seek a "youth differential" with less pay for teen-age summer workers.

Jaycees honor Davidson, Bynum

By JIM PRESNELL Energy-Business Writer

The Midland Jaycees heard a Washington perspective on taxes and other federal government policies Thursday at their annual Bosses' Night and Distinguished Service dinner.



Rufe S. Bynum Jr. 1982 Boss of the Year

To demonstrate the government's policies are contrary to good sense, Shapiro noted that 1981 saw consumers getting the biggest tax break in history — the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA).

What the government giveth, it also taketh away — the year after ERTA, Congress looked at expenditures and decided it needed more real taxes and less deficit.

So with the balanced budget clearly unreachable (since Ronald Reagan could not find more ways to cut outlays), the current administration passed — through the Senate — the largest additional tax package ever enacted, the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA).

No matter that the taxes in this package aren't equitable, Shapiro said. That word is just there — tax laws have not and may never be equitable in this country.

Shapiro described several situations where equitable taxes will not work. He said, for example, that if oil companies were given a flat tax on each barrel of oil rather than a variety of oils and prices, those hurt by the government's move would try to stop the bill.

If consumers were to be subjected to a flat percentage tax, he continued, the mid-income families who would be hurt (because of a loss of deductions and tax credits) would aim a deafening thunder of discontent right at their Uncle Sam.

"Simplification of taxes, along with a balanced budget, seem to be the logical goals of our (mercurial) tax laws," Shapiro said. "But the bottom line — tax paid — must be the same or less, if this is going to be acceptable."

"The Windfall Profits Tax is not tax policy, it's energy policy," Shapiro said. "It was a quid pro quo to the decontrol of oil prices," he continued.

"Take energy credits. That's not tax policy, it's incentives for conservation of oil and gas. It encourages business and individual users to switch to different forms of energy, like coal, nuclear, solar, or wind power," Shapiro noted.



Steve Davidson, Midland Jaycees distinguished service award winner, is a native of the Tall City. He is a past president of the Jaycees. Davidson, a member of the city council, has been involved in a variety of community activities; ranging from Casa de Amigos, to the Midland County Housing Finance Corp.

"Investment tax credits. That's not a tax law, it is a simple 10 percent credit to encourage investment and capital formation. Like accelerated depreciation, it is a simple economic incentive to invest," Shapiro said, describing several other tricky portions of America's corporate tax laws.

"We simply can't use our tax system to solve every one of our problems and still expect to have a simple system of taxes," he said. Economic and political problems are too complex to be solved with more or less of specific taxes paid, the speaker told Midland Jaycees.

Economic recovery is keyed to the Federal Reserve Board, not taxes, Shapiro said. "The Fed can halt inflation

and bring interest rates down by 1; increasing the M1, our country's basic money supply, or 2; lowering the discount rate (now at 8 1/4 percent) it charges for money."

Housing led this recession and must lead out, despite Fed inactivity, Shapiro said. He sees the Fed bumping money cost down and housing being stimulated for a recovery, if only Paul Volcker's stranglehold economics at the Fed are gone and forgotten.

It is not known whether Volcker will survive to the end of the Reagan "supply side" fiasco of economic posturing. Certainly, Reagan's own future is in doubt if current conditions are his idea of "good times," the speaker inferred.

Legislature a potential threat to Texas business

By LESLIE HAINES Energy-Business Writer

Each day the 68th session of the Texas Legislature meets poses a potential threat to Texas business interests, says a lobbyist for a statewide business group.

The main threat comes from proposals to increase state taxes to offset a projected budget deficit, said Bill Gray, president of the Texas Association of Business (TAB). He spoke Thursday to local businessmen in Midland.

Another problem this year is that TAB doesn't feel it has enough votes in the Senate to accomplish any of its legislative priorities.

"TAB's role this session is primarily one of a watchdog," Gray said. "We'll do a great deal of searching for bad bills. It's easier to kill a bill in the Senate with 11 votes, than to introduce one with 21 votes needed to bring it up for debate."

Gray said TAB would prefer to be in an affirmative position, but it just doesn't have the votes.

New taxes are the major threat, however. "In the recent campaign, I recall no one said anything about increasing taxes," Gray said, "but no sooner had they gotten to Austin than they began to articulate need for a tax bill."

Gray said TAB members and lobbyists who have visited state legislators report that once legislators took a look at the numbers, they had to admit that some form of revenue increase, or service decrease, was needed.

Texas' current budget is \$31.4 billion over the next two years, with a projected deficit of \$2 billion, which may lead to a tax bill for \$2 billion, Gray said.

Four major spending issues may require new or additional funding: — A new state wide water use plan, tagged at \$423 million.

— A 24 percent salary increase for teachers, as called for by Gov. Mark White, which would cost about \$2 billion.

— State highway upkeep, which requires \$2.3 billion.

— Group insurance for teachers, at a price tag of \$300 million.

"The increase in salaries for public school teachers is the real threat," Gray said. "For every one percent increase, it would mean an additional \$96 million in taxes, so it mounts up quickly."

There are three possibilities for Texas legislators, he said: live within existing means, enact a tax bill, or suspend the Texas constitutional limit on deficit spending.

Gov. White favors increasing users fees, such as hunting and fishing licenses. Gray called this synonymous with taxes.

"They can't raise all the dollars they need by upping users fees, still, it is my guess that there will be no new taxes, but there will be some higher fees."

"We are hoping we'll get by without a major tax increase." Gray said the hottest issue, "where blood will be let on the House and Senate floor," is the issue of changing the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). TAB favors keeping the PUC as is, with appointed rather than elected members.

"This puts us squarely across the table from the Governor," Gray added. The right to work issue is safe in this session, Gray said, because no interest group in the state has enough votes to do anything about it.

"I've not seen any bills introduced that would threaten it."

Most Texas banks ready for shock

AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texas banks have cushioned themselves against the possible shock of loan forfeitures that plummeting oil prices could cause, say state banking officials.

"You can't say that the slowdown doesn't represent problems in the state of Texas, because it does," said Texas Banking Commissioner Robert Stewart. "But I do think it's been blown out of proportion."

U.S. analysts predict that within a few weeks, international oil prices will range from \$27 to \$30 per barrel. In February 1982, the spot price for crude oil was \$33.38 a barrel.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has said that for every dollar a barrel the price drops, Texas loses \$40 million in oil severance taxes.

"There are several (banks) around the state heavily involved in energy credits that are feeling the pinch now," said Stewart. "Any bank that was depending on last year's prices of oil to pay back today's loans — they've got problems."

Stewart's office regulates state banks. About 800 banks, accounting for approximately half of those in the state, are national banks regulated by the federal Comptroller of the Currency, which has a regional office in Dallas.

Federal regional banking administrator George Clifton said about 20 percent of the national banks could be "significantly" affected by the dropping prices.

"I don't think we're going to have any banks that are going to be devastated by a modest downturn in energy prices," Clifton said.

A spokesman in the agency's Washington office admitted that banking officials are careful not to suggest any specific bank might be in trouble because a run on its assets would only make the situation worse.

Clifton said when energy prices began declining last year, his office accelerated its bank examination schedule. Now banks are checked at least once a year instead of every 18 months.

He said the failure of Penn Square Bank in Oklahoma City last year alerted the banking industry that bank failures were not a thing of the past. Most bank officers quickly moved to diversify their loan portfolios to cushion against forfeitures, Clifton said.

Stewart noted diversification is not easy for banks in areas dominated by a particular industry. Both Stewart and Clifton agreed that Midland-area banks are in the greatest danger.

"Anytime you are relying on one industry, a localized industry for your support, if something happens to that industry, you have got a problem," said Stewart. "Maybe I'm looking at it with rosy eyes, but from what I see, it's just not that much of a problem."

Thomas Weber, president of the Wall Street Weekly Forecast, an advisory service from Vandalia, Ohio, predicted that the Dow "will rise to a range of between 1,121 and 1,155 in the next week or so before a correction occurs."

Both the NRDC, a Washington-based environmental group, and the steel industry had challenged the regulations as they were proposed last May by the EPA.

Pollution control measures set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Measures to begin reducing toxic pollutants such as cyanide and phenols from the nation's steel plants will begin immediately under a new pact among the government, industry, and environmentalists.

The agreement was reached Thursday on new government regulations requiring steel plants to have the "best available technology" installed for reducing toxic discharges from steel and iron plants by July 1, 1984.

Although the new regulations won't become law for at least three months, officials with the Environmental Protection Agency said steel manufacturers

agreed to abide by them immediately.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the agreement on the new regulations will reduce the amount of toxic wastes that steel and iron plants pour into the nation's rivers and streams by 53,000 tons a year.

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State Democratic stars showcased at auction

Democrats turn out to take jabs at GOP

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Democrats were "showcased" here Thursday night as about 600 area residents turned out for a \$50 per couple evening of food, drinks and political jabs at Republicans along with an auction of political memorabilia.

Stars for the evening were a team of state elected officials with the spotlight turned on Kent Hance of Lubbock, U.S. congressman for the 19th District which includes Odessa.

The Showcase on Highway 80 near Odessa was packed with most of the people proudly professing their Democratic leanings. The political slashes about Republicans and the president began with the speakers and continued through to the items being auctioned, such as the Reaganomics Survival Kit which was the first item to go.

While Texas flags which had flown over the Capitol and a book on Presidents were items which could be expected to show up for a political auction, the collection also included an autographed headband from Willie Nelson, four tickets from author Larry King to the "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" production in Midland, an autographed album of Waylon Jennings and Ozzy Osbourne's album, "Speak of the Devil."

Money from the event goes to Citizens for Odessa, an organization to promote the Democratic party.

POLITICAL STARS included Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker of the House Gib Lewis, State Treasurer Ann Richards, Agriculture Commissioner Jim "Whole Hog" Hightower, Railroad Commissioner Jim Nugent, State Rep. Larry Don Shaw of Big Spring, State Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo and State Rep. Jay Gibson of Odessa.

It was one of those loosely organized evenings where the people picked out a table, shuffled through the buffet line that consisted of a West Texas-barbecue-American-hors d'oeuvres-Mexican-



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tales-and-dip menu, grabbed a drink and ate.

The announcement said the event started at 7 p.m. but it was after 8:30 p.m. before the auction began. It was Hance who introduced the Democratic officials, poking fun at various ones.

When the auction began, any semblance of a quiet, organized audience vanished and people began walking around the room to meet the politicians, some to ask for "special consideration" on particular legislation.

Talking briefly with The Midland Reporter-Telegram and in-between interruptions of "How ya doin'," "I think you're doing a great job" and "Aren't you gaining weight...your cheeks look fat," Hance predicted President Reagan won't get everything he asked for in the budget. The Senate and House will submit differing versions and a compromise will have to be

hammered out in the Conference Committee.

DEFENSE IS ONE area where Reagan will lose, said Hance, who used to represent Midland until redistricting took effect in January. He may vote in favor of freezing military pay but only if there is a freeze on everyone.

Although the Democratic leadership has suggested the third year tax cut of 10 percent which should become effective late this year be delayed to help bring in more money, Hance doesn't agree. As one of the authors of the 5-10-10 tax cut bill which Congress passed and Reagan approved two years ago, Hance said this is not the time to stop it.

"I think it'd be best if they didn't touch it. You shouldn't raise taxes in a recession and that's what it would do," he added.

Although Democrats and Republicans have verbally approved revisions to the Social Security system, "I don't know how I'll vote for it," he added.

For Sims, the state government's biggest headache also is coming in the area of money — too many requests and not enough to go around.

"If everyone's request is honored, there will have to be a tax increase," said the Democrat in his first term as successor to Pete Snelson of Midland. Sims defeated Ernest Angelo Jr., a Republican petroleum engineer of Midland, in November's general election.

A MEMBER OF THE Education Committee, Sims said the Legislature will increase teachers salaries and is considering favorably the request for the state to fund teachers' health insurance. Noting that the Senate will begin hearing requests from major institutions and teacher organizations soon, Sims suggested these organizations decide which they want most: higher pay raises and the possibility of no health insurance or lower pay raises and health insurance funding.

Sims doesn't expect a long-range water bill to be adopted in this session, also because of the declining revenues. Instead, he said, the Legislature probably will concentrate on ways to keep



"If everyone's (monetary) request is honored, there will have to be a tax increase." — Sen. Bill Sims

water fresh.

On Wednesday, he introduced a bill to form a water district in Sterling County that would be identical to the one in Glasscock County, Sims said.

The Democrat said he supports retaining appointed, rather than elected, positions on the Public Utilities Commission, and keeping the Railroad Commission in its present form.

Overall, Sims said the Senate appears to be moving faster than the House in going through its work load.

A new procedure for running the House has been initiated by Gib Lewis, who said he believes it will result in better legislation.

Under his plan, the first 30 days are for organizing, the second 30 days for introducing bills and debating them. "It allows greater debate in committees. I think you'll see a better quality of legislation come out of the House this year."



Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower autographs a copy of his book, "Eat Your Heart Out," for Hermine Hemphill of Odessa during Thursday night's Democratic gathering at the Showcase in Odessa.

Midland man's dream soon to become a reality

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

The freshly painted white fence surrounding acres of newly-plowed land also encompasses an 11-year-old dream of a Midland man.

At the age of 19, the Rev. Frank Kiker dreamed of a ranch to house troubled and dependent boys. With the help of some 80 Midlanders in attendance Thursday night, the first stages of his goal became a reality during a fund-raising banquet for the Permian Basin Boys' Ranch at the Holiday Inn Country Villa.

Since July, donations of labor, materials and money have allowed two boys, a small staff and several horses and ducks to call the ranch, located about 10 miles southeast of Midland, their home.

The months of work have been hard, Kiker said, but it is only the beginning.

cautioned Dr. Jack Daniel, former director of High Sky Girls' Ranch and present director of the Methodist Children Home in Waco.

"THERE WILL BE many days you will wonder why you ever got the idea," the guest speaker said. "There will be many days you wonder why you ever wanted to help anyone."

"But someday, you'll thank God for the testing and trials that made you survive."

Christian love, compassion and concern added to contemporary scientific knowledge in a changing society make up today's standards of child care, Daniel said.

"The three concepts of child care are a haven for healing, laboratory for living and a foundation for a future."

The first step involves two questions: Is it in the child's best interest to be removed from his family and, if so,

what can a child care facility do to meet this need?

Society today, full of "confusion, chaos and clutter," has forced a redefinition of family life, Daniel said. "The disruption of a normal family pattern and the confusion of society" often cause a lack of discipline, aggressive behavior and scholastic problems for youth.

"They need a calm, quiet, dependable routine and a chance to get in control," he said.

A PLACE TO change damaging habits, understand problems, assess needs and establish a new outlook on life are important. More important, however, is the development of motivation.

"We must be alert, more open and examine all we do to prepare children for living in a contemporary world." Emphasis on vocational training is

mandatory in the laboratory living stage.

"Learning a trade and developing a skill assumes responsibility for one's own actions."

"Every youngster should be self-sufficient. The days are long gone since we could put a child on the street and expect him to make it."

Continuing contact with students who graduate and leave the ranch is the final important stage, he said. "Maintaining contact with former residents will measure our efforts."

With careful planning, an active board and a vision of the future constantly kept in mind, the ranch will be a success. "It's a great business: the business of making somebody out of nobodies," he quoted one of his former Waco students.

Construction of the first cottage, which will house 16 boys ages 7 to 17, is expected to begin in March, according

to Kiker. The 5,000-square-foot building also will accommodate two sets of houseparents. Presently, there is a waiting list of 12 boys.

FUTURE PLANS call for a food service center, non-denominational chapel, rodeo arena, supply building, laundry, library and administration building.

Skills will be taught through practical experience at the ranch, Kiker said. Carpentry, plowing, planting and caring for livestock will be shared by boys, staff and volunteers as the expansion of the ranch takes place.

A gymnasium, swimming pool and tennis courts also are on the list. "We want to teach boys how to use skills and apply them at the ranch," Kiker said. "We want them learning skills in a home activity."

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Daniel, Frank Elkins and

Gayle O'Daniel for their help. Country-western singer Razy Bailey also was recognized for his planned appearance following an Odessa engagement later in the evening.

Local individuals and companies also were recognized for donations. They included Communications Plus, Curtis Mathes T.V. Center, One Place Printing Co., West Texas Reproductions, Bradley & Cox Ltd., Alton Hill Lawn Service, The Office Furniture Center Inc., Bancroft Paper of Texas Inc., Glenn's Honda Sales, Lone Star Electrical Co., Midland Home Lumber Co., Buchanan & Associates Inc., M-System Food Store, Horse Trader Boot & Tack Co., Leslie D'Allesandro Hill, Frame Corner, Box Auto Salvage, Plants by Evergreen, J.D. Crawford Insurance, A-1 Floral, Wells Boot City, Bennigans, Manuel Munoz, Cindy Bradley and Bessye Cowden Ward.

Commission to delay decision on MMH's expansion project

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

The state decision for Midland Memorial Hospital's \$15 million expansion project will be delayed a week, according to the hospital's attorneys.

Ray Branson, MMH president, said Thursday that Kevin Reed, MMH's attorney, has learned the Texas Health Facilities Commission will not hold its regular "open meeting" session March 4. The THFC makes its decision on certificate of need applications during open meetings, usually held on Fri-

days. So, the decision for the 77-bed expansion has been delayed until March 11, Branson said in the MMH board of directors' meeting.

Paying bills, accepting equipment bids and setting the April election were other business items at the Midland County Hospital District board of directors' meeting.

The directors also considered reports from the district's financial adviser on alternative financing for MMH's expansion.

Although the directors are waiting

for more reports from First Southwest Corp., MMH's financial advisers, Dr. Henrie Mast, director, said interest rates for general obligation bonds, requiring a bond election, are less than revenue bonds. Mast said it would cost the taxpayers \$3 million more if the district chose to finance the expansion through revenue bonds, which do not require voter approval.

The directors approved retaining Arthur Andersen & Co. as the hospital auditors and paid \$5,709 for the district's portion of the audit fees. In indirect care payments, the directors

approved \$100,212.80 to MMH and \$47,634.31 to Lubbock General Hospital.

Dale Miller, MMH vice president of finance, said the indirect care payment to Lubbock was for a premature baby transferred from MMH.

"It was brought before the utilization review committee and the committee's recommendation was that the transfer was necessary," Miller said.

In January's board meeting the directors held back a \$22,834.22 indirect care payment to Lubbock. But, after this bill was studied by the utiliza-

tion committee, it was also found to be a justified transfer.

The directors also paid \$4,537.58 in legal fees, \$221,880 for the interest portion of the district's 1977 \$10 million bond and \$390,000 on the principal of the bond.

Equipment bids approved included \$3,347.07 for patient exam room furniture and \$4,566 for a blood bank refrigerator.

Concerning the April 2 election for three director seats, the directors

approved election precincts, polling places and absentee voting for March 14.

In other business, the directors approved the hospital's January financial statements. According to Miller's report, gross patient revenues totaled \$2,623,611, exceeding the budget by \$101,504. Salaries and benefits exceeded the budget by \$34,853. Referrals to collectors totaled \$215,531, or 8.2 percent of gross revenues. Fiscal year-to-date bad debts totaled \$1,070,025 with \$298,588 recovered.

HRC's community role reaffirmed

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

A single, yellow sheet of legal paper bore the Human Relations Council annual meeting agenda; scrawled, scribbled, in part symbolic of the organization's hectic year.

The HRC lost its executive director in January, amid controversy over the need for the council's continued existence. Shortly afterward, it was forced to vacate its office space and scramble to find quarters at 410 N. Weatherford St. Since January, the HRC churned along with a skeleton staff consisting of the new director, Gloria Ellis, and a secretary.

When President Dan O'Grady reached for the yellow paper Thursday night during the HRC's annual meeting in Midland National Bank, it might just as easily have contained the council's eulogy.

Instead, O'Grady presided over two "firsts" for the organization and reaffirmed the HRC's role as an information and referral agency and a promoter of communication and cooperation among the racial



and ethnic groups of Midland County. Representatives of about a dozen Midland social service agencies attended to participate in the HRC's first annual "Building Midland

Together." Each person offered a short description of the services provided by their agency.

O'Grady said the sharing of information would help all agencies determine where there might be duplication of services or a lack of programs to meet Midland's needs.

Mayor G. Thane Akins closed the session by congratulating the representatives for their efforts and encouraging them to continue.

"More and more things that are needed in the community are going to have to be met by the citizens themselves," said Akins, who conceded he was "preaching to the choir" about the need for greater attention to human needs.

"Any organization can certainly find areas in this city to lend help," said Akins. "I'm encouraged because of people like you."

The HRC presented its first annual Human Relations in Action award to Bertha Starks, past council president and board member.

Ms. Ellis said HRC will consider starting several new services during 1983, including a career day for

minority young people, a neighborhood block club to combat crime, a tenants' organization and prenatal and high blood pressure seminars.

She said the HRC will continue several projects, including its information and referral service, a neighborhood beautification program, a tenant/landlord relations service and a food bank.

The HRC also will screen applications for the city's Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation program beginning March 7.

Ms. Ellis announced the hiring of a social worker, Emma Galindo, and plans for hiring another social worker.

New officers and board members were elected during the meeting. The 1983 officers include Edia Hernandez, president; Carolyn Wallace, vice president and Helen Hudson, secretary. Board members elected for 1983 include Dr. John Martinez, Ron McKenzie, Pat Standley, Ms. Hudson, Isabel Jimenez, Sal Montez, Margie Titus, Ms. Wallace, Ms. Hernandez, Charlie Jackson, Clarence Meekins and Larry North.

Absentee voters may register for April 2 city-school elections

Midlanders who intend to cast ballots in the April 2 city-school elections but who have not yet registered to vote may sign up through March 3, according to Janelice Bultta, Midland County elections administrator.

To date, approximately 43,500 Midland Countians are registered voters.

"There's a lot of people out there who need to be registered," she said. And there are many registered voters who have changed their addresses within the county but who have not notified the elections administrator of those changes, Ms. Bultta said. They need to correct their voter registration cards, she said.

"We have got to do some tall and fancy screaming at them" to get the unregistered voters on the rolls and to get addresses corrected, Ms. Bultta said. The address determines the voting precinct wherein the voter may cast his ballot.

The Texas Election Code requires that a person must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote. And a regis-

tered voter who moves or who otherwise undergoes an address change is required to notify the elections administrator within 90 days of that address change. Citizens who have been issued new route and mail box numbers by the U.S. Postal Service are to notify the elections administrator by writing or in person of their reclassified routes and boxes, she said. They may make the address corrections on their voter registration cards and mail them to Ms. Bultta. "That's all they have to do; we'll take care of the zip codes," she said.

Ms. Bultta, whose office is at 709 W. Washington Ave., may be reached at 687-0231 or 687-0232.

Absentee voting in the April 2 elections will be from March 24 through March 29.

On April 23, Midland County will hold a \$10.76 million courthouse-jail bond election.

In addition, the Texas Legislature is considering calling a statewide constitutional amendment election on April 30. The proposed amendment would restructure the Permanent University Fund.