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Andrews isn't 'wild' for well

By RANDALL HACKLEY
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ANDREWS — The proposed drilling of a wildcat oilwell near downtown Andrews and about 150 residences has raised local citizens' ire.

"I'm kind of shocked," said secretary Linda Drake. "I don't want a well or any blowout beside my house."

Drilling of a 2½-mile-deep oilwell in this well-to-do West Texas town is proposed to start next month, following the city's approval of permits that allow Legacy Petroleum Inc. to drill within 250-feet of a notorious private club.

The Redman Lodge, described by locals as a place where "Wild Bill Hickok would drink if he came to Andrews," is the closest facility to the drilling project.

About 150 Andrews residences, including 72 apartments about 450-feet from the site, also are dangerously close to the rig, residents say.

But officials in this city of 13,000 near the New Mexico border dispute allegations the well could explode.

"We don't think there's any real danger," City Attorney Robert Barber said Wednesday. "This is oil country, so we just learn to live with it."

Critics contend the well could endanger resident's lives because the area where they are drilling may be part of a poisonous hydrogen-sulfide gas field.

"There's some danger the well could blow out if it hit a pocket of gas, but the final orders are being drawn up with safety regulations," Barber said. Final drill permits will be ready next week, he said.

Safety regulations on the 18-acre site where the drilling is proposed include the deepening and enlarging of a dry lake bed beside the rig site, where flood runoff can flow to, and fencing the drill site from wayfaring children.

Residents became fearful during hearings last week that schoolchildren could wander onto the site, and that traffic from oilfield vehicles in the area could endanger the tranquility of the town.

"Children play in this area," Malcolm Davis told the Andrews County News. "I know that children don't seem to count much when dollars are concerned, but right now, I'm not afraid to have my child play in that area. After this well is drilled, I'm not sure I'll feel this way."

The well is expected to be both safe and profitable, said Legacy representatives based in Midland. Drilling will take about 60 days to reach a proposed depth of 13,300 feet, the company says.

Drilling costs and the expenses of building an enlarged drainoff area and a pipeline nearly a mile out of town to the storage tank may cost up to \$1 million, city officials say.

Andrews presently has two oilwells operating inside city limits that were built about 15 years ago, but they are about one third as deep as the proposed wildcat well.

Few seriously fault the idea of safe wells operating inside the city limits, as long as resident's well-being is ensured.

"Monahans (60 miles southwest of Andrews) has lots of wells inside their city limits," said News Editor Jerry Johnson. "And you know, the reason Andrews exists is because of oil."

Natural gas bill faces crucial test

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's campaign promise to remove all price controls on natural gas with assurances that consumers will be protected from skyrocketing bills faced its first crucial test today.

The Republican-controlled Senate Energy Committee scheduled a "sense of the committee" vote on the administration's proposal to remove price ceilings by 1985 on "old" gas discovered before April 1977, now about half the nation's supply.

An informal Associated Press poll Wednesday of the 20 committee members, 11 Republicans and nine Democrats, showed eight senators against Reagan's proposal to deregulate old gas, with seven supporting it and five undecided.

"I have some idea how it's going to come out, but I don't know," said Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho, the chairman of the committee and

chief sponsor of the White House bill.

"We're optimistic, we're certainly not pessimistic," said Tom Cantrell, an Energy Department official bird-dogging the issue on Capitol Hill. "There's no question that it's close, but we're committed to making a free market for natural gas."

Opponents, led by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and including several consumer and labor groups, contend that decontrolling the old gas will give the oil companies that own it a \$40 billion windfall profit.

But Charles M. Butler, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that regulates old gas prices, told a House subcommittee Wednesday that full decontrol would "should reduce gas costs by 20 cents to 35 cents" per thousand cubic feet.

Animal advocates 'win'

Pit bulldogs sell for \$330

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Four dogs, whose calling was fighting, may never again be pitted in an arena.

Dog-rightists June Dotson and Jeanette Probandt spent \$330 in out-bidding others for the pit bulldogs in a constable's auction Wednesday afternoon.

"It's a day I wish we didn't have to face," Mr. Dotson said, while some pit bulldog breeders fretted over a proposed state law which would make dog fighting a felony — a penitentiary offense. "If we had a different law, we wouldn't be out here today," Mrs. Dotson lamented. "It's like all things: It's got to have a finish."

The "different laws" Mrs. Dotson proposed would make dogs confiscated in fights "wards of the county and," she hastened, "drop it right there." As it now stands, those dogs by law must be auctioned to the highest bidder or destroyed. If they're auctioned, they could be returned "right back where they came from," she feared.

The top bid on a dog was \$100, which Mrs. Dotson paid for the only male in the sale. She outbid Karl Brosig's offer of \$70 to claim title to the dog.

"I just liked the dog," said Brosig, who placed no more bids; he wanted the male. "It would have made a good watch dog."

Mrs. Probandt bid \$60 for the second dog, a brindle female, and offered \$50 for the third dog, a brown bitch. Mrs. Dotson paid \$80 for the fourth dog, which seemed more timid than the others and unlike the others, did no tail wagging during the dog-by-dog auction on the parking lot of Tall City Veterinary Hospital. The dogs were auctioned separately. "I'm sure they'd fight" if they came in contact with one another, Constable Tom McGinnis said later.

"They don't look like killer dogs, do they?" observed Mark H. Dettman, assistant county attorney who had prosecuted four of eight defendants charged with cruelty to animals by fighting the pit bulldogs southeast of Midland on the night of Aug. 29. Three were convicted, placed on probation and fined a total of \$2,750. One was acquitted, and four jumped bail and forfeited \$4,000 in bond.

Of six pit bulldogs confiscated in the raid by sheriff's deputies, two died at the veterinary hospital. One, a female runt, was a "chronic poor-doer." Despite treatment, "She'd go downhill," said Dr. Robert Boyd, a veterinarian. "Something was genetically wrong with her." The other dog, a male, died from a "twisted intestinal tract. I don't think it was related to fighting at all."

After the sale the dogs, which had run up a \$4,000 county bill in their stay at the veterinary hospital, were transported by Midland Animal Control to the city's Animal Shelter until Mrs. Dotson and Mrs. Probandt can find "proper" homes for them.

"I just don't want them to go back to where they've been," said Mrs. Dotson, adding the dogs "may have to be destroyed" if they're not placed in proper homes.

Mrs. Dotson indicated she was prepared to pay any amount to buy the dogs and keep them out of pits.

"It (funds) was unlimited, sir, thanks to some good people," she said. "This dog fighting thing is a serious situation everywhere."

As serious as the dog-rightists were pit bulldog breeders Jeff McVey and Gary Dodd, who said they raise the dogs for pets. Both were campaigning against passage of Senate Bill 557 which would make "willful instigation of a dog-fight" or "maintaining equipment or facilities for dogfighting" a third-degree felony, which is punishable by a two to 10-year term in the penitentiary and a \$5,000 fine.

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Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

New leash on life

A pit bulldog brushes against Midland County Constable Tom McGinnis as she waits her turn on the auction block. The dog sold for \$80.



Staff Photo by Ron Jean

FNB won't respond to Journal article

By LESLIE HAINES
Business-Energy Writer

The First National Bank of Midland has no official response to a Wall Street Journal report which says out-of-town depositors withdrew almost \$300 million from the bank beginning in September.

The figure represents nearly one-fifth of the bank's total deposits. During the same period, deposits at Midland's eight other banks grew.

"Our policy is not to comment or respond to articles by the press," Guy McCrary, vice president of marketing for the bank, said Wednesday.

Management is devoting its time and attention to the bank's normal operations, he added. Since the sudden res-

ignation two weeks ago of Charles Fraser, chairman, president and chief executive officer, First National has been run by a six-man executive committee and interim CEO Donald L. McCall.

"There is depositor money here to be protected — that's why we are so close-mouthed," McCrary said.

Rumors, a depressed energy economy, over-eager expansion of the bank and a high percentage of bad loans combined to create the deposit loss, which the Journal called a run on the bank.

Insiders say the story in Tuesday's Journal was fairly accurate in depicting the bank's history for the last six months.

Institutions which had placed large deposits in FNB through Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith were the

first to withdraw money from the bank, starting after Labor Day 1982, the Journal said. The immediate loss was about \$150 million, or half the eventual decline in deposits.

First National has "fallen from grace," according to the Journal, but many Midlanders express confidence in the bank and hope it will regain stability.

"What reasonable person would question 'The Bank' which almost single-handedly built this town?" asked Realtor Harvey Langston.

A teller said Wednesday many customers have commented about recent news articles appearing in this paper and the Journal, but they have not appeared worried or withdrawn their money.

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'House divided' can't stand

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A house divided cannot be allowed to stand for long in a Memphis neighborhood, leaving a man with a \$500 problem.

City officials are giving Mike Burch until Monday to get his house in order. Burch's problem is that he has 1½ houses and the half is sitting on a trailer in his front yard.

The half house actually is the second story of a garage-apartment that was on a nearby lot before Burch bought it. He planned to put the two-bedroom, one-bath structure into his back yard and convert it into a recreation room.

But after the structure was trucked to his

house a week ago, he found he couldn't get it into his back yard without tearing down his current home. "I never even conceived that the problem would arise," he said Wednesday.

Burch's neighbors have complained and the city has given him until Monday to move the half house or be fined up to \$500.

"I'm just stuck between a rock and a hard place," said Burch, who would have to shell out \$500 to move the half house again. "I've been trying, but I don't think I can do anything by that time. I mean, I couldn't move it to a friend's house and say, 'Could you hold this for a while?'"

Brother beats postcard by 47 years

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Chester Kloska was surprised last week to receive a post card from his brother Harry's Bermuda vacation. Harry's trip, which he won in a sales contest, was in 1938.

"It's a very bizarre story, and it's difficult to figure where the stall came," said Darrow Andrews, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service in Chicago. The card had an April 11, 1983, Chi-

cago post mark, but it was missing its stamp.

Andrews said the card could have been stuck in a machine or in the bottom of a mail sack. The card was addressed to Chester, who now is 71, at the Grand Rapids grocery store where he and Harry worked 47 years ago. Local postal officials found him with the aid of Frank and Norbert Kloska, two of his nephews who work at the post office.

INSIDE TODAY

Agricultural issue

The notion that "there is free enterprise in agriculture" is a myth, economist Dr. Ronald Knutson tells Midlanders during a series free enterprise lectures at Midland College. LOCAL — 1C

Midland waiters give each other a run for their money in an unusual competition. LOCAL — 1C



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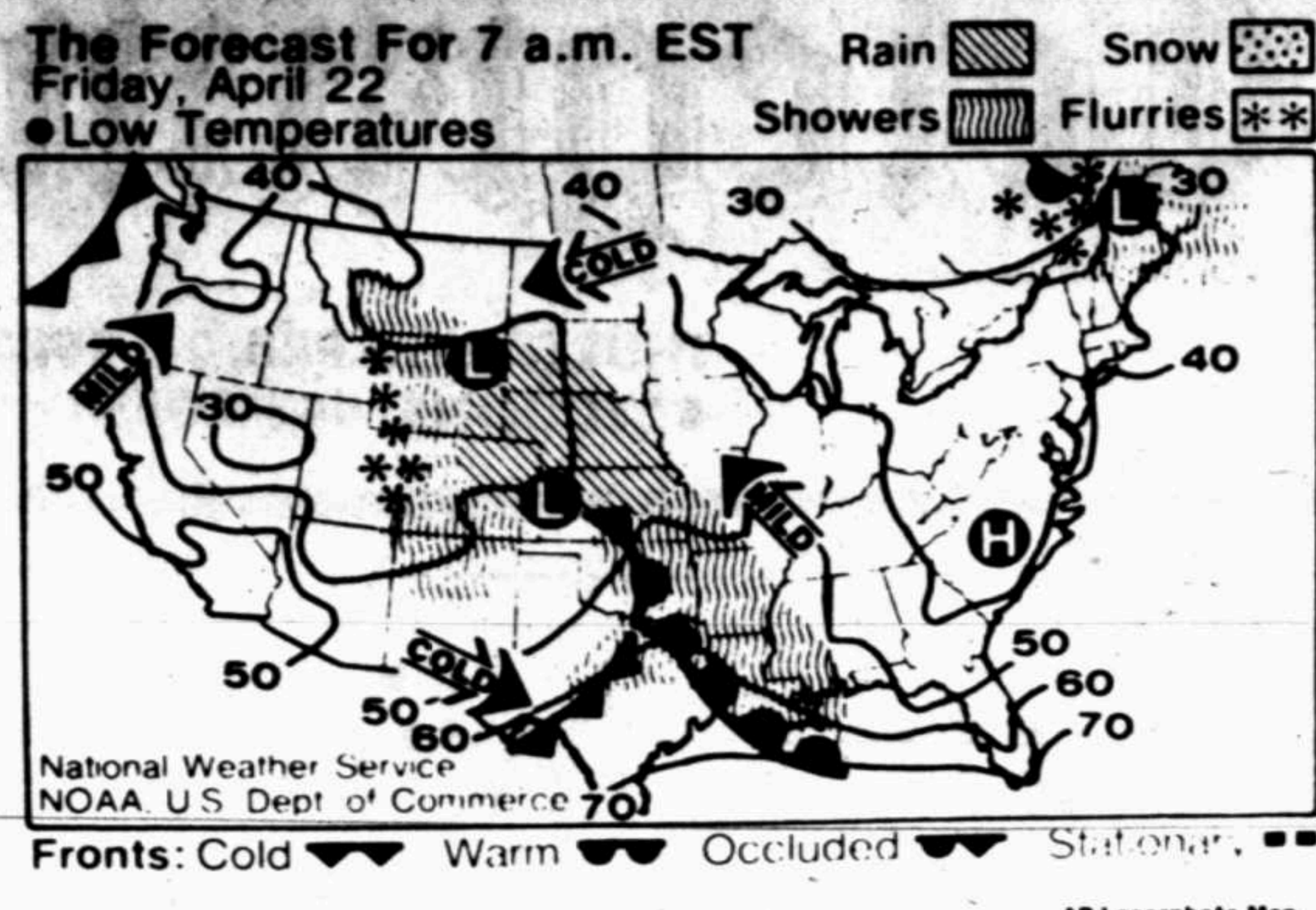
Weather

Chance of thundershowers tonight and Friday 20 percent. Details on Page 2A.

Service

Delivery.....682-5311
Want Ads.....682-6222
Other Calls.....682-6311

WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers from the central Gulf to the western and northern Plains are forecast through Friday by the National Weather Service. Showers and snow flurries also are expected in New England.

April may yet shower Midland

Apparently realizing that the end of the month is drawing close, April showers may decide to pay a visit on Midland tonight and Friday before their time is up.

The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport is calling for a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight and a low near 50. Winds tonight are expected from the southwest at 10-20 mph, shifting to the west at 15-20 mph and gusty Friday. Partly cloudy skies and a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms are predicted for Friday.

Wednesday's high of 79 dropped short of the record 93 set in 1964. The overnight low of 47 was a dozen degrees warmer than the record low 35 for this date set in 1933.

Midland received .01 of an inch in rain between 6 a.m. Wednesday and 6 a.m. today, nudging monthly and yearly rainfall totals to .06 of an inch and 1.67 inches, respectively.

A spokesman in Dawson County said Lamesa received 1.2 inches of rain overnight. Brief but heavy rain was also reported in Crane.

Sunset tonight is at 7:22 p.m.; sunrise Friday comes at 6:12 a.m.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight with the low near 50 and winds southwesterly at 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy Friday with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high in the upper 70s and westerly winds at 15-20 mph and gusty.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High 79 degrees
Overnight Low 47 degrees
Sunset today 7:22 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:12 a.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours 0.01 inches
This month to date 0.06 inches
1983 to date 1.67 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	48	6 p.m.	77
7 a.m.	47	7 p.m.	72
8 a.m.	46	8 p.m.	68
9 a.m.	49	9 p.m.	65
10 a.m.	51	10 p.m.	64
11 a.m.	55	11 p.m.	62
noon	60	Midnight	60
1 p.m.	64	1 a.m.	58
2 p.m.	73	2 a.m.	57
3 p.m.	74	3 a.m.	57
4 p.m.	77	4 a.m.	53
5 p.m.	78	5 a.m.	51
6 a.m.	49		

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

H	L
Abilene	66 55
Denver	65 46
Amarillo	67 46
El Paso	78 49
Fort Worth	62 50
Houston	72 57
Lubbock	66 49
Marfa	63 40
Okla. City	57 48
Wichita Falls	61 49

Texas temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and low as of 7 a.m.

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	68	55	14
Alice	88	67	00
Amarillo	67	46	00
Austin	68	60	00
Beaumont	68	58	00
Brownsville	66	71	00
Childress	63	50	25
College Station	72	58	01
Corpus Christi	80	70	00
Dalhart	71	43	00
Dallas	52	48	00
Del Rio	90	68	00
El Paso	78	49	00
Fort Worth	53	50	00
Galveston	68	63	00
Houston	72	57	00
Longview	50	50	04
Lubbock	66	49	13
Lufkin	60	43	00
Marfa	83	40	00
McAllen	90	70	00
Midland	79	48	01
Palestine	86	67	00
San Angelo	77	62	00
San Antonio	83	65	00
Shreveport, La.	52	49	03
Stephenville	60	51	01
Texasarkana	61	51	00
Victoria	84	68	00
Waco	61	54	00
Wichita Falls	61	49	75
Wink	82	48	00

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy and relatively cool. Highs near 60 Panhandle to mid 70s south except mid 80s Big Bend valleys. Lows upper 30s Panhandle to low 50s south.

North Texas: Scattered thunderstorms Saturday. No precipitation expected Sunday or Monday. Little day to day temperature changes. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Lows lower 50s to upper 60s.

West Texas: Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms east of the mountains mainly late this afternoon through Friday, otherwise considerable cloudiness Panhandle and partly cloudy elsewhere except far mountains westward. Little cooler most sections Friday. Highs today 70 Panhandle to 79 south except low 90s Big Bend valleys. Lows tonight 44 Panhandle to 56 south and near 40 mountains. Highs Friday 67 Panhandle to 78 south and low 90s Big Bend.

Extended forecasts

Saturday Through Monday

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Four pit bulldogs sold at auction to local animal rights advocates

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Under the present cruelty-to-animals laws, dogfighting is a Class A misdemeanor. Maximum punishment for such an offense now is up to a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

In addition, the proposed law would prohibit "owning, training or keeping any fighting dog" and would outlaw "any service in the furtherance of dogfighting."

"If these was against fighting, that'd be all right," McVey, 21, said of the bill. "That's going to make people scared to ever buy a dog."

McVey, who said he has nine pit bulldogs, including a three-legged dog he bought in the aftermath of the Aug. 29 raid, said some of his dogs are "tore up" and scratched.

"They have been fought by the people I bought them from,"

McVey said he sells his purple-ribbon dogs for \$100 to \$500 each. He estimated that the dogs in the auction were worth about \$200 each.

"They use them for pets," he said of the bulldogs. "They're durable, they're tough, they're not known to bite a person. You just make the dog what you want to."

Dodd was even more outspoken in his stance against the proposed law.

"This new bill is wrong," he said. The present law "should be adequate."

Of dog fighting, Dodd said, "That's against the law, I wouldn't do that," but he did not say whether or not he had fought dogs.

Dodd, who said he raises show horses and dogs, noted the anti-dogfighting law did not specify breeds of dogs.

"Who sets the law on what is a fighting dog?" he asked.

Odessa man killed in collision

SEMINOLE — An Odessa man died and a Seminole man was injured when the trucks they were driving collided at a rural intersection near here late Wednesday morning.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Gaines County Justice of the Peace Fred Connally was 43-year-old Vernon Loyd Lindsey of Odessa. His body was taken to the Connally

Funeral Home in Seminole.

Admitted to Seminole Memorial Hospital for observation was Tyra Michael Browder, no age available, of Seminole.

According to the Department of Public Safety, Browder was westbound on FM 1066 and Lindsey was northbound on FM 303 when the late model Mack trucks they were driving collided at the intersection about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Voters will visit 29 polling places for county bond issue

- Voters in Saturday's \$11.69 million Midland County courthouse bond election will be migrating to 29 voting places from Midland to Midkiff in supporting or nixing the county's proposal which would double the courthouse and jail.
- Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Polling places by commissioners' precincts and voting precincts follows:
- PRECINCT 1 Voting Precincts**
- 101: Airline Mobile Home Park, U.S. Highway 80 West.
 - 102: Alamo Junior High School, 3800 W. Storey Ave.
 - 103: Bonham Elementary School, 900 Bonham St.
 - 104: Lamar Elementary School, 3200 Kessler Ave.
 - 105: Jane Long Elementary School, 4200 Cedar Spring Drive.
 - 106: Henderson Elementary School, 4800 Graceland Drive.
- PRECINCT 2 Voting Precincts**
- 201: Valley View Community Center, Farm Road 1213 at County Road 140 East.
 - 202: Greenwood School, Cloverdale Road.
 - 203: 4-H Club House at Midland County Exhibit Building off U.S. Highway 80 East.
- PRECINCT 3 Voting Precincts**
- 301: Humble Midkiff Camp, Humble Camp Road.
 - 302: Valencia Upholstery, South Midkiff Road at County Road 118
 - 303: Sam Houston Elementary School, 2000 W. Louisiana Ave.
 - 304: San Jacinto Junior High School, Community Lane and North N Street.
 - 305: James Bowie Elementary School, 805 W. Elk Ave.
 - 306: Fire Station, Garfield Street and Gore Court Road.
 - 307: Robert E. Lee Freshman High School, 1400 E. Oak St.
- PRECINCT 4 Voting Precincts**
- 401: High Sky Girls' Ranch, west off U.S. Highway 158 at County Road 60 West.
 - 402: Memorial Christian Church,
 - 403: Fannin Elementary School, 2400 Fannin Ave.
 - 404: Midland College Student Center, 3600 N. Garfield St.
 - 405: Robert E. Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave.
 - 406: Rusk Elementary School, 2601 Wedgewood St.
 - 407: Goddard Junior High School, 2500 Haynes Ave.
 - 408: Midland Water Filtration Plant, Bluebird Lane and Midland Drive.
- West and County Road 1211 South.
- 303: Rocky Ford Moving Vans, 2811 W. Industrial Ave.
 - 304: South Elementary School, 200 W. Dakota Ave.
 - 305: Carver School, Carver Street and East Wall Avenue.
 - 306: Fire Station, 1710 N. Edwards St.
 - 307: Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall Ave.
- 1001 Andrews Highway.
- 408: Rusk Elementary School, 2400 Fannin Ave.

—409: Midland College Student Center, 3600 N. Garfield St.

—410: Robert E. Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave.

—411: Rusk Elementary School, 2601 Wedgewood St.

—412: Goddard Junior High School, 2500 Haynes Ave.

—413: Midland Water Filtration Plant, Bluebird Lane and Midland Drive.

Election headquarters Saturday night will be in the Midland County Elections Administrator's Office at 709 W. Washington Ave.

Transplant sought for Texas child

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In Cook Children's Hospital, 8-month-old Ashley Bailey and her mother are waiting for a flight to Pittsburgh and an operation that might save the small girl's life.

The child needs a liver transplant, and surgeons at the University of Pittsburgh agreed earlier this week to consider her as a transplant candidate because "there are no other options" open to her.

Ducts needed to drain bile into her small intestines are missing — a condition known as biliary atresia, which doctors say occurs once in about 10,000 births. Death usually occurs before age 2 unless the condition is corrected.

"If she doesn't get the transplant, her chances are very, very poor," said Dr. Lyn Hunt, a pediatric specialist at the Fort Worth medical facility.

"It's the only option, and her parents are very determined that she's going to live," Hunt said.

Hunt said doctors at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh agreed Tuesday to evaluate her for their program, "if she can live to make it up there."

Dick Riebling, public information officer at Children's Hospital in

Youngster's transplanted liver fails; Another organ needed

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Thirteen-month-old Brandon Hall was fighting for life today as doctors issued a nationwide appeal for a donor liver to replace the transplanted organ he received last week, not functioning now because of a clogged artery.

Officials said Brandon was in critical condition, his outlook "more desperate" than before the first transplant, which was performed April 13 hours after Brandon's mother appealed to a congressional committee for federal aid to transplant patients.

"The blood supply to his liver no longer exists," Dr. James Wil-

liams of the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences told reporters at a news conference. "We noticed about 36 hours ago that he was showing signs of liver deterioration. He was turning yellow, jaundice."

"The only treatment for this is to get him a new liver, and we have initiated an all-out call for another pediatric liver."

"If we find a liver, maybe we can save his life," said Brandon's mother, Willie Hall, on ABC News' "Nightline" Wednesday. "If we can't find one within the next couple of days, Brandon will die."

gery to remove a cyst blocking her common bile duct.

The cyst was removed, and her intestine was connected to the liver in what is known as the Kasai procedure.

"Normally you can cut out the cyst and reconstruct the ducts, but when the surgeon got it, he found the bile ducts were very, very tiny. Part of the intestine was connected to the liver anyway, in hopes that the bile would drain through the small ducts. Otherwise, bile backs up into the liver and it becomes cirrhotic, fibrous and hard," Hunt said.

Ashley's mother said the procedure worked "pretty good" for a while.

"But she was never really well, and when we brought her in for a checkup March 14, they did X-rays and found the liver wasn't working right," Ms. Bailey said.

Surgeons tried a second Kasai procedure, but the bile still refused to drain. It built up in the girl's body, causing her skin to become a greenish-yellow color.

During the second operation, the girl's blood lost its ability to clot and she had to be given 51 units of plasma, platelets and packed white cells.



Peach grower B.A. Thomas of Watkinsville, Ga., looks over some buds in his orchard. He fears he'll lose his crop as a result of recent freezing weather.

Freezing weather endangers crops

By The Associated Press

Fruit and vegetable growers across the Southeast struggled to save what remained of their crops today as freezing weather hit again one month into spring, chilling prospects for a good harvest and low prices at the supermarket.

Nolan Duke, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., said frost would settle today into many low-lying areas of Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas.

It was 29 degrees at Greer, S.C., in the heart of the state's peach growing area, at 4 a.m. today, the weather service said.

"This is the fourth straight morning of subfreezing temps there and

it looks like it'll last at least another day," Duke said.

Frost has damaged peaches, apples, strawberries, tomatoes, blueberries, tobacco and eggplants as far south as Georgia and in sections of Illinois and Indiana.

The damage was done even though some farmers tried keeping their orchards warm by burning old tires, piping heated water around their plants, covering them with plastic or spraying them with water which froze, insulating them from frost.

"Most of the tender plants like tomatoes, peppers and eggplants are gone, even though people tried to cover them," Ken Palmer, a Greenville County, S.C., extension agent, said Wednesday.

"The more I look, the more dead

ones I find," Watts Auman, a Moore County, N.C., peach grower, said Wednesday. "It looks like we lost just about everything. It's going to be rough."

Jerrold Watson, who lives near Batesburg, S.C., said that two consecutive frosts have wiped out his 930-acre peach crop.

The loss will put as many as 400 people out of work on his farm, Watson said Wednesday night. Migrant crews that have arrived from Florida to help with crop thinning will be sent home. Others will be told not to report, he said.

Ninety workers in Watson's packing shed now won't have anything to pack. "I don't know what anybody's going to do," he said.

Disaster declared in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — President Reagan has declared 11 southern Louisiana parishes flood disaster areas, making damaged residences and businesses eligible for federal aid, according to the governor.

The state will come up with some matching funds to the federal money to help victims clean up and rebuild after heavy rains earlier this month caused flooding that displaced roughly 40,000 people, Gov. Dave Treen said Wednesday.

"We expect to have offices... in at least four locations to provide assistance — Denham Springs, Baton Rouge, Slidell and Kenner," Treen said.

Early estimates from state officials put damage well over \$400 million in south Louisiana. In the request for federal disaster declaration, the state listed \$122 million in estimated damages. However, that does not cover losses at public facilities such as schools, bridges and roads.

Parishes included in the disaster declaration are East Baton Rouge, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Pointe Coupee, Ascension, St. Bernard, Washington, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany and East Feliciana.

The disaster aid for residents will include \$5,000 cash grants for those on the poverty level, Treen said. The state will have to come up with 25 percent of any grant, and he estimated the state's share would run about \$500,000.

Those not eligible for the cash grants can get federal loans at 5.75 percent interest if they cannot find loans elsewhere, he said.

Businesses will be eligible for loans of up to 85 percent of uninsured losses at 8 percent interest if they cannot get loans elsewhere. If they can get loans elsewhere, the businesses can opt for federal Small Business Administration loans at 11.5 percent interest, the governor said.

FNB focuses on current operations

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"There's nothing to worry about," she said.

"(It news coverage) hasn't changed me," said oilman Robert L. Monaghan. "People are concerned, of course, but most of what's been reported were pretty much aware of — maybe not the details."

Monaghan said most people he's talked to say they hope the bank will not merge with an out-of-town bank which would be less interested in local affairs. Acting CEO McCall said last week the bank has no intention of merging with any other institution, as has been rumored since last Fall.

First National would not say Wednesday whether it has changed its policy of courting big depositors outside of Midland. The bank has reduced new loan activity and toughened its policy with customers holding outstanding loans, the Journal said. Bank officials have confirmed this.

First National's financial reports, which are public information regularly printed in the Reporter-Telegram, show that at Sept. 30, 1982, deposits were \$1.33 billion. This figure was down from the high point of \$1.48 billion three months earlier at

June 30. Deposits declined again to \$1.25 billion by the end of March 1983, representing a net loss of \$230 million since September.

First National Wednesday would not comment on its problem loans.

"We're not going to talk about specific credits," McCrary said. "It's just between the borrower and the lender."

Both Ike Lovelady Inc. and MGF Oil Corp., two Midland oil firms, are negotiating to rewrite their debt arrangements with the bank and their other lenders, the Journal said.

Banks traditionally do not disclose any more than that required by federal regulators, and they seek to maintain a confidential relationship with their customers.

In recent months, First National has classified between 8 and 10 percent of its loans as problem loans. In a Feb. 16 letter to shareholders, Fraser said First National charged off \$16.7 million in bad loans in 1982.

By comparison, InterFirst Bank Dallas, Texas' second largest bank holding company, has a higher percentage of poor quality loans. Chairman Elvis L. Mason said in March that InterFirst classifies 12 percent of its loans as non-performing. InterFirst has been a correspondent bank

of First National's since 1929.

Regardless of what has happened in the past, First National is now taking, or has taken, steps to beef up its balance sheet. Its failure would be unlikely, the Journal said.

Acting CEO McCall said last week the bank will show a profit in the first quarter 1983 statement to be published soon, although earnings will be less than they've been in the past.

Earnings for 1982 declined 45 percent from the previous boom year.

Most of the money First National borrowed from the Federal Reserve System in recent months to offset the deposit loss has been repaid, said the Journal. Through the sale of its headquarters building, and a stock offering of \$30 million last August, the bank was able to increase its total capital from \$107.5 million in 1981 to \$184.6 million.

These figures include equity capital, subordinated notes and a \$50 million reserve for loan losses.

"By any measure, we are vastly stronger," director John Hendrix said a few weeks ago. "We've done it quite intentionally."

New management is in place, and with it a more prudent loan policy, although officials say the bank is

still making loans.

According to McCall, "You're going to see the bank a lot more conservative than it has been. Loan policy will be more discerning."

Unconfirmed reports indicate some staff cutbacks are imminent. Last week McCall said expenses will be reduced, but he would not give details.

The bank has changed its advertising philosophy, McCrary said in the past, ads promoted the bank as an institution, a bulwark of the community dedicated to Midland. Now, the ad budget will concentrate more on specific products the bank offers, such as money market accounts.

At the same time, First National is expanding its physical plant. Construction of additional lobby space in downtown Midland is almost complete and will be officially announced about the time of the annual stockholders meeting scheduled for May 26.

Also, the city of Midland recently issued building permits for four automatic bank drive-in centers for First National. They are located at Oak Ridge Square, Westwood Village, 904 North Loop 250 and Spring Park Drive off North Big Spring Street.

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Today's mid-morning market report

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Stock market gains

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market soared to new highs Wednesday, rebounding from the previous day's decline with a rally inspired by a strong earnings report from General Motors.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had fallen 8.70 Tuesday, climbed 16.93 Tuesday, surpassing the peak of 1,183.24 it reached on Monday.

Volume on the Big Board totaled 110.24 million shares, up from 91.21 million Tuesday and the heaviest total since a 114.44 million share day on March 3.

At midday, General Motors reported first-quarter profits of \$2.08 a share, up from 41 cents in the comparable period last year.

Analysts said the figures stirred up fresh enthusiasm for auto issues in particular and stocks in general.

GM shares rose 2% to 65 1/4; Chrysler 1% to 22 1/2; Ford Motor 2 1/4 to 45 1/4, and American Motors 7% to 6 1/2.

American Telephone & Telegraph, which came in with lower quarterly earnings, held steady at 67.

International Business Machines, the blue-chip leader of this month's market advance, jumped 3% to 115 1/4 in active trading.

In Tuesday's session the market encountered some selling after a stretch of eight consecutive gains. But brokers noted that prices stabilized late in the day.

Interest rates, which rose fairly sharply in the credit markets Tuesday, also leveled off Wednesday.

The government reported that the gross national product, adjusted for inflation, grew at a 3.1 percent annual rate in the first quarter of the year.

BUSINESS MIRROR Why did labor force decline?

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK - According to the federal government, the size of the U.S. civilian labor force dropped by 645,000 individuals between December and March, a phenomenon that is producing much head scratching.

Why did they leave? Where did they go? The questions become even more perplexing when it is found that one of the usual explanations - a rise in the number of discouraged workers - appears no longer to apply.

As students of the employment numbers know, discouraged workers - those who have given up looking for a job - are dropped from the work force, no longer to be counted even as unemployed.

A rise in the number of discouraged workers, therefore, would mean a resulting decline in the size of the work force. But it didn't happen.

In fact, the number of discouraged workers fell by 85,000 in the period, which would, it seems, have the exact opposite effect to what occurred. It would have enlarged rather than reduced the work force.

Jack Lavery, chief economist at Merrill Lynch, believes that a "meaningful contributor" to the labor force shrinkage could be the number of corporate programs to encourage early retirement. But, he says, "it is difficult to envision this accounting for the magnitude of the labor force decline."

The situation could be a consequence of statistical error or, perhaps, the inability of analysts to draw meaning from the statistics.

The disappearance, however, is loaded with consequence. As Lavery points out, the labor force decline accounts for almost the entire 0.5 percentage point drop in the civilian unemployment rate to 10.3 from 10.8 percent.

And that rate has been cited by the White House and celebrated by millions as evidence that recovery is under way.

Something seems odd too about the retail sales numbers. "Retail sales - who do you trust?" asks Citibank. Do you trust the storekeepers, who report gains, or the Census Bureau, which seems to say something else?

According to the bureau, March retail sales rose only 0.3 percent from the same month a year earlier. And at the same time it was reporting that news, the bureau revised February's sales downward by 1.2 percent.

Again, the possibility of statistical flaw is being examined by those who use such reports.

One common question being asked is whether the Census Bureau is too heavily laden with data from established stores, and underrepresents newer outlets, such as computer stores.

Another possibility, say critics, is that the declining dollar sales at gasoline stations lowered the dollar figures significantly. Remember, they say, gasoline sales, measured in dollars, declined only because prices declined.

Citibank, it turns out, believes the Census Bureau. It suggests that one reason for the impression that retail sales were higher than the bureau measured them is that the public has heard mainly from department stores.

"It has to do with the tendency of the press to call on executives of department stores and similar outlets," says Citibank economist Alan Murray. But these stores, he points out, account for only 10 percent of retail sales.

He observes that general merchandise stores have outperformed the average since way back in the middle of 1982. Retail sales in general, he says, have been sluggish. Just as the Census Bureau says.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE Customers can win with 'wild cards'

By BILL DOYLE

Q. You wrote that banks and savings and loan associations can pay "any interest they want" on savings certificates with maturities of 42 months or longer, because there is no federal restriction on interest for those "wild card" certificates. Then why aren't banking customers made aware of this?

A. You read it in this space. And I've read about it lots of other places. Also, some banks and S&Ls offer different rates on those wild card certificates, so you have to shop around to get the highest yield on your money.

Q. My son, an adult, needs money and I want to give him 100 shares of stock I own. I'm willing to transfer the 100 shares to him. But I don't want the responsibility of reporting the sale on my income tax return. Any suggestions?

A. No big problem. Transfer the 100 shares to your son. Let him sell them. He'll then be responsible for reporting either the profit or loss from the sale on his income tax return.

To transfer the stock, fill in the endorsement on the back of the certificate. Have your signature guaranteed by a brokerage firm, commercial bank or trust company. Send the certificate - by registered mail, return receipt requested, for safety's sake - to the transfer agent, with instructions to issue a new certificate in your son's name.

If he sells at a profit, his cost "basis" will be your cost basis - the price at which you purchased the 100 shares. If he sells at a loss, his cost basis will be either your cost basis or the market value of the stock on the date you gave the shares to him - whichever is lower.

He'll be required to report the difference between his cost basis and the proceeds from the sale as either a capital gain or a capital loss. You won't have to report anything.

Doyle welcomes written questions, but he will be able to provide answers only through his columns. Address questions to Bill Doyle, King Features, c/o The Reporter-Telegram, Midland, Texas 79702.

Doyle is a financial writer and author of "The Investor's Guide to Wild Cards".

Additional listings

The following lists of New York and American stock exchange listings are not reported in the Reporter-Telegram's regular daily postings for the exchanges.

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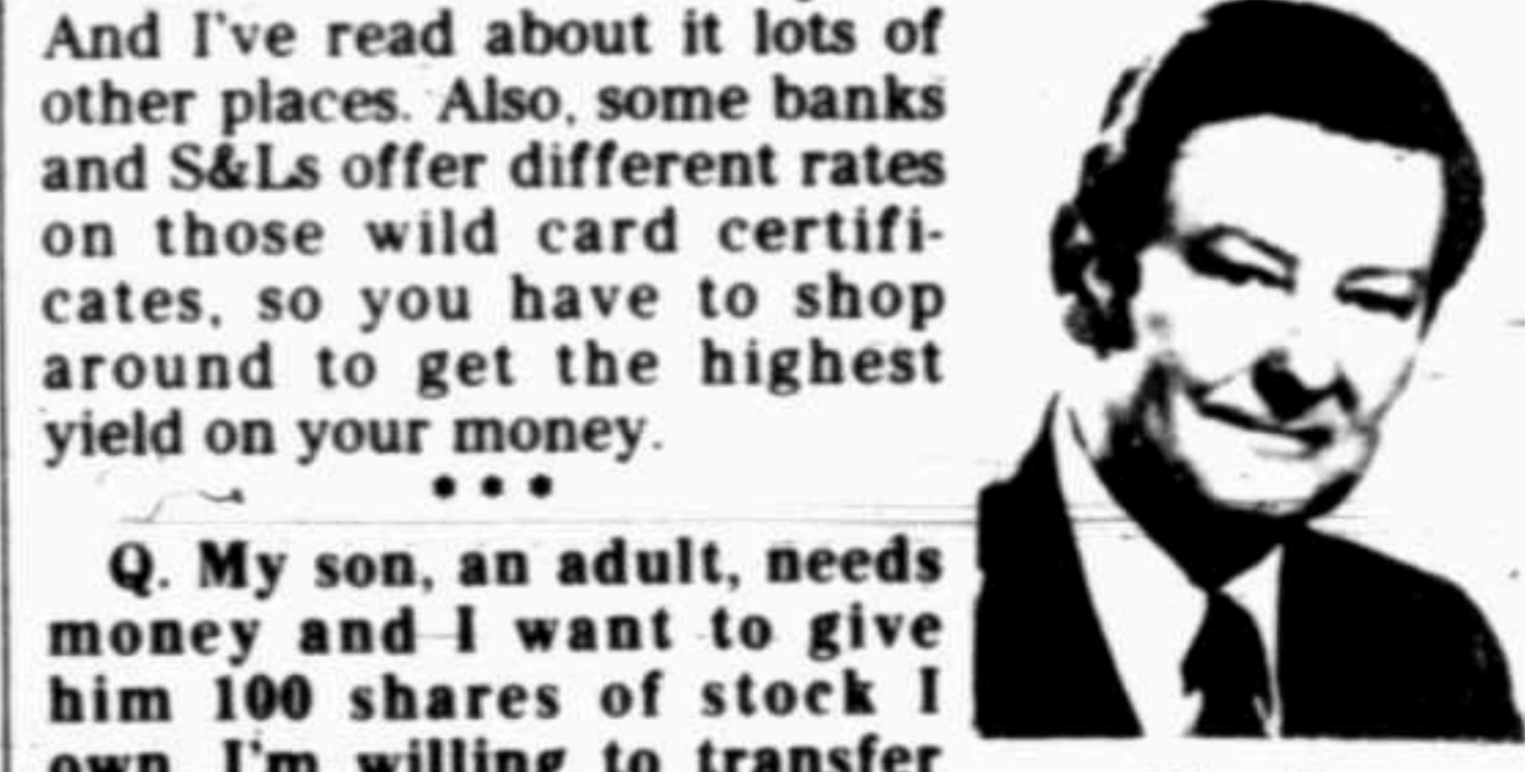
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Crossword puzzle advertisement with a grid and clues.

Northern Tier line dropped, environmentalists cheer

SEATTLE (AP) — The abandonment of Northern Tier Pipeline Co.'s plan to build a 1,500-mile crude oil pipeline from Washington state to Minnesota has drawn cheers from environmentalists but dire predictions from some industry spokesmen.

announced Wednesday that soaring costs, time and the possibility of another refusal of its site application brought about the decision to end the eight-year dream of a group of businessmen.

"I'm pleased that Northern Tier finally looked at the marketplace and understood

that there is no justification for the project," said Norma Turner, president of No Oil Port, Inc., which opposed the pipeline plans.

Ms. Turner and others have opposed the \$3 billion pipeline project on environmental and economic grounds, claiming a

pipeline to transport Alaska crude oil from Port Angeles, Wash., to Clearbrook, Minn., would not be economically feasible.

Port Angeles Mayor Dorothy Duncan said she was glad the whole thing was over. "It's taken a tremendous amount of our time, resources and energy,"

she said. But the executive director of the Northwest Petroleum Association said the consequences could be dire for consumers if foreign sources of crude oil are cut off for any reason.

"It would have created a secure source of crude for our refiners and, of course, the

cost to the citizens of Minnesota down the road is hard to estimate — in the millions," said

Jerry Everett, whose organization represents distributors in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Washington Gov. John Spellman last April rejected Northern Tier's application to

build the pipeline, saying it would endanger the environment of Puget Sound.

DRILLING REPORT

WILDCATS OPERATED BY MIDLAND-AREA FIRMS

Scouted by THRA COX and SHARON SPYKAP

APRIL 20

ANDREWS COUNTY
ARCO Oil & Gas No. A-6 University 11 sec 12 PD 7,200; drilling 5,935 feet, lime and shale.
ARCO Oil & Gas No. A-6 University 11 sec 12 PD 7,200; Total depth 7,100 feet, plugback total depth 7,066 feet, 8 hours flowed 10 barrels oil, 36 barrels water in 10 1/4 inch choke. TPO-250.
Callaway Production Co. No. 1 Cowden 'A' PD 11,800; drilling 7,330 feet.
William E. Hendon No. 3 University AZ re-entry; shut in, building up pressure.

DAWSON COUNTY
Robert Griffin No. 1 Cline PD 8,200; drilling 3,800 feet, anhydrite and salt.

ECTOR COUNTY
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1369-D C.A. Goldsmith at al PD 8,200; Total depth 8,400 feet, PB 8,369 feet.

waiting on completion.
Texaco Inc. No. 12 Ector C Fee NCT-1 PD 12,220; new location 4/13/83.

EDDY COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 State M.T.; Total depth 10,405 feet, waiting on completion unit.
Amoco Production Co. No. State DS; plugged, abandoned 4/14/83, final report.
W.A. Moncrief Jr. No. 1 Guadalupe Federal PD 11,900; waiting on permit to drill.
The Deane Corp. No. 1 New Year Federal PD 7,000; pumped 93 barrels fluid, 23 barrels oil, final report.
Amoco Production Co. No. 1-F Mayes PD 10,150; Total depth 4,400 feet, ran logs, prep to plug and abandon, formation tops: Delaware Sand 609, Cherry Canyon 1,402, Mazanita 1,496.

GAINES COUNTY
N. Dale Nichols No. 1 Arco Riley PD 4,250; pumped 19 barrels water in 7 hours, fluid level this a.m. 2,273 feet, 13 Mcf of gas a day, load water level to recover 631.

GARZA COUNTY
Holly Energy Inc. No. 1 H.C.

Lewis PD 8,200; drilling 3,450 feet, dolomite.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Beach Exploration No. 2 Houston 'A' PD 11,300; waiting on completion unit.
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William E. Hendon No. 1 Powell 32-A; drilling 4,485 feet.

HOWARD COUNTY
TXO Production Corp. No. 3 Fryar PD 9,900; total depth 9,808 feet, waiting on production facilities.

LEA COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. No. 1 State DV PD 12,750; total depth 12,800, waiting on completion unit.
Dowling Petroleum Inc. No. 1 Hooper PD 13,250; drilling 13,017 feet.
HNG Oil Co. No. 1 Pitchfork 36 State PD 15,700; total depth 16,078 feet sand, shale.
Pogo Producing Co. No. 1 Mosbacher '20' PD 20,000 contractor Cactus Drilling rig No. 23 shut in for bottomhole pressure build up test.

LOVING COUNTY
Sundown Petroleum No. 1 Malcolm

Madera PD 8,033; waiting on sub-surface pump.
S.C. Williamson No. 1 Exxon PD 8,200; shut in - delivered 2,500 barrel tanks, 1-80 X 20 treaters, set tank grade, started hooking up battery.

MARTIN COUNTY
Flag-Redden Oil Co. No. 1 Robb '34' PD 11,100; shut in, waiting on pipeline, wont get report until they get a pipeline connection.
Parker & Parsley No. 1 Caprock PD 11,500; full open head w/2 7/8" tubing, ran in hole w/292 nipple, anchor 292 joints, down at 9,107 feet, change over, seal - prep to run rods, pumps.
Wilson Energy Inc. No. 3 Sprawls PD 11,000; waiting on completion.
Wilson Energy Inc. No. 1 Bobbit 'A' PD 12,500; waiting on completion.
Wilson Energy, Inc. No. 1-R Sprawls; waiting on completion.

PECOS COUNTY
Gatty Oil Co. No. 1 White Estate '42' PD 8,600; drilling 9,515 feet.
HNG Oil Co. No. 1 Hayer State 28 PD 18,500; total depth 6,808 feet lime, shale.
Dinero Operating No. 1 Aminoil

rela water daily Gravity 23. Gas oil ratio 180:1.
Formation tops: San Andrea 159, Clearfork 2,464.

PECOS COUNTY
Pecos Valley (Yates)
Furry Production Account No. R 2 Atkins 2,171 feet, 1,803 feet of sec 28, blk 10, H&G, 11 a imperial, TD 1,406, PB 1,406, Elev. 2,513 Completed 12/3/82.
Casing 4 1/2 inch at 1,348, Perforations, 1,272-1,290, Acid 500 gallons.
Potential 12/17/82, 34 1/2 Mcf of gas daily Gravity 657, Bottom hole temperature 74 degrees at 1,392.
Formation tops: Yates 1,272.

WINKLER COUNTY
Wheeler (Devonian)
Sun Exploration & Production Co. No. 2 A.E. Wheeler 'A'; 960 feet and 1/2 of lease, sec 16, blk 46, T-1-S, T&P, 5 aw Notrees, TD 8,892, PB 9,270, Elev. 3,043 Completed 3/22/83.
Casing 7 inch at 8,992 Perforations, 8,201-8,254 (Sularan), 8,502-8,578 (Devonian), Acid 7,000 gallons.
Potential 4/15/83, Pumping 20 barrels oil, 121 Mcf of gas, 58 barrels water daily Gravity 34.3 Gas/oil ratio 6,050:1.
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Racing rookie

Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Bob Lapergola rambles toward the finish line Wednesday during the third heat of Midland's First Annual Waiter Race. Lapergola, representing El Centro, outran Bill Henderson, left, and eight other contestants to capture the waiters' competition.

Winning contestants find 'good things come to those who wait'

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

Tension thick as \$20 prime rib draped over the starting line Wednesday morning as contestants gathered for the start of Midland's First Annual Waiter Race.

Waiters and waitresses from the Wall Street Bar and Grill, racing rookies dressed functionally in jeans, shorts and baseball T-shirts, chattered among themselves as the start drew near.

Two black-tied Frenchmen, wily veterans when stacked against their American opponents, looked the part of early favorites as they conducted a pre-race parley in their native tongue.

A lone entrant from El Centro, sporting a lime green jacket, black slacks and red tie, stood quietly, his "game face" hidden behind dark, wire-rim glasses.

On a nearby table sat the "order" of the day — a tray, a thick-glass tumbler and a white wine bottle, Robert Mondavi 1981.

Ahead lay the course, a two-block figure "8," tougher than a customer with a lap full of soup — and almost as demanding.

Contestants would travel from the Paragon Building entrance south a block on Big Spring Road. Then west a block on Tennessee Avenue to Marienfeld Street, north to Michigan Avenue and east a block to Big Spring, north to Louisiana Avenue, then west to Marienfeld, culminat-

ing in a final block to the finish.

"The idea is to kind of replicate the famous waiter races in Paris, New York and Washington, D.C.," said Grier Brunson, race organizer and owner of The Last Tycoon restaurant, sponsor of the event.

"Once you get it going and kind of get it annual, it becomes a matter of civic pride. Kind of like the marathon is to Boston," said Brunson, noting that he hopes to charge each racer a fee next year and donate the proceeds to charity.

Brunson was quick to point out that waiter racing is best enjoyed with a heaping side order of humor. Serious sports fans needn't bother checking the television listings for "Wide World of Waiters."

"It's just a lot of fun. They're hilarious. It appears that they're trying to maintain their dignity and still try to be fast. It's just a comical situation."

With a towel draped on one arm and with no help from the other, waitresses covered half the course carrying a glass three-fourths filled with water. Waiters traveled the full course carrying both bottle and glass.

With a one-second penalty for each quarter-inch spilled and an automatic disqualification at the sound of breaking glass, the best combination of speed and spillage would eventually produce a winner.

"Coordinating the two is what we're going to have to get together," explained Don Brown, who said that while Last Tycoon waiters practiced

a bit for the race, like all waiters, "we practice" when we wait the tables.

Before the start, Benoit Pouchelon, a waiter at Lionel Daury's French Cuisine, said waiter races are "very usual" in France, where more than 1,000 waiters may compete in a 10-mile race.

Race handicappers lost heart early, however, when Christophe Granger, Pouchelon's partner, bobbed his glass while sprinting toward the finish during the first heat.

Granger's training regimen may have contributed to his troubles. When asked before the race about the secret to successful waiter racing, he said: "Have some wine in the morning when you get up."

The second heat produced the race's only injury, when Last Tycoon waitress Lisa Neptune tumbled into a flower patch on her way to a disappointing finish.

Sixteen contestants representing five restaurants eventually tackled the course. First place trophies and prize money went to Lisa Johnson from Wall Street, who spilled an inch and a half on her way to a 2:02.7; and to Bob-Lapergola of El Centro, who clocked a 3:36.5 while spilling two inches.

When the time came for awarding the prizes, Ms. Johnson had already left the scene for work — her real-life race course.

Lapergola lingered in the winner's circle, basking in the attention and glory — the good things that come to those who wait.

Economist: Free enterprise in agriculture just a myth

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The notion that "there is free enterprise in agriculture" is simply a myth, an economist said Wednesday night in the fourth of a series of free enterprise lectures at Midland College.

"A myth is a notion based more on tradition than on fact," said Dr. Ronald Knutson, marketing economist for Texas A&M University's Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "People like myths because they are easy to accept."

President Harry S. Truman, who could ruffle people, was not a teller of soothing myths, he suggested.

"I never give them hell," he quoted Truman. "I just tell the truth, and they think it's hell."

Speaking to a sparse audience of mostly high school students in the college's Allison Fine Arts Center, Knutson talked about five major myths surrounding agriculture.

—AMERICAN agriculture is the last major American industry wherein free enterprise exists. "That's a myth," he said. "Virtually the only way to get into agriculture today is through a relative or, more likely than not, through inheritance."

People can afford to get into agriculture if there's oil on their land and if they have rights to that oil. Many years ago, an aspiring farmer could launch his career as a farm hand, become a tenant farmer and, eventually, a landowner.

"You can't do it anymore." Today, \$250,000 to \$500,000 in assets is needed to set up a farming operation, he said.

Government's role in agriculture precludes it from being free enterprise. The "popular" Payment In Kind (PIK) program whereby the government pays the farmer "not to produce" is in direct conflict with free enterprise.

The PIK program is to help reduce agricultural surpluses and thereby increase the prices farmers get for their goods.

Even cattlemen who "pride their independence" are under government's protective import quotas. "That's not free enterprise," Knutson said.

"Certainly, we're not free enter-



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prise," he said. To think so is "hogwash."

"Agriculture is as far from free competition as any industry I can think of."

—THE UNITED States can dictate terms of agricultural trade. "That's myth." And he cited an example: "The great Russian grain embargo probably did more damage to U.S. agriculture than any policy adopted by this country. That the United States could 'bring Russia to its knees' by withholding wheat was a myth. The U.S. 'could not' do so because of the country's 'relatively small share of grain' it produces."

Knutson noted that the U.S. produces only 1 percent of the world's No. 1 consumed grain — rice — and produces 17 percent of the world's supply of wheat and 32 percent of the world's feed grains.

"There's plenty of grain around in the world if you're willing to pay for it, just like there's plenty of oil around the world if you're willing to pay for it."

The United States does not control

agricultural prices around the world. "In fact, there's very few things we control."

—THE AMERICAN Agriculture Movement propounds a myth. It's a myth that a prosperous agricultural economy will mean a prosperous national economy. Whatever has the greater share of the Gross National Product (GNP) affects the economy, the economist said. Agriculture makes up 5 percent of the GNP.

—Agriculture would fare better if there were no government farm programs. That the "government is bad, and the government does no good" is a myth, said Knutson.

Farmers' net income last year was \$15 billion, but government farm subsidies totaled \$18 billion. "The government bailed out agriculture in 1982, just like they're bailing agriculture out in 1983. Agriculture is inherently unstable."

In their pride, cattlemen will say, "We don't get anything from the government," Knutson said. "That's baloney." The government imposes restrictions on beef imports, and cattlemen get tax concessions. The oil industry benefits from government concessions. "That's not free enterprise." The cattleman may benefit more from the government's grain program than does the grain farmer.

—The FAMILY farm will survive. It may not. "The family farm is not as resilient as you think it is," Knutson noted that "young people are no longer willing to work their butts off for the old man" and are leaving the farm.

Large corporate farms generally are operated more efficiently than are family farms, have more options, are better managed, take advantage of more government programs, and get better (by 10 percent) prices for their goods.

More than anything else, survival "depends on the quality of management," Knutson said.

"America can't survive or live on myths. Agriculture can't survive or prosper on myths," he said.

Though Knutson said he believes "American agriculture has a bright future," he admitted that "I have no solution for the farm problems." To propose solutions, he said, would go against his philosophy as a professor and economist.

Business community can be ally, not competitor, TSTA head says

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

A stranger was introduced to teachers Wednesday night.

Long considered powerful yet uncaring of classroom catastrophes, the business community previously has provided more competition than cooperation to education.

That view has changed, according to the president of Texas State Teachers Association.

"We have been guilty of disregarding the business community as a potential ally," Barbara O'Neal told more than 50 attending the Midland Educators Association's first spring banquet.

And in times of local budget cuts and small state funding increases, the business community may be a good friend to have.

Ms. O'Neal, a graduate of Baylor University and a former classroom teacher in Waco, cited an article in Texas Business Magazine which supports an increase in teacher salaries despite the possibility of an increase in taxes.

The industry community also supports solving another problem faced by teachers facing students everyday — discipline.

"We are not only dealing with issues of taxpayers and political promise," Ms. O'Neal said, "we're also realizing that the teaching salary increase, voted by the Texas Legislature, is not a special interest issue. The stakes are much higher than that."

The business community is aware of the need to provide quality education for students in the state of Texas, she said.



Barbara O'Neal

The article supported a tax increase to pay for teacher salary increases, according to Ms. O'Neal. It also mentioned the need for special schools and detention centers for problem students.

Although some school districts have such facilities, the state should step in and help foot the bills, she said.

According to the article, short term consequences of a state tax increase would be less "disastrous" than the long-range effects of not providing quality education, increased salaries and stronger discipline.

The business community recognizes education builds strong,

working citizens and government, she added.

"Texas ranks 10th from the bottom in most methods of taxation," Ms. O'Neal said. "Our responsibility is to let the business community know (what is needed and can be accomplished in education.)"

The authors of the article said although they disagree with some of Gov. Mark White's policies, "We're glad he is taking some stands."

The article also recommends salary increases similar to those TSTA proposed: \$16,000 for beginning level teachers with a four-year college degree and teaching certificate, to \$38,000 for a 20-year veteran teacher with a doctorate. "I could live with that, couldn't you?" she asked.

The Legislature is recommending a starting salary of \$11,110 for a teacher with no experience and a maximum of \$21,100 for a teacher with 25 years of experience, she said.

The 9 percent increase in salaries would add only \$30 to \$40 a month to a teacher's paycheck, she said.

"There might be a resource in the business community," Ms. O'Neal said. "They just might be able to help us. We certainly haven't been able to solve discipline problems by ourselves."

"I'm asking you to stand with me before the Legislature and the public and demand the state squarely meets its responsibilities."

"We've got some tough problems ahead," she said, "but I'm very optimistic. We've had tough problems before."

SWCID officials glad school declared ward of state

From Staff Reports

BIG SPRING — A ruling by Attorney General Jim Mattox that Southwestern Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is not a public junior college rather a ward of the state is hailed by SWCID officials as a landmark decision.

"It's probably the best news we've heard pertaining to our legislative fight for adequate funding," said SWCID Vice President Sam Hill. "That means that we are officially recognized for what we

really are. We're not a typical junior college in that we don't serve a local population. We're atypical in that we serve students from all over the state of Texas. It allows us to spend legislative appropriations to cover the whole operation of SWCID."

Mattox issued the opinion to Rep. Bill Frensal, D-Bryan, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, who asked whether the institution is "eligible to receive state appropriations for construction, operations, or other purposes."

In his opinion, Mattox concluded that SWCID is a "post-secondary

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education institution providing instruction for hearing-impaired students preparing for a career or for enrollment in a senior college or university." Although SWCID is

under control of the board of trustees of Howard County Junior College, he added, the institution is "a creature of statute."

By law, a junior college must rely

on local tax revenues to fund certain expenses, while a state-sanctioned institution is supported solely by legislative appropriations.

Mattox ruled that henceforth SWCID would be controlled by Chapter 131 of the Education Code and that it is now authorized to receive "gifts, grants or donations of land, equipment and buildings, from whatever source." He noted, however, that "we express no opinion as to whether a community college district may be empowered to make such a gift or grant."

"(The ruling) gives us our own

identity as far as the legislature is concerned," explained Hill. "We are now a state agency."

While the ruling did not address SWCID's immediate problem — that of obtaining adequate funding from the legislature — Hill sees it as having a positive effect in that it clears up misconceptions about SWCID.

"(Funding) is still a battle," he said, "but this interpretation tells the legislature we are a responsibility of the state, as opposed to being something Howard College started and is trying to pawn off on the state."

DEATHS



Foy Johnson

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Services for Foy Johnson, 60, of 509 S. Weatherford, were Wednesday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Stringer of the Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

He died at his home Sunday. Survivors include his wife, Doris Spencer Johnson of Midland; a son, Foy Meloy Johnson II of Avondale, Ariz.; a daughter, Sharon Kurpinsky of Pataluma, Calif.; his mother, Lena Johnson of Midland; two brothers, Herbert Johnson of Odessa and Leroy Johnson of Midland; three sisters, Aline Hudson of Pecos, Jean Rankin and Myrna Holiday, both of Midland; and four grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jim Truelove, Dozier Truelove, Dale Truelove, Roger Vest, Jack Leonard and Monk Collins.

Mrs. W. Martin

Services for Mrs. Wayne (Joel) Martin, 51, of 3109 Delano, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Newnie W. Ellis

Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Jim Slocum of Spring officiating. Assisting will be the Rev. William R. "Bill" Simpson of Tall City Baptist Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Mrs. Martin was born March 5, 1932, in Abilene, where she grew up. She married Edwin Wayne Martin Sept. 10, 1954, in Throckmorton. They moved to Midland in 1954. She was a member of Oaklawn Park Baptist Church, Ladies of the Moose and a "Life Member" of the PTA at Lamar Elementary School.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Martin of Midland; two daughters, Tracie Martin and Robin Martin, both of Midland; her mother, Mattie May Thompson of Dallas; two brothers, Bill Thompson of Euless and Bob Thompson of Dallas; and a sister, Mattie Louis Chapman of Dallas.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Allison Periman Basin Therapy Center, 2100 W. Illinois Ave.

Nannie Peavy

Mrs. Fletcher (Nannie) Peavy, 75, of 1110 Austin St. Space 9, died Sunday evening in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis chapel with the Rev. Harold Quarles of the First Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were to be Bob Newcome, Terry Garrett, James "Pinky" Jones, Richard Stovall, Bill Gilbreath and Robert Colwell.

B.A. Ray

Graveside services for B.A. "Al" Ray, 84, of 2809 Lockheed St., were Wednesday in Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. F. Ray Riddle, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Handling arrangements is Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died at his home early Monday.

He was born Feb. 14, 1899, at Big Lake, Minn. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in geology. He started his business career with Tidewater Oil Company. He moved to Midland and became an independent oil operator in 1948.

He was a member of several professional organizations and the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sybill Ray of Midland; a sister, Bernice Nichols of Sacramento, Calif.; and a niece.

The family requests that memorials be directed one's favorite charity.

Rachel Brasher

Services for Rachel Brasher, 88, of Midland, were Wednesday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Brasher died early Tuesday at Hillcrest Manor, 700 W. Scharbauer Drive.

Pallbearers were Harold Huffman, H. V. Beck Jr., Tom Windham, Bill Mathis, Jack Edens and Robert M. Garst.

Edith Wilson

STAMFORD — Edith Abbott Wilson, 79, of Stamford and former longtime Midlander, died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a long illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Orient-Street Church of Christ in Stamford with Howard Swinney, Orient minister, officiating. He will be assisted by Dorman Holub of Orient Street Church of Christ. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Cemetery, directed by Stamford Funeral Home.

She was born May 30, 1903, in Aspermont and lived in Midland from 1919 until moving to Stamford

in 1980. She was a 1923 graduate of Stamford High School and a 1956 graduate of Abilene Christian College. She was cafeteria supervisor for Midland schools from 1946-1956 and taught school in Stepheson, Prairie Lee and other area rural schools.

Survivors include two sons, James H. Wilson of Stamford and Cecil M. Wilson of Hallsville; a foster daughter, Betty White Larramore of Midland; a sister, Laura Inez Pritchett of Lincoln, Ark.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mona McMaster

BIG SPRING — Mona McMaster, 86, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital after an illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Logan Peterson officiating. Burial was to be in Garden City Cemetery.

She was born April 9, 1897, in Reagan County and had taught school in Hereford 40 years before retiring in 1965. She moved to Garden City in 1965 and to Midland in 1978.

Survivors include a brother, A.V. McMaster Sr. of Dallas; five sisters, Ona Wells, Lela Cook, Nettie McMaster and Myrtle McMaster, all of Big Spring, and Verna Sunday of Houston; and a number of nieces and nephews.

James Brown

Services for James Brown, 63, of 1710 S. Mineola St., will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Mount Rose Baptist Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery directed by Jackson Funeral Home.

Brown died Monday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was a World War II veteran and an usher at Mount Rose Baptist Church. He moved to Midland in 1953. He later incorporated East Side Cab Co.

Survivors include his wife, Betty;

three sons, Climmie Brown of Los Angeles and James Brown III and Frank Brown, both of Midland; two daughters, Lynetta Brown of Odessa and Lillian Brown of Midland; a sister, LaRuth Turner of San Francisco, Calif.; a brother, Henry J. Brown of Dawson; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be the Rev. Lamar Martin, Bill Taylor, Sam Jackson, Scott MacLemore, Carl Debose and Lovie Blaylock.

America Sarda

Graveside services for America Sarda, 81, of 3501 Gulf Ave., were Wednesday morning in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Officiating was Bishop Ken Gray of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She died early Monday in a Midland nursing home. Pallbearers were Darrell L. Call,

Bishop Kenneth H. Gray, Stephen L. West, Jose M. Terrazas, William C. "Bill" Underwood and David L. Pilkington.

Rosie Lee Wray

BIG SPRING — Services for Rosie Lee Wray, 72, of Big Spring, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ms. Wray died Tuesday morning in her home.

She was a resident of Big Spring since 1927, a retired cook and a member of Carl Street Church of Christ.

William Wright

Services for William G. (Ted) Wright, 72, of 3510 Jordan, were to be at 3 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel.

Wright died Tuesday at a Midland hospital.

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BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

April 15, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrew McLe-more, 1003 S. Midkiff Road Room 112, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Vernon Carruth, 1611 W. Pecan Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Michael O'Toole, 108 Holly Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence Pullin, 4514 Spence Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Lee Fitzgerald Jr., 2717 Cindy Lane, Big Spring, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogelio Magallanes, 811 1/2 N. Weatherford St., a girl.

April 16, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blane Jacobs, 2911 W. Louisiana Ave. Apt. C, twin girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Arras Jr., 1507 S. Ft. Worth St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Earl Myers, 2611 W. Golf Course Road, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John David Lambil-

lotte, 1405 Lanham Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Marou-sek, Route 6 Box 600 No. 47, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Michael Con-dron, 4720 Dengar Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Lee Gleghorn, 26 Santa Fe Trail, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rivera, 102 E. Pine St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Omo-hundro, Route 5 Box 103, a boy.

April 17, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gutierrez, 903 1/2 N. D St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter John Hall-meyer, 4718 Bowie Drive, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Adan Arturo Sal-gado, 3801 Thomason Drive, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Andrew Velasquez, Route 2 Box 115 Space 34, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lee Thomas, P.O. Box 30268, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Bejarno, 1105 E. Walnut, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blake Com-pton, 4306 Cedar Spring, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilburn Horn Jr., P.O. Box 2942, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Jaquez, 2402-A College Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Salinas Brito, Ranch Estates Route 1 No. 133, a boy.

April 18, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Andrew Lentner, 5266 N. Loop 250 No. 116, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Moe S. Holland Jr., 720 Sinclair Ave., a boy.

Lila Salazar, 306 E. Cloud, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curtis Smith Jr., Route 5 Box 5035, Odessa, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wade York, 406 W. Dormard Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arvid Hat-field, P.O. Box 655, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ray Kelley, Star Route A, Box 39-E-11, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martinez

Felan, Route 1 Box 58-F, Stanton, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Enriquez Gamboa, 1810 W. Washington Ave., a boy.

April 19, 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Alan Howell, P.O. Box 2351, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ray Osborn, 2200 S. Lamesa Road Space 40, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Dale Chit-tenden, 2600 N. Loop 250 No. 805, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kenneth Smith, P.O. Box 206, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Javier Flores, 4700 Boulder Drive Apt. 1104, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Howard Bag-well, 3107 W. Michigan Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Flynt Prest-on, 3219 Hill, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harold Shep-ard, 1911 N. Young, Fort Stockton, a girl.

Myra Ann Grant Hickey, 1700 N. Edwards, a boy.

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