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Reagan vows to crush drug syndicates

MIAMI (AP) — President Reagan visited South Florida to highlight his campaign against drugs today and vowed to "break the power of the Mob in America" with his new anti-crime crusade.

"We mean to end their profits, imprison their members and cripple their organizations," Reagan said in remarks prepared for delivery at nearby Homestead Air Force Base to the Miami Citizens Against Crime and the South Florida Task Force.

The president's trip here was designed to draw attention to the suc-

cess of the task force, which Reagan created last January to curb the flow of illegal drugs. Vice President George Bush heads the task force.

The task force effort has resulted in a 27 percent increase in drug-related arrests and the seizure of \$3 billion in drugs, the White House said.

"No government can ever fully eliminate crime or the human impulses that lead to it," Reagan said. "But your South Florida Task Force proves we have the will and resources to break up the organized criminal syndicates that for too long have been a terrible blot

on our nation's history."

Reagan also said the Commission on Organized Crime that he promised to appoint in October will have a three-year mandate to conduct regional hearings on the influence and impact of organized crime throughout America.

In addition, he said he would appoint a Cabinet-level committee on organized crime and a sub-Cabinet working group to coordinate the anti-crime effort.

A new federal program will be established in Glynn, Ga., for advanced training for state and local law enforce-

ment agents "in combating the new and more sophisticated forms of crime."

Before his speech at Homestead, Reagan planned to visit the Coast Guard cutter Dauntless, which has seized 371,382 pounds of marijuana, the most since creation of the task force.

The president was presenting the crew with a citation for "exceptionally meritorious service" before taking a helicopter to Homestead to personally inspect some of the marijuana and cocaine that has been confiscated.

Reagan flew here Tuesday night

from New Orleans where he delivered his first post-election speech to the U.S. League of Savings Associations.

Though he praised the accomplishments in South Florida, Reagan said the battle against drugs had not yet been won, and "much of the work against this menace lies ahead of us."

Referring to a \$200 million overall anti-crime campaign he announced a month ago, Reagan said: "Our goal is cracking down not only on the drug trade, but on all organized criminal syndicates that have been permitted to exist in America for far too long."

"Our goal is to break the power of the Mob in America, and nothing short of that," he declared.

In his remarks at the Air Force base, Reagan reminded the task force "how bad conditions were only a year ago." He said the success of the Miami anti-drug effort inspired his national anti-crime initiative.

Reagan, who was criticized in Congress last year for scaling back the fight against drug-trafficking, announced Oct. 14 that his new initiative will include hiring 1,200 more federal agents and investigators.



Weathering the wind

Washing windows in the fall can be a bone-chilling experience, but Don Dougherty, left, and Bud Sams were warmed Tuesday by a November sun that peeked through a thin

layer of clouds. Dougherty and Sams were cleaning second-floor windows at the Hightower Building in downtown Midland.

Bishops' letter blasts nuclear defense plan

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops are signaling broad support for a pastoral letter condemning nuclear warfare and challenging current U.S. strategic planning.

Although the projected teaching still lacks formal approval, with further revisions likely, a straw vote Tuesday showed 70 percent of the bishops are basically in agreement with it.

"The main thrust seems generally OK with the bishops," said Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, a member of the committee that produced the draft following about two years of hearings and consultations.

With the National Conference of Catholic Bishops breaking into small groups again today to discuss the document, the bishops strong backing was recorded on questionnaires filled out in earlier meetings.

Of 278 bishops, 195 were recorded as basically agreeing with the planned letter, while 71 had "major reservations" and only 12 were in "basic disagreement."

"I'm heartened," commented the Rev. Bryan Hehir of Washington, the church's international affairs expert who has worked closely with the bishops' drafting committee.

The committee chairman, Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, said, "The stakes involved in the nuclear issue make it a moral issue of compelling urgency" which the church is duty-bound to address.

The 25,000-word document, which would put the church's ministry firmly behind the cause of peace, has aroused considerable dissent among the laity and criticism from Reagan administration officials.

It calls for a nuclear freeze, condemns as immoral any intention to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons, and says even possession of them is tolerable only if steps are being taken toward mutual disarmament.

Drawing on the Bible, theological principles and papal statements, the projected letter says the bishops "are sure of one moral imperative...a rejection of nuclear war."

"We believe it is necessary for the sake of prevention to build a barrier against the concept of nuclear war as a viable strategy of defense," the letter adds.

MMH complies with order

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Midland Memorial Hospital officials willingly complied Tuesday with a Texas Health Facilities Commission order asking them to give representatives of Doctors Hospital of the Permian Basin, Inc., a long-range planning report prepared early this year.

But the commission still threatened to suspend Midland Memorial's case — which began Tuesday — unless other planning documents relating to long-range goals are provided, which attorneys scrambling to contact officials in Midland for such reports.

The controversy began when attorneys for the proposed Doctors Hospital asked for long-range planning documents, including a report prepared in February by the TriBrook consulting firm of Oak Brook, Ill.

Attorney Fred Davis for MMH last week called the

TriBrook report "privileged," refusing to hand it over until the commission threatened suspending the hospital's hearing.

Though a copy of the TriBrook report was given Tuesday to attorney Ace Pickens, representing the proposed Doctors Hospital, Tuesday's mandate stated MMH had to turn over all related documents. No deadlines were given by the commission, allowing MMH's hearing to proceed as planned.

MMH seeks to build a 77-bed addition at its existing facility which would expand services, while Doctors Hospital of the Permian Basin, Inc., seeks to construct a new, 110-bed hospital which would replace Parkview Hospital in Midland.

Ray Branson, president of MMH, testified his "bed

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Service may suffer as City Hall's 'upper echelon' moves

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

The top echelon of City Hall officials will make a break from their counterparts beneath them on Friday when those on the third floor will move lock, stock and barrel to a building at 606 N. Weatherford St.

The move was approved Tuesday by Midland City Council in a regular session at City Hall. It is being precipitated by the \$1 million two-floor addition to City Hall.

Construction on that project will start the first week in December by HBF Construction. But for it to be done properly, the third floor must be opened to the winter winds and chill.

Third floor includes offices of city manager, assistant city manager, utilities administration, legal office and public works.

The public was warned that phone service to people in those departments probably won't be working properly until sometime next week. And with the move, those employees won't be able to do business Friday or Monday.

In other action, the council decided to pursue a zoning ordinance violation in district court, agreed to a taxi fare hike and approved a Rolls-Royce limousine service.

The suit will be filed against the city's Board of Adjustment, according to Councilman Tom Sloan. He said a resident built an extension on the back

of his property which is put up against the fence. Although it violates the city's zoning ordinances, the board granted a variance.

"We feel if we are going to have ordinances we should support them," Sloan added.

Taxi rates will go up 50 percent about the first of December after the council approved the hike on first

dealership here was given the go-ahead for a limousine franchise. Cost will be \$110 per hour, he said.

The council finally accepted the bid of \$246,949 from American LaFrance for a new snorkel truck for the Fire Department after Sloan complained about not receiving more bids.

A repayment of taxes will be made to the County Tax Appraisal District

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reading. The second reading will come Nov. 30. The council went ahead with the 50 percent jump after learning fares hadn't been increased in 3½ years.

Manek Pantheyky of the Rolls-Royce

minus interest charges and the cost of an audit. The overpayment had been made and the district wanted it back.

City Manager Jim Brown said the district first requested a repayment of over \$400,000 "and we said, 'Hold the

phone.'" A staff auditor checked the figures and reduced the amount to about \$80,000, Brown added.

West Texas Consultants was granted a change on a housing development in Green Tree North Addition. Rather than construct apartments, small single-family homes will be put up, according to Ben Fraley. "Multi-family is somewhat overbuilt right now," he said.

A plan devised by Col. Wilson Banks, director of aviation, to charge aircraft based at Midland Air Park which are parked on the ramp was approved. Under the plan, the ramps will be leased to Basin Aviation who will charge for the planes to park on the ramps. The limit will be \$25 per month

or \$150 per day.

City staff was instructed to look at a natural playa lake northeast of Midland to determine a drainage plan. The lake sits in the middle of an area planned for development. Although runoff today doesn't fill up the lake, Fred Baker, director of public works, said when the area is developed runoff from a rain should fill up the lake and overflow.

Sloan suggested the staff come up with a plan which wouldn't involve constant maintenance from the city.

Small tracts of land at Big Spring and Mariefeld will be offered for sale by the council. Those that don't sell might be turned into green areas, the council decided.

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Winter whims

Predicting winter weather is tricky, whether it's a heavy harvest of nuts, a woolly bear caterpillar or The Old Farmer's Almanac serving as a guide.

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Officer of Lebanese militia denies his troops participated in massacre

JERUSALEM (AP) — Maj. Saad Haddad, the renegade Lebanese officer allied with Israel, denied today that any forces under his direct command had participated in the Beirut massacre of hundreds of Palestinians.

Haddad, whose Israeli-backed militias control a zone of southern Lebanon he calls "Free Lebanon," said he was "100 percent sure" that none of his soldiers were in Beirut during the Sept. 16-18 slaughter at two refugee camps.

Haddad testified in an open session of the Israeli commission set up to investigate the massacre.

Earlier, the Foreign Ministry's deputy director-general, Hanan Bar-On, testified that the U.S. State Department was raising questions about the presence of Lebanese Christian militiamen in the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps before the massacre was stopped.

He said he passed the queries on to an aide to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Many survivors of the bloodbath, which Israel blames on Lebanese Christian Phalangist militiamen, said they believed Haddad's men were among the killers. The survivors said they heard southern Lebanese accents and recognized the uniforms of Haddad's men.

Haddad testified in English for only 20 minutes. He made no statement, but responded to questions of the three commission members.

He said his men and the Phalangists in Beirut wore the same uniforms, which are supplied by Israel. He caused a ripple of laughter by saying, "Our people and the people in Beirut are wearing the same uniform because it comes from the same restaurant."

Haddad was asked about three men from his units who were in a clash with Israeli troops in Beirut dur-

ing the slaughter. Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has testified that Israeli troops killed one and wounded two after finding them "killing or hurting the populace," though the clash was not in the camps where the slaughter occurred.

Haddad said the three were not regular members of his army, but were civil guardsmen from Nabatieh, a formerly Palestinian-held town north of his "Free Lebanon." He said the Israeli army organized the guard force after conquering Nabatieh in the first days of the Lebanon invasion, and issued them identification cards.

"The national guard are not from my army, it is under my command but not 100 percent," Haddad said. He said the three had gone to Beirut privately "because they knew about the (Israeli army) entry into west Beirut) and were worried" about relatives there.

Haddad's testimony contradicted the Israeli story that the three had clashed with Israeli troops. He said the three had been following an Israeli armored vehicle and were caught in a cross-fire between Israelis and leftist Druse militias.

He said the three were Shiite Moslems. Haddad is a Greek Catholic but has Shites among his militia.

Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak asked Haddad whether he thought the Phalangists had tried to put suspicion on his forces. "Really I have no knowledge about that," Haddad replied. "I can't accuse them because I don't know. I don't know how it came that our name was mentioned."

Haddad charged that former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salaam and a Moslem religious leader he called Mufti Khaled had received instructions from Saudi Arabia to blame Haddad. "They gave a declaration on purpose to deceive public opinion," he said.



Arriving for the inquiry into September's massacre in Beirut is Lebanese Christian militia leader Saad Haddad.

MHS CHATTER

Midland girls volleyball team Area champ

By TERRI GOLASINSKI,
MARILYN FERGUSON
and TAMMY GARDNER

Congratulations, volleyballers, on a terrific season. The girls and Coach Jolly did an outstanding job and we're glad to have them represent Midland High School. Already District and Bi-District champs, these girls now hold the Area title after defeating El Paso Bel-Air by the scores of 15-11, 13-15 and 15-8. The team was defeated by Grand Prairie Saturday in the Regional Tournament. Receiving honors were Linda Jolly as Coach of the Year, Penny Griffin, Sheila Christian and Mindy Raschke were named to the all-district team; and Denise Lanz was named outstanding sophomore for the district.

Claire Hardy represented MHS at the state cross-country meet last Friday and Saturday in Austin. She placed 31st out of around 120 girls. Thanks, Claire, for a job well done.

Future Farmers of America will be selling fruit until Dec. 1. Anyone interested can contact an FFA member or the Agriculture Department at the school.

Junior class rings will be delivered Nov. 23 or 24. Seniors need to turn in their orders for graduation announcements before Friday, Nov. 19. A \$20 deposit is required with the form.

The speech and drama team went to West Texas State in Canyon Nov. 12 and 13. Those students receiving awards were Jim Martin, first place Humorous; Marta McNabb, first place Dramatic; Darren Taylor, second place Dramatic; Lola Mesquita, third place Dramatic; Paige Parker and Marta McNabb, third place Duet Acting; and John Pierce and Savella Blackford, fourth place Duet Acting.

MHS took an overall Grand Sweepstakes with third place. Those qualifying for the state meet so far are Savella Blackford, John Pierce, Jim Martin, Tina Liscum, Marta McNabb, Darren Taylor, Lola Mesquita and Paige Parker. Good luck to you all.

Defense continues agent questioning

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A defense attorney for convicted hitman Charles V. Harrelson has interrogated at length the FBI agent who coordinated the investigation into the assassination of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr.

Attorney Tom Sharpe Jr. questioned FBI case agent Patrick McCormick for three hours Tuesday and was expected to continue the tedious examination today.

Presiding U.S. District Judge William S. Sessions, however, limited Sharpe's questions to McCormick's personal knowledge, eliminating several of the points the defense attorney sought to make before the jury.

The interrogation of McCormick delayed Sharpe's plans for calling Harrelson to the stand.

Harrelson, 44, is charged with shooting Wood for an alleged \$250,000 free from convicted drug trafficker Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra, 39. Chagra will be tried for murder later.

Also on trial are Harrelson's wife, Jo Ann, charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, and Chagra's wife, Elizabeth, charged with conspiracy to murder and to obstruct justice.

Sharpe has called a hairdresser, a doorman and a former bank teller to tell the jury they saw Harrelson 270 miles away in Dallas from one to three hours after Wood was shot here at 8:30 a.m. on May 29, 1979.

He tried unsuccessfully through his questioning of McCormick to elicit FBI information about a Southwest Airlines flight he said left at 9:08 a.m. that day and landed in Dallas at 10:02 a.m. — apparently to show Harrelson did not fly to Dallas and did not have time to drive there.

Sharpe called witnesses Tuesday to attack the credibility of two government witnesses who said they saw Harrelson here shortly before the killing.

Edna Strophe, a clerk-typist at the Audie Murphy Veterans Administration Hospital, testified that San Antonio attorney Chrys Lambros, a government witness, had a "bad" reputation for truth.

Miss Lambros was one of two witnesses who placed Harrelson at the Chateau Dijon Townhomes where Wood was slain. She said Harrelson bumped into her as she left for work, about 45 minutes before Wood was shot.

Both Miss Lambros and taxi driver Wesley Coddington underwent hypnosis to enhance their memories during the investigation and both identified Harrelson in the courtroom.

Coddington said he picked up Harrelson at the airport about dusk on May 28, 1979, and drove him to the townhome complex, where Harrelson got out of the cab and appeared to argue with a man who came out of some bushes. The men had an afro, was wearing a fatigue jacket and was standing near a red car, he said.

Sharpe countered Coddington's testimony by calling ex-convict Charles John Foster, who told the jury he may be the man in the fatigue jacket Coddington said he saw.

Texans charged with fraud in slot-machine rigging

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — Three Texans were tried in criminal court here Tuesday on charges of fraud and attempted fraud for tampering with slot machines and illegally winning more than \$70,000.

Judgement is to be handed down Nov. 23.

The Americans are Larry Woody, 36, Mark Ellis, 23, and Ellis' wife Marilyn, 24, all of Palestine, Texas. They were arrested in this Mediterranean principality Aug. 18.

Five of their alleged accomplices, including Woody's brother Gary, 35, escaped arrest. The others were Americans Tommy Swearingin, 36, Peggy Near, 29, and Joe Koster, 32, whose hometowns were not known, and Frenchman Pierre Muller, 31. International arrest warrants have been issued for them.

The court was told that Larry Woody was arrested after winning a \$2,100 jackpot but

leaving behind a fine wire which he used to block the slot machine's tumblers at the winning combination.

Police who searched Ellis' room found Time drill bits for a portable drill which they alleged was used to drill a hole in the slot machine to insert the wire. The Texans also were found to possess a key which could open slot machine in the Hotel de Paris, Monaco's leading hotel.

Suspect grabs gun, shoots two officers

ABILENE (AP) — Two police officers were hospitalized in stable condition today with gunshot wounds after a robbery suspect being booked into jail grabbed one of the officers' service revolvers and opened fire, authorities said.

Larry Frymire and Travis Tucker, both 32, underwent surgery at Hendrick Medical Center, according to hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Dacy.

Frymire was wounded in the abdomen, while Tucker was shot in the left thigh, Ms. Dacy said.

Police said Frymire, Tucker and two other officers were trying to place a robbery suspect in solitary confinement in the Abilene City Jail when the shooting took place.

The suspect had begun struggling while being ques-

tioned about the robbery of two members of Jehovah's Witnesses, who were held up at gunpoint while distributing literature door-to-door Tuesday morning, police said.

After being placed in handcuffs and leg irons, the man had to be carried to the jail after he refused to walk down a flight of stairs, according to city information officer Sandy Test.

The man grabbed an officer's revolver and opened fire after the shackles were removed outside a solitary confinement cell, Mrs. Test said.

The 29-year-old man, described by police as a twice-convicted felon, was transferred to the Taylor County Jail, where he was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond today, authorities said.

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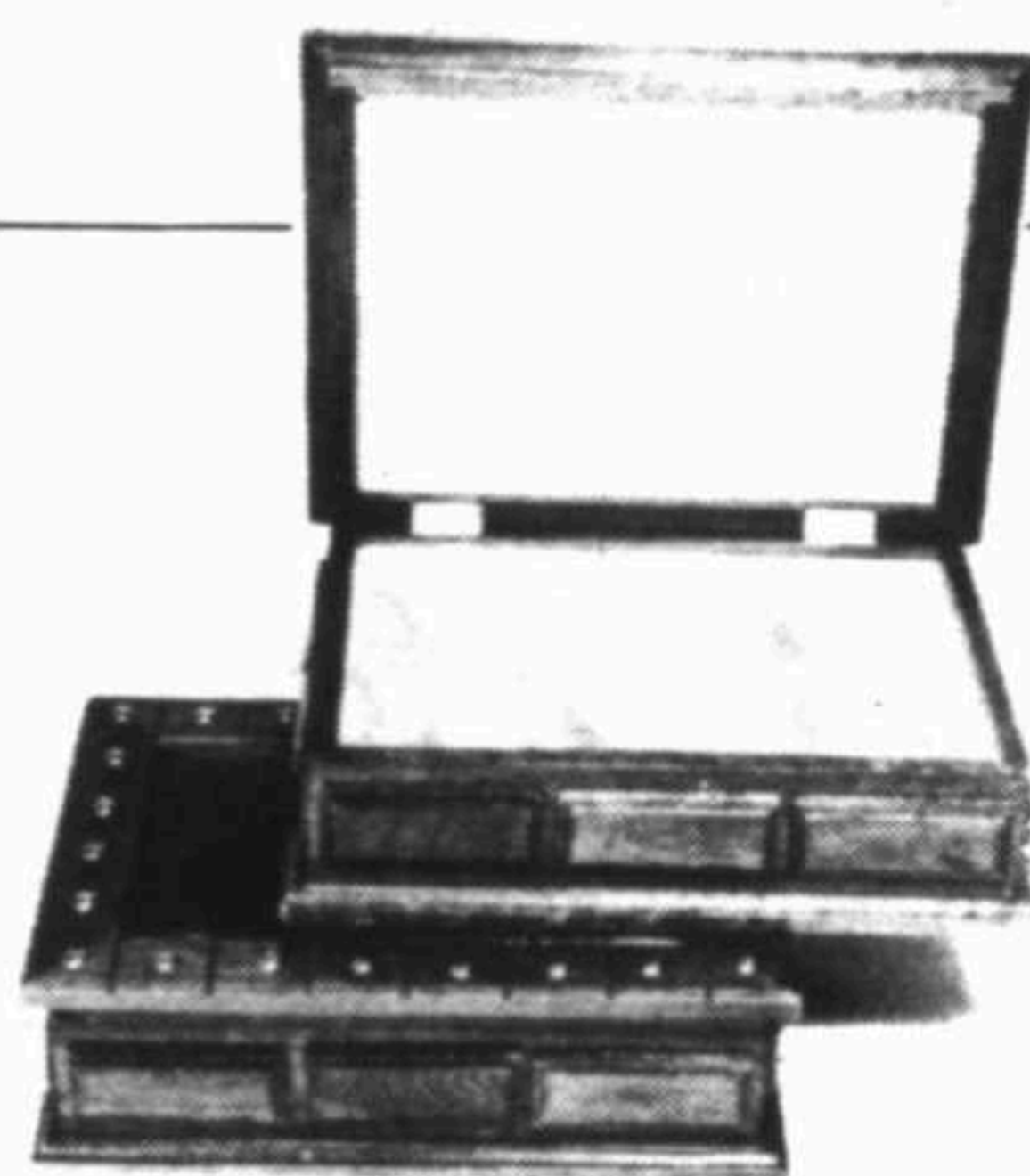
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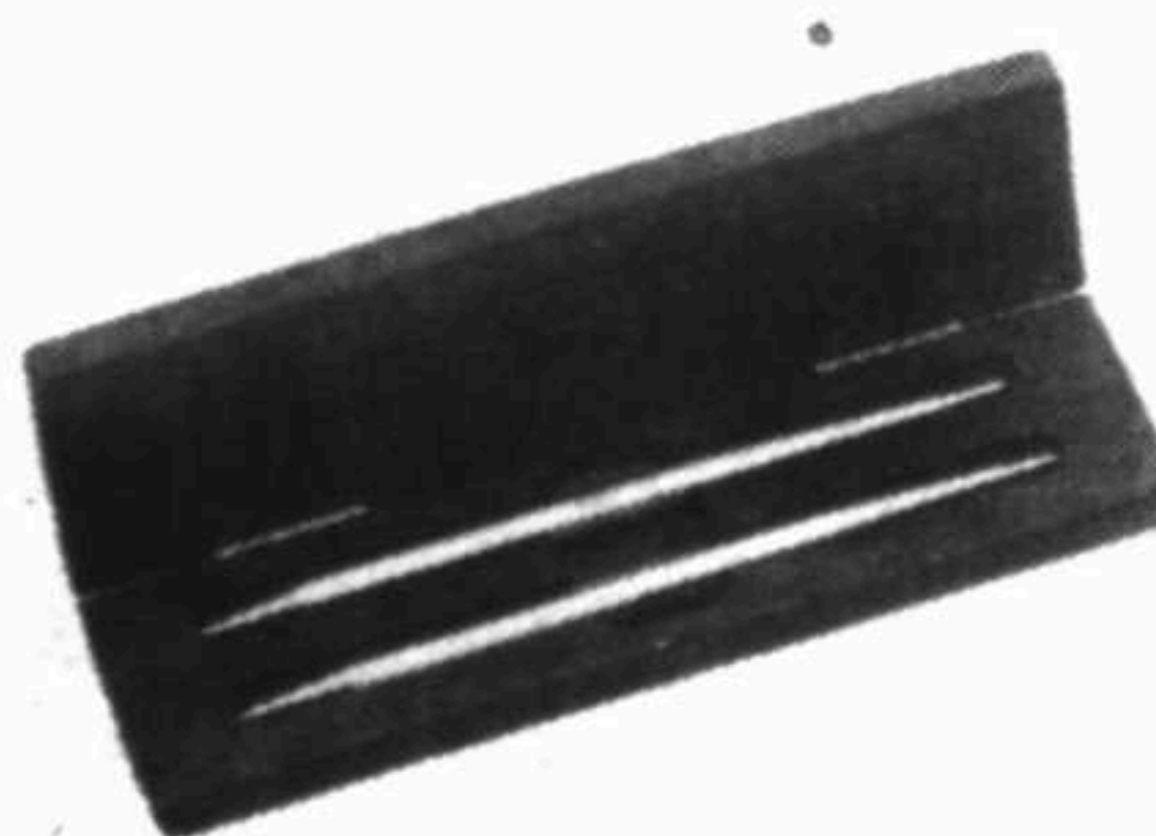
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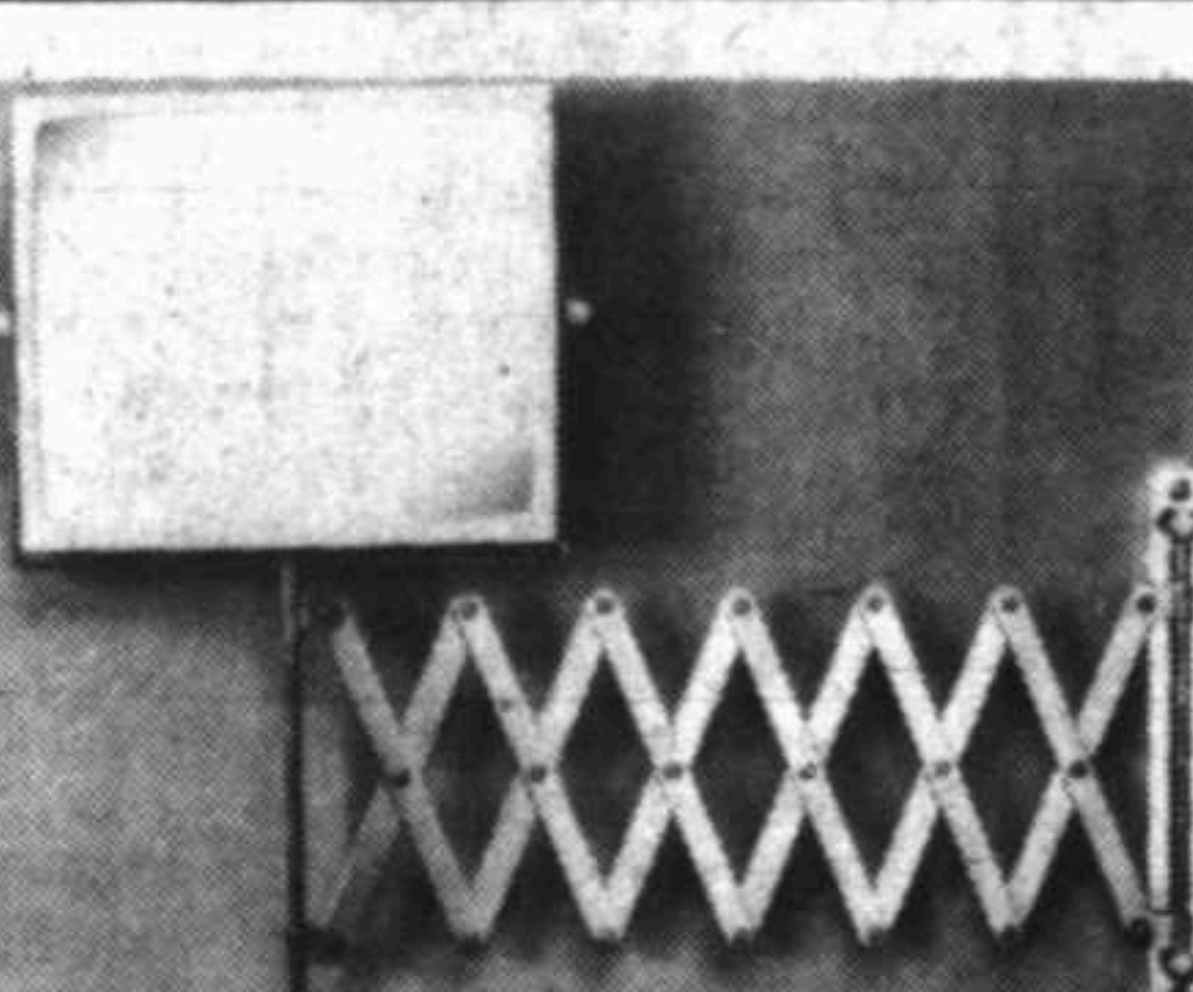
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Research shows capillary, blood pressure relation

DALLAS (AP) — "Don't treat until you see the whites of their eyes" may become the physician's motto in some cases of high blood pressure, a University of Tennessee scientist says.

Dr. Jay M. Sullivan said that young adults in the early stages of high blood pressure have fewer capillaries in the whites of their eyes. He presented his findings Tuesday to a gathering of 15,000 medical professionals, sponsored by the American Heart Association.

"We only have a clue," Sullivan said in an interview. "It might eventually be a way of finding out if people with these (symptoms) will have high blood pressure."

Under the research procedure, Sullivan and his team of scientists in Memphis used microscopic lenses to photograph the capillaries, the body's tiniest blood vessels. A grid was placed over the image and the blood vessels were counted.

Seven of 10 people in the early stages of high blood pressure had fewer capillaries than the 24 people studied with "normal" blood pressure, Sullivan said.

The average age of the subjects was 27, he said. Sullivan had two possible explanations for the reduction in capillaries.

"Number one, these people have a higher blood flow and the tissues may be protecting them by diffusing capillaries," he said. "It's like a garden hose with a nozzle, because if there is too much water flowing through the hose, you can reduce it by turning the nozzle."

"Number two, and this is less likely, the individuals could be born with fewer capillaries," Sullivan said.

The team's findings eventually could be used as an early diagnosis for high blood pressure, giving patients time to cure the disease without drugs, Sullivan said.

Any application, however, is more than two years off, he said.

High blood pressure and hypertension can be reduced with weight loss, exercise and reduction of salt consumption.

In other research presented at the 55th annual Scientific Session of the American Heart Association, a Houston scientist said that if men who exercise regularly stop even for three weeks, they may lose some of the protection exercise provides against heart attacks.

Joseph R. Patsch said long-distance running and other aerobic exercise cause an increase in HDL2, a substance that provides a shield against fat deposits. But as exercise stops, HDL2 disappears quickly and allows blood plasma to turn "milky" with fat after each meal, he said.

Patsch, a medical professor at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine, presented his award-winning findings to the convention, which began Monday and ends Thursday.

Research has shown that HDL2, or high-density lipoprotein, may actually sweep cholesterol from arteries and prevent fat build-up that can lead to heart attacks.

Patsch said he has used a test for HDL2 as an effective way to predict heart trouble.



AP Laserphoto

Dr. Garrett Lee demonstrates a piece of laser-powered fiberoptic equipment he said a research team at the University of California, Davis, has discovered can greatly aid in improving cardiovascular quality at the American Heart Association meeting in Dallas.

Prognosis good for laser use in fight with heart disease

DALLAS (AP) — Lasers have been used experimentally to vaporize fatty tissue and reopen clogged arteries, but more testing is needed before the technique can be used on humans, scientists said.

Scientists from California, Florida, New York and Brazil reported their findings to the 55th Scientific Session of the American Heart Association meeting here this week.

The reports all conclude that the laser has potential as a new weapon against atherosclerosis, the underlying cause of many heart-related diseases.

"Lasers can effect relief of atherosclerotic obstructions and also are feasible for viewing and conducting energy into living blood vessels — thus providing a new modality in the management of cardiovascular diseases," said Dr. Garrett Lee, who led one research team at the University of California at Davis.

Lee said his team successfully vaporized plaque obstructing coronary arteries in 22 human cadaver hearts.

The laser — "light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation" — is a device that transforms light into a narrow beam of intense radiation and is already a tool in surgery.

Group advises genetic watchdog

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government needs to assert control over genetic engineering, even though gene splicing research has yet to pose any ethical problems, a presidential commission says.

The President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research, which completed a two-year study of the issues surrounding gene splicing, called for the oversight measures.

The commission did not specify exactly what form any new oversight body should take. But it said the body should consist not only of government and scientific representatives, but should also include religious leaders, industrial and commercial groups and members of the general public.

Rep. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., said Tuesday that a House subcommittee he chairs will probably recommend a new government oversight body.

"Two-thirds of the American public would like to see this technology stopped dead in its tracks," said Gore, chairman of the Science and Technology Oversight subcommittee.

That may be an overreaction to fear engendered by the subject, he added. But "scientists must be prepared to flag for the public issues that arise out of their research at the earliest possible stage," he said.

Six years ago, the National Institutes of Health established mandatory safety guidelines for all government-sponsored genetic engineering research. Private industry agreed to follow those guidelines voluntarily.

However, the guidelines have been scaled down several times and almost 90 percent of the ongoing genetic research has been

exempted.

The presidential commission's study was begun after major religious associations expressed concern that no governmental body was exercising adequate oversight or addressing the fundamental ethical questions surrounding genetic engineering.

"In some ways, the commission has found this concern to be well-founded," said Alexander M. Capron, executive director of the commission.

"I think it would be accurate, however, to say that while we have found that the religious leaders were correct in perceiving a lack of governmental oversight, we have not found in the gene splicing now being planned or undertaken the 'fundamental danger' to human values, social norms or ethical principles that alarmed them."

Genetic engineering or gene splicing consists of the rearrangement of DNA — deoxyribonucleic acid — the genetic material in all living things. It involves techniques by which scientists can add genetically determined characteristics to cells that would not otherwise possess them.

"Even reining in the tendency toward inflated claims, it does seem likely that drugs and vaccines produced through genetic engineering will play an increasingly important part in medical treatment, even to the point of opening up avenues of treatment that were not previously available," Capron said.

The most distant and controversial use of genetic engineering, he said, is the cure of genetic diseases. That would involve altering the cause of the condition itself. "Such steps have not yet been successfully undertaken, but they are coming closer every day," Capron said.

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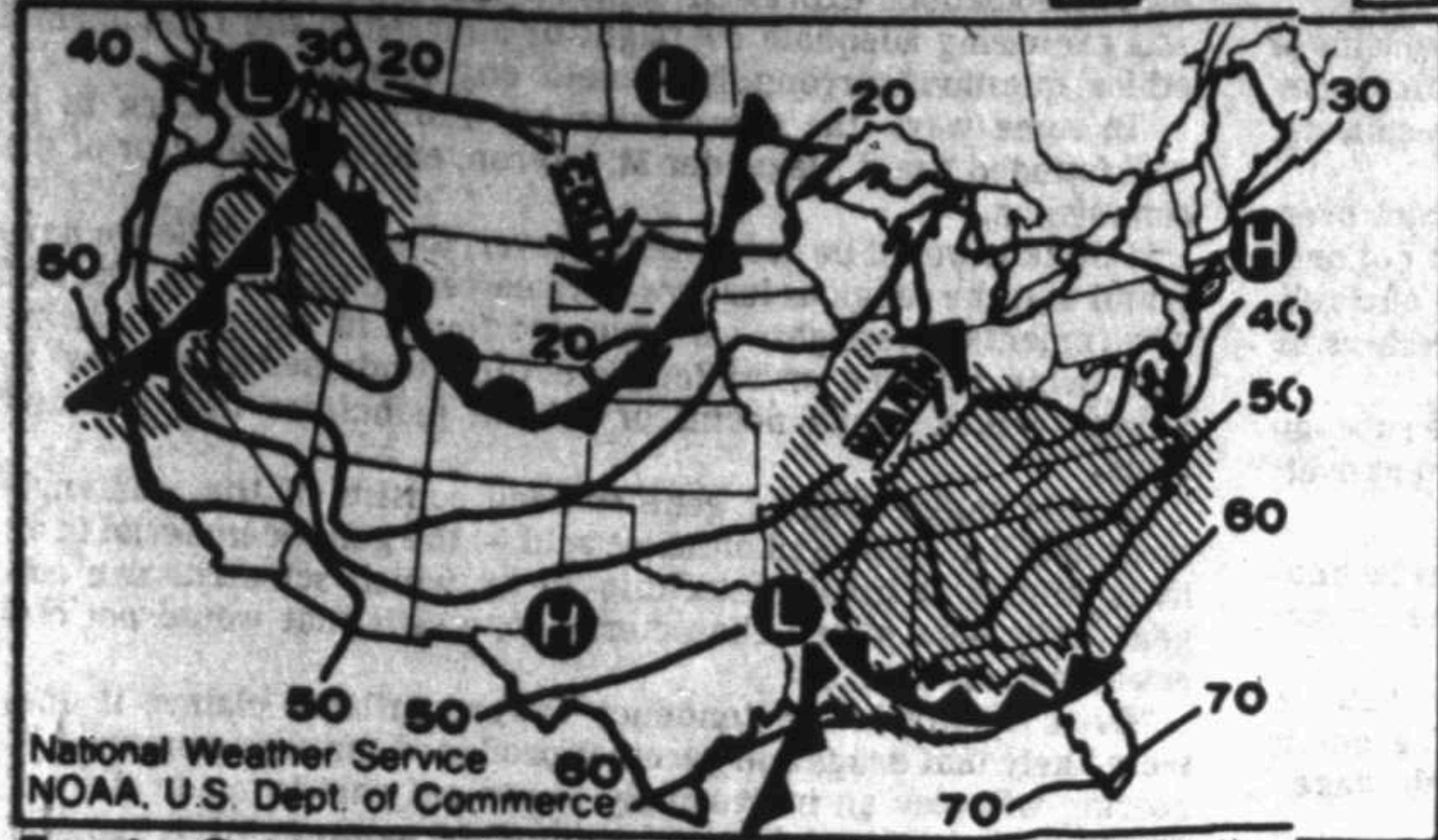
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST
Thursday, November 18
Low Temperatures

Rain ☐ Snow ☐
Showers ☐ Flurries ☐



Rain for the Southwest, Midwest, northern California and northern Rockies is forecast for Thursday by the National Weather Service. Cold weather is expected for the northern Plains with a warming trend predicted for the East.

Lows near 40, highs near 70 continue

A canopy of cool temperatures will continue to cover the Permian Basin through Thursday, although highs then should reach near 70, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

Tonight's low will meander into the mid lower 40s. The 20 percent chance of showers forecast for tonight is not expected to linger as the NWS calls for decreasing cloudiness Thursday.

Tonight's southerly winds which will barely breeze at a calm 5-10 mph are expected to shift south-southwesterly at 10-20 mph Thursday.

Tuesday's high of 62 was 24 degrees cooler than the broiling 86 degrees, recorded for that date in 1963. The overnight low of 44 was 26 degrees warmer than 1959's frigid low of 18.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers tonight. Lows in the lower 40s. Decreasing cloudiness and warmer Thursday. Highs near 70. Southerly winds at 5-10 mph tonight, shifting to south-southwesterly at 10-20 mph Thursday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High: 62 degrees
Overnight Low: 44 degrees
Sunset today: 5:26 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours: none
This month to date: .01 inches
1982 to date: 12.04 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
7 a.m. -41° 6 p.m. -30°
8 a.m. -39° 7 p.m. -27°
9 a.m. -37° 8 p.m. -25°
10 a.m. -35° 9 p.m. -23°
11 a.m. -33° 10 p.m. -21°
noon -31° 11 p.m. -19°
1 p.m. -29° 12 a.m. -17°
2 p.m. -27° 1 a.m. -15°
3 p.m. -25° 2 a.m. -13°
4 p.m. -23° 3 a.m. -11°
5 p.m. -21° 4 a.m. -9°
6 a.m. -19° 5 a.m. -7°

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES
Albino: 60-41
Denver: 57-37
Amarillo: 55-30
El Paso: 51-33
P. Worth: 53-46
Houston: 59-53
Lubbock: 56-39
Marfa: 47-37
Oklahoma City: 58-38
Wichita Falls: 55-45

Extended forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy, mild days and cool nights. Lows mid 30s north and south; 40s in the 40s north; 50s in the 50s south. Highs near 60 north to near 70 south except to near 80 Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Some morning cloudiness each day, partly cloudy; mild. Afternoon high upper 60s to lower 70s. Morning lows from upper 40s to lower 50s.

South Texas: Some early morning cloudiness and fog, otherwise partly cloudy and mild. Lows in the 40s north and in the 50s elsewhere. Highs from the 70s north to 80s south.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Partly cloudy to cloudy through Thursday with widely scattered showers. Highs 57 to 64. Lows 44 to 52. Highs Thursday mostly in the 60s.

New Mexico: Scattered showers mountains and south today with a few thunderstorms over the southern third. Snow level near 7,500 feet. Variable clouds tonight with widely scattered rain or snow showers mountains and south. Highs 40s and 50s mountains and northwest 50s to near 60 south and east. Lows from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the southeast. Highs Thursday 40s and 50s mountains and northwest and 50s to 60 east and south.

Louisiana: Rain and thunderstorms decreasing tonight through Thursday. Highs 56 north to 72 south. Lows in the 30s. Highs Thursday mostly in the 70s.

Arkansas: Mostly cloudy through Thursday. Rain likely over the southeastern half today and tonight with a chance of rain in the northwestern half. A chance of rain in all sections Thursday. Highs 56 to 62. Lows 45 to 52. Highs 56 to 62.

U.N. leader hopes organization can avert World War III

By JOSEPH KINGSBURY SMITH
National Editor, The Hearst Newspapers

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The United Nations is one of the best hopes for averting World War III. It needs the U.S., and the U.S. needs it.

Such is the conviction of Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Peruvian diplomat who has served the world organization for over a decade and became this year its Secretary General.

Because it serves not only as a forum for public expression of world opinion but also as an opportunity for informal discussion of international problems by government leaders and diplomats, Mr. Perez de Cuellar believes the U.N. deserves credit for the fact that, despite brink-of-war tension at times between the super powers, there has been no world war since the end of the last one 37 years ago.

"We had the cold war, and now we

have a kind of lukewarm war, but we have had no direct conflict between east and west," the secretary general said in an exclusive interview with The Hearst Newspapers.

"That means that the U.N., by serving as a forum for both formal and informal discussion of international problems, has helped to avert a major conflict."

"For instance, your new secretary of state, Mr. Shultz, was here recently for ten days or more. In a kind of, politically speaking, neutral atmosphere, he met informally with perhaps 18 delegations or foreign ministers, including Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, to discuss informally important international problems."

"If we did not have this forum, which provides this opportunity during the General Assembly meeting every year, we would have to invent some other forum at which the nations, and especially the big powers, are able to

MMH complies with THFC order

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need analysis" does not show a need for more beds in the county after his hospital's expansion project is completed.

Saying he would be opposed to obstetrical and emergency room services offered at Doctors Hospital, Branson added there is a "great concern over unnecessary duplication." One of the potential problems is recruiting personnel such as nurses, Branson said.

"There are a limited number of nurses available," he said. "Doctors Hospital has the potential to disrupt (recruiting nurses)."

Branson said MMH has "anticipated the growth of obstetrical and emergency room services."

Several Midland doctors also testified Tuesday in support of MMH's project.

Both Dr. John Foster, a pediatrician, and Dr. Walter S. Parks, an obstetrician and gynecologist, said MMH's project would alleviate the problem of overcrowding.

"Our greatest problem is in the newborn nursery," said Foster. "It's clean and modern, but it was planned in the mid-70s for a high of 20 newborns." The subsequent Midland-area oil boom has caused the facility to stay at its peak, he said.

Not only would the planned addition to the hospital eliminate crowded conditions in the nursery, Foster testified the practice would be "more efficient" if only operated at one hospital.

Foster also said there is not an abundance of qualified hospital personnel in Midland. "We have a hard time attracting people to Midland," he said. "We have to pay a premium to get people to come."

Parks testified that with only two delivery rooms at MMH, there are "at times" patients delivering in the hall. The proposed project would alleviate such a problem "fairly well," he said.

Parks also said the addition was important because "we don't have a reserve for an epidemic or a catastrophe and we need that reserve."

Testimony is scheduled to continue today at the THFC.

More bodies pulled from grain elevator

RAYMOND, Neb. (AP) — Firefighters pulled two bodies from the smoldering remains of a grain elevator today, raising the death toll to four from an explosion and fire that severely burned three other people.

"They're moving debris out by hand. It's just a real mess back there," Lancaster County Sheriff Dale Adams said as townspeople lined the street across from the structure.

Sheriff's Lt. Wes Loos confirmed that two additional bodies had been found, but released no information about them.

The Tuesday afternoon blast tore the top off the 100-foot wooden elevator belonging to the Raymond Co-op Grain Co. and left a pile of burning corn and milo next to two grain silos. Firefighters from a half-dozen surrounding communities directed streams of water on the silos to prevent another explosion.

A gaping hole was torn in a wall near the co-op office, where the victims were found.

Authorities said no cause had been determined for the explosion, which shook this community of 190 people about 50 miles west of Omaha.

"It could be dust. That would be the best guess at this point," Adams said.

Grain dust might have been ignited by a fire that started in the basement area, said Occupational Health and Safety Administration supervisor Gary Noss of Omaha.

"There's so many things that could happen, it could be days before we'll know," said state Fire Marshall Wally Barnett.

The blast was "terrifying," said postmistress Janice Kirchoff, who said she saw three men with their clothes ablaze run from the grain elevator after the blast.

Two of the dead, both of rural Raymond, were identified as Jo King, a secretary at the co-op, and Diane Kissinger, a customer, according to Deputy Sheriff Merle Hesser. No ages were given.

The husbands of both women were



At least four persons were killed Tuesday evening as fire destroyed a Raymond, Neb., grain elevator.

in critical condition at the St. Elizabeth Burn Center in nearby Lincoln. They were identified as Frank King, a co-op employee, and Frank Kissinger, who had come to the co-op with his wife to buy dog food. The other injured man was identified as Dick Krone, the co-op manager.

Don Novotny, a farmer who left the co-op office minutes before the explosion, said the two people missing hours after the blast were employee Don Elenga and customer Earl Nelson. The two bodies found today were expected to be identified as those of the two men.

"All I remember is the windows rat-

tled, the clock blew off the wall and I saw the (elevator) roof flying through the air. Then it was just flames," said Phyllis Oliver, a clerk in a grocery store across the street from the elevator.

Firefighters controlled the blaze late Tuesday night as the temperature dropped below freezing. Smoke was visible at least 12 miles away.

The elevator has a capacity of about 428,000 bushels, Adams said.

John Fecht, the acting director of warehousing for the Nebraska Public Service Commission, said the elevator is state-licensed.

"We try to inspect at least once a

year, and more often if possible," Fecht said. "Without looking back on the record, nothing comes to my mind that makes me think they ever had problems."

Between 1958 and 1981, Nebraska had 43 elevator explosions — more than any other state in the nation, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures. Federal records show the explosions caused seven deaths, 48 injuries and millions of dollars in damages.

Last April, a grain elevator explosion in Council Bluffs, Iowa, just across the Missouri River from Omaha, killed five people and injured 20.

Wazzan says U.S. wants troops out of Lebanon by year's end

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The United States wants the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon under way by year's end, Lebanon's Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan said in an interview published today.

But in Jerusalem, Israeli radio said U.S. special envoy Morris Draper and Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir made no progress in efforts to start troop withdrawals from Lebanon.

Israel invaded Lebanon June 6 to rout Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas. Syrian forces are deployed in eastern and northern Lebanon, originally sent six years ago to police an

armistice that ended the 1975-76 Moslem-Christian civil war.

"I believe the U.S. policy aims for a speedy withdrawal," Wazzan said. "Otherwise the Americans would not have repeatedly informed us that they want the withdrawal to get under way by the end of the year at the latest."

The prime minister made the statement in an interview broadcast by Lebanon's state television Tuesday night. Text of the interview was published by Beirut newspapers today.

Wazzan said he was confident Syria and the PLO would order their forces to withdraw "at the appropriate time."

He did not elaborate.

Syria has an estimated 35,000 troops in the eastern Bekaa Valley and northern provinces of Tripoli, Akkar and Zghorta. Israel has an estimated 35,000 troops stationed opposite Syrian lines in the Bekaa and in central and southern Lebanon.

The PLO's main fighting force was evacuated from the Lebanese capital under U.S. auspices last August and September after a protracted Israeli siege, but it maintains 6,000 to 10,000 guerrillas in Syrian-controlled areas.

Wazzan said Lebanon was "in a hurry to begin the withdrawal talks"

with Israel and expects the United States to exert what he called the necessary efforts with Israel to get the talks started.

He said last week's explosion which killed 75 Israeli soldiers and 14 Arabs at the Israeli military headquarters in southern Lebanon's occupied port city of Tyre had "knocked down Israel's security-for-the-Galilee theory."

Israel originally called its Lebanon invasion the "peace for Galilee operation," contending in the early days of the war that its army wanted to drive PLO guerrillas 25 miles north of the Israeli border.

Cause of the Nov. 11 explosion in Tyre has not been determined, but Israeli military investigators have suggested it was an accident caused by leaking cooking gas tanks.

Draper, the U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, has been shuttling almost daily between Beirut and Jerusalem for the last two weeks in efforts to get withdrawal talks started.

He told reporters in Jerusalem today after meeting with Shamir that they discussed "various ideas for moving forward." But Israeli radio said there was no breakthrough on issues blocking Israel-Lebanon talks.

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Energy independence possible with right policy, SPE told

By LESLIE HAINES
Energy-Business Writer

United States energy independence is possible if the federal government will adopt a policy encouraging a free market controlled only by natural laws of supply and demand, a distinguished lecturer of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) said in Midland Tuesday night.

Dr. H. A. Merkley described four possible routes the government could take to deregulate the industry, and what the results on prices and production would be, at a meeting of the Permian Basin Section of the SPE Tuesday evening.

"In my opinion, to achieve energy independence, we would be well advised to specialize in the drilling of those wells that industry would naturally go to first, rather than those which, through distorted price controls, we are apparently now seeking out," Merkley said.

The Texas A & M University professor was formerly a member of President Reagan's transition team for the U.S. Synfuels Corporation in 1980-81. He presented data from a computer

model he developed while working in Washington, D.C. in 1977 with Texas Republican Rep. Jim Collins. He was one of Collins' assistants during the time the Carter Administration was forming legislation which later became the Natural Gas Price Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Merkley's model was conceived to show legislators what would happen to energy production levels and prices if any one of four events happened:

- 1) the status quo (if NGPA remains in effect until 1985),
- 2) deregulation of natural gas sooner than 1985,
- 3) elimination of the windfall profits tax on crude oil only, and
- 4) the joint effect of removing both the WPT and natural gas price controls.

Generally, the model showed that crude prices would increase, production would go up, and imports would decline most (until the year 2000) if the WPT and natural gas decontrols were both eliminated.

The next best scenario for the oil and gas industry would occur if gas prices alone were decontrolled immediately. The third best scenario would

occur if only the WPT was eliminated, and the fourth best scenario would occur if the NGPA was allowed to stay in place, with partial deregulation in 1985.

Merkley said his model is based on the principle that the finding rate of crude oil declines at the rate of 3.5 percent annually.

The model could easily be changed and all projections shifted upward, he said, if there are further energy surprises, such as the recent announcement of a new giant oil field offshore California, or if all federal lands were opened up to exploration, thus increasing the nation's reserves.

Merkley said he has not always been sympathetic with U.S. energy policy, but he sees it changing for the better under the Reagan Administration.

"But believe me, after working in Washington, I can tell you that those poor guys honest-to-goodness don't know what to do. I was amazed at the lack of preparation of both sides, that goes into legislation. I was amazed at the number of reports they (Congressmen) were given. They were swamped with conflicting data."

Part of the problem is that previ-

ous administrations had entirely different energy policies, Merkley said. Under Richard Nixon, a report called Project Independence said that if the price of crude stabilized at \$11 a barrel, the U.S. would be energy independent by 1985, with production of 17 million barrels a day, and zero imports. That was quite obviously wrong on the positive side.

Under Jimmy Carter, energy policy was wrong on the negative side, Merkley continued. "He said that we were going to run out of crude oil and gas; that there was none to be found. You had two drastic policy differences — one said drill as much as possible, and one said there was nothing left to drill for."

"Both were wrong." Merkley said the present administration is yet again different. Where previously it was almost taboo for someone connected with the energy industry to be in high level positions in the department, today many DOE employees are former energy company employees.

"The DOE is very favorably inclined towards deregulation except for one thing — they can call it anything under the sun, but they cannot call it deregulation."

"Portions of the natural gas market are scheduled to be deregulated in 1985 under the NGPA as it now stands. Of efforts to deregulate all gas before 1985, Merkley said, "I believe DOE is really trying, but I don't think they'll be successful."

"And they will have to go through so much work (in Congress) to get it passed, that people will say 'Why bother?' In another two years (1985) half of the gas will be deregulated anyway."

In 1956, U.S. drilling activity hit its peak with 240 million feet drilled in that year, Merkley said. Since then, footage per year has declined steadily, except during the Arab oil embargo in 1973-74. In 1976, the U.S. again hit the 240 million foot mark, he said, yet the country was still not energy independent.

"We were not finding anywhere near the reserves we had found in 1956, which allowed the Carter administration to claim it's point of view was right."

According to Merkley, if the finding rate does decline at 3.5 percent annually, over a period of 20 years, "then with the 240 million foot mark of

1976, given that you wanted to develop the same reserves you did 20 years earlier, it would have required twice the normal drilling rate to achieve."

"I would have concluded that we weren't drilling anywhere near what we needed to drill. And from that would have flowed the belief that we should leave the drilling industry alone," to drill as much as possible.

On the supply side, Merkley said as time goes by, the industry has to drill more, at a faster rate, while on the demand side, things are "always shaky," and unpredictable.

Merkley's model assumes a given reserve base is known, and that 11 percent of the reserve will be drilled in any given year.

The nation's drilling budget per year is a factor of crude oil and gas prices, production levels, and the reserve base left after a year of drilling, he said.

Merkley predicted drilling activity would decline in the early 1990's due to tremendously high drilling costs.

If half of natural gas is deregulated by the NGPA in 1985, then essentially, all gas will be deregulated, Merkley said, but the price swings would be moderated by the higher volumes involved.

Administration sees good news in latest economic reports

By The Associated Press

The Reagan administration sees "good news" in the latest report on inflation, but fresh signs of a lingering recession sent financial markets into a spin.

Labor Department officials said Tuesday that wholesale prices rose 0.5 percent in October, reflecting a 5.7 percent annual increase. Prices had dropped 0.1 percent in September.

Peter Roussel, deputy White House press secretary, said the report was "good news" and "indicates we're winning the battle against inflation."

Private economists said they saw little chance that inflation would accelerate soon, mainly because the economy appears to be continuing in recession.

A slowdown in business activity tends to depress the inflation level as merchants and manufacturers struggle to keep sales up by holding prices down.

The Federal Reserve Board's report of an 0.8 percent decline in industrial production in October was the latest sign that the recession persisted into autumn.

The Fed's report marked the 13th decline in industrial production in the last 15 months. The October drop was the steepest since a 1.1 percent slide last April.

Meanwhile, the stock market headed downward from the opening bell Tuesday. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 13.43 points, to 1008.00. That was the third straight ses-

sion in which the widely watched market index fell more than 10 points.

The market's spectacular rally from a low of 778.92 on Aug. 12 was based on falling interest rates and expectations that the Fed would continue its accommodating stance to help the economy recover from recession.

The view that the decline in interest rates has stopped, at least for now, was reinforced when Chemical Bank raised its prime lending rate to 12 percent. Chemical had undercut the banking industry last month in reducing its prime rate to 11.5 percent, but it retreated after no other major banks followed its lead.

Banks use the prime rate as a base from which to figure interest charges

on short-term loans to businesses. Top-rated companies often are charged less than the prime rate while smaller, less creditworthy firms typically pay more than the prime.

Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker said Tuesday that monetary supplies will not necessarily be tightened simply because two key money supply figures are above the Fed's target range.

"Obviously, in the circumstances, further reduction in interest rates would be welcomed. But we also want to be sure that lower rates can continue so that the recovery will last," he said in a speech in Boston.

"We need to combine recovery with further progress for stability, or we

would risk losing both."

In other economic developments Tuesday:

— President Reagan noted in remarks for the U.S. League of Savings Associations in New Orleans that the nation's personal savings rate is the highest in six years.

— Sen. Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico, Republican chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, told the same New Orleans audience that budget deficits of \$200 billion or more are likely through 1986. To combat the deficit, Domenici called for a fee on imported oil and a review of plans to automatically adjust income taxes to offset

inflation.

— Two of the nation's largest retailers reported sharp gains in third-quarter profits, while a third recorded a steep drop. Kmart said its earnings more than doubled, to \$30.1 million, while J.C. Penney Co. Inc. reported a 10 percent drop, to \$77 million. Dayton Hudson Corp. reported a 21 percent rise, to \$38.9 million.

— Treasury Secretary Donald Regan is considering whether to move up the 1983 income tax cut from July to January in an effort to stimulate the economy. The New York Times, quoting anonymous sources, reported in today's editions.

Reagan hails S&Ls' recovery as sign of better times ahead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — President Reagan is hailing the early signs of recovery in the savings and loan industry as an indication of better times ahead for the national economy.

"We still have a long way to go before we make things right again. Far too many people are still hurting. But we believe the turnaround in your industry signals a turnaround in the rest of the economy — and that's mighty good news for America," he told a gathering of savings and loan executives here Tuesday.

Reagan's optimistic message was enthusiastically received at the convention of the U.S. League of Savings Associations, the largest trade group for an industry that officials say is pulling out

of its worst financial crisis since the 1930s.

"I've heard the rumor around that ... some of you think the sun is beginning to shine again on savings and loans. Could that be true?" the president asked to loud applause from the group of more than 2,000 S&L officials and their spouses.

Turning to his federal red-ink troubles in Washington, Reagan asked for support in putting together a budget plan to reduce the mounting projected deficits.

"It must be a balanced program that brings deficits down without violating our goals of reducing the burden of taxation, protecting the needy and moving forward with our program to

rebuild America's badly neglected defenses," he said.

He labeled as "a propaganda campaign" statements linking the budget deficits with the administration's tax reduction plan and increased defense spending.

The deficits, he said, "result from sharp increases in non-defense spending."

His speech was interrupted frequently by applause and drew a favorable reaction afterward from several S&L executives.

"I thought it was great. He tells me what I want to hear," said Fred Reynolds, senior vice president of First Federal Savings and Loan of Michigan.

The mood of the convention was

upbeat even before the president arrived.

Richard Pratt, who as chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board is the chief federal S&L regulator, told the group earlier, "For the first time, I believe we see light at the end of the tunnel, which is hopefully not a train coming in the other direction."

James Christian, the S&L league's chief economist, described the mood of the convention-goers as markedly different from a year ago when they were asking, "Am I going to be here next year?"

This year, he said, the executives are "getting their track shoes on and getting ready to roll into the future."

The officials attributed the brighter

outlook to lower interest rates and new legislation that gives the institutions the ability to operate more like banks.

Reagan took note of the new banking authority, saying, "From now on, you will be free to compete for the saver's dollar, and we hope you agree — this legislation can be the Emancipation Proclamation for America's savings institutions."

But he cautioned, "We're not promising a panacea; we're just saying, as Winston Churchill did, 'we'll give you the tools, and you'll get the job done.'"

Pratt had earlier issued a similar warning.

"This time everything worked out all right, at least it appears to be working out all right," he said.

"We have implied promises, I think, now that have to be kept and you have the time and the opportunity to keep them."

With the new powers, industry officials say savings and loans should be able to diversify their investment portfolios and reduce their vulnerability to sharp swings in interest rates.

Their recent financial crunch has been blamed on high interest rates because the institutions have such large portfolios of old home loans.

Shopping center approved

A construction permit for a new shopping center in north Midland was issued by the city's permits and inspections department last week, along with permits for 33 other projects. A total construction value of \$2,321,200 was placed on the projects.

This brings the total for the month to \$8,486,795, and for 1982 to date, to \$249,010,680.

The breakdown in types of permits was as follows: one new commercial permit, seven commercial alteration permits, two new single family residences, and 22 permits for residential alterations.

Haws & Garrett Company was issued a permit to build four buildings, one a two-story, for Woodmont Corporation

of Fort Worth, at 4410 N. Midkiff. The buildings will be part of the Courtyard at Midland Park Shopping Center, at the corner of Midkiff and Loop 250. Commercial alteration permits went to: Casbeer & Assoc., 3525 Andrews Highway, remodel interior office space at Liberty Square, \$3,000; and 2215 N. Midland Dr. Mesa Verde Shopping Center, interior lease space, \$3,000; Rod Stephenson, 600 N. Marientfeld, Paragon Building, finish office space, \$25,000; C. O. Terrier, 4340 W. Illinois, interior retail space at Westwood Shopping Village; G & M Pump, 1313 N. Lamesa, install gas tanks, pumps and canopy, \$1,200; Modern Floors, 303 W. Wall, lease space, \$7,700; and Pete Rodriguez, 408 N. Terrell, cabinet shop, \$25,000.

More fly from Midland

Boardings at Midland Regional Airport continue on a steady upward climb, according to Col. Wilson Banks, aviation director.

October showed a figure of 55,764 compared to 53,207 for the same month a year ago. This is a 4.8 percent increase, Banks said.

Total boardings for 1982 through October is 566,659, a 20.6 percent increase over last year's figure of 469,603.

These increases are coming nearer to the national average of 3 to 4 percent per month, Banks added.

OIL FACTS

Pamphlets at fairs and markets in Europe describe medicinal value of crude oil produced from the seepages at Wietze (Hangerover), Pechelbronn (Alsace), Beziers (Southern France), Agrigento (Sicily), the Modena region in the Po Valley (Italy), Tagersee (Southern Bavaria), Galacia, Rumania and Baku.

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Danes strike

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A wildcat strike by airline catering workers caused delays on some foreign-bound flights today, forcing extra stops to take on food, spirits and newspapers they couldn't get here, Scandinavian Airlines said.

SAS spokeswoman Gudrun Mogensen said Wednesday flights to New York, Los Angeles, Africa and the Far East were having to pick up food and comfort supplies elsewhere, delaying arrivals at Kastrup airport by up to 90 minutes.

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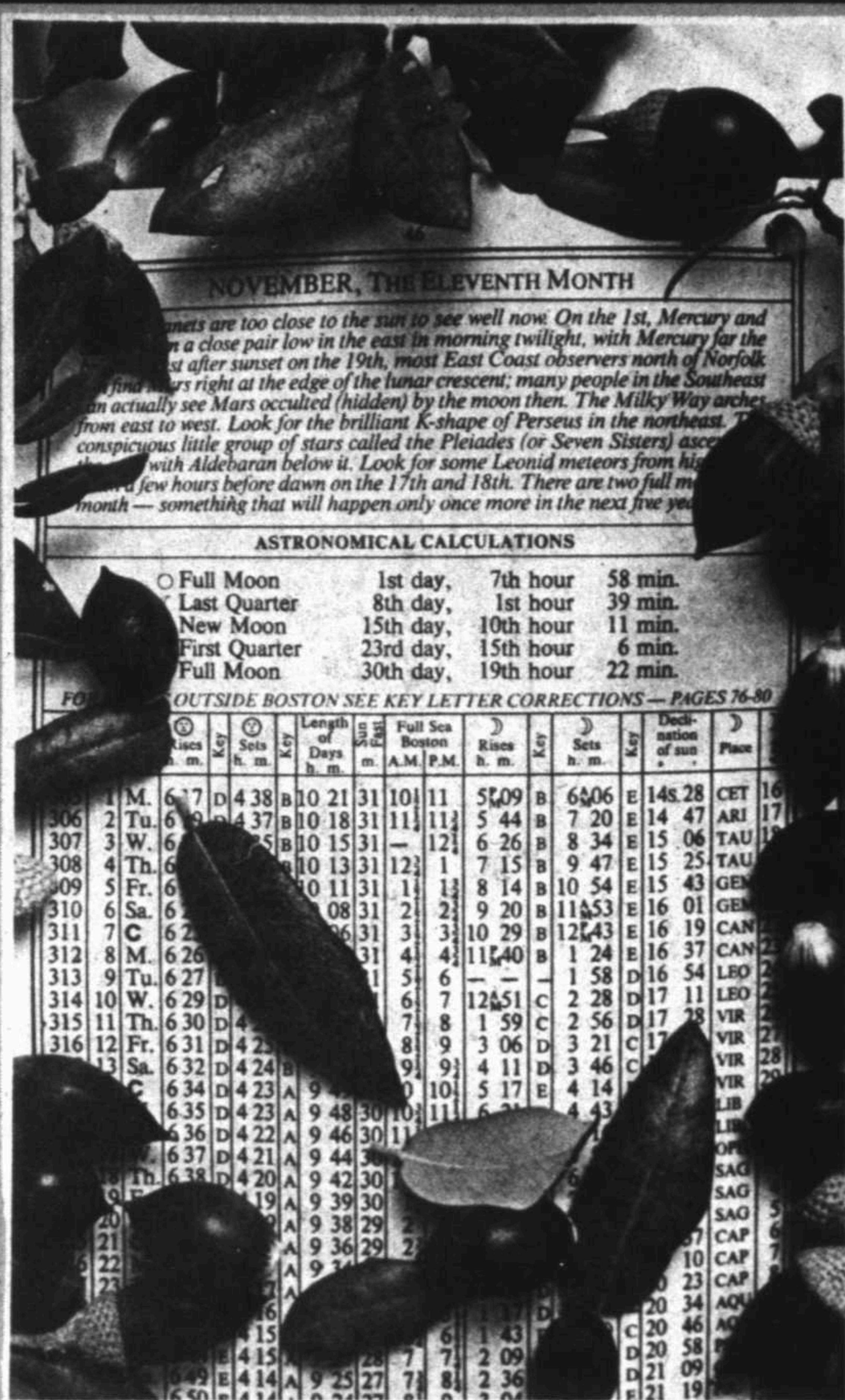
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Predicting winter weather is tricky, whether it's a heavy harvest of nuts, a wooly bear caterpillar or The Old Farmer's Almanac serving as a guide. For its part, the Almanac is predicting chillier than average temperatures for November, January and February.

Almanac predicts cold winter waits for West Texas

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

Some people might be slightly wary of the weather forecasts offered by an almanac which also contains ads for "Giant, Man-high strawberries," "Magic Indian Oil that catches fish like crazy" and a photo book containing such notables as "Julia the shocking 'Monkey Woman'" and "Jo Jo, the Real Wolfman."

But for nearly 200 years, many have depended on The Old Farmer's Almanac, along with, perhaps, a slight case of rheumatiz, to predict the unpredictable — weather.

Traditionally, November is a month when amateur weather watchers, after sticking a moistened index finger skyward, hazard a guess at the upcoming winter's weather.

While weather professionals doubt the accuracy of such long term forecasting, those who predicted an unusually cold and snowy winter have company in the Almanac.

THE ALMANAC'S authors employ a time-tested method of predicting weather patterns by solar activity and a "secret weather forecasting formula" divined in 1792 by the Almanac's creator and first editor, Robert B. Thomas.

Eleven editors later, in its 191st edition, the Almanac is calling for a cold, "flakey" winter in its regional forecast for Texas and Oklahoma.

The remainder of November, according to the Almanac, should bring below-average temperatures and above-average precipitation. December, despite occasional cold spells, should bring a respite from the otherwise chilly winter with temperatures running generally above average.

January should be dry, but temperatures could be bitterly below average. And February temperatures should also be below the norm with snowfall about average for the region.

For much of the nation, the Almanac is predicting similarly below-average mercury readings.

ARMED WITH the Almanac's frosty winter forecast, the Merit Report, a national public opinion survey, polled 1,201 adults on whether or not they agree with the predictions.

Almost half of those polled, 46 percent, agreed that this winter could be one of the most severe in recent memory. Another 34 percent put no stock in the forecast, while 20 percent apparently wished to blot winter weather out of their minds and offered no opinion.

Old-timers, evidently, are a bit less convinced of the "secret formula's" reliability than those adults with a few less winters under their belts.

Of the people interviewed that were 50 years old or older, only 40 percent said they go along with the severe weather forecast, while 37 percent disagreed with the prediction. In the 18-34-year-old category, 53 percent said they believed the Almanac and only 32 percent doubted the sage publication.

Earnest Kiker, Midland's new Texas Agricultural Extension Service agent, said he doubted farmers are putting much stock in long-range predictions of a harsh winter. If anything, farmers in Midland County may be concerned about the toll a dry winter could take on topsoil, he said.

KIKER SAID folklore holds a variety of weather indicators. But whether it be wooly bear caterpillars, groundhogs, an abundance of mesquite beans or heavily nut-laden trees, he said farmers are less likely to "bet the farm" on nature's supposed harsh-weather signals.

Jim Yates, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland, said many weather professionals tend to be similarly wary of long-range predictions.

He said the NWS forecasts 2-3 days at a time, and labels weekly, monthly and seasonal predictions as "outlooks" only. He said a seasonal outlook for December, January and February should be out soon, but he has no way of accurately predicting whether Midland's winter will follow the Almanac's prediction.

Yates said some long-range weather seers are operating at a "coin flip" level of performance.

"If they can demonstrate anything better than 50-50 (accuracy), they claim they have demonstrated some skill," he said.

NWS STATISTICS indicate that an average Midland winter brings 37 inches of snow. The average high and low for December are 59.1 and 32.3 degrees, respectively; for January, 56.8 and 30.1 degrees; and for February, 61.9 and 33.8 degrees.

The 1946-47 winter dumped a record 13.9 inches of snow on Midland. On Feb. 8, 1933, the mercury plunged to minus-11, the lowest Midland temperature on record. For 150 hours, from Jan. 6-12, 1973, Midland's temperature

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4-H does wonders for teen

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

RANKIN — Enthusiasm. It's the motivating force behind any endeavor.

To 18-year-old Trey Powell of Rankin, it's led him through 12 years of character-building projects, carried him as far away as Canada, and perhaps will allow him to help shape the lives of the next generation of young persons.

The 4-H organization is what has captivated Trey's dreams, leading him to new heights of personhood and an awareness of the importance of friends in his life.

After having learned and shared at the National 4-H Canadian Conference in Toronto last Wednesday through Monday, Trey now numbers among his friends an international host of young people who, like him, have discovered the benefits of a life in 4-H.

"Most of the kids there — I'd say about 95 percent — were farm-related, in agriculture," he recalled. "Their goal was to go to college, agriculture school. Most of the kids want to take after their parents, take over the farm."

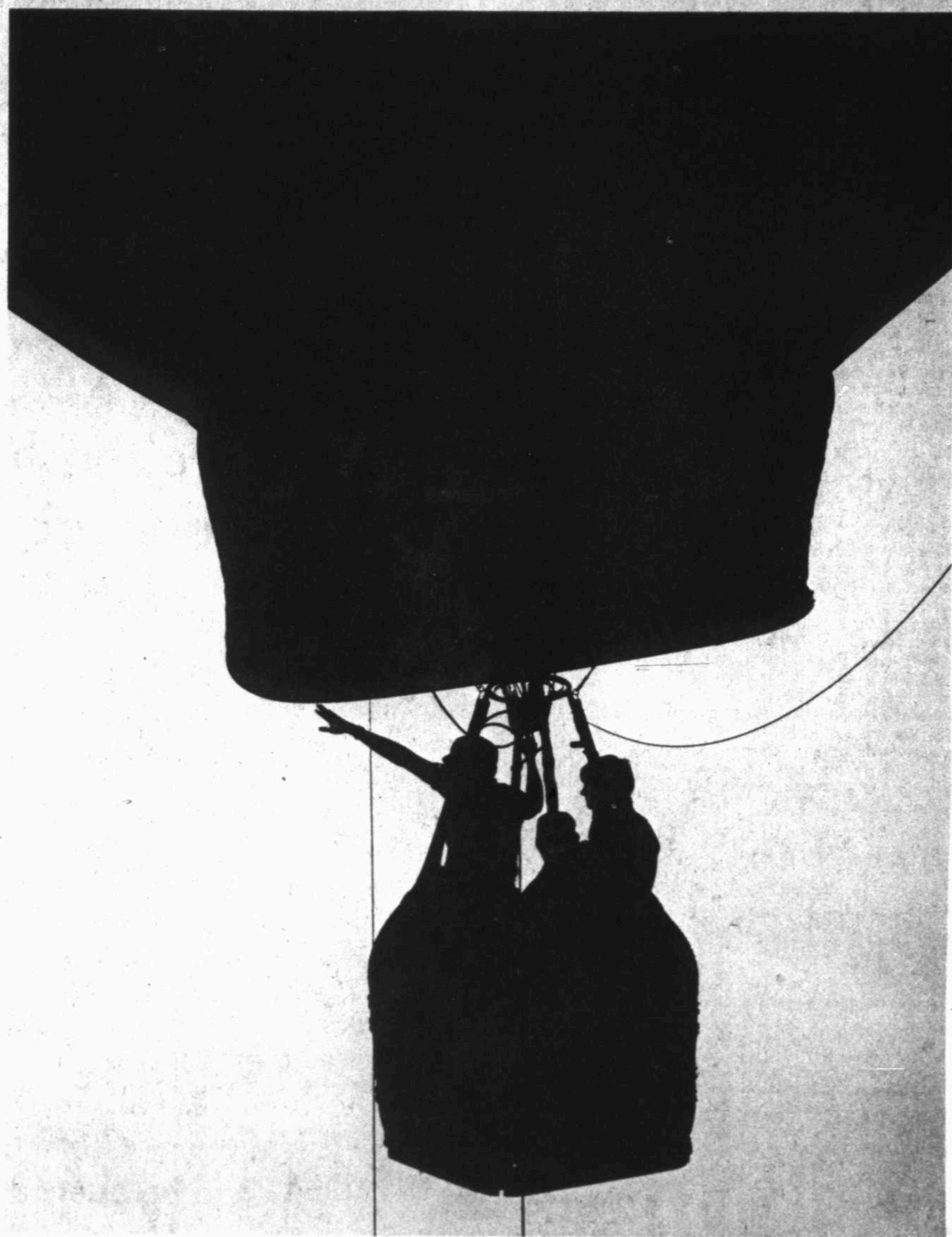
During the five days of the conference, Trey and 90 other youngsters — only eight of whom were from the United States — studied new agricultural and economic ideas. A public relations officer for the Texas Boys Council of 4-H, Trey had been selected to attend the conference in consideration of his 4-H accomplishments.

"I first got into 4-H in Alice, Texas, where my dad was assistant county agent," he said. "He didn't really push me, but he wanted me to get involved in 4-H. I did and I've enjoyed it ever since. I'm kind of sorry to say this is my last year, too. I'm trying to do as much as I can before this year's over with."

During his Canada trip Trey had occasion to endure the switch from 85-degree Texas weather to the frigid 30 degrees of Toronto, and took in several tourist sights, including Niagara Falls and the C&N Tower, the largest free-standing tower in the world.

But it was the personal aspect of the trip that held the most impact for him.

"After five days, you kinda find out (See TEEN-AGER, Page 2D)



Skyriding

Staff Photo by Cody Bell

Terry Hendrix of Midland was giving free tethered balloon rides in his balloon "Dreamer" to Midland High School students Tuesday at the MHS practice

field. Hendrix and his wife Nancy operate Hendrix Ballooning; their motto, appropriately enough, is "for the lift of your life."

Cable company tells of improvements

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Times Mirror Cable TV of Midland updated the Midland City Council Tuesday on its rebuilding program while on the same day it initiated a new service called Dimensions.

The 5 p.m. report also gave the public a chance to question cable officials about their problems with the system.

Tom Mixon, general manager of the local cable group, said that 93 miles out of 400 in the cable system had been rebuilt. In addition, they are replacing the old amplifiers system-wide. "This has allowed us to bring in HBO and we're now bringing in Showtime," HBO and Showtime are 24-hour movie-entertainment channels.

The rebuilding program covers 2,700 homes, primarily in the southeastern part of Midland. Rebuilding of the cable network systemwide should be completed in late 1983 or early 1984, he said.

While the rebuilding has been going on, the cable group also has been installing lines to new subdivisions. To date, they have put in 13 more miles of cable. The new areas they haven't reached weren't included in the 1982 budget, said Mixon.

Dimensions was explained by an Austin marketing manager as a tiered system of payment that is based according to what the viewer wants.

Basic charge for cable television is \$9 per month. To add additional channels such as Station WGN or Cable Health is \$5 more per month for each service. Spotlight (Times Mirror's movie channel) is costing an additional \$10.95 per month; HBO, \$11.95, and Showtime, \$11.95.

However, some of the offerings are being packaged and given to the subscriber at a reduced rate. And to get one of the movie channels, the subscriber will be given one converter at no charge. If the viewer has more than one television, he will have to pay for additional converters, said Mixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haden, who live in the new Norwood Addition questioned the general manager about when they would get cable service.

"We've been living there since February. Every time I call I've been told it's going to be next month. Then a man knocked on my door last week and said it would be installed Tuesday, which is today. I was home all day and I still don't have cable," said Mrs. Haden.

Mixon replied that wiring to the Norwood Addition had just been completed

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Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Terri and Paul Haden, right, of 4201 Merrill showed up at Times Mirror Cable TV's presentation before Midland City Council Tuesday to com-

plain to Tom Mixon, left, general manager of the cable system, about not being able to get cable service.

DEATHS

Archie Gillit

LAMESA — Archie Gillit, 77, of Lamesa died Monday at a Lamesa hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Second Baptist Church here with the Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Lamesa Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

A retired farmer and fireman, he moved to Dawson County in 1921 from Callahan. He married Ima Jean Carter Oct. 10, 1935, in Midway. He was a 35-year member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Carol Cornett and Ernie Zimmerman, both of Odessa, and Edna Peters of Lubbock; a son, William Gillit of Slaton; three sisters, Winnie Thompson of Lamesa, Bertha Cheek of Abilene and Lucille Thompson of Anadarko, Okla.; two brothers, Allen Gillit of Abilene and Ray Gillit of Bastrop; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Margaret Abney

ANDREWS — Graveside services for Margaret Odessa Abney, 54, of Andrews will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Andrews Cemetery with the Rev. Ted Short, pastor of the McKinney Acres Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Abney died Tuesday morning at the Andrews Care Center.

She was born April 4, 1928, in Idabel, Okla. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sisters, Kathleen Tyler of Andrews, Mrs. Gerald Emerson of Ashdown, Ark., and Mrs. Clemmie Dawson of Tyler.

Jo Ann Wein

PECOS — Services for Jo Ann Wein, 51, of Pecos, mother of Paul E. Wein of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dudley Bragg officiating. Burial was to follow in Mount Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wein died Sunday at her residence.

She was born Oct. 31, 1931, in Fort Worth. She married Charlie E. Wein March 28, 1952.

She had lived in Pecos since 1962 and was a member of First Baptist Church, Pecos Art Association, women's division of the chamber of commerce, Booster Club and Young Homemakers Club.

Other survivors include her husband, a daughter, three other sons, a sister, three brothers, her mother and four grandchildren.

Edwin Nelson

Graveside services for Edwin Nelson, infant son of Jan C. Nelson and Ed R. Taylor, both of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

The infant died Monday morning in a Midland hospital.

He was born Sept. 7, 1982, in Andrews.

Survivors include his mother and father; three brothers, Leslie Taylor, James Taylor and Allan Taylor, all of Midland; seven sisters, Laura Taylor, Mary Ann Hulkey, Holly Lynn Nelson, Paula Jan Nelson, Kelly Nelson, Tammy Nelson and Debra Taylor, all of Midland; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Sharp of Andrews, Billy James Kennedy of Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Taylor of Midland; his great-grandmothers, Mrs. William R. Taylor of Midland and Lettie Bingham of San Angelo; and several aunts and uncles.

Ida Pearl Case

ANDREWS — Graveside services for Ida Pearl Case, 90, of Andrews will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Andrews Cemetery with the Rev. Ted Short, pastor of the McKinney Acres Baptist Church, officiating. Services are under the direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Case died Monday at an Andrews hospital following an illness.

She was born Nov. 16, 1891, in Marshall, Tenn. She moved to Andrews a year ago from Tucumcari, N.M., where she had lived eight years. She was married to the late Charles C. Case.

Survivors include a daughter, Mae Sellers of Tucumcari; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Nov. 11, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wayne Houser, 507 N. A St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ascension Ramirez Sr., 106 E. Nobles Ave., a girl.

Nov. 12, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Tovar Aguilar, 1310 E. Cuthbert Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Aguirre, Route 2 Box 178 Space 11, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Leopoldo Soto Cabello, 1308 S. Belmont St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Todd Horan, 1903 N. Bryant St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ray Harrison, 403 Holly Drive, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brothers Peek IV, 2203 Brunson Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Celeon Avila, 805 S. Dal-

las St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lee Stephens, 1103 S. Moran St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Dodson, 4503 Cimmaron Ave., a boy.

Nov. 13, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edward Graichen Jr., 3402 Hill Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harold Hutchinson, 610 S. Clay St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Randal Mel Kirk, 3301 Dawn Circle, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mason Shepard, 2007 W. Tennessee Ave., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Pace, 4726 Ric Drive, a boy.

Nov. 15, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie H. Rodriguez, 946 N. Baird St., a girl.

Father, son remain in jail in connection with Monday afternoon shooting death

A man and his son remained jailed this morning in lieu of \$35,000 bond each on murder charges stemming from the Monday afternoon shooting death of 33-year-old Glynn Stokes.

Justice of the Peace Charlie Sprayberry set the bonds Tuesday on 48-

year Ross Ellis Jones Sr. and his 26-year-old son, Ross Ellis Jones Jr., both of the Jones Hotel, 105 N. Lee St.

Stokes, who moved here recently from St. Louis, Mo., was found lying in front of the hotel shortly before 6 p.m. Monday. He had been shot several

times and was pronounced dead at Midland Memorial Hospital. He also lived at the hotel. An autopsy was ordered.

Police believe an argument precipitated the shooting. The younger Jones was arrested at the scene Monday night and his father was arrested Tuesday. A .38-caliber pistol was taken into evidence.

Foul play ruled out in death

BIG SPRING — An autopsy report following the death of a transient who was recently living in Big Spring has ruled out foul play, Big Spring police reported today.

James Orr's body was discovered about 11 a.m. Tuesday near a fast food restaurant on the north side of town, police said.

Although it was initially thought that Orr died from a blow to the head, police said this morning that Dr. Robert Rember of Malone-Hogan Hospital performed an autopsy and ruled that Orr died of a heart attack.

Higher phone rates will last about three months

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell's Texas customers are paying temporarily higher long distance rates as a result of a court decision that said the Public Utility Commission short-changed the telephone company in 1981.

Joe McNamara, Bell spokesman, said a 10 percent surcharge will be tacked on to intrastate long distance calls for about three months to recover the additional \$16.9 million the courts said Bell should collect.

PUC granted Bell a \$114.2 million rate increase in February 1981. The company appealed to the courts and won the additional \$16.9 million. Bell's rate hike request was for \$326.3 million.

The surcharge will show up on bills mailed this week, McNamara said.

Bell customers in Texas also are paying higher interim rates for other ser-

vices as a result of a current rate hike request. The telephone company on Nov. 9 instituted bonded rates based on a total increase of \$292 million.

State law allows utility companies to charge interim, bonded rates if the commission does not act within 125 days of a rate increase request. Bell asked for a \$471.5 million increase in June. A PUC decision on that request will be handed down on Dec. 30.

The bonded rates include a \$3.25 monthly increase for one-party residential service. One-party business charges increased by 85 cents to \$3.85 per month, depending on location.

Bell must pay refunds if the commission approves rates lower than the interim rates.

The interim rate plan also includes three free directory assistance calls per month, instead of the 10 previously allowed. Directory assistance calls above the limit cost 25 cents each.

Active ranch fund-raiser to have cabin namesake

SAN ANGELO — A new cottage to be built at West Texas Boys Ranch this winter will be named in honor of Midlander Roy Minear and his wife Evelyn, according to Diane Scherf, local Boys Ranch coordinator.

Minear, 76, is past-president of WTBR and currently serves as chairman of its trust fund. He's been associated with the non-profit boys home for nearly 30 years and also remains an active member of its executive committee.

During his term as president from 1960 through 1964, he and his wife initiated and executed numerous benefit programs. "Throughout the years," said Ms. Scherf, "his constant preoccupation with WTBR's welfare has led to the decision to name the new cottage after him and his wife."

As an example of his ingenuity in coming up with fresh fund-raising ideas, she said, he began a postage stamp project by first donating most of his extensive philatelic collection to the Ranch trust fund.

Then he obtained a quantity of unused U.S. stamps, sent them to well-known personalities for their autographs, combined them in albums and sold the albums for the benefit of



Roy Minear

WTBR. "It is with great honor and esteem that the WTBR board of directors chose Roy and Evelyn Minear to name their next new cottage after," said Ms. Scherf.

Bids to be opened for two projects

Bids are scheduled to be opened today for two area highway projects, according to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

One project calls for widening and improving a mile-long stretch of North Big Spring Street (Texas 349) from Wadley Avenue to Loop 250. The work involves making the current two-lane road four lanes, with continuous left-turn lanes and parking lanes on either

side of the new section. The parking lanes can later be converted to traffic lanes, should additional road capacity be needed, noted the DHT.

The second project calls for seal-coating about 147 miles of various highways in eight counties, as part of periodic maintenance work designed to protect and extend the service life of roadways.

Liquor store destroyed in Tuesday fire

BIG SPRING — Big Spring and Stanton fire departments battled a blaze that destroyed a liquor store located on the Howard-Martin county line Tuesday afternoon.

According to Big Spring Fire Chief Jim Ryals, fire trucks were summoned to the scene about 2:23 p.m. Tuesday after the County Liquor Store caught fire from a barbecue pit inside the building.

"It's about 15 miles from Big Spring," Ryals said, "and we began to run out of water. We called the Stanton Fire Department, but the building was demolished by the time they got there."

Ryals said three county volunteer units also assisted at the scene, but the building could not be saved. There were no injuries reported.

Two men die in collision near Pecos

PECOS — Two New Mexico men died in a head-on collision near here late Tuesday night.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Reeves County Justice of the Peace Phyllis Salyer were Javier L. Garcia, a 33-year-old musician from Roswell, N.M., and Pasqual C. Lozoya, a 39-year-old laborer, also of Roswell.

According to the Department of Public Safety, Garcia was northbound on U.S. 285 and Pasquel was southbound when their vehicles collided head-on approximately 31 miles north of Pecos about 11:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Both bodies were taken to the Pecos Funeral Home.

Teen-ager does more than learn from 4-H

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how people act and how they are, and you hate to say goodbye to them," he said. "I don't think any of us went to bed the last two nights. We all stayed up just talking...The last day, I guess, was the worst day — everybody had to tell everybody goodbye...Everybody just kinda had their last cry that morning."

But Trey's farewell to his Canadian friends may become a hello next summer. A girl from British Columbia invited him to return and work on her father's farm, and Trey just may take her up on it.

"I'm going to take my senior trip back to Canada, I think," he said.

Trey, a longtime veteran now of 4-H activities, is convinced that becoming involved in the organization works toward a person's betterment. "There's a whole lot (of benefits)," he explained.

"There's the different projects you can go into...and the trips and the friends you acquire — it just means so much for a person...When you get out, you hate to, but then I can still help by donating my time and being involved in 4-H as long as I can."

Trey, who hopes to attend pre-med school at Texas A&M after he graduates next spring from Rankin High School, not only has an intense love for 4-H but also has all the trimmings of a first-rate public relations official. Being from Texas, could he pass up a chance to tout the benefits of the Lone Star State to all his international 4-H friends?

"I took 125 decks of cards over there with 'Texas' printed on the back and handed them out," he said. "I don't think any other public relations officer did anything like that."

But then, no one else quite matches Trey Powell's level of enthusiasm.

Cable company reports changes to City Council

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and the family should be hooked up soon.

A man who lives in Fairway Park asked when cable service would be installed to his area and was told it should be completed by the end of the year.

Problems are being worked out on the microwave system, where Public Broadcasting System Channel 13 (KERA) out of Dallas may be dropped and replaced by a station from Lubbock. But Mixon said they haven't set up the microwave link to Lubbock yet and it may take months before the switch can come.

The Texas Tech station carries much of the same PBS programming as Channel 13, according to Mixon.

"We won't pull any channels out unless we can replace it with similar programming," he said.

This change, according to Mixon, is due to a rate increase forthcoming from West Texas Microwave, the company that provides the signal for Channel 13 from Dallas.

Times Mirror attempted to change its phone system for the better last winter, "and we're not pleased with the changes we made," said Mixon. A phone sequencer that would answer calls like an airline service and put people on hold supposedly was installed at a cost of \$10,000. "It helped some, but not enough."

Correcting the phone answering problem is a priority with the local cable group and Mixon said they are looking at phone systems other than Southwestern Bell.

The billing system was changed as of Nov. 1 and put on a cycle system, Mixon said. People now will be billed on the date that they started service. The manager explained that if someone started on the 15th of a month, that's when he would be billed now, rather than on the first. To get the system worked out on the right cycle, Mixon said some people would receive larger bills than normal to cover a longer period for this first month of adjustment.

According to at least one source, West Texas winter should be cold

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remained at the freezing point or below — the city's longest sustained cold snap.

Whether Midland is in for another wretched winter remains to be seen; perhaps not even "The Old Farmer" knows for sure.

But if winter happens to turn chilly and biting winds begin to howl, Midlanders can simply turn up the "magic oil" heater, wrap themselves snugly with imitation "wolfman" blankets and curl up to a midnight snack — a heaping bowlful of "man-high strawberries."

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