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British oil price cut could avert price war

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Britain's proposed cut in its North Sea oil price, to a range of \$29.75 to \$30 a barrel, is modest enough to lessen the chance that OPEC will fall into a price war, analysts say.

"OPEC is not out of the woods yet, but this certainly is a step in the right direction," said Bruce Lazier, a securities analyst at Paine Webber Mitchell Hutchins, commenting on Britain's announcement Wednesday.

Britain is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but its price actions are increasingly critical to the cartel. That is mainly because the 13 OPEC members are losing sales while Britain is gaining.

If Britain had dropped its prices below \$29.75, it might have provoked Nigeria — an economically distressed OPEC member — into unilaterally cutting its prices. Nigeria's oil competes with Britain's because it is of similar quality.

The Nigerian government, which controls that nation's oil industry, made no public comment Wednesday.

Gasoline prices may climb 10 cents per gallon

HOUSTON (AP) — Gasoline prices will climb by as much as 10 cents a gallon soon if retail prices follow the lead of the spot market, an oil industry analyst says.

William R. Edwards, president of Edwards Energy Consultants, said regular leaded gasoline delivered on the Gulf Coast spot market Tuesday was 85 cents a gallon Tuesday, up from a low of 74.5 cents Feb. 22. He predicted the wholesale price would follow suit shortly, as it did last year.

Edwards said gasoline price-cutting which began in late January and continued through February went too far. He said the price of gasoline on the spot, or non-contract, market has been low, considering the price of oil — \$27 a barrel from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The spot price has followed the same trend as it did in 1982, Edwards said. A year ago, regular leaded gasoline delivered to the Gulf Coast was selling for 79½ cents a gallon. The price climbed to 91 cents by the end of April. Wholesale prices in April were

\$1.01 a gallon for regular gasoline. The price dropped below the \$1 mark briefly, but by May 1982, it was back to \$1.15 a gallon.

"The price run is about the same as it was a year ago...probably a little ahead this year," Edwards said.

Dennis McClure, an independent gasoline wholesale executive, and Glenn Nilsson, executive vice president of Lone Star Service Stations Association, agreed prices will rise but predicted a 2-cent hike.

McClure said chances for a

small increase improve if the major oil companies risk their places in the frantic price and credit card wars by moving beyond the \$1 gasoline mark.

Earlier this week, two major oil companies raised their wholesale prices. Texaco USA went up one cent, Phillips Petroleum Co. rose a fraction.

Some dealers have been increasing their prices in anticipation of the federal gasoline tax.

"Prices are creeping up in anticipation of everyone coming in and filling up their tanks," said McClure.

producer, was expected to match the new British prices. The Norwegian state oil company was closed Wednesday for a holiday.

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said the new prices would be retroactive to March 1.

"This is a necessary, but not yet sufficient, step to guarantee that prices stay together," Lazier said. The missing links are an economic revival in the industrialized West and a switch in oil companies' buying habits, he said. The companies have been using oil from their inventories instead of buying from producers, mainly because they expected world prices to fall further.

Now that oil prices appear to have stabilized, at least temporarily, at the \$29 level set by OPEC, oil companies should step up their purchases, Lazier said.

The 13 OPEC members agreed on March 14 to cut their base price by \$5, to \$29 a barrel. The move was triggered by Nigeria, which cut its price by \$5.50 to \$30 a barrel in February just one day after Britain proposed a \$3 cut, to \$30.50. Because Nigeria acted without OPEC approval, the cartel was forced to begin a long series of negotiations that climaxed in the March 14 accord.

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day on the British price move. Analysts said they did not believe Nigeria would feel compelled to undercut Britain again.

Meanwhile, sources said Iran had told its Italian customers that it was cutting the price of its top-grade Iranian Light crude by \$3.20, to \$28 a barrel. That would put the official Iranian price approximately in line with the OPEC.

British National Oil Corp., which controls most of the British sector of the North Sea, said it proposed a 50-

cent cut in its Brent grade, to \$30 a barrel. Prices for its other grades — representing about three-quarters of the North Sea total — would be reduced by 75 cents, to \$29.75 a barrel, the company said.

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producer, was expected to match the new British prices. The Norwegian state oil company was closed Wednesday for a holiday.

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Loeffler gauges district's views on gas decontrol

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

When Tom Loeffler hits a stumbling block on a legislative issue and doesn't know which way to turn, he believes in going to The Source. In the case of decontrolling natural gas, it was Midland and its supply of producers he turned to for advice on Wednesday.

During Congress' Easter break, the Republican congressman from Hunt is traveling the 21st District congressional trail, which includes Midland, not only in search of information on bills but to pass along the latest developments on issues facing Congress. During a talk at a luncheon in the Holiday before local business persons and in a session with The Reporter-Telegram, Loeffler spoke on oil and gas issues, effects of a Democratic-authored budget bill, national defense and foreign aid to El Salvador.

"The president of the United States has submitted to Congress for the first time legislation to achieve decontrol of natural gas," Loeffler

said to a resulting round of applause from business persons and the splashing sounds of swimmers in the indoor pool.

NATURAL GAS must be controlled by the end of the year. If not, explained the third-term congressman, it will be defeated during the following presidential election year.

"The presidential election year will cause us chaos," he said. "It would be best for us to shelve it."

Before going to a reception sponsored by the Permian Basin Oil and Gas Producers, Loeffler said he was seeking a consensus on what producers wanted in a decontrol bill.

"The problem is a different mix of portfolios of the independent producers and there are 28 categories of gas. Problems are built into the system of regulation."

"Before we move ahead, we need to know what we are going after," said Loeffler. "No one knows if you'll get half a loaf or a whole loaf when you go into these legislative battles."

With dropping oil prices, Loeffler

believes that if gas controls were lifted now prices wouldn't go through the ceiling as some persons had feared. He said that industries use about 40 percent of the gas and these plants are equipped to use oil or gas, depending on which is higher-priced. If gas were priced higher than oil, then industries would switch to oil, he said in drawing a picture of a more competitive market place.

Loeffler, however, cautioned the U.S. should not let history repeat itself by reversing its oil and gas production, turning back to the 1960s when the country imported much of its energy needs because it came cheaper than producing it on home soil. If the U.S. becomes too dependent again on foreign oil, the country might face in the 1990s a shortened supply and foreign oil embargo as it did in the 1970s.

KEEPING RESERVES is "an important element for our stability," he said.

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Groucho's girl

Erin Fleming, former companion to the late Groucho Marx, leaves a Los Angeles television station late Wednesday. Accompanying her is investigator Nick Barone.

Marx's money going to bank

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The often theatrical Groucho Marx estate trial ended in a confusing final act when jurors awarded \$471,000 to the Bank of America but praised Erin Fleming for giving the aging comedian "a lot of love" in his sunset years.

The jury foreman said most of the panelists believed that Miss Fleming violated the trust that Marx placed in her and took advantage of him for financial gain.

But Miss Fleming's attorney, David Sabih, promised a quick encore in court as he seeks to have Wednesday's verdict thrown out.

Falling that, he said, he will appeal. Sabih said he was putting the former actress under round-the-clock guard because he feared a suicide attempt. Miss Fleming was not in court for the verdict, but later said there was "absolutely no way" she could have cheated Marx and vowed to clear her name.

The long-awaited verdict came from a jury which heard testimony from Hollywood celebrities, deliberated 49 hours over 10 days and once declared itself deadlocked. Twice Wednesday the reading of the jury's decisions was interrupted because of confusion over their meaning.

"That's a verdict that only Groucho Marx could have written," said Sabih's associate, trial lawyer Melvin Belli. "If anyone could make sense out of it they'd have to get Groucho, Zeppo, Harpo and Chico."

The bank, executor of Marx's estate, sued for return of \$428,000 in cash and gifts which it said the 42-year-old Miss Fleming got through threats, menace and physical abuse. It also sought punitive damages of \$500,000, calling her "a gold digger" who exploited Marx for his money.

But the divided jury voted 9-3 to award only \$221,000 in compensatory damages and \$250,000 punitive damages.



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Loeffler bets on both Reagan, Republicans

A lot of words will flow under the bridge by the time the 1984 presidential elections flood every waking moment of Americans. But preparations have begun and Tom Loeffler is betting on a comeback by Republicans.

Mentioning that the U.S. is the first industrialized nation to come stumbling out of its recession, the 21st District congressman who represents Midland said Wednesday he foresees a strong economy and an even stronger Ronald Reagan for 1984.

Although Reagan has yet to admit he's making plans, Loeffler said the White House "Big Three" advisers are preparing for the race. And former Midlander George H.W. Bush will be on the ticket as vice presidential pick.

If Reagan takes a large majority, Loeffler is hoping it means the 25 Republican seats lost in the House last fall will be regained.

Issues between the Democrats and Republicans are beginning to take shape. Loeffler pointed out that House Speaker Tip O'Neill, D-Mass., had worked with Reagan on bipartisan bills for reforming Social Security and for creating jobs.

But when it came to the budget, O'Neill threw out Reagan's and the Democrats created their own which called for spending more money.

"When Tip did that, Reagan said this was it. That budget resolution is the beginning of the presidential election in 1984," said the congressman from Hunt. "It will set the standards for the Democratic presidential platform."

GISD board candidates differ on issues

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of articles examining candidates and issues in local elections, which will be decided by voters Saturday. This part deals with Place 2 on the Greenwood Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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only one foreign language is offered.

"Academically, the school is excellent," Petersen, a local printing company salesman, said.

Studies should be conducted to identify the needs and interests of the student population, according to Don Morgan, an employee of The Permian Corporation. Morgan, who was reared in the Greenwood area and graduated from Greenwood High School in 1956, cited the importance of athletics in teaching morality and discipline.

"There were only eight grades there when I went," he said with a laugh. "I'm proud of the school and its accomplishments. It has grown tremendously and achieved a lot."

"AS IT GROWS, people have new ideas and try to bring them in the best they can. You try to fit it in where it will benefit the most people and the community," he continued. "A majority of the people I've talked with say they feel we have as good a school or the best school they possibly could have attended anywhere. We really stress discipline and a high academic level and try to make it the best we can."

Harsh methods of discipline, however, have surfaced recently, largely

their (students') chances of learning."

Vocational education and athletics were named as needed areas of expansion by several of the candidates. The \$3.2 million building expected to be ready for classes in the fall should fulfill some of those needs.

THE BUILDING, which probably will house junior and senior high school students, includes two shop rooms and two home economic rooms. Also included in the structure are 25 classrooms, two gymnasiums, a band hall and an auditorium.

"I think it is extremely important that we provide a broader scope of vocational education," said Ted Pearce, district manager of Employers Insurance of Texas. "I think that is an area that generally has been quite deficient over the years in all schools."

Candidate Alan Petersen agreed vocational courses should be increased. He also pointed out that



due to allegations made by Petersen and a candidate running against the incumbent in Place 1.

Petersen, who charges the board is "running it (the district) like a private school," said the incidents should be brought to public attention.

Included in the allegations are the taping of students' mouths, a child who was locked in a closet and students who were forbidden to go to the restroom.

The other candidates maintained the charges were blown out of proportion.

"I suspect there was some isolated incident that took place that wasn't nearly as big (as the accusations warranted)," Pearce said. "There is child abuse taking place with kids, that is the school board's problem."

SMALLER INCIDENTS should be worked out between the parents and teacher, principal or superintendent, the candidates agreed. General consensus is administrators are in charge of enforcing rules while the board is responsible for setting policies.

"Teachers have conference periods if parents want to discuss problems," Morgan said. "If the parents feel they aren't satisfied, they can go on to the elementary principal or high school principal, depending on the situation. But I know of very, very few cases of parents coming before the board (to express dissatisfaction)."

(See GISD, Page 2A)

By HALLYE JORDAN
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With four fresh faces seeking one open seat on the Greenwood Independent School District Board of Trustees, issues and ideas vary.

A willingness to serve in the stronghold of academic standards and structured discipline, however, has locked the candidates into the race for Place 2, to be decided by voters in Saturday's election.

The four are seeking the vacated seat of trustee Chris King, who chose not to run for re-election.

"The main purpose I'm running is to be sure the students get the best education for the least amount of tax dollars we spend," said Vince Carlisle, who is involved in a family-owned corporation. "We're in need of improvement because the student-teacher ratio has increased with the population. Any time you can have a smaller ratio, it enhances

INSIDE

Well fire
Firefighters continued fighting a blaze today at a natural gas well near Sonora. Three crew members were injured in the Wednesday morning blow out.
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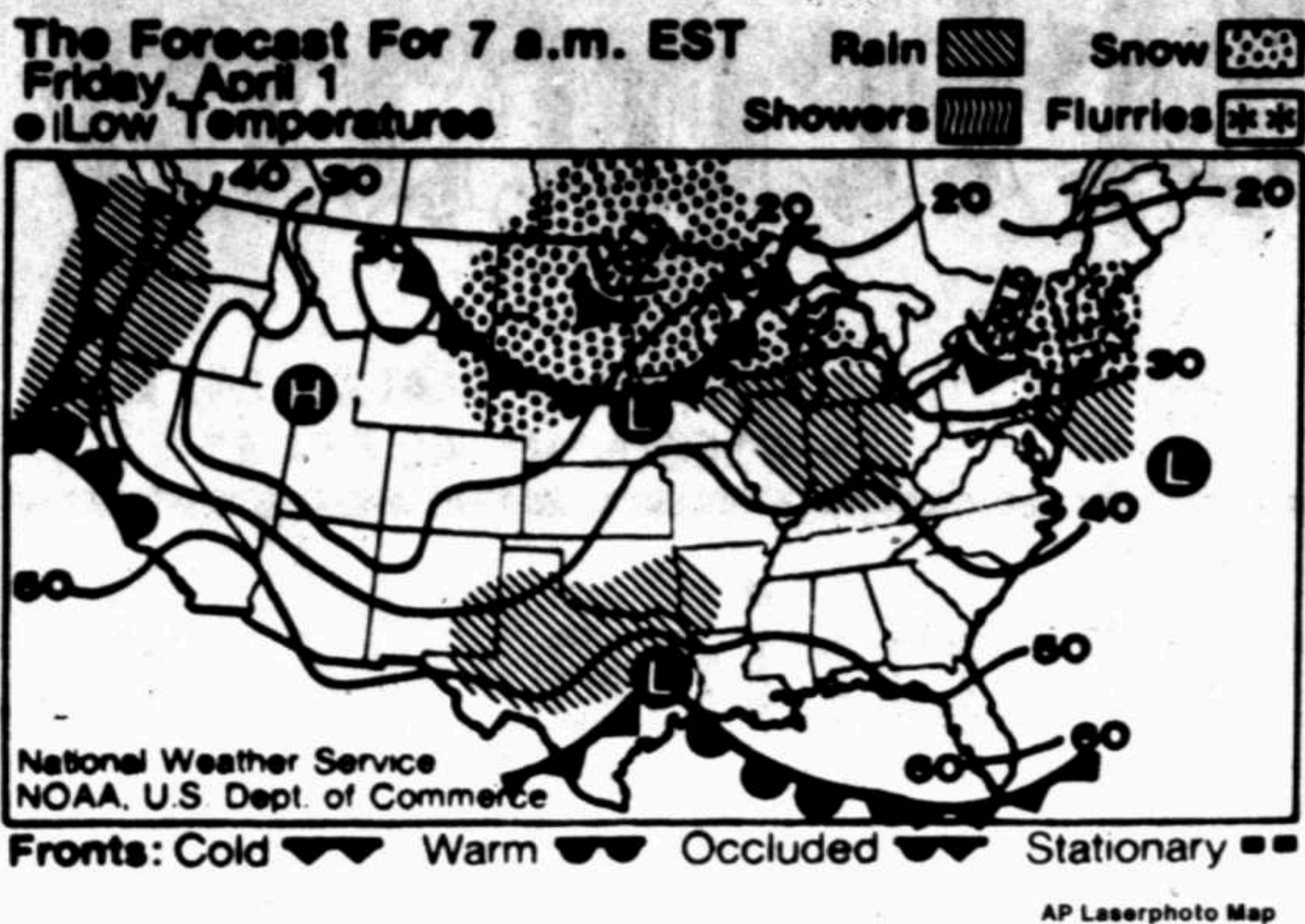
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Sports	1B
TV Schedule	9A

Weather
Fair Friday and cooler with a high expected in the middle 70s. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is forecast through Friday for much of Texas, central southern states and Pacific Northwest. Snow is predicted in the northern Plains, upper Great Lakes and Northeast. Sunny weather is expected from southern California to the Plains.

Windy weather likely to continue

Even though the end of March has arrived, her winds have decided to hang around the Permian Basin a little longer.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, today's gusty winds of 15-25 mph will shift from the south to the west at 15-20 mph tonight. Midlanders may expect northwesterly winds at 15-25 mph with gusts again Friday.

Skies will remain fair through Friday and temperatures will be slightly cooler. The low tonight is expected to drop into the upper 40s while Friday's high should reach only into the middle 70s.

Wednesday's high of 76 missed the record high of 94, set in 1946, by 18 degrees. The overnight low of 47 was 31 degrees warmer than 1931's freezing record low of 16.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Fair and warm tonight with low in the upper 40s. Fair and cooler Friday with high in the middle 70s. Westerly winds at 15-20 mph tonight, shifting to northwesterly at 15-25 mph and gusty Friday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 76 degrees
Overnight Low: 47 degrees
Sunset today: 7:08 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:38 a.m.

Last 24 hours: none inches
Precipitation: 0.00 inches
This month to date: 1.61 inches
1983 to date: 1.61 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

8 a.m.	40	6 p.m.	76
7 a.m.	39	7 p.m.	73
6 a.m.	44	8 p.m.	63
5 a.m.	49	9 p.m.	54
4 a.m.	54	10 p.m.	57
3 a.m.	59	11 p.m.	54
2 a.m.	62	Midnight	55
1 p.m.	71	1 a.m.	58
12 p.m.	74	2 a.m.	57
11 a.m.	76	3 a.m.	54
10 a.m.	78	4 a.m.	53
9 a.m.	76	5 a.m.	51
8 a.m.	74	6 a.m.	51

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Arlington	69	56
Abilene	67	36
Amario	71	40
El Paso	77	45
Fort Worth	59	45
Houston	73	51
Lubbock	76	43
Marfa	77	47
Oklahoma City	58	42
Wichita Falls	63	45

Texas temperatures

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

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	69	56	1
Alice	77	53	00
Amarillo	71	40	00
Austin	71	51	00
Beaumont	65	51	11
Brownsville	68	54	00
Childress	68	54	00
College Station	4	50	00
Corpus Christi	62	53	10
Dallart	64	44	00
Dallas	63	49	00
Del Rio	83	58	00
El Paso	77	45	00
Fort Worth	59	45	00
Galveston	68	60	00
Houston	73	51	06
Lubbock	62	41	00
Lubbock	77	43	00
Lutkin	67	43	06
Marfa	73	39	00
McAllen	68	61	00
Midland	76	47	00
Palacios	77	54	00
San Angelo	73	53	00
San Antonio	76	51	1
Shreveport-La	66	41	03
Texasiana	68	41	00
Victoria	81	55	00
Waco	70	49	00
Wichita Falls	65	45	00
Wink	81	M	00

Extended forecasts

West Texas: A chance of thunderstorms north Sunday and Monday otherwise partly cloudy. A little warmer Saturday. Turning cooler Monday. High Saturday and Sunday upper 50s. Panhandle to mid 80s. Big Bend valleys cooling to near 50. Panhandle to upper 70s. Big Bend valleys Monday. Low near 30. Panhandle to upper 40s. Extreme south Saturday morning and Sunday morning cooling slightly to upper 20s. Panhandle to mid 40s. Extreme south Monday morning.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and continued mild. Highs lower 60s to low 70s. Lows upper 30s north. West to lower 50s southeast.

South Texas: Generally fair skies along with mostly dry weather. Will prevail through the weekend with near or slightly below normal temperatures. Highs 60s and 70s, 80s. Lower Rio Grande Valley. Lows 40s and 50s, near 60. Lower coast and Valley.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Increasing cloudiness with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms north tonight. Fair south. Considerable cloudiness with widely scattered showers north Friday and fair south. Highs 77. Panhandle to 85 south and near 90. Big Bend valleys. Lows 36. Panhandle to 54 south. Highs Friday 57. Panhandle to 80 south and 85. Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Increasing cloudiness west and central tonight. Widely scattered thunderstorms central by morning. Fog and low cloudiness east before morning. Scattered showers and thunderstorms during the day Friday. Highs 74 to 81. Lows 50 to 57. Highs Friday 64 to 77.

South Texas: Increasing cloudiness tonight becoming mostly cloudy Friday. A chance of thunderstorms north portions on Friday. Highs 75 to 88. Lows 60s with near 70. Lower coast. Highs Friday in the 80s.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southeasterly winds near 15 knots becoming southerly and southwesterly 20 to 25 knots Friday and northwesterly 20 to 25 knots late Friday. Seas 3 to 5 feet increasing to 4 to 6 feet tonight.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southerly winds 15 to 20 knots increasing to 20 to 25 knots Friday and shifting to northerly 20 to 25 knots late Friday. Seas 4 to 6 feet.

Some areas foggy

Dense fog covered most of East and South Texas before dawn today and prompted a travel advisory along the coast.

Visibilities were reduced to a quarter mile at Beaumont-Port Arthur, Corpus Christi and Victoria and near zero at Galveston.

Fewer Mexican making Holy Week pilgrimage to Texas

Merchants and other border businessmen say the weakened peso has drastically reduced the number of Mexican Roman Catholics making the traditional Holy Week pilgrimage to Texas.

"We can't blame them for not coming here," said Steve Morales, past president and board member of the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce in Corpus Christi. "With the peso the way it is now, they can't even afford to buy chewing gum."

Mexicans who crowded the shopping malls, hotels and businesses of South Texas cities before the peso

began its series of devaluations last year stayed away this year in large numbers, officials said.

Merchants said in past years they looked forward to the week before Easter for increased sales revenue that rivaled the Christmas holidays in volume.

Shopping malls in Corpus Christi last year planned special activities for Mexican customers. But this year, Sunrise Mall had no programs planned for Holy Week, said Nancy Wilhausen, mall marketing director.

The Holy Week pilgrimage, which has been a tradition for more than half a century, had evolved into an annual "shopping spree" upon

Crews still fighting well fire

SONORA, Texas (AP) — Fire-fighters continued fighting a blaze today at a natural gas well that injured three workers when it blew out near this West Texas town.

"It won't be out until morning," said Travis Gordon, drilling supervisor for rig owner Tom Brown, Inc., of Midland.

The workers remained in serious condition at Lubbock General Hospital. They were identified as Marty Wolfe, 21, Gary Gamboa, 19, and Jose Muzquiz, 26, said Tim Howell, nursing supervisor. Addresses for the men were not available.

Sutton County Sheriff Bill Webster said the well exploded about 7 a.m. Wednesday. The drilling rig collapsed at 11:30 a.m. and was still burning at midnight Wednesday, he said.

All were listed in serious but stable condition in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit early today, Howell said.

The air-powered rig used to drill the well apparently hit a gas pocket.



The twisted remains of a natural gas drilling rig an explosion and fire Wednesday morning. Three located near Sonora continue to burn following crew members were burned.

Bankers seek withholding repeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's bankers, after engineering a flood of public support for their cause, are increasingly confident they can win repeal of federal income tax withholding on interest and dividends.

More than half the members of both the House and Senate, spanning the political spectrum, are behind the bankers despite criticism by President Reagan and others that the industry's campaign is based on distortion and falsehood.

Having abandoned the traditional tactic of relying on lobbyists to influence decisions, the industry continues to build on what it calls a "grassroots" campaign based on the nation's millions of bank and savings and loan depositors.

Those depositors, egged on by their local bankers, got the ball rolling early this year by flooding Congress with the most mail ever received on any one issue. Millions of pieces of mail, many of them form letters and cards, demanded that 10 percent withholding on interest and dividends be stopped before it can start on July 1.

It's that mushrooming campaign that Reagan and a small but powerful cadre of congressional allies are up against. An angry president says it's being orchestrated by "a selfish special interest" bent on proving "that the banks and other financial institutions can still have their way in Washington."

But the industry, led by the

American Bankers Association, is keeping the pressure on. It is well aware that repeal is all but certain once a vote is forced on the withholding provision of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

Congressional leaders on both sides of the issues have acknowledged as much, some going so far as to predict that Reagan's certain veto of a repeal measure will be overridden. Even staunch repeal opponents like Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., the finance committee chairman, conceded a vote to override a veto will be close.

The issue now is "to make sure there's sufficient votes to override a veto," says ABA spokesman Fritz

Elmendorf.

But spokesmen for Dole and the Reagan administration deny speculation that the two officials sense defeat and are looking for other ways to raise money.

The only alternative is to greatly expand the IRS staff and the number of tax returns audited, said Charlie Powers, a Treasury Department spokesman. "If withholding is repealed, we've got a \$4 billion hole in the 1984 budget," he added.

Robert Lighthizer, chief counsel for Dole's Senate Finance Committee, said Dole "knows it's an uphill battle but he's not convinced he's going to lose."

GISD candidates differ on issues

According to Petersen, board members are not accessible to the community. "I think the board can be improved by opening up the communication," he said, adding he would like to see forum sessions established every other month to allow public input. Another way to improve communication is "by publishing the phone numbers of school board members."

"I think we should make the school board more responsible to the community as a whole and not to just a few," he said.

"That wouldn't have appeared to be a problem to me because I've known a majority of the school board members closely," Pearce said. "If (access to school board members) isn't readily available, it should be."

"If someone doesn't know who's on the school board, it sounds to me like they're not concerned," Morgan said.

When a fourth grade student was suspended for violating the hair code policy and received zeros for missing work, Petersen and the child's father, the challenger for Place 1, decided to seek election to the board to fight the harsh penalty.

County voters may cast ballots Saturday at seven polling places

Seven polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday for the local election. Voters may cast ballots in races for seats on the Midland County Hospital District, Midland Independent School District, Midland City Council and Greenwood Independent School District.

—Precincts 207, 403 and 404 vote at Fannin Elementary School, 2400 Fannin Avenue.

—Precincts 102, 103, 105 and 106 vote at the fire station, Thomason and Midland Drives.

—Precincts 101, 401, 405, 406, 407 and 408 vote at Lee High School, 3500 Neely Avenue.

—Precincts 201, 203, 301, 302, 303, 304 and 305 vote at South Elementary School, 200 W. Dakota Avenue.

—Precinct 202 votes at Greenwood Independent School District administration building.

notified of his violation should be lengthened.

"We still need a penalty assessed but I think we need to give them more time," he said. "I think some people are realizing now there is an economic situation. Some people can't pay for a haircut until Fridays."

"You have to take into consideration that that's a policy of the school board," Morgan said. "The school board has made it real plain for everyone that that's the policy they set down."

"It's not the children's fault when they don't comply with school rules," he said. "It's the parents' responsibilities."

"The most important thing is that we maintain the quality educational system," said Pearce. "Part of the means of doing that is setting an environment where the kids feel most secure — an environment where the rules are specified and consequences are definite and prompt."

"I don't call it the hair code," he continued. "I call it a structured system. And the hair code is just one means of a structured system."

Friday: Greenwood school district, place 1 race.

Loeffler seeks views on decontrol

and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

Claiming the budget proposal was "railroaded through the House by Speaker Tip O'Neill," Loeffler is afraid it may mean repeal of the last 10 percent income tax cut scheduled to start July 1. "It's the same old song, 29th verse," he said of the budget. "This will stall our recovery efforts, just at a time our economy is moving forward."

THAT BUDGET calls for spending \$181 billion more than what President Reagan had proposed for the next five years. "That means more taxes in the next five years," surmised Loeffler.

He reasoned that by instituting more taxes, the federal government would be "taking money away from consumers. You slow down the recovery."

In fact, he said, most people aren't aware of a part of TEFRA which becomes effective in January 1984 and that is the "hefty Social Security increases the self-employed will have to pay."

TEFRA was one area where Loeffler and Reagan parted company. Although the president attempted to gain the Republican's support, Loeffler said, "I chose to go with the people I represent. My record is becoming clear: I won't vote for tax increases."

IN ADDITION to taxes, Loeffler's next primary concern with the Democratic budget proposal is the reduction in defense spending. Taking the role of the devil's advocate on the Democratic proposal of a 4 percent increase and Reagan's request for a 10 percent hike, Loeffler doesn't support either. He believes the defense budget should "be looked at with the same fine tooth comb, the same fine eye as any other part of the budget."

What will be trimmed in the defense budget is money for research and development and for modernizing the military. Loeffler said a representative from the Department of Defense recommended a 7 percent budget increase while the House Armed Services

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Of William Ruckelshaus appointment to head the Environmental Protection Agency, Loeffler said, with a roll of his eyes, he doesn't agree with all the appointee's philosophies, but believes the Republican would straighten out the mess in that agency.

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Of William Ruckelshaus appointment to head the Environmental Protection Agency, Loeffler said, with a roll of his eyes, he doesn't agree with all the appointee's philosophies, but believes the Republican would straighten out the mess in that agency.

Government offices are closed in honor of Holy Week and many people plan their annual vacation around the event, Mrs. Rodriguez said.

Officials of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, which normally registers 100 to 150 families from Mexico during Holy Week, had signed in two families Tuesday afternoon.

Not many more Mexican families are expected to sign up during the remainder of the week, chamber officials said.

Hotel reservations by Mexicans also decreased for the same period, said Jack Dettloff, general manager

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Investor's Guide

By BILL DOYLE

Commodities' sale taxed

Q. At the time we invested in a commodity account, we understood we would not have to pay tax on any profit we made until that profit was withdrawn from the account. Now, we are told we are to pay tax on the profits we realized last year, even though we leave it in the account. Which is correct?

A. The second statement is correct. What you "understood" about taxes when you went into commodity trading was just plain wrong. You are required to report and pay tax on profits from the sale of commodities, stocks, bonds or other "capital assets" for the year in which you sell.

You're supposed to report your profits, along with your losses, from commodity trading last year on Schedule D of your 1982 federal income tax return.

The fact that you left your profits in the account doesn't change your tax liability. People who buy and sell stocks are required to report their profits for the year of the sale, even if that money is left in their brokerage accounts. The same thing applies to commodity traders, such as you.

Nobody jumps with joy, at the thought of taxes but you should count yourself fortunate to have profits on which to pay tax. Most people who try the craps shooting game of commodity trading lose their shirts.

Q. A number of savings certificates I had matured last year. Since I did not pay income tax on the interest as it accumulated on the certificates, I will now have to pay tax on the entire amount of interest. That will make my tax for 1982 much higher.

Would I have paid less total tax, if I had paid tax each year as the interest accumulated?

A. Probably. But the answer depends on what other taxable income you had each year and what income tax bracket you were in. Assuming you're talking about a big bundle of interest, reporting it all on your 1982 return should kick you into a higher bracket. As a result, you're now due to suffer a bigger tax bite.

However, that may not be your biggest problem. I suspect you have been evading income taxes without realizing it.

If your savings certificates had maturities of more than one year, you were supposed to pay income tax on each year's interest as it accumulated. It's only on savings certificates with maturities of one year or less — such as the popular 182-day certificates — that you can postpone reporting the interest on your income tax return until the certificates mature.

Every bank or savings and loan association at which you have a certificate sends you and the Internal Revenue Service a Form 1099-INT listing the interest you are supposed to report and pay tax on each year. The IRS says its computers now "match" better than 90 percent of all 1099s to taxpayers' returns.

So if you haven't been reporting taxable interest as it built up on savings certificates with maturities of more than one year, you had better brace yourself for a dunning notice from the revenuers — demanding back taxes, interest and penalties.

Q. I've heard it from more than one television commentator that no one has ever lost money in a money market mutual fund. Haven't I read that there were some losses to investors in First Multi Fund for Daily Income and also in Institutional Liquid Assets?

A. Investors in First Multi Fund for Daily Income did lose seven cents on the dollar in December 1978. The managers of that fund made the mistake of "going long" — investing the fund's money in securities with an average maturity of two years. When interest rates shot up the value of the fund's investments fell. The fund's shares dropped in value from \$1 to 93 cents.

The Securities & Exchange Commission was established when a 5.37 million-share block of RCA stock traded at 23 1/2 late in the session. It was the biggest trade in dollar value ever on the NYSE, and the second largest in total shares, surpassed only by a 6.29 million-share block of Federal National Bank of Chicago, the fund's investment adviser, returned \$1 million of fees and Salomon Brothers, the fund's sponsor, bought \$215 million of the fund's investments at \$700,000 above market value. The fund's share value stayed at \$1. No investor lost a penny.

ILA is an "institution only" money market mutual fund, available to investors only through bank trust departments and brokerage firms.

Q. I purchased a \$10,000 whole life insurance policy seven years ago, naming a family member as beneficiary. The premium is \$771 a year. I am now 68. If I cash the policy, will I get a fair sum back? Or would it be better to just hold the policy?

A. The amount of money you would get by surrendering the policy should be spelled out in a table printed in the policy. Look at that table and you'll learn exactly how much you would get by cashing the policy now, after it has been in force for seven years.

You'll find out the policy's cash surrender value is a good deal less than the total premiums you have paid. Those premiums bought protection for your beneficiary. I suspect you have confused life insurance protection with investment. Whole life insurance should never be bought as an investment.

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Answer to today's Crossword Puzzle

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GM recall could cost big bucks

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. says its planned recall of 240,000 X-cars to fix brake problems — including rear brakes that tend to lock in wet weather — could cost the automaker \$30 million.

GM announced Wednesday that it was mailing instructions to dealers on how to fix brakes on 1980-model X-cars that have been under investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The safety agency said 1,700 X-car owners complained that brakes tended to lock up in wet weather and cause accidents. The agency said 17 fatalities have been associated with the problem.

The Washington-based Center for Auto Safety said it has some 350 complaints about the X-car brakes, including 130 reports of accidents.

Car owners will receive letters soon notifying them to go to dealerships for the repairs after April 25, when parts will be available, the No. 1 U.S. automaker said in a statement.

GM said recall costs will vary per car, but will total about \$30 million.

GM announced the recall on Feb. 9, but the move was delayed because federal officials would not accept GM's plans to make less extensive repairs on the cars.

It is the second recall on the cars for the brake problem, with an earlier recall of 47,000 cars in 1981.

The cars involved are 1980-model Chevrolet Citation, Pontiac Phoenix, Oldsmobile Omega and Buick Skylark models. Most of them

208,000 — have manual transmissions. The rest have automatic transmissions but were built early in the 1980 model year.

Meanwhile, safety agency administrator Raymond Peck told the Detroit Free Press that NHTSA is considering seeking an \$800,000 fine from GM for "its conduct in this matter." Peck refused to elaborate.

Federal law allows NHTSA to levy up to \$800,000 fines against automakers who refuse to recall defective cars or refuse to give the agency information about possible defects in timely fashion, NHTSA attorney Frank Berndt said.

The X-car repairs, performed free, involve installing new rear brake shoes, GM said. The new shoes will have a lining material "that will reduce the likelihood of premature wheel skid," the statement said. Parking brake cables will be inspected and lubricated or replaced if necessary.

Front brake linings will also be inspected and if necessary replaced to "provide uniformity of the complete system," the statement said.

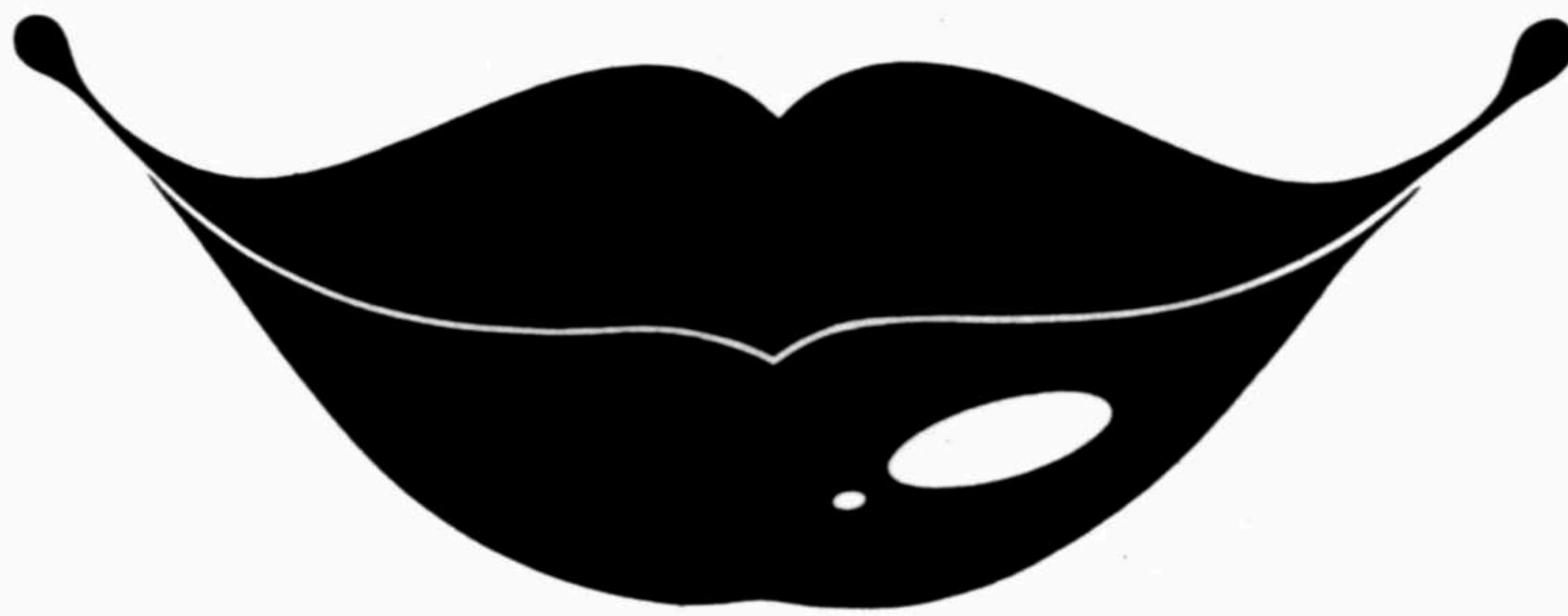
It is the second recall on the cars for the brake problem. An earlier recall involved 47,000 of the cars in 1981. The most recent recall is the 14th on the X-car bodies, Peck said.

The X-cars came out in 1979 and were Detroit's first front-wheel-drive compacts. Industry sources say GM will begin phasing out the cars in a few years, but the company denied that.

Mitchell hits 7 wells

THE WOODLANDS (SWN) — A 115 barrel-per-day oil producer and a 3.5 million CFPD-gas well are among seven Texas completions announced by Mitchell Energy & Development Corp.

The lower zone of the No. 220-1 Freyschlag "A" dual well, in West Texas, tested at 115 barrels of oil per day on a 21/64-inch choke, with 50 pounds per square inch (psi) of flowing tubing pressure.



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Mountain king

Jeff Dunn, left, and Jason Dillian battle over who will be king of the mountain during an afternoon of games in Dennis the Menace Park.

Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Judge tells jurors not to discuss capital murder trial 'in any way'

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Prospective and selected jurors in the capital murder trial of Clarence Allen Lackey of Lubbock are not to discuss "in any way" the case on trial or to read or listen to any reports on the case outside the courtroom. State District Judge Robert Wright of Lubbock admonished 11 prospective jurors Wednesday.

"It's important that the (court's) instructions be followed" to ensure due process and a fair and impartial trial for the 28-year-old defendant, he said.

Lackey is charged with the rape and murder of Toni Diane Kumpf, a 23-year-old Texas Tech University secretary, on July 31, 1977.

Hearsay via the newspaper, radio, television or person-to-person "constitutes no evidence whatsoever," the judge said in Midland's 238th State District Courtroom.

THE JUDGE CAUTIONED the people to avoid reports or talk on the case after some prospective jurors reportedly had discussed the case in the Commissioners' Courtroom while they were waiting to be questioned by the prosecuting and defense attorneys.

"I know it's difficult," he said. Earlier, the judge had instructed the jurors not to discuss the case or to be exposed to it in any way.

Since Monday, four jurors out of a panel of 109 prospective jurors have been selected to

serve on the jury. Through Wednesday, prosecuting and defense attorneys had scrutinized 20 prospects from the panel of 109.

Sworn in as jurors were an accountant, a housewife-real estate agent, a yardman and a construction worker.

The court excused prospective jurors who indicated that they would "automatically" vote for the death penalty in a capital-murder type offense.

Texas law mandates only two degrees of punishments — death or life in prison — for a person convicted of capital murder. The law says a crime is a capital offense in cases where murder is committed in the commission of other crimes, including rape, kidnapping, arson, burglary, robbery, and escape from a penal institution.

Most of the prospective jurors so far interviewed in hour-long sessions seemed to favor the death penalty in cases prescribed by law.

"WHAT IS YOUR general feeling about the death penalty," the prosecutor, Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney Jim Bob Darnell, asked a widow.

"I'm for it," she said.

The defense similarly interviewed the woman.

"Not only is it against man's law, it is against God's law to kill someone," she said. "...I would definitely be in favor of the death penalty." The woman was excused.

Another would-be juror shared

"I believe in the death penalty if a life has been taken deliberately...I believe that one person's life is just as important as another..."

"If that person deliberately and intentionally killed another person, I do believe in capital punishment."

a similar viewpoint.

"I believe in the death penalty if a life has been taken deliberately," she said, and later noted, "I believe that one person's life is just as important as another."

The prospective juror was adamant in her stance on the death penalty. She was equally firm in voting for a life sentence in a "regular" or "straight" murder in which life in prison is the maximum sentence and a five-year term is the minimum sentence until Darnell offered her this hypothetical murder case: a "mercy-type murder."

The prosecutor asked the woman if she could consider a five-year prison term in such a case whereby an elderly person requested or begged for death and a relative who had "great sorrow and sympathy" obliged and caused that person's death.

"MAYBE IN THAT type of case, yes, sir," the woman replied.

Under questioning by the defense, the woman said she could consider awarding a five-year prison term if "the person had begged for their life to end."

"If that person deliberately and intentionally killed another person, I do believe in capital punishment," she said.

The prosecutor asked the woman to consider another hypothetical case of euthanasia: A parent pleads with a son or daughter to mercifully end the parent's life due to some grave affliction. But the loving child cannot kill the parent but instead hires someone else to commit the mercy killing.

In that case, the woman said she could not vote for the minimum five-year sentence where that type of capital-murder case reduced to regular murder.

She, too, was excused from jury duty.

A grocer, who was rejected as a juror by the state, said in "some ways" he is for the death penalty and in other ways he is against it.

"If this was my daughter this happened to, I'd go for the death penalty," he said.

But if the victim of a capital-murder crime were someone other than his daughter, "I'd rather let him (the defendant) suffer for the rest of his life."

The prosecutor noted that "it would be impossible for a father to be fair and impartial" in the trial of someone who had killed his daughter.

The man, who said he has to work nights on his job, said that he could be a fair and impartial juror "as long as I didn't fall asleep."

Pay raise could cost teachers jobs

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

Gov. Mark White is keeping his promise to increase salaries of teachers.

Some of those teachers, however, may not have jobs if the drastic fears of the Texas Association of School Boards, local administrators and trustees become a reality.

"Local school boards and administrators are in danger of being blamed if local property taxes increase or if teachers do not receive the raises they have been led to expect," stated a recent TASB new release.

And it looks like the responsibility of increasing taxes or cutting back programs and staff will shift from Austin to the local school districts, according to one Midland administrator.

White proposed a \$1.8 billion increase in the Foundation School Program, which sets the minimum amount of state funding, for the 1984-85 biennium. About \$1.6 billion of that would go to an increase in salaries.

Equalization aid to poorer districts also would be increased; however, funds for wealthier districts, including Midland, would be cut.

MAINTENANCE AND operations, compensatory education, gifted and talented programs and transportation would not receive any significant state increase, according to the TASB report.

It all points to a decrease in "fringe benefits" such as health insurance for teachers or programs including athletics, gifted and talented and on-campus suspension centers, according to Maridell Fryar, coordinator of secondary language arts, speech and fine arts.

She's concerned because her programs also may be affected.

"Anything that we're doing that's not part of the basic curriculum will be under review," she said.

For MISD to maintain a salary schedule above that established as a state minimum while state funds to the district are being cut, administrators and trustees have three choices: property tax increases, cutting of programs or reduction of staffs.

"The combined effect of these proposals is to shift the responsibility for raising taxes from the state level to local school boards across Texas," the TASB report stated.

According to Mrs. Fryar, the equalization fund was established to maintain an equal education for all students across the state, regardless of the wealth of different districts. Districts which chose to tax higher than necessary were able to provide quality programs with local funds.

ALTHOUGH MIDLAND is not considered a wealthy district compared to others in the Permian

Basin, it is considered wealthy according to White.

"Basically, the equalization fund established the precedent that the quality of a child's education should not be limited to the wealth of the community in which he lives," Mrs. Fryar said. "But local districts would be able to provide above that (through local funds)."

"Because Midland has taxed itself at such a higher rate (because quality education is deemed important), we appear to be more wealthy."

"The overall proposal of White is almost to punish the communities that were willing to (provide more than the minimum) by removing funding from the state."

Salaries of many employees who are required to be hired because of state or federally mandated programs such as special education, remedial, bilingual, Title I and State Compensatory Education, are funded locally. If more local funds for other teacher salaries are needed, it could mean an increase in taxes just to maintain the programs.

According to Commissioner of Education Raymon Bynum, each \$1 increase in salaries by the state requires a 50 cent increase by local districts to pass on the raises. Because of a decrease in other state funds, "local districts would have to increase property taxes by \$300 million for salaries alone," TASB reported. Increases in costs of utilities, insurance and supplies would hike the taxes more.

"TO JUST KEEP up with what's going on under White, we'll have to raise taxes 8 percent simply to give the salary increase," Mrs. Fryar said.

"The emotionally disturbed or LD (Learning Disability) classes may only serve four or five students," Mrs. Fryar said. "We have to fund the salaries of those personnel locally but we don't have any choice about the programs (because they are mandated)."

Rural areas will be hit even harder because of low tax bases," she pointed out.

TASB is urging the Legislature to increase the amount of funds for maintenance and operations, equalization aid, compensatory education and transportation to at least 35 percent of the new funds, with the remainder "directly earmarked for salaries." An increase in the sales tax of one cent, with revenues to go to public education, would spread the hardship across the state and relieve tax increases on local property — allow local districts to maintain programs.

"It's distressing when we realize all these things we do to improve and enrich are locally funded. But because we've asked for the extra taxation for these local programs, the taxpayers are fed up," Mrs. Fryar said. "We've done that freely in an effort to provide quality programs. Now we are forced to do that just to maintain."

Midland Hispanics blast 'horrendous blunder'

'The sadness is that we're still being stereotyped'

By RICHARD ORR
Staff Writer

Midland's Mexican-American community, along with national LULAC leaders, are blasting a "horrendous blunder" the Secret Service apparently committed when metal detectors were used to publicly screen a 35-member delegation of Hispanic visitors to the White House last week.

"At a time when this administration is attempting to persuade Latin America that the U.S. is her friend, it is inconceivable that a simultaneous message is sent to the world that the administration does not trust S. Hispanics," said LULAC

National President Tony Bonilla.

His criticism stems from a March 24 incident in which metal detectors were placed outside the White House to screen a delegation of Hispanic Republicans. Although such devices apparently are used routinely in screening all White House visitors, they are normally hidden from sight.

The visit by the Hispanic group, however, marked the first known time they were placed outside the White House "in full public view," said Bonilla, adding, "They (the administration) must think 20 million Hispanics go around with switchblades or hand grenades in

their pockets.

"Adding insult to injury, they go around boasting that one of the president's chauffeurs is a Hispanic. To them the only good Hispanic is one with a sombrero in his hands, and even then they will keep an eye on his hands."

Oralia Corrales, a member of the Mexican-American Advisory Committee of Midland, said, "The general feeling here is that it hurt the president. The sadness is that we're still being stereotyped."

The White House issued a "general letter of apology." LULAC National Executive Director Arnold Torres said from his Washington,

D.C., office Wednesday. "The letter said it was a 'horrendous blunder' by the Secret Service.

"They were primarily Hispanic leaders within the Republican Party who were meeting with White House officials on a partisan-type basis."

Torres also said he had been to the White House "many times during the Carter Administration" and had never seen metal detectors before.

"They were never (used) until recently, and our trips to the White House have been 99.9 percent curtailed under this administration. I've only been in there about twice now."

DEATHS



Mary Francis Johnson

Mary F. Johnson

Services for Mary Francis Johnson, 55, of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Rose Baptist Church with the Rev. Gerald Badger, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Jackson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson died Tuesday afternoon in a Midland hospital.

She was born March 28, 1928, in Rosebud. She moved to Midland in 1949. She was a licensed vocational nurse and a member of Mount Rose Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. F.W. Johnson; two daughters, Charley Vera Holloway and Gail Marie Holloway, both of San Bernardino, Calif.; three sons, Johnny Williams, Arthur Holloway and Michael Holloway, all of Midland, her mother, Savanna Worthey of Midland; and 10 grandchildren.

Reba Jo Dean

ANDREWS — Services for Reba Jo Dean, 56, of Andrews, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Singleton Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes. Burial was to follow in Andrews Cemetery.

Mrs. Dean died Monday in an Odessa hospital.

She was born July 9, 1926, in Apache, Okla. She spent her childhood in Apache and later moved to Hobbs, N.M., where she married Ralph Dean Sept. 4, 1965. She had lived in Andrews for the past 17 years.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Linda Cook, Brenda Marshall and Glenda Warren, all of Hobbs, N.M.; a son, Don Britton of Linden, N.Y.; her mother, Lula Reeves of Carlsbad, N.M.; a sister, June Wheeler of Carlsbad, N.M.; and eight grandchildren.

Frank Jewell Jr.

EL DORADO — Services for Frank Jewell Jr., 59, of El Dorado, father of Dianna Eddings of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Edwards Funeral Home in Ranger. Burial was to be in Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger.

Jewell died Monday in an El Dorado hospital.

He was born July 9, 1923, in Oklahoma. He attended Ranger schools. He worked in the geology department of Chevron Oil Co. for more than 25 years. He recently moved to El Dorado from Monahans and worked for Swadco Oil Co. He married Thelma Neeley Oct. 18, 1942, in Ranger. He was a member of the Southside Baptist Church in Monahans.

Other survivors include his wife, his parents, a daughter, a brother and two grandchildren.

Bertha Monroe

RANKIN — Services for Bertha Parr Monroe, 92, of McCamey, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in First Baptist Church of Rankin directed by Singleton Funeral Home of McCamey. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo directed by James Dennis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Monroe died Tuesday in a McCamey nursing home.

She was born Oct. 3, 1890, in Denton County and had lived in Rankin since 1915. She married Zack Monroe on Dec. 24, 1908, in Midland. He died in 1934. Her two oldest children, Lela Zell Putman and J.D.

Monroe, also preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rankin.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlotte Yocham of Rankin and LaVern Shaw of San Antonio; two sons, Bruce Monroe of Midland and Zach Monroe of Christoval; two sisters, Venoy Curtis and Florence Harrison, both of Midland; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Pat Monroe Yocham, W. Bruce Monroe, Gary Alan Monroe, Terry Monroe, Dr. Milton Shaw and Sammy Keith McClain. Honorary pallbearers will be Norman Yocham, Jim Yocham, Biff Yocham, David Shaw, Mike Shaw and Kim Monroe.

G. Hernandez

BIG SPRING — Services for Guadalupe Hernandez, 32, of Big Spring, were to be at 11 a.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial to follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hernandez died Monday afternoon at her residence.

A resident of Big Spring for most of her life, she was a Catholic.

Viola Airhart

BIG SPRING — Services for Viola Coots Airhart, 84, of Big Spring, will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Mrs. Airhart died Wednesday morning in a local hospital.

A resident of Big Spring since 1926, she was a member of Knott Baptist Church.

Eva K. Price

STANTON — Services for Eva Kitchen Price, 68, of Stanton, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park here.

Mrs. Price died Saturday afternoon at her residence.

A resident of Stanton since 1963, she was a Jehovah's Witness.



Staff Photo by Ron Jaap

Dennis E. Crowley, 54, of 1330 Imperial, was in Illinois Avenue and A Street about 3:25 p.m. Wednesday. Crowley suffered facial lacerations in the accident and struck a utility pole near the intersection of

Wrecked plane newest attraction for Matagorda Beach tourists

MATAGORDA (AP) — Hardly anyone would have speculated that the DC-3 that crashed on Matagorda Beach in January would now serve as a top tourist attraction here.

Authorities say the vintage 1939 airplane crashed while making a marijuana drop on the beach during a midnight rendezvous. The wreckage was spotted Jan. 17 by a helicopter passing over the area.

The sheriff's department confiscated a bale of marijuana and was left with the task of disposing of the plane.

The plane has since been stripped of its instruments and county commissioners voted Monday to let bids on the equipment.

Salvage workers have gutted the rest of the plane, leaving a wingless fuselage that was moved to the entrance to Matagorda Beach.

The plane has since become an attraction for sun worshippers and beachcombers who eagerly pose for pictures perched outside the cockpit of the aircraft.

It was recently purchased by an enterprising snack stand owner who

observed the crowds enjoying the novelty.

David Cochran, owner of the Cracker Box, doesn't exactly know what he is going to do with the wingless bird now perched beside his business establishment.

"It's a good draw," he reflects. "If it wouldn't have been for that (the plane crash), winter would've been tough on business."

"I don't know now what I'm going to do with it, seeing how the public has responded by tearing it up," he says.

Fund established for youth's care

A fund to help pay medical bills of a Midland youth being treated for leukemia at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston has been established at Texas American Bank of Midland.

Laura Michelle Perez, an eighth grader at Goddard Junior High School, has battled leukemia for over two years. During the past two weeks, however, her condition has worsened.

Persons wishing to make contributions to help pay the medical expenses may contact Mary Rawls at 683-5281, extension 220, or send donations to Laura Michelle Perez Fund in care of Mary Rawls, Texas American Bank of Midland, P.O. Box 3118, Midland, Texas 79702.

Man wanted for fraud in Canada eludes capture for months in Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man wanted for fraud in Canada eluded capture for six months by posing here as a Canadian Air Force major, a federal agent says.

Gustap Anto Liebenau, 40, was arrested by three federal marshals at his San Antonio apartment this weekend, U.S. Marshall Bill Jonas said.

"He had the uniform of a Canadian officer and we developed information he was posing as a major in the Canadian Air Force at (Randolph Air Force) base," Jonas said.

But Randolph officials said Wednesday that they'd never heard of the man, or either of the aliases he used.

"We've checked every available avenue and we've come up with no connection whatsoever with the base," said Capt. Walter Reichard of the public affairs office.

"We have no Canadian officers in training right now," he said.

A warrant issued in Canada accuses Liebenau of bilking 26 people out of more than \$87,000 by using his Toronto travel agency.

Lawyer: Youth meant no offense by neglecting to call judge 'sir'

HOUSTON (AP) — A defense attorney says a teen-age defendant meant no offense by neglecting to say "sir" when addressing a state district judge, an omission which earned him a 30-day jail term.

Defense attorney Walter Gill Jr. said he has asked for a court hearing to overturn the penalty given to Michael A. Washington, 18. He said the term was not part of the plea bargain agreement, which called for four years' probation and an \$800 fine.

"He was just scared of the judge and he forgot to say yes," Gill said of his young client. "If he had had been defiant, I'd go along (with the jail sentence)."

Judge Michael McSpadden said he imposed it partly in the interests of maintaining decorum in his court.

"I told him I want him to think of me every day he spends in the Harris County Jail," McSpadden said. "I hope it makes an impression on him."

Mike and Jaye Lynn Swihart
are the parents of a 7lb., 14 oz. Baby Boy, Matthew Allen.
The Swiharts formerly of Midland, now reside in Dallas. Both are Lee High graduates.
Grandparents are:
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Swihart
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Weir.

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3 cups cooked rice	1 can (10 1/2 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1 tablespoon lemon juice	1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup chopped celery	
1/4 cup chopped onion	
1/2 teaspoon dill weed	

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