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## Historic Hinckley trial ends in acquittal

By LARRY MARGASAK

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr., the brooding loner who tried to kill the president of the United States, escaped life in prison but today begins what could be years of confinement in a federal mental hospital.

Hinckley cried and his sobbing parents embraced Monday night when Judge Barrington D. Parker, as tense as anyone in the courtroom, read the verdict: "Not guilty by reason of insanity." Not guilty by reason of insanity of

attempting to assassinate the president. Not guilty by reason of insanity of assault with intent to kill four men. Not even guilty, because of insanity, of carrying a pistol without a license. Thirteen times, Parker pronounced the insanity acquittal.

Through it all, Hinckley stood facing the panel, his head bowed.

The jury of seven women and five men agonized for 24 hours over four days. Their decision makes Hinckley's next stop St. Elizabeths mental hospital in Washington.

One juror told her husband they "hoped they did the right thing." Added juror Virginia Smith to a reporter, "There was not enough evidence that he was sane."

On March 30, 1981, Hinckley bent in a shooter's crouch and fired two-handed at President Ronald Reagan with exploding bullets. He was wrestled into custody and since then has spent hundreds of hours in interviews with trial psychiatrists.

Now he undergoes a different sort of evaluation.

Within 50 days, Parker must hold a hearing to determine whether Hinckley should remain institutionalized or be set free — the latter an unlikely course. The judge set July 12 for a further proceeding.

The law places the burden of proof on Hinckley to show, "by a preponderance of the evidence that he is not likely to injure himself or other persons due to mental illness." He would remain confined indefinitely until the court makes the decision.

The victims, referred to as "bit players" by Hinckley, were silent in the hours after verdict.

"The White House has no comment," said a spokesman for Reagan. "The Bradys are aware of the verdict and they have no comment on it."

Press Secretary James S. Brady was shot in the brain and is permanently impaired. Policeman Thomas Delahanty took a bullet in the neck and was forced to take early retirement. Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy is back on the presidential protective detail after recovering from painful surgery.

Hinckley used the bit player characterization with defense psychiatrist William T. Carpenter Jr. in describing his life as a movie starring himself and actress Jodie Foster. "The movie ain't over yet, folks," Hinckley told Carpenter. Miss Foster's videotaped testimony that she had no relationship with Hinckley set him off on the first of five walk-outs from his own trial.

When his own attorney, Vincent Fuller, referred to Hinckley's unreturned love for Miss Foster as a delusion, Hinckley broke out in tears.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

### Mapping out a new job

Traffic Coordinator Van Cook studies a street map of downtown Midland as he begins early studies of how proposed office buildings will affect the traffic

flow. Coming from Amarillo, Cook fills the nine-month vacancy in the city staff.

## City traffic coordinator 'sees a crash coming'

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

Midland is a small city facing big city traffic problems and is sitting in a situation that is comparable to a car speeding down the fast lane toward an impending crash with a dilemma known as "locked up streets."

As the new city traffic coordinator, Van Cook can see the crash coming and has started to find a way to head it off.

Cook began his job about five weeks ago after the city of Midland had been without a traffic engineer for almost nine months. After receiving a master's degree in civil engineering from The University of New Mexico, Cook had worked in Beaumont and then in Amarillo before coming to Midland.

"We're looking at a lot of different programs and thinking of expansions in other programs," he said. This work has been prioritized with those falling under the smaller-scale immediate needs being street striping and signalization.

"We're going to put a concentrated effort behind striping," said Cook, who had been a newspaper photographer in Amarillo before switching careers. "We've had some problems with the striping machine, however."

BETTER TIMING of traffic signals in the downtown area will be necessitated by implementation of the one-way street plan, according to Cook. "Signal progression and problems become different with one-way streets. It makes it easier to do timing. With one-way streets, you give priority to that direction of flow."

To get these signals synchronized, Cook employs a method that he calls "a multi-dimensional mathematical model." In simplified terms, he explained that basically X equals 1. But when Y equals 1 plus X, it means that variables are introduced into the system. "With the two-way street system you

have more variables to work with on the timing whereas you can provide perfect progression with one-way streets. With two-way streets, you don't ever get the timing exactly right."

Looking at his department's goals on a broader, long-term basis, Cook sees continued implementation of the one-way street plan. "Our objectives are to continue the basic plan as set forth in previous studies," he said.

That plan calls for making Texas and Illinois one-way and then extending the one-way designation on Louisiana and Michigan out to Andrews Highway.

But it's the next long-term project that has Cook concerned and that is how to deal with the expected increase in downtown traffic flow once several announced high-rise office buildings are completed. The ones that may cause the most problems are First National Bank's Eagle Plaza and I.D.P. Corporation's Energy Square.

"EACH BUILDING is going to present a problem in its own right," said Cook. "It is unique to have high-rises in such a concentrated area in a city the size of Midland." While Amarillo boasts a larger population than Midland, its downtown office area doesn't have the tall buildings that Midland has.

The problem won't come with where to park those cars, but rather how to get the vehicles in and out of the downtown area on streets that already are filling at peak times and how to get them in and out of the parking garages.

"I have a question at this time as to whether or not the street system can handle the impact of additional traffic these buildings will generate. We anticipate a minimum increase of something like 13,000 vehicles during peak times with just those two buildings," he said, adding that other

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## Despite Florida's rejection, ERA supporters continue fight

By KEN KLEIN  
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Florida's rejection of the Equal Rights Amendment has all but sunk chances for national ratification by the June 30 deadline, but supporters say they won't abandon their goal and will seek revenge at the polls in November.

"It looks like we're just going to have to start all over again," said Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., one of the original cosponsors of the ERA a decade ago. "We'll reintroduce the amendment, and next time I predict the ERA will be ratified."

Pro-ERA voters say they'll seek try to

beat lawmakers who blocked ratification. After the Florida Senate vote, crowds of angry women, some in tears, chanted "Vote them out!" and "We'll remember in November."

The Florida Senate voted 22-16 against the proposed constitutional change on Monday, keeping the state aligned with 14 others whose lawmakers have blocked adoption of the amendment that would prohibit discrimination based on sex.

Thirty-five states have approved the amendment. National ratification requires approval by three more states this month.

Eight days before the deadline, the

ERA's prospects were dim in the states where supporters have lobbied most actively this year.

The North Carolina Senate tabled the ERA June 8, despite a Lou Harris poll showing most voters there favored the amendment. The parliamentary move was a serious setback, ERA strategists said, because victory in North Carolina would have sparked momentum in other non-ratification states.

Oklahoma lawmakers dumped the ERA earlier this year, and chances for reconsideration seem slim.

In Illinois, ERA advocates want to change legislative rules requiring three-fifths majority approval and

replace that with a simple-majority requirement. The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet this week, and may consider the change.

Two of seven women who have been on a hunger strike for the ERA for more than a month were treated Monday at a hospital in Springfield, Ill. One of the fasters, Sonia Johnson, said the seven would consider today whether to abandon their fast.

"We want to make certain our usefulness is over. If it is, that's it and we'll end it," she said.

Florida was one of a handful of states where ERA supporters thought they could win. The amendment was

approved 60-58 in the Florida House on Monday, but lost a few hours later in the more conservative Senate.

Two Florida state senators who opposed the amendment face challenges from pro-ERA women, said Eleanor Smeal, leader of the National Organization for Women.

"We will pass ERA," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., after the Florida vote. "The equality of women under the law is an issue that can't be denied."

"I am disappointed," said Florida Gov. Bob Graham, an ERA supporter. "In today's debate, both sides emphasized their commitment to equality —

fair treatment for all people. Our efforts to achieve these goals cannot stop."

The national debate over ratification began March 22, 1972, when Congress sent the proposed amendment to the states on a vote of 354-24 in the House and 84-8 in the Senate.

In 1977, Congress extended the deadline for ratification from March 22, 1979, to June 30, 1982.

Of the 35 states that have voted to ratify, five — Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, Tennessee and South Dakota — have since voted to rescind their ratification, an action upheld by a federal judge.

## ERA fasters may abandon their effort

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Seven women fasting for the Equal Rights Amendment will end their 36-day-old hunger strike if "our usefulness is over," one of them said after Florida lawmakers dealt the measure a severe blow.

Sonia Johnson said she and the other fasters met Monday night to consider abandoning their action but reached no decision.

"We want to make dead certain our usefulness is over," said Mrs. Johnson, 46, of Sterling, Va. "If it is, that's it, and we'll end it."

The seven had vowed not to eat until the amendment was ratified or June 30, whichever came first.

The Florida Senate rejected the ERA on Monday, crushing hopes it would become the 36th state to ratify the pro-

posed amendment, which would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sex. Thirty-eight states are needed by June 30 to make the ERA part of the U.S. Constitution.

Sister Maureen Fiedler, a Washington, D.C., Roman Catholic nun and faster, unable to conceal her anger, said the vote meant all anti-ERA politicians "signed their own political death warrants today. We're going to go after every one of them."

Faster Dina Bachelor of Los Angeles pledged to organize a women's tax revolt and other retaliatory actions, adding: "We're not asking for equal rights any more ... We aren't under anybody's laws."

A fourth faster, Mary Ann Beall, who underwent surgery Friday for a collapsed lung, indicated she may end the

fast if doctors advise her to resume eating. One of her two doctors said he would recommend such a remedy, perhaps as soon as Wednesday.

"I intend to follow the advice of my doctors," Ms. Beall, 39, of Falls Church, Va., said at Springfield Community Hospital.

Shirley Wallace, 43, of Fort Collins, Colo., was taken to the same hospital Monday, complaining of nausea and chest pains. She left after tests showed no major problems and said doctors told her it was a bad reaction to potassium she is taking to fortify her muscles.

The other fasters are Mary Barnes of Raleigh, N.C., and Zoe Ananda of Newport Beach, Calif.

Despite Monday's setback in Florida, the Illinois House Rules Committee

may consider a rules change Wednesday that ERA forces claim is key to the amendment's passage in the state.

Also on Monday, Sangamon County Circuit Judge Simon Friedman issued an injunction barring a dozen feisty ERA backers from continuing their daily statehouse demonstrations.

Armed with the order he sought, Secretary of State Jim Edgar had his police forcibly remove the women from in front of Gov. James Thompson's office, where they had chained themselves together and staged a sit-in.

Attorneys for Edgar asked Friedman later Monday to hold the women in contempt for refusing the order to leave. The judge set a hearing for Wednesday for the women to show why they shouldn't be held in contempt.



Illinois capitol police haul away one of several militant pro-ERA protesters among those who chained themselves together in front of the governor's office.

## Israeli attack on Syrian posts follows cannon duel

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli jets blasted Syrian artillery positions east of Beirut today to support a tank advance apparently aimed at seizing the Beirut-Damascus highway in Lebanon's central mountains, Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations reported.

The military command in Tel Aviv confirmed the air attacks and said they came after an intense duel between Israeli and Syrian cannons.

It appeared to be the worst outbreak of Syrian-Israeli fighting since the two countries agreed to a cease-fire June 11.

The Lebanon radio broadcasts said Syrian positions around the summer resorts of Hammana and Aley took the brunt of the air attacks.

The Tel Aviv communique accused the Syrians of inflicting "a heavy barrage" of artillery fire on Israeli forces

from the area of Hammana, just north of the Beirut-Damascus highway in central Lebanon.

It said the Syrians opened fire in the morning, Israeli forces shot back at the Syrian guns and then came under intensified barrages.

Meanwhile, Israel's bombardment of Palestinian slums and residential neighborhoods in west Beirut tapered off today, and the Palestine Liberation Organization proposed demilitarizing the Lebanese capital to avert a feared Israeli onslaught.

Lebanon's newly-founded "National Salvation Council" prepared to reconvene to discuss the PLO offer as a way of preventing an Israeli advance into the beleaguered city to destroy the PLO's remaining military might.

Council members shuttled between PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib,

seeking a compromise that would stop a bloody Israeli-PLO showdown in the 16th day of Israel's invasion.

As political efforts intensified, the dreaded roar of artillery and rocket barrages in and around Beirut stopped at daybreak, when Islam's holy month of dawn-to-dusk fasting began throughout the Arab world.

There was no explanation from Israel for the lull, but the Jewish state has said it will honor a cease-fire declared last Friday unless its gunners are attacked.

A PLO communique said the largely deserted Palestinian camps on Beirut's southern flank as well as major residential neighborhoods with large civilian populations in west Beirut were pounded incessantly by Israeli tanks, field artillery and naval gunboats for more than 30 hours.

"Dozens of martyrs have fallen in

this ceaseless genocide," said the communique, giving no specific figures. But Beirut police said at least 36 people were killed and 82 wounded.

PLO security chief Salah Khalaf made the demilitarization proposal in an interview with the French newspaper Le Monde broadcast by the PLO's Beirut-based Voice of Palestine radio station.

It called for demilitarization of west Beirut, which has long been the PLO's nerve center, withdrawal of guerrillas to regroup within their two major camps and two neighborhoods on Beirut's southern flank; deployment of the regular Lebanese army throughout west Beirut, but not in the four areas were the Palestinians regroup; a six-mile roll-back of Israeli forces from their positions around Beirut; and reopening the Beirut-Damascus highway.

### INSIDE TODAY

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Police, firemen and emergency medical technicians work to remove 16-year-old Brian Rowland from the wreckage of his pickup truck following an accident at Fairgrounds Road

and U.S. Highway 80 shortly after 1 p.m. Monday. Rowland suffered a broken leg and was listed in satisfactory condition this morning at Midland Memorial Hospital.

### No clear solutions seen to pesticide troubles

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A man said his son and neighbor were sickened by drifting insecticide, a rancher contended he lost six calves to the poison and a government inspector testified he saw farmworkers sprayed by a crop duster.

The three were among dozens of witnesses who testified Monday before a legislative subcommittee looking into the use and possible misuse of pesticides.

Floyd Zahn said he lost six calves on his ranch near Corpus Christi because his cows were poisoned by chemicals sprayed nearby to defoliate a cotton field.

More than 300 miles away in the East Texas community of Kirbyville, Danny Elder this year saw his neighbor and then his own son become ill after a pesticide was sprayed over the nearby state forest.

Norma Adams, a wage inspector with the U.S. Department of Labor, says she was interviewing farmworkers in a cabbage field near Harlingen when a crop duster passed over twice and some spray drifted onto her and the workers.

Chairman Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, said the panel was not out to ban pesticides but to discover if existing safety regulations are adequate.

"I think everyone here acknowledges that farmers are dependent

on pesticides to grow their crops," Oliveira said. Much of the testimony concerned chemicals sprayed in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, a four-county area with extensive crops of cotton, grain and vegetables.

"I think even the crudest estimates say that 25 to 35 percent of all pesticides used in the state are used in this area (the Valley)," said Tony Mollhagen, director of the Texas Tech University pesticide laboratory in San Benito.

Mollhagen said his lab documents perhaps a dozen acute, one-time cases of pesticide poisoning each year. These involve chemical overexposure to applicators, farm laborers and individuals living near sprayed fields.

A more difficult problem is discovering the long-term effects of pesticide exposure, he added. Several witnesses complained of aerially sprayed chemicals drifting from their target fields into neighborhoods.

"Drift is a problem and we recognize this. The smaller the particle size of the chemical, the better control of insects. But the smaller particles will drift more," said Charles Allen, entomologist with Texas A&M University extension service in Weslaco.

Farmers cannot afford to wait until the prevalent southeast wind calms down to spray their field, said one Cameron County cotton farmer.

### Texas schools under court scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said it will decide the legality of a Texas law that refuses free education to students who move into a community for the "primary purpose of attending school."

The case, filed on behalf of a young boy whose parents are Mexican but who is a U.S. citizen, marks the second time recently the high court has agreed to hear cases in which Texas schools have refused free education to children of Mexican citizens.

Last week, the court ruled that children of illegal aliens are entitled to free public education.

In another action Monday, the court ordered Texas officials to pay a former East Texas State University basketball player more than \$145,000 in medical disbursements the college denied him.

Frederic Briggs of Miami, Fla., and his father, James Briggs, sued ETSU, and its trainer and basketball coach, 11 years ago when the college refused to pay for surgery on an ankle he injured in basketball practice.

The justices said Monday they will study a legal challenge filed by legal aid lawyers on behalf of Roberto Morales, who moved from Mexico to McAllen in 1977 to live with his adult sister, Oralia Martinez.

McAllen school officials cited a state law in refusing to admit the boy. When the case went to court, a federal judge upheld the law. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judge.

Morales' lawyers argue that the state law interferes with the right of travel and unlawfully creates an "irrebuttable presumption" of non-residence for people moving into a school district because of the educational opportunities provided.

In the ETSU case, school officials said Briggs was operated on without their permission.

Briggs sprained an ankle during a 1970 basketball scrimmage at ETSU. He was operated on while at home in Miami during the Christmas holidays. ETSU officials said they wanted a doctor they designated to examine him.

All athletes at the Commerce, Texas, school had to get prior approval for medical treatment from the university — or else be liable for their expenses, officials said.

In 1971, Briggs and his father filed suit in a Florida state court against the school, basketball coach James Gudger and trainer Delmar Brown.

Four years later, a jury awarded the father and son \$145,299, plus interest. Texas courts, at the request of Briggs and his father, later ordered the university to pay the judgment.

Texas officials appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court on grounds that the Florida state court had no right to hear the case.

But Monday, the high court, without comment, let the ruling stand.

### Texan will die by injection July 23

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A condemned prisoner who said he has asked his lawyer not to appeal his murder conviction any further is scheduled to die by lethal injection on July 23.

State District Judge George Dowlen scheduled the execution for Charles F. Rumbaugh, who was convicted of killing an Amarillo jeweler seven years ago.

Dowlen also denied a defense motion Monday requesting him to order Rumbaugh examined by a court-appointed psychiatrist to ensure he is sane.

Rumbaugh, in a June 11 letter to Dowlen, said he planned no further appeals and asked the judge to schedule the execution date "without further delay."

"The poised sword of justice demands that a date be set or appointed for it to strike with the awesome weight of the State of Texas and jurisprudence behind it," Rumbaugh said in the letter.

Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill said Rumbaugh still could appeal to federal courts.

But if he does not, the American Civil Liberties Union probably will intervene and ask that the execution be stayed, Texas ACLU director John Duncan said.

Rumbaugh, who turns 25 Wednesday, was convicted of robbing and murdering Michael Fiorillo, 58.

D.J. Day Stubben, who wrote a book about Rumbaugh and who joined three deputies in escorting him to court, said Rumbaugh had no comment about Dowlen's decision Monday.

Rumbaugh's father, mother, aunt and two nieces, who all sat on the front row of the courtroom during the proceedings, wept quietly as Rumbaugh was returned to the Potter County Jail.

Rumbaugh was convicted twice of the murder. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned his 1976 conviction but a second jury convicted him in 1980.

"I would respectfully remind this honorable court that two duly empaneled juries...convicted me of...capital murder and determined that there exists a probability that I would commit future crimes of violence that would constitute a continuing threat to society," Rumbaugh said in the letter written from death row.



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## Officials request state assistance for rural roads

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Hudspeth County officials Monday urged the Highway and Public Transportation Commission to approve additional farm-to-market road work in the Dell City area to assist school buses, tourism and agriculture.

County Judge Doyle L. Ziler told the commission that Hudspeth County needs the roads to handle anticipated development.

According to the report on the request from the Department of Highways and Public Transportation, the work would include a section from FM 1437 two miles south of Dell City west for two miles; and from FM 1437 four miles south of Dell City west for two miles, thence four miles north to FM 2249, thence west two miles and north two miles.

Estimated cost of the total 12 miles is \$1.8 million. Ziler also suggested that the commission consider a farm-to-market route to serve traffic to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

The department's report says that work would be from FM 1576 east and southeast to the park, a distance of 11.6 miles.

The district engineer has reported he "does not consider it prudent to consider the construction of this facility at the present time," the department reported, but that, when park development has progressed, the road "probably should be reconsidered."

School superintendent Leland Lee reported the requested roads would be used for school buses. There also was testimony that at least 35,000 tons per year of agricultural commodities would be transported over the roads.

A spokesman said the commission is sympathetic to the area's needs, but noted the commission is limited on funds, commenting that members didn't wish to hold out "any false hopes" that the roads could be constructed in the immediate future.

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**DEATHS**

**Berta Irwin**

DE LEON — Services for Berta Irwin, 81, of De Leon, mother of Mrs. John L. Cottier of Midland, were Monday at the First Baptist Church of De Leon with the Rev. Bob Watson, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Payne Hattox, retired pastor, assisting. Burial followed in the De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Irwin died Friday in her home. She was born Feb. 15, 1901, in Comanche County. She married C.P. Irwin in 1934 in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in February 1978. Mrs. Irwin was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include four brothers, a sister and a grandson.

**Susan H. Stengl**

Susan Hagan Stengl, 47, of 2209 Country Club Drive, died Thursday in a Houston hospital after a brief illness.

Services were Monday in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Derrill Manley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Norman Barker, Jack Cartwright, Willard Green, Richard Neff, William Proband and Frank Schatz.

Honorary pallbearers were Toby Carleton, Conrad Coffield, Arthur W. Glover, William Largent and Don Wambaugh.

**Willie L. Olinger**

Willie Lee Olinger, 90, of 2104 Woodlawn died late Friday in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services were Monday in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Roy Carley of the First Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers were Allen Cowden, Coley Cowden, Ben Cason, L.H. Hardy, John Stanley, Pete Tyson and Dr. Gregory Bartha.

**Helen K. Bradford**

Helen K. Bradford died Saturday afternoon after a sudden illness.

Services were Monday at the Memorial Christian Church with the Rev. Clark Ford, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Sweetwater Cemetery, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Sam Conner, Marvin Stetler, Buddy Cole, Mitch Ritter, Robbie Davison, Charles Godfrey, Martin Allday and John Morrison.

**Walter H. Pruiett**

Walter H. Pruiett, 84, of Kennedale and formerly of Midland, died Thursday in a Fort Worth hospital.

Services were Monday at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Don Mitchell, minister of the Westside Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Randy Shroud, Carl Watrous, Earl Burke, Eddie Jenkins, Danny Lot and Keith Carreker.

**Isabel Carmona**

BIG SPRING — Services for Isabel Carmona, 73, of Big Spring, mother of Joe Valdez of Midland, were Monday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Delaney officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olive Memorial Park, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carmona died Friday. She was born Jan. 1, 1909, in Lasoya, and moved to Big Spring in 1930. She worked at Malone-Hogan Hospital for 18 years, then at Webb Air Force Base and later at the Big Spring State Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joaquin Valdez, in July 1939. She married Desiderio Carmona, who died on Sept. 22, 1958.

Mrs. Carmona was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Other survivors include four sons: Joaquin Valdez of Floydada, and Lupe Valdez, Desiderio Carmona and Vincent Carmona, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Eva Valdez and Gloria Mounkes, both of Big Spring; a brother, Joe Flores of San Antonio; 35 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

**Florence Weaver**

BIG SPRING — Services for Florence Weaver, 82, of Big Spring were to be at 1 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel. Burial was to be at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Ms. Weaver died Saturday at her home. She was a Baptist and a civil service secretary.

**Drilling rig superintendent files three million dollar suit in Odessa**

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

The \$3 million products-liability suit which pits a disabled Odessa drilling rig superintendent against the Mississippi manufacturer of a workover rig was to begin today in federal court in Midland.

The suit's plaintiff, George W. Ward Sr., about 61, is maintaining that he was struck in the head by a defective gate on the rig, manufactured by Wansley Machine & Welding Service of Laurel, Miss., while he was supervising assembly of the rig, designated WT-5862, in Odessa on July 21, 1980, and has been quadriplegic — "totally paralyzed from the neck to his toes" — ever since.

Ward, who has been described as a "fantastic trooper" by Lafayette, La., control designer William Early Seat IV, was working for WellTech Inc. in about the fifth week of assembling the rig when the "gate" fell. "WellTech could use about 500 like him," Seat said of Ward in a deposition.

Ward, through his Odessa attorneys Allen Moore, Michael McLeish and James D. Cunningham, is alleging that the gate was in a "defective condition," was without safety devices to prevent an accidental fall, and that no warnings of possible hazards of the gate

were on the rig.

As a defense, Wansley is maintaining that it followed WellTech's "specific blueprints" in manufacturing the rig and that "no blueprint or design, drawing or memorandum was presented to Wansley Machine & Welding Service which instructed it to place a safety device to hold a gate-like device in place in a closed position on a wing of the sub-structure.

"Every feature of Ward's job and his purpose were all such as to anticipate and accommodate problems and defects in construction of drilling rigs," maintains Wansley. The mishap happened on what Wansley described as WellTech's testing laboratory in Odessa.

Ward, who was earning about \$2,200 a month on the WellTech job, initially had sought a \$10 million judgment against Wansley when the suit was filed in May 1981. But in the following November, the original petition was amended and damages sought were reduced to \$3 million.

Court records reflect that Ward's medical expenses total almost \$30,000, not counting his nursing care expenses. Ward requires nursing care full-time, according to court records.

Wansley's defense attorney in the suit is James Bol-drick of Midland.

**Government reviews biomedical research**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is reviewing its policies on misconduct in the biomedical research community to determine whether changes should be made.

The forms of misconduct which have come to light fall into three categories: falsification and manipulation of research findings, misappropriation of funds, and failure to protect human and animal subjects of research.

Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker said Monday there is increasing concern "that such infractions are not only a threat to the public confidence in the integrity of science but a waste of limited fiscal resources."

But he noted that they are "extremely rare" and

involve "a tiny fraction of the department's thousands of research grants and contracts."

The department is parent agency for the National Institutes of Health, the center where most of the government's biomedical research is conducted or funded.

The department took its first punitive action against a scientist in May when it barred Dr. Marc J. Straus, a cancer researcher, from receiving further federal research grants or using investigation drugs for other research for four years.

The sanctions were imposed after Straus signed an agreement acknowledging that research he supervised between 1976 and 1978 at Boston University Medical Center with about \$150,000 in federal money contained false information.

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**Tampons to carry warning of toxic shock syndrome**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning in early 1983, tampons will carry a package warning about their association with toxic shock syndrome, a serious illness linked to 88 deaths, the government says.

A regulation requiring the warnings to be carried on tampon packages or on special leaflets inside them was to be published in the Federal Register today. It will go into effect in 180 days.

The Food and Drug Administration started working on the regulation after the link between tampons and the disease was first publicized in September 1980.

Although tampon manufacturers will be free to write the language of the warnings, the regulation gives explicit guidance about what must be said. The mandatory points are:

- Tampons are associated with toxic shock syndrome, a rare but serious illness from which some people have died.
- Warning signs of the disease include sudden high fever (usually 102 degrees Fahrenheit or more), vomiting and diarrhea, fainting or nearly fainting when standing up, dizziness and a rash resembling sunburn.
- If the signs appear, a tampon user should remove the tampon and seek medical help right away.
- Toxic shock has appeared at a rate of six to 17 cases per 100,000 menstruating women. Women under 30 and teen-age girls have a higher risk of contracting the disease.
- Using less absorbent tampons may reduce the risk of contracting toxic shock.
- Risk of contracting the disease may be avoided entirely by not using tampons, or reduced by alternating tampon use with sanitary napkin use.

**M.M.H. boards to meet Thursday**

Midland Memorial Hospital's governing boards will meet in their regular monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, Thursday in the hospital's board room.

M.M.H. board of trustees will hear an update on a study of room rate and ancillary increases, consider approval of a letter to the board of governors regarding radiology equipment needs and consider consolidation and reclassification of certain accounts previously recorded in the District ledger to the hospital ledger. In addition, the board will hear reports from the executive, finance, planning, building, quality assurance and image and public relations committees, and the board will consider hiring an independent auditor for the current fiscal year.

In the board of directors meeting, members will hear and take action on the report from the board of trustees; consider financial statements, transfer of funds from District accounts, including funds concerning indigent care and capital purchase and budget amendments; consider tax office reports; and consider approval of bids and letting of contracts for equipment and supplies.

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OPEC ministers recommend oil embargo; U.S. not worried

By MILTON R. BENJAMIN
The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — When Arab petroleum ministers recommended in Tunis last week that their countries consider using the "oil weapon" to force withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, the possibility caused barely a tremor in the United States.

The Reagan administration has not forgotten the 1973 Arab cutoff that introduced Americans to long gasoline lines and soaring petroleum prices, but the threat of a rerun is greatly diminished at the moment. The reason: the world is awash in oil.

The surplus today is so great that on the oil spot market — where panic buying at the first hint of any possible supply disruption usually sends petroleum prices soaring — the price of Arab light crude actually fell in the past week. The closing price Friday of \$32.60 a barrel was nearly \$1 below the previous week's — and well under the benchmark price of \$34 set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

This is not to say that declaration of a new Arab petroleum embargo would have no impact. The psychological reaction to a disruption would certainly send oil prices soaring on the spot market, where refiners would scramble for supplies. An Arab embargo also would be a trauma for Europe and Japan, which are more dependent than the United States on imported oil.

U.S. CRUDE OIL IMPORTS for the past month have averaged 4.1 million barrels per day—only about one-third of this from the Arab states.

But government and private-oil-industry experts feel the price impact would be far less severe and more likely to be reversed than it was nine years ago, when the Arab boycott that followed the Yom Kippur war quadrupled crude-oil prices in just three months. And while experts speculate that a new embargo might send spot-market prices up 50 percent in the short term, they discount the likelihood of any major shortages.

"The situation has changed dramatically since 1973," said Michael Cosgrove, a broker at the international oil-brokerage firm Amerex. Britain and Mexico have become major oil producers as a result of spectacular finds, and both countries are producing more petroleum than such traditional oil countries as Libya, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

"There is an awful lot of crude oil in the world today outside Arab OPEC," Cosgrove noted.

In fact, Henry E. Thomas, assistant secretary of energy for international affairs, recently reported that "the amount of excess productive capacity existing throughout the noncommunist world is probably greater than at any time in history."

Energy Department analysts estimate that the world's petroleum exporting countries have more than 12 million barrels a day in idle production capacity.

THIS EXCESS CAPACITY includes 3 million barrels a day outside the Arab world, these government analysts said. Nigeria, which would desperately like to increase oil exports to finance its ambitious development program, and Venezuela are pumping 900,000 barrels per day less than capacity each, and Indonesia has 400,000 barrels a day of capacity idle.

"This tremendous excess capacity in large part explains why market reaction to the present unstable situation in the Middle East has been minimal to nonexistent," a government expert said. "Even if the Arab OPEC nations decided they wanted to do something, it is highly unlikely the other petroleum producers would. And in 1973, not even all the Arab oil states went along with their own embargo."

The worldwide oil surplus stems in large part from a dramatic decline since 1979 in the major industrial countries' petroleum consumption. The decline is a result of a combination of factors, including a sharp rise in prices, increases in energy efficiency, the development of conservation measures, and the recession.

U.S. petroleum consumption in the United States in January, according to the most recent Energy Department figures available, was down by almost 3 million barrels of oil a day from the level three years earlier.

Adding to pressure on the petroleum-exporting countries was the decision by many of the world's major oil refiners early this year in the face of weak demand and high interest rates to cut back on imports and draw down their inventories.

The result was that U.S. oil imports, which averaged more than 6.5 million barrels a day in 1979, fell to a low of 2.8 million barrels a day in the first five months of this year. A similar pattern of sharply reduced consumption and imports was observed in most other industrial countries.

A SPRING GLUT ensued that saw spot-market petroleum prices sink to \$28 a barrel in March before the OPEC nations managed to restore some price stability by cutting back production. Now, with many oil companies starting to increase their imports to rebuild stocks, the spot market price has increased, though it remains under OPEC's target of \$34.

Some members of Congress have charged the major oil companies with increasing the nation's vulnerability to a new cutoff of Middle East supplies by drawing down their supplies so sharply, and they have noted that private oil inventories are about where they were before the Iran crisis sent prices soaring.

The administrator of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, J. Erich Evered, told Congress June 9 of the need to increase imports by more than 50 percent for the rest of the year in order to meet gasoline and home heating-oil requirements.

The major difference, however, is that in addition to lower demand, the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve that Congress established in 1975 as insurance against disruptions holds 260 million barrels of crude oil compared with only 91 million gallons in 1979.

While the White House has never disclosed what would trigger the declaration of national emergency that would permit the stocks to be used, the strategic reserve gives the administration added flexibility.

ENERGY DEPARTMENT officials expect that if economic conditions improve and demand continues to strengthen in the second half of the year, U.S. oil imports will rise to about 4.3 million barrels a day and other industrial countries will also increase their imports.

"This increased demand later this year and in early 1983 will soak up some of the downward pressure on prices," a government analyst said. "But nobody is looking for a price increase at this point. The more rational bet is that the price (per barrel) of petroleum will remain stable for the remainder of this year and possibly move up a couple of dollars in 1983."

That does not mean, however, that the retail price of gasoline — which has been rising steadily in recent weeks — will not continue to climb. Energy Department analysts expect the average price of gasoline nationwide, which has risen 6.4 cents a gallon in the past three weeks, to climb at least 5 cents more and hit \$1.30 a gallon by the end of the summer.

Gasoline prices will still be below the peak of \$1.378 per gallon reached in March 1981, however.

Gasoline prices dropped to a recent low of \$1.18 per gallon earlier this year because with demand low, "there was a price war of sorts among refiners," a government analyst explained. "Now with gasoline demand quite strong and expected to increase through the summer, I anticipate that the refiners will try to get some of that back."

Federal nuclear power role reviewed

By BENJAMIN SHORE
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court Monday agreed to review a California case that could decide whether states can block the construction of nuclear power plants that meet federal standards.

California and six other states have adopted laws that bar new construction until the federal government develops sites and techniques for permanent disposal of nuclear waste material that can remain highly radioactive for thousands of years.

But the Supreme Court, in a brief statement accepting the case for oral arguments late this year or early next year, left itself the option of not resolving the dispute. If it finds the issues are not suitable for federal review, the case could be sent back to lower courts for further consideration.

California's tough standard, adopted by the state Legislature in 1976, affected only plants on which construction had not begun. Plants under construction or in operation could continue.

Since no federal waste disposal sites exist and none is expected for at least another decade, the 1976 law clamped a moratorium on nuclear plant growth in the state.

Despite nuclear plants having since lost much of their appeal because of soaring construction costs and operating difficulties, two California utility companies — Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison — challenged the state law on the ground that with the 1954 Atomic Energy Act,

Congress intended the federal government to regulate the nuclear industry.

THE UTILITIES are supported in their suit by the Reagan administration.

Although the 1954 federal law asserts dominance over matters of "radiation hazards," California argues that it has the authority to block nuclear plants on such issues as their effect on the cost of electric power and their impact on the environment.

But the Reagan administration's brief to the Supreme Court, urging it to decide the issue in favor of total federal control, said:

"Although California asserts that its action was motivated by economic considerations rather than by concern for the radiological hazards posed by high-level waste, it is clear that approving that approach will offer to other states the option of banning the development of nuclear energy 'simply by claiming some other state interest in the proposed nuclear plants."

The states that followed California's example since 1976 are Oregon, Montana, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland and Wisconsin.

THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT in Los Angeles ruled in April 1980 that the federal Atomic Energy Act pre-empts nuclear power plant regulation. But the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court and left the state law intact on the key points.

Said the utilities in their joint appeal to the Supreme Court:

"The Court of Appeals' decision, if permitted to stand, would sound the death knell for the construction and

operation of new nuclear power plants in California."

The utilities reminded the high court that the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a decision upheld by the Supreme Court, recently overturned a Minnesota law that it said conflicted with the Atomic Energy Act by requiring dual state-federal control over waste disposal.

The Supreme Court said in its decision in that case that "states are precluded from playing any role in several significant areas of regulation of nuclear projects."

Twenty states filed briefs supporting California's position when it was before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S brief insists the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has the authority to carry out the provisions of the 1954 law, and that letting states regulate other aspects of power generation was not intended to allow them to review the judgments of the NRC.

"The NRC has decided to continue, at least for the present, the licensing of new reactor facilities, based on its judgment that present waste disposal techniques, coupled with progress toward a means of long-term disposal, are adequate to assure that we will not be subjected to radiation hazards from high-level wastes," the government said.

The 1976 amendments to the Warren-Alquist Act, the government added, "are without question attempts to regulate directly the acceptable methods of managing the radiation hazards of nuclear waste."

"For putatively economic motives, those provisions require in effect that radiation hazards be dealt with by disposal techniques or by storage guaranteed to the satisfaction of the state Energy Commission, and not by the storage scheme presently authorized by the NRC."

California argues that it must be concerned about acceptable disposal methods being available before permitting more plants to be built because any problem with disposal would force plants to shut down and thereby adversely affect the cost of electric power to Californians.

IN A RELATED MATTER, the Supreme Court refused to consider a case in which Robert Thornberry, a nuclear engineer hired by the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. to work on a proposed plant known as Sundesert, challenged the 1976 amendments' validity.

Thornberry had sought to force the same Supreme Court review requested by the two utilities, but the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled he lacked legal standing to sue.

Sundesert was abandoned by the SDG&E in May 1978 because the state law did not exempt the project from the 1976 amendments, and because the utility was unable to secure additional financing.

Thornberry had argued that the state law was pre-empted by the federal Atomic Energy Act and thus was invalid.

But the Supreme Court will address the same question in the case it did accept Monday.

No sign of lower interest rates in sight

By CHET CURRIER

NEW YORK (AP) — Spring is giving way to summer on Wall Street with no sign of relief from the problem that has been plaguing the securities markets all year — high interest rates.

In the past week, the money markets were moving in the direction of higher, not lower, interest rates, even though the economy remained in the grip of a severe recession. And stock prices slumped to their lowest levels in more than two years.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks posted five straight daily declines during the week, for an aggregate loss of 21.12 points to 788.62. The last time the average closed lower than that was on April 21 of 1980, when it stood at 759.13.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 2.20 to 61.74, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 13.40 at 246.38.

Big Board volume averaged 48.88 million shares a day, against 53.36 million the week before.

The concern that the markets' woes of the past couple of months have helped engender shows up conspicuously in the mid-year forecasts now being turned out by brokerage houses and investment advisory firms.

"Sound stocks with outstanding growth potential are selling at bargain prices," says Standard & Poor's weekly letter, "The Outlook."

"The question is: What will produce the incentive to begin accumulating these values?"

Any significant market recovery, S&P says, probably will require a break in the interest-rate logjam. But the firm quickly adds, "It won't be easy to get rates down much."

"The economy should soon be emerging from recession, aided by the mid-year personal tax cut and Social Security cost-of-living hike. That will mean increased private-sector demand for credit. At the same time, the Treasury will be borrowing heavily to fill the budget gap, and the Federal Reserve may have to contend with another bulge in the money supply."

"Any drop in rates, therefore, would have to come largely from a shift in psychology. The real key to lower interest rates is reducing inflationary expectations, shrinking today's historically wide gap between nominal interest rates and the inflation rate."

Analysts at Bache Halsey Stuart Shields Inc. see "a modestly positive outlook for both the bond and stock markets over the next several years."

"We believe that the recession is basically over," they said in a recent

appraisal of the mid-year outlook. "As that view becomes more common, the stock market will tend to rebound. But investors should be cautious about expecting the gain of roughly 30 percent in stock prices traditionally achieved in the 12 months following recession-related market troughs."

The factor that Bache says could keep the market out of step with past patterns is the state of government fiscal and monetary policy. "The prospect of record budget deficits, coupled with the Treasury's increased borrowing requirements starting this summer, has dulled investors' enthusiasm."

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