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Reagan among Collins rally's attractions

DALLAS (AP) — Dancing girls, patriotic singers, country and western musicians and a fiery Baptist preacher were to divert and enlighten the crowd at the Republican Party rally during President Reagan's visit to Texas today.

Reagan was dropping by U.S. Rep. Jim Collins' Wildbrier Farm to lend a hand in Collins' uphill race against incumbent Democrat U.S. Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen.

Reagan was scheduled to be at the farm one hour and 15 minutes. He was to attend a private fund-raiser for 30 minutes and then talk to a crowd of Republican campaign volunteers for 30 minutes. The remaining 15 minutes was unaccounted for.

Collins is "10 to 12 percentage points" behind Bentsen, according to Collins aide Dee Travis, a state senator

from Garland.

Travis said the presidential visit could be a "turning point" in the campaign, although Bentsen workers disagreed.

With three weeks to go in the race, "It's a little late for ... a turning point," said Bentsen spokesman Jack DeVore.

Texas Gov. Bill Clements — a Republican running for re-election against Texas Attorney General Mark White — was to meet Reagan at the airport today. But Clements could not attend the gathering. He returned to Austin to prepare for his televised debate against White tonight.

Both the reception and the rally were invitation-only affairs.

The reception was for "everybody who's given the maximum and who can be there," Travis said Sunday. The maximum legal contribution is \$1,000 per person. Travis said he expected 50 couples at the closed party.

He said the meeting would not necessarily mean a chance to shake hands with the president; there would be no receiving line.

"Everything they (the White House staff) do is pretty well packaged," he said. "They do the same thing everywhere they go. The Secret Service is comfortable with the routine.

"What it is, is an opportunity to be in a very close, intimate reception and hear remarks especially for them (the guests)," said Travis. Those who were invited to attend also received tickets

to an Oct. 21 Collins fundraiser featuring Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, Travis said.

After the reception, Reagan was to speak at a rally to which all statewide Republican candidates were invited. The rally was to begin shortly after noon, hours before Reagan was to arrive in town.

A singing group from the Park Cities Baptist Church was to sing patriotic songs, a country and western band from Waxahachie was to perform before the national anthem and pledge of allegiance.

W.A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, was to deliver the invocation after which the Apache Belles, a pep squad and drill team from Tyler Junior College, were to perform. Then the president would speak, Travis said.

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Communications to Polish city cut

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — All telephone and telex communications were out today with the Baltic port city of Gdansk, birthplace of the newly-outlawed Solidarity union, and with the western Polish city of Szczecin, operators for the state telephone network said.

They said they had been ordered not to accept calls to those areas, but could not say whether the circuits had been deliberately cut or whether the outages were due to a technical problems.

Poland's Communist government has traditionally cut off communications after trouble erupts in a particular city, but it was not immediately possible to determine whether there were any disturbances at Gdansk or Szczecin.

The government cut all communications lines linking Poland to the outside world when martial law was imposed last Dec. 13. Direct telephone connections were restored only last May.

Attempts by The Associated Press and other news agency to contact Gdansk in the wake of last Friday's parliamentary vote banning of the independent Solidarity union revealed the communications break.

The outages were disclosed as Solidarity fugitives called for a nationwide strike next month, saying it will determine the union's strategy as an outlawed organization under Poland's tight new martial-law controls.

The influential Roman Catholic Church on Sunday condemned the Communist government's ban against the independent labor federation and other unions as four Solidarity leaders in hiding urged a four-hour general strike for Nov. 10.

"At every enterprise, and at every department a clandestine committee preparing the protest of November 10 should be organized," they said in a statement circulated outside churches. "The course of the protest will decide the further strategy of the unions."

Archbishop Jozef Glemp, Poland's spiritual leader, deplored "the trampling of man" in a sharply worded Sunday sermon in a monastery outside Warsaw. Pope John Paul II in Rome accused the Polish Parliament of violating "the fundamental rights of man and society."

Catholics make up more than 90 percent of Poland's estimated 36 million population, giving the church a powerful political role.

Parliament obediently followed the government's recommendations Friday, passing a law that dissolved all labor unions and imposed severe restrictions on the registration of new ones. The law effectively outlawed Solidarity, the Communist bloc's only independent labor union formed during August 1980.

President Reagan protested the action by announcing new sanctions against Poland, including loss of its trade status with the United States as a most-favored nation.

The government suspended Solidarity and detained hundreds of unionists under the Dec. 13 military crackdown that followed 16 months of labor unrest. Many have been freed but more than 800 are still held. Martial-law chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has promised additional releases.

The underground Solidarity statement released Sunday, borrowing an old slogan from interned Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, declared: "Solidarity exists and will exist, no matter if someone likes it or not."

It called for the strike on the second anniversary of Solidarity's registration by a Warsaw court.

"We appeal to all working people, no matter to which unions they belong for a massive nationwide protest against lawlessness and poverty," the statement said.

Dated Oct. 9, it was signed by leaders of the underground National Coordination Commission that has run Solidarity since April: Bogdan Lis of Gdansk, Zbigniew Bujak of Warsaw and Wladyslaw Hardek of Krakow. Piotr Bednorz signed in place of Wladyslaw Frasnuk, who was captured last Tuesday.

They also urged "a common boycott of new trade unions," a call echoed in a letter from nine Solidarity leaders held at Warsaw's Bialoleka prison.

The letter smuggled from prison said joining the new unions would be an "ignoble act of collaboration." Among the signatures was that of Andrzej Gwiazda, the former No. 2 leader in Solidarity.



High-flying flags

Marchers, each carrying an American flag, stand in ranks on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol as they prepare for Sunday's "Aloha, We Love America" parade. The march, sponsored by an American Buddhist lay organization, included 10,000 marchers who walked down Constitution Avenue from the Capitol to the Washington Monument.

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Colombian gunman frees little girl, surrenders

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A Colombian gunman who held an Amtrak sleeping car for three days handed a 34-year-old girl out a window today, then threw down a machine gun and surrendered, leaving behind the bodies of a woman and her infant son.

The woman had been dead since Friday and the baby probably died early today, police said. An FBI agent convinced the gunman to give up the little girl at about 1 a.m., and a man the gunman had described as his godfather spoke to the hostage-taker hours later

through a bullhorn and talked him into giving up, officials said.

The girl was taken to a hospital to be examined and given fluids.

For days, the wiry gunman had crouched naked or nearly naked in the car while he alternately negotiated with police, shouted in Spanish or fired shots. But early today he washed, dressed in new blue jeans and a maroon satin shirt, threw the .45-caliber fully automatic machine gun out the car's window and walked out the back door.

He was led in handcuffs, his head bowed, to a waiting police car at about 5:45 a.m.

The gunman had identified himself as Mario Rodriguez, but police today identified the 29-year-old man as Evangelista Navas Villabona of Bucaramanga, Colombia.

Officers wearing surgical masks examined the car and the decomposing bodies. Authorities did not say how the woman or the 9-month-old baby had died.

The standoff began Friday morning

when shots rang out in the compartment of the Amtrak Silver Star en route from Miami to New York. Authorities evacuated passengers from the train as it entered the Raleigh station and isolated the car containing the gunman and two surrounding cars.

About 50 police officers, including sharpshooters, had sealed off the area around the car.

The woman was tentatively identified as Isabel Ramirez, and the dead infant as her son, John, said police Sgt. Charles Watson. Police had said they

believed the woman was the gunman's sister, but there was no word today on the relationship between the victims and the gunman.

The man the gunman called his godfather was located in New York by the FBI and was flown to Raleigh early today.

Police Chief Fred Heineman said the gunman wanted to surrender earlier, but was afraid of police.

"He had great anxiety as to who we were. Mr. Rodriguez apparently had bad experiences in other countries

with police and he was worried we might harm him," Heineman said.

Heineman said no charges had been filed against Villabona. Heineman said the man was a parole violator. He would not say for what crime.

Police were trying to determine what sparked the siege.

The gunman earlier had said a man's body also was in the compartment, but none was found.

Throughout the ordeal, Rodriguez had made no demands and few requests.

'Dry' Texas Tech wading through new problem

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — The intruder first struck in an elevator shaft at Methodist Hospital across from the Texas Tech campus.

It next surfaced in the sub-basement of the school's art and architecture building.

And then, unseen, it crept toward the very heart of Jones Stadium, where unsuspecting thousands gather each fall to cheer and curse the Red Raider football team.

It was there that the intruder was confronted and contained and identified as the most unlikely of villains.

Water.

Uh huh. Ground water...11 billion

gallons of it. With spillage, that's good for at least a trillion bourbons and brand.

In a region where water is almost as valuable as oil, and not quite as abundant, Texas Tech found itself with too much of a good thing.

Kind of an embarrassment of riches with a cruel twist.

But maybe not... A vast underground water formation was suddenly posing a threat to low-lying areas scattered across and beyond the university campus.

The most vulnerable and imminent target was the million dollar artificial turf on the sunken floor of Jones Stadium.

"One observation well indicated the water surface was very near the sta-

dium floor and that the concrete footings under the columns might be in saturated soil," said Dr. Robert Sweazy, director of Tech's Water Resources Center.

"There might be some subsidence." It is a bit ironic that Sweazy, besides his role as a water expert, also serves as chairman of the athletic council.

And while really not a laughing matter, a trace of humor could be found in the situation.

Local folks wondered aloud if the stadium, like the Titanic, might one day just sink into the subterranean sea.

Give the players water wings or life preservers in place of shoulder pads, they chuckled. Better still, why not water polo instead of football?

It could be a boon for water sports in

West Texas, they guffawed.

The stadium would make a lovely and quite large swimming pool, with seating for 50,000 sunbathers.

Maybe boating and snorkeling and even fishing.

Unmoved by such provocative suggestions, the university's board of regents committed more than \$75,000 for an outside study of the problem.

Analysts reported back last May that leakage of storm water runoff from playa lakes was the single largest source of rising ground water levels.

It was comforting to learn officially that Mother Nature was not totally the shady lady some suspected.

In the tone of such grim studies, the experts said:

"...Water levels are projected to con-

tinue to rise and affect more buildings if present water management practices of the university and the city are continued."

Sweazy said he first notified the administration of the increasing ground water in 1978.

"Nothing was done," he said. "Then all of a sudden, in the summer of 1980, the situation got worse."

The seepage in the Art and Architecture building became so severe that a pump was put in continuous operation.

"We began to look for other low places on campus," Sweazy said, "and what's lower than Jones Stadium?"

He said the water level rose to within 18 inches of the AstroTurf and could create structural problems in the stadium walls if left unchecked.

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Weather

Cloudy and cool tonight with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Details on Page 2A.

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Newspaper counters asbestos claims

DALLAS (AP) — School Supt. Linus Wright says he is "embarrassed" by a newspaper's report that, despite staff assurances, Dallas public school classrooms are filled with dangerously high levels of asbestos.

Independent laboratory tests commissioned by the Dallas Times Herald found potentially hazardous "friable" asbestos in 29 of 30 samples taken from 10 Dallas schools.

Officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said most major school districts in Texas have taken steps to seal asbestos ceilings in public schools.

Federal officials told the newspaper that school districts like Houston, Austin and Fort Worth found the fireproofing material in classrooms and auditoriums, and have taken steps to prevent children from inhaling microscopic cancer-causing fibers.

Wright said he would do "whatever we need to do" to correct the problem.

"It is embarrassing when you have people who examined it and certified to me three different times that we don't have any," Wright said. "They told me the other day that they sent samples off themselves and they came back clear."

The newspaper's findings were published Sunday in a copyright story.

Federal officials have been warning school districts since 1979 that any friable asbestos construction material with more than 1 percent asbestos is potentially hazardous.

The concentrations found in Dallas classrooms ranged from 2 percent to 30 percent.

EPA officials say asbestos is only dangerous if fibers are freed from the original material and are inhaled.

The newspaper's study found some ceiling tiles that had students' initials carved in them.

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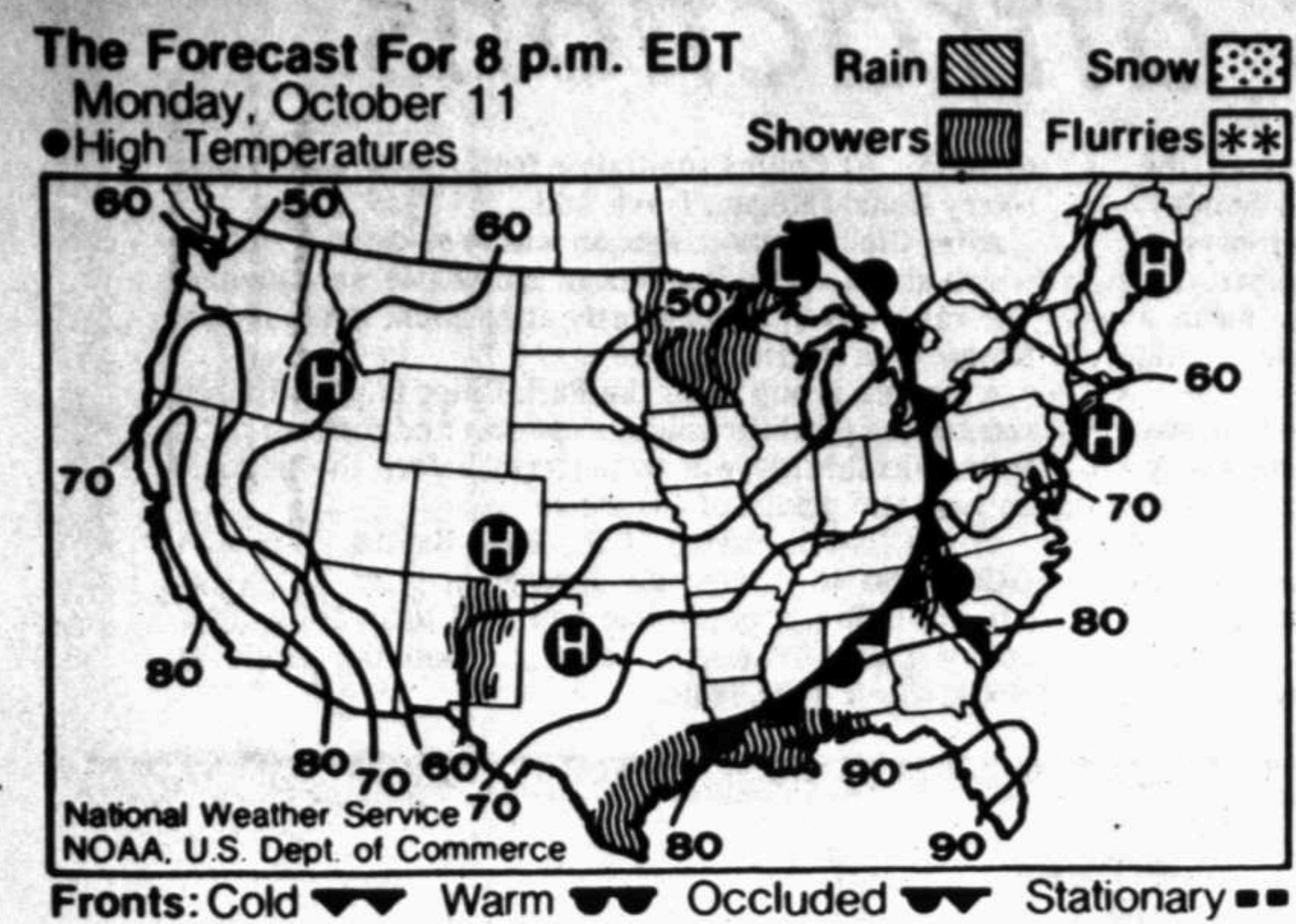
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WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service forecasts showers for Gulf of Mexico coastal areas, eastern New Mexico, northwestern Wisconsin and most of Minnesota.

Autumn finally arrives in Midland

With the National Weather Service forecast calling for cloudy skies and crisp temperatures, Midlanders may finally be able to confidently state that fall has fallen... Let's just say autumn has arrived, shall we? Tonight should be cloudy and cool with a low in the mid-40s and a 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Cloudy and cool tonight and Tuesday with a 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Tonight's low in the mid-40s with winds northeast at 5-10 mph. Tuesday's high should reach the low-60s with northeast winds at 5-10 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READ

Yesterday's High 65 degrees
Overnight Low 51 degrees
Sunset today 7:22 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:50 a.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours 0.00 inches
This month to date 0.80 inches
1982 to date 12.42 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	44	6 p.m.	46
7 a.m.	44	7 p.m.	44
8 a.m.	44	8 p.m.	41
9 a.m.	46	9 p.m.	38
10 a.m.	49	10 p.m.	36
11 a.m.	54	11 p.m.	36
12 noon	57	Midnight	37
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SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Arlene	71	56
Denver	51	39
Amario	63	38
SI Paso	72	49
FT. Worth	62	47
Houston	79	62
Lubbock	65	41
Marfa	65	41
Oda. City	65	41
Wichita Falls	72	48

Texas temperatures

Abilene	71	56
Alice	73	64
Amario	63	42
Austin	73	55
Besantoni/Pt. Art	81	68
Brownsville	80	68
Childress	67	43
College Station	70	50
Corpus Christi	79	62
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Extended forecast

Wednesday Through Friday
West Texas: Partly cloudy with a slow warming trend. Low Wednesday low 40s north and mountains to near 50 extreme south warming to mid 40s mountains and north to mid 50s south Friday. Highs Wednesday upper 80s extreme north and mountains to mid 90s Big Bend valleys warming to mid 70s north to near 90 extreme south Friday.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy to cloudy with an increasing chance of showers and a few thunderstorms through Tuesday. Highs 58 Panhandle to 62 south to near 70 Big Bend. Lows 38 Panhandle and mountains to 48 southeast and 50 Big Bend.

Border states forecasts

Louisiana: Chance of showers increasing slightly through tonight. Highs mostly in the 70s Lows 55 north to 60 extreme southwest.

Odessa robberies investigated

ODESSA — Police here are investigating three weekend robberies, including one where a resident lost \$100 to a man who broke into the victim's house and started beating him while he was asleep. Jewel Dean Howard, no age available, of 1328 Boatwright, told officers he was asleep about 11:25 p.m. Saturday when a "squat" black or Mexican male entered the house through a bathroom window and started beating him and demanding money.

The clerk opened one compartment of the safe and handed the man a bag containing an undisclosed amount of money. When the clerk told the man he couldn't open the second compartment, the man cut him three times on the arms and fled on foot. The suspect was described as white, about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, having a large build and wearing blue jeans and tennis shoes.

Odessa jail escapee back in custody

ODESSA — One of two men who escaped from the Odessa city jail last month is back in custody. Vernon Eugene Rushing, 19, of Odessa, walked into the police station and surrendered about 11:45 p.m. Saturday. Rushing, who was being held on \$1,000 bond for burglary of a coin-operated machine, escaped the night of Sept. 22 after he and 20-year-old James Weldon Redic of Odessa broke through a heavy metal screen on a light fixture in their cell and crawled along the top of the cell to a skylight.

Redic remains at large, according to police, who said escape charges would be formally lodged against Rushing today.

Victims may have known alleged killer

EUSTACE, Texas (AP) — Two retired men who were stabbed to death with a butcher knife may have been killed by someone who knew the victims and had been drinking with them, authorities said. Clinton Corbett Abbott, 53, and John Royce Cravey, 41, were killed late Saturday with a 10-inch butcher knife, according to investigators in this small Northeast Texas town.

Cravey had been stabbed in the chest several times, according to Justice of the Peace Judy Newman. Abbott was found in the bedroom with a stab wound in his back, Ms. Newman said, adding that robbery appeared to be the motive for the crime.

Peace groups take aim at candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The voters may be more jittery over jobs than the bomb, but peace groups are adding to the troubles of some congressmen already embroiled in a tough fight over economic issues in the Nov. 2 elections. Moving with some reluctance into the rough-and-tumble of the campaign, traditionally non-political peace organizations are making themselves heard in House races from Oregon to Pennsylvania.

Timothy Gay, press secretary for Kostmayer's opponent, Republican Rep. James Coyne, who helped defeat a nuclear freeze resolution in the House by switching his vote, says, "There is only one real issue in this campaign and that is jobs." Among the closest races, according to peace movement spokesmen, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and campaign officials of both parties, are: —Clausen and Bosco. In Sonoma County, which makes up much of the district, 22 percent of the voters signed petitions to put the freeze issue on the California ballot. Unemployment in the county is 11 percent.

Good ol' boy worked at not making million dollars

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Battered, splintered and peeling, the old mule barn looks nothing like what it once was — a special clothing store that provided a kind of moral fabric for this North Texas town. But McKinney is no longer a farming hamlet, sport shirts cost more than \$1, and soon the clothing store that Jimmy Foster ran for 50 years will be bulldozed for a parking lot.

part of the wealthy Dallas-Fort Worth "Metropolitan." And he could have moved from the old mule barn sitting on black gumbo dirt. "I had people telling me I ought to move and get good fixtures and a nice big store. But I tried to keep my overhead real low so I'd have prices that would help my customers." "You know, being a wealthy man — oh no, I don't want to be a millionaire," he said. "I don't enjoy money, I enjoy people. My customers were all my friends."



Jimmy Foster, 70, leans against the front of his special clothing store in McKinney. After two heart attacks, a stroke and cataract surgery, he closed his store Sept. 30. Since then, he relaxes with crossword puzzles and lets friends buy the remaining clothes stacked in his den.

Extortionists' plot execution left much to be desired

DENVER (AP) — It had all the elements of a first-rate thriller: A former college teacher, a gold miner and two "soldiers of fortune" decided to stick up one of the world's largest corporations for \$15 million, authorities say. But the plan was full of holes, and Theodore Duane McKinney, Michael Allen Worth, John M. McBride and Timothy K. Justice are being held on \$1 million bond each, charged with threatening to blow up Gulf Oil Chemical Co.'s largest refinery on Oct. 3.

staying, agents said they found detailed instructions about the plot and the home telephone number of a third — McBride. Justice, 30, has confessed to planting five bombs at the plant in Baytown, Texas, outside Houston, the FBI says. McBride, 46, won the release of his common-law wife, Jill Renee Bird, by helping authorities find additional bombs and materials, according to Ms. Bird's lawyer.

collapses. Worth, a skilled gunsmith, included local authorities among his customers. According to Larry Rasmussen, who owned a coin shop downstairs from the gun store, the two said they moved to Durango from San Diego about three years ago "to get away from the rat race."

at the Standard Metals mine and mill in Silverton, north of Durango. He quit his job in July, two weeks after \$70,000 worth of gold was stolen from the mill. Justice cleared a polygraph test after the theft but FBI officials may take another look at the case, Leo Kunkel of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation said.

—The suspects signed their names to Radio Shack receipts for potential-bomb parts such as batteries, switches and circuit boxes. —The suspects' phone calls were traceable through long-distance records.

Justice met up with McBride and Worth at their shop. A former U.S. Marine assigned to ambush details in Vietnam, Justice was considered fearless. He joined the Durango police force but was let go after five months, in July 1981.

Justice and McBride fancied themselves as soldier of fortune types," said Dale Wunderlich, whose private security agency employed Justice at the mine. "That was the kind of overall impression they wanted to give to people... They had Soldier of Fortune magazines in the office. They were always talking about big international deals, about how people were always following them around."

Reagan to focus on economy in campaign swings

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — With unemployment at a record level, President Reagan will focus almost entirely on the successful aspects of his economic program in his campaign efforts over the next three weeks, aides say. In addition, they say he will stress a traditional campaign theme before the Nov. 2 elections — turning out the Republican vote.

year high of 10.1 percent, White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III said he does not think the announcement of the new statistics will be a "dramatic event or watershed event" in the campaign. The jobless rate was 9.8 percent in August, and 7.4 percent when Reagan took office. Reagan's plans for the Texas campaign stop were typical of those he has been making on behalf of Republican candidates, primarily those running for the Senate, since early September.

been delayed in its impact, are expected to be issues in a debate tonight between Clements, a Republican, and Democrat Mark White, the governor's challenger. Terence Travaland, of the Texas Employment Commission, described as "a rather remarkable increase" the most recent rise in statewide unemployment — to 8.4 percent, the highest since such figures were first compiled for Texas 12 years ago.

"You wouldn't predict a victory today," said one political aide holding out just slight hope that Collins could close in on the senator. But the gubernatorial race is "neck-and-neck," he said. It has attracted a greater share of attention in the state.

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Kevin Englet (left), Steve Gedds and Danny Harris (right) load completed bundles of papers for distribution to carriers force.

The Circulation Department of The Reporter-Telegram is responsible for distribution—the final step in the daily process of producing the newspaper.

While Midland's unprecedented growth in recent years has posed problems not unlike those faced by many businesses which service the public, reorganization, new equipment and staff enlargement have been undertaken to help resolve those problems.

That growth has raised daily circulation to nearly 27,000 copies while the Sunday edition has passed 31,000. Timely delivery of that many newspapers each day is a monumental task that requires a dedicated staff.

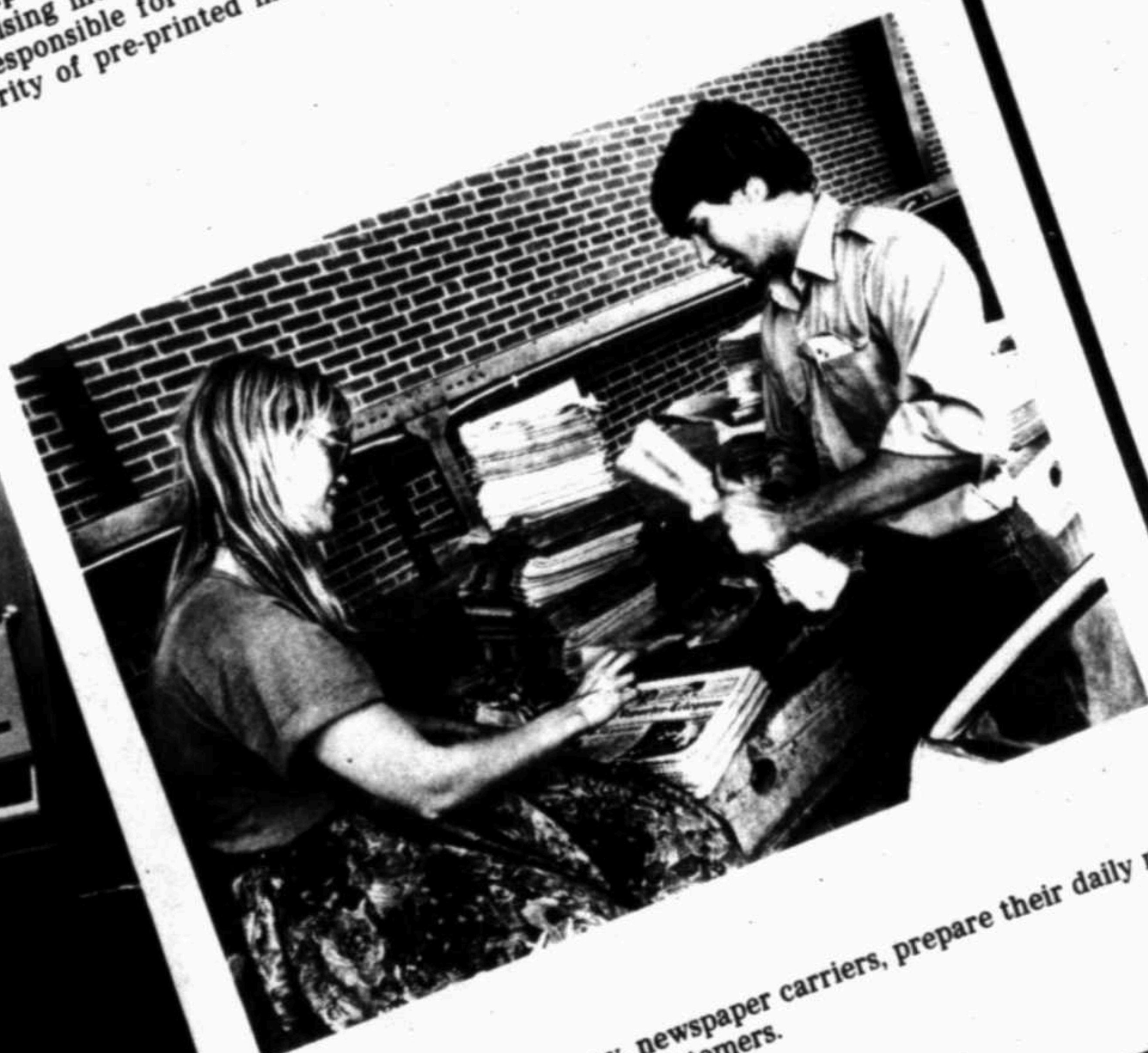
The combined Circulation-Mailroom Department now employs more personnel than any other single department at the newspaper. Mailroom personnel, comprising more than 30 people, are responsible for inserting the majority of pre-printed materials

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Two Pampa nursing home residents die in fire

PAMPA, Texas (AP) — Two elderly people died and eight were injured in a fire that sent smoke billowing through one wing of a 150-room nursing home.

About 150 residents were evacuated during the blaze, which caused extensive heat and fire damage to one wing and heavy smoke damage throughout the Pampa Nursing Center, officials said.

Investigators planned to comb the building today searching for clues to the cause of the fire Sunday evening.

The fire was confined to one (patient's) room, and then it traveled out into the hall to a bathroom and into an adjoining room," said fire Capt. Don Hendricks.

He credited doors and automatic sprinklers with helping to

keep the blaze from spreading to the other wing of the one-story, U-shaped building.

The fire began about 6:15 p.m. in the brick-veneer structure and was out about 1 1/2 hours later, fire officials said.

Killed were John M. Bentley, 75, and Bertha McQuary, 81. Authorities said they suffered cardiac arrest at a local hospital after being overcome by smoke.

Eva Richardson, 75, and Ed English, 85, were in stable condition in the intensive care unit of Coronado Community Hospital, according to hospital spokesman Walter Johnson.

Hospitalized in stable condition were Donna Blackwell, 21, an employee; Lessie McNeal, 79; James Thurman, no age given; Mat-


tie Attherton, 75; and Annie Teal, 80.

Another employee, Anita Casaus, 29, was treated for smoke inhalation and later released from the hospital, he said.

"The majority of the cases were respiratory therapy treated from smoke inhalation," Johnson said. "None were suffering from burns that we could tell."

Two firemen were treated by ambulance crews during the five-alarm blaze for smoke inhalation, but did not require hospitalization, he said.

The nursing center patients who were evacuated were taken to the Coronado Nursing Home, across the street.



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Juan Delgadillo

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Juan Delgadillo, 47, of Big Spring were to be at 10 a.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Robert Myers

McCAMEY — Services for Robert "Bob" Myers, 61, of McCamey will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the South Union Baptist Church in McCamey with the Rev. L.H. DeGrate officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

He died Friday in an Odessa hospital. Myers was born Nov. 18, 1920, in Rowena. He married Lillie Oliver on July 23, 1946, in Anson. He worked for West Texas Utilities until his retirement. He was a member of the South Union Baptist Church and the American Legion. He served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Glenda Joyce Walker of Odessa; a son, Auther Eugene Myers of Rankin; a brother, Noah Lewis Myers of Richmond, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Edna Jennings

EASTLAND — Edna Jennings, 85, of Clyde, mother of Bill Jennings of Midland, died Sunday morning in Eastland.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Clyde Church of Christ, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Bill Jennings of Midland; four daughters; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family asks that memorials be directed to the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center.

Dollie Osborne

BEDFORD — Services for Dollie Marie Osborne, 72, of Bedford, mother of Paula Nodwell of Midland, were to be at 11 a.m. today in Chism and Smith Chapel here with the Rev. Joe Bailey officiating. Burial was to be in Oak-

grove Cemetery under the direction of Chism and Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Osborne died Friday in a Bedford hospital.

She moved to Bedford from San Angelo in 1975. She was a graduate of Hamby High School in Hamby. She was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 10 and a member of the Rebecca Lodge. She was a housewife and the widow of Omar Travis Osborne.

Other survivors include a daughter, two sisters, two brothers and four grandchildren.

Mayme Womack

LAMESA — Services for Mayme Womack, 81, of Lamesa were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Downtown Church of Christ in Lamesa with O.H. Tabor, retired minister, and Mike Schneider, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home in Lamesa.

She died Saturday in a Lamesa hospital.

She married W.L. Womack April 24, 1920, in Woddy. He died Dec. 6, 1959. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She moved to Dawson County in 1917 from Wilbarger County.

Survivors include a son Ray Womack of Lamesa; four daughters, Maurine Thomas of Midland, Mavis Carmichael of Rogers, N.M., Jaunel Bybel of Singapore and Freda Beth White of Arlington; five sisters, Minnie Stewart and Pearl Burke, both of Lamesa, Lula Hallman of Missoula, Mont., Alice Cotten of Big Spring and Geneva Ranson of College Station; two brothers, John Banta of Lamesa and Hillery A. Banta of Baton Rouge, La.; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

James F. Reidy

BIG SPRING — James F. "Jim" Reidy, 70 of Big Spring died Saturday at his home.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Reidy was a retired employee of Cosden Oil and Chemical Co. and a member of the Catholic Church.

Church members injured in Sunday explosion

BOERNE, Texas (AP) — Authorities were trying to determine today why a space heater inside a wood-frame church released gas that later ignited, critically injuring two children and an adult in a church school class.

The explosion at Jesus' Name Holiness Tabernacle Church also sent four other people to three area hospitals with serious injuries. Another person was also injured but did not seek hospitalization, authorities said.

"I was outside the church when I heard the explosion," said the Rev. Virgil Timmons, pastor. "I saw the little boys running out of the room at the same time I saw the flames come out and suddenly disappear. It was what they call a flash fire."

Timmons said that he ran in the room after the explosion to try to turn the gas valve to the heater off, but it broke off and he ran outside and turned the whole gas system off.

Waylon Christian, 12, and his 14-year-old sister, Terri, both of San Antonio, remained in critical condition at Brooke Army Medical Burn Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, said Army Capt. Alana Cline.

The pair and three other children received second- and third-degree

burns over 70 to 80 percent of their bodies, authorities said. Two adults suffered apparent heart attacks in the explosion.

James P. Allen, 3, and his 10-year-old sister, Kassandry, both of San Antonio; and Michelle Cravey, 10, and Reba Fox, 49, both of Boerne, were in fair condition at Medical Center Hospital in San Antonio, said spokeswoman Gloria Luna.

Eugenia Sutton, 55, of Boerne was in critical condition at San Antonio's Methodist Hospital, a spokeswoman said. Ida Pierce, 50, of Boerne was injured slightly in the blast but was not hospitalized.

All the injured suffered burns on their faces, heads, hands and legs, police said.

Two Kendall County emergency officers who live across the street from the small church rushed outside to help when they heard the blast and screams, and helped transfer the injured to hospitals.

The flash fire at about 11 a.m. blew out all the church's windows and caused heavy structural damage, but did not ignite its wood frame. The church's walls were pushed outward by what a police lieutenant described as a "terrible concussion."

25-year-old man arrested after unusual escape attempts

DALLAS (AP) — A 25-year-old man was jailed today on allegations that he shot at a Dallas police officer with the patrolman's revolver before abducting an elderly woman and donning a dress in an unsuccessful escape attempt, authorities said.

The man was arrested Sunday night after tactical officers discovered him in an attic crawl space above his apartment, police said. He was jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Police said the man left the North Dallas residence of a 75-year-old woman wearing a dress, jewelry and makeup. The woman reported she was abducted Sunday afternoon.

Investigators said the officer's .38-caliber revolver, another handgun, a blue dress and keys to the woman's car were found in the apartment.

Police said the incident began about 7:15 a.m. Sunday when Officer M.L. Chavarie, investigating a broken store window, began chasing a man driving a car.

The man ran his vehicle into a street light before crashing into a garage door at a service station in North Dallas, police said.

After a brief chase on foot, the man spun around and aimed a small

revolver at the officer, ordering him to drop to the ground, investigators said.

The man then took Chavarie's revolver, police said, and ordered the officer to "get up and come with me." But investigators said he was distracted by the sirens of approaching police cars and Chavarie escaped.

Chavarie told investigators the man aimed the service revolver at him and he heard a shot as he fled into a church parking lot.

About four hours later, a gunman appeared at the nearby home of the woman who was to become his hostage, identified by police as Mrs. James S. Miller.

Mrs. Miller told officers the man confronted her as she entered her home about 1 p.m.

After shaving off his beard and mustache, the man put on some clothing belonging to Mrs. Miller and forced her to accompany him a short distance in her car, police said.

The woman was released unharmed at a shopping center in South Oak Cliff after the man took \$6 from her, according to investigators.

Police later found Mrs. Miller's car outside an apartment complex and knocked on the man's apartment door, said Tactical Capt. John Holt.



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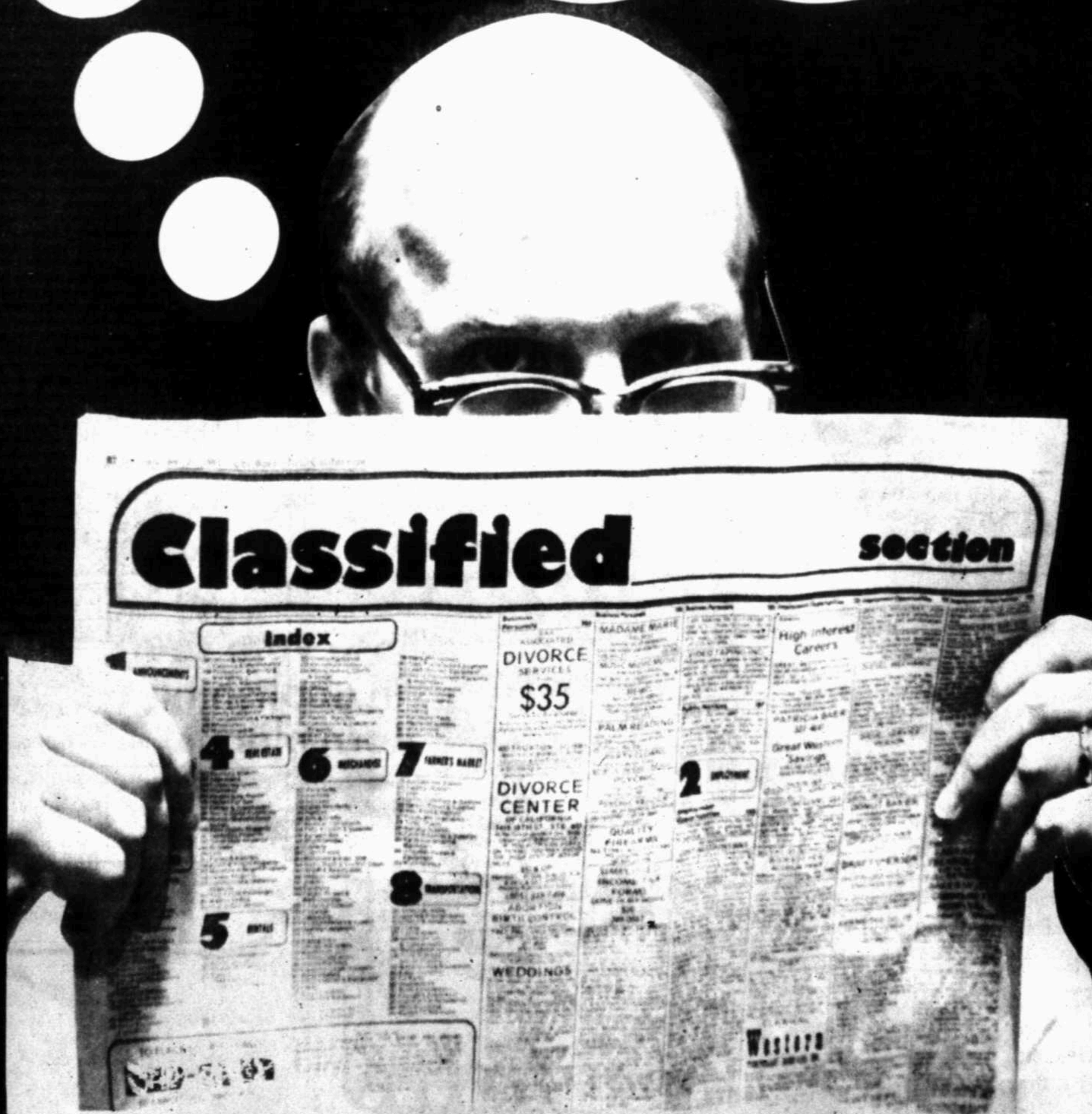
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BUSINESS MIRROR

Reasons for markets' rally still shrouded in mystery

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — These are extreme days in the financial markets, and while extremes can be enormously profitable to some, they can be exceedingly dangerous to others — such as you, perhaps.

Moderation, it appears, is out. Twenty-five stocks on the New York Stock Exchange and 24 on the American Exchange rose at least 21 percent last week. And many stocks plunged, such as International Harvester, off 27.8 percent.

It is a situation that strains reason, and leaves casual investors in a dilemma of greed and fear so great that reason is clouded and destructive impulsiveness is seen as the only relief.

Compounding the problem is that you can search in vain for the reasons why Wall Street is so excited. Even those who are committing fortunes to the market, it seems safe to say, must be wondering if it's all real.

The economy, supposedly the basis for stock market movements, shows no strong evidence of a certain recovery.

The economic forecasts have been remarkably restrained. There are extremes — there are some who say we are headed for either the biggest bust or the biggest boom of all time — but the consensus is for only a mild recovery.

Even that seems far off. At the very time the financial markets bubbled with enthusiasm, the labor markets were reaching their worst condition in 42 years, with no less than 19.5 million Americans directly affected last month.

That total is made up of 11.3 million workers who sought but failed to find jobs, 1.6 million "discouraged" workers who gave up looking, and 6.6 million who, for lack of better job opportunities, accepted part-time employment.

The job situation isn't likely to improve soon either, judging from consumer actions and business statements. Consumers are reluctant to spend the economy into expansion, and business leaders say they won't spend until the consumer does. A stalemate. How, then, do you get the economy moving?

It is that question that produces one likely explanation for why markets have gone on a rampage, with stocks rising 188 points since August (as measured by the Dow Jones average) and bonds recovering from their deep depression.

The economy will get moving, the market appears to be saying, because interest rates will continue to drop. Lower interest rates will get people into cars again, and houses too, and then industry will spend to meet the demand.

That is the reasoning so often mentioned by those who handle portfolios. It was, they say, the imposition of high interest that plunged the nation into what is widely considered the worst recession since the 1930s, and it is the lowering of those rates that will release buying power into the marketplace.

So goes the reasoning. Whether it is correct or not probably doesn't matter at this point, because the financial markets are now so wound up like a spring they have tension sufficient to spin on their own for a while.

And how should you as an investor react to it? With moderation. Beware the extremes. Moderation is the great human art, skill, and science. It is intellectual rather than emotional. It is always protective.

But it is elusive too, and too often just a forlorn wish.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Don't pay off mortgage until rates drop further

By BILL DOYLE

Q. My husband and I are retired on individual pensions and Social Security. We have \$64,000 in bank savings certificates, \$7,000 in savings accounts and some stocks.

We have a \$33,000 mortgage on our home, at 11 percent, which we have the right to pay off at any time. Now that interest rates are going lower, I feel we should pay off the mortgage. My husband disagrees. What is your advice?

A. As long as you're earning higher interest on certificates than you're paying in interest on your mortgage, I go along with your husband. But, once you start collecting less than 11 percent on the certificates, I'll come over to your side of this family financial discussion.



Doyle

Here, again, we get back to basics. When money you have working for you earns more than you have to pay on money you have borrowed — in a mortgage or any other loan — you are ahead. In the world of finance, that's called "leverage." And, when things are the other way about, you come out a loser.

Interest rates started to move lower about a year ago and went into a sharp decline in mid-August. Like most observers, I feel rates will continue to come down — although not in a straight line.

As each of your certificates matures, if you would earn less than the 11 percent you are paying on your mortgage, use that money to reduce or pay off the mortgage. It's as simple as that.

And, why in the world are you keeping \$7,000 in low-interest savings accounts? Most of that money should be earning more for you, in such things as certificates or a money market mutual fund — or used to pay down the mortgage.

Finally, I'd advise you to keep your stocks, in anticipation of future dividend increases, to help you beat inflation.

Q. We have 151 monthly payments left on our 7.5 percent mortgage. We recently received an offer from our bank called "Interest Saver Program — Pay Off the Mortgage Quick." Under this program, if we increase our monthly payments by \$133.02, the interest on the mortgage would be reduced to 5.75 percent. The mortgage would be paid off in 51 months and we would save a total of \$5,229 in interest. Should we go along with the bank's offer?

A. I wouldn't. And, assuming the money you would use to increase your monthly payments is at work for you earning the much higher interest rates still available, you shouldn't either.

Even with interest rates trending downward, a 7.5 percent mortgage is still "cheap money." You would be foolish to give it up, for what really amounts to a relatively modest reduction in your mortgage costs.

Of course, if you don't have your spare cash working for you at a good interest rate, you might as well go along with the bank's offer.

Q. I paid off a 7 percent home mortgage, based on the following terms: For every \$4 I paid, the mortgage was reduced by \$5. Some people say I owe federal income tax, because

of this. Others say no. What do you say?

A. Based on the information you supply, the bank forgave you part of your debt. Debt forgiveness is a taxable item for federal income tax purposes.

Let's say the mortgage balance was \$5,000 and you paid it off, by paying the bank \$4,000. You had \$1,000 of debt forgiveness. You're supposed to report that \$1,000 as "other income" on your federal income tax return.

This obscure rule applies to mortgage principal — not to interest savings resulting from early payments.

Q. I have \$15,000 face value of municipal bonds, paying only 7 percent interest. I'm in my early 40s and these bonds won't mature until 2003. I'd hate to wait that long to get back what I paid for these bonds.

If I hold on for five or 10 years, do you think the value of these bonds will go up? Or do you think I should sell now and take my loss?

A. I'll go a short way out on the limb and say that, five or 10 years down the line, the market value of your bonds will be higher. Although this column never tries to outguess the short-term ups and downs of bond or stock prices, that's a fairly safe prediction.

Why? Because, like most people, I believe the long-term trend in interest rates will be down. Bond prices move in the opposite direction of interest rates.

Over the past year, interest rates have come down and bond prices have gone up. But you must have bought those bonds when interest rates were much lower. Then when interest rates skyrocketed for a period of years, the market value of your bonds went into a tailspin.

No one can tell you when the going interest rate on municipal bonds — bonds issued by states and their political subdivisions — will fall to 7 percent. When municipals with quality ratings equal to yours are yielding 7 percent, the market value of your bonds will be back up to their \$15,000 face value.

My own feeling is that will happen long before the year 2003. As the national economy improves and inflation continues to subside, it stands to reason that interest rates will move lower.

Fuel prices near bottom

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Motorists probably have seen the last of declining gasoline prices and can expect the cost to begin rising again at any time, oil industry analyst Dan Lundburg says.

The overall price of gasoline — including taxes — has dropped an average of 1.3 cents a week since the Fourth of July, bringing the average price to \$1.26 a gallon, Lundburg said Sunday. He added, "I think Reaganomics is working in the gasoline industry."

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Carter says he's still 'haunted' by aborted hostage rescue mission

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter is still "haunted" by the aborted Iranian hostage rescue mission, an attempt he tried to avoid by listening to plans that ranged from "delivering the Shah for trial to dropping an atomic bomb on Tehran."

And comments made by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger while 52 Americans were held in Iran for 444 days angered Carter, the former president reveals in his memoirs, "Keeping Faith."

In an excerpt from the book appearing in the current issue of Time magazine, Carter relates his feelings about the rescue bid which ended with the deaths of eight Americans in an Iranian desert.

"I am still haunted by the memories of that day — our high hopes for success, the incredible mishaps, the bravery of our rescue team, the embarrassment of failure, and, above all, the tragic deaths in the lonely desert," Carter writes.

He also tells the "cloak-and-dagger story" of American agents who were slipped into Iran and found refuge in the Canadian embassy.

NORSE, Texas (AP) — Norway's King Olav V visited this small town to lay a wreath at the grave of the father of Norwegian migration to the United States, and gave a local pastor a preview of heaven.

About 1,500 farmers flocked to this town — population 110 — for Sunday's ceremonies at Our Savior's Lutheran Church marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Cleng Peerson, who fled religious persecution in his homeland.

The 79-year-old king proclaimed during a short service at the church, "Here Cleng Peerson found his grave, found his last resting place. He is no longer a rolling stone."



King Olav V

From the pulpit, the Rev. John A. Homerstad said, "I never dreamed that I would be called to preach to a king until I got to heaven ... I've come to the conclusion that this spot in Norse is about as close to heaven as I'm going to get while I'm walking on Earth."

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — When TV Guide magazine asked some top television journalists what they'd like to report on Jan. 1, 2000, many hoped to announce world peace and cures for cancer.

But John Chancellor of NBC Nightly News said he'd like to lead off his first newscast of the 21st century with this whimsical announcement: "The Food and Drug Administration today gave its approval to the drug NO-FIB, as many members of Congress introduced legislation to ban the controversial drug."

"A single dose of NO-FIB creates a prominent metabolic change that results in the nose turning red when an untruth is uttered."

Marlene Sanders of CBS News wanted to make this pronouncement, according to TV Guide's Oct. 16 issue: "The president of the United States has recommended the abolition of all rules and laws governing affirmative action, saying they were now obsolete. 'Sexual discrimination, overt and subtle, is now a thing of the past,' she asserted."

The hopes of NBC news reporter Chris Wallace focused on diseases and diet:

"Scientists at Harvard University have found a cure for the common cold. This medical breakthrough came 16 years after the discovery of a cure for cancer and nine years after the last serious childhood disease was eradicated."

"The scientists who discovered the cold cure were the same ones who found, two years ago, that milkshakes and steaks smothered in onions are good for you."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cynthia Lang, who settled a "palimony" lawsuit earlier this year with rock star Alice Cooper, has married a lawyer from the firm that represented her.

The 30-year-old actress-model married Mark Kaplan, 35, in a private ceremony at a home in Calabasas on Oct. 3, Marvin Mitchellson, whose firm represented her, said Sunday.

Mitchelson said he represented Miss Lang but she met Kaplan in his office.

"I attended the wedding and was kind of like the best man," said Mitchellson, who also represented Michelle Triola Marvin in her landmark "palimony" suit against actor Lee Marvin.

He said he filed Miss Lang's suit "even before the Marvin case," calling it "the first palimony case." It was settled out of court for an undisclosed sum, he said.

HOUSTON (AP) — Indian President Zail Singh will probably be released within a week from the Houston hospital where he is recuperating from triple coronary bypass surgery, his doctor says.

Dr. Virendra Mathur, Singh's attending cardiologist, said in a hospital statement Sunday that the Indian president is recovering satisfactorily and is able to walk about his private hospital suite at the Texas Heart Institute.

The statement also said Singh is beginning to enjoy regular meals at the institute, part of St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

Singh, 66, was admitted to the hospital Oct. 1 for heart tests. Noted surgeon Denton Cooley supervised his care, hospital spokeswoman Cindy Katz said.

Singh was elected and installed as India's president in July after serving as minister of home affairs in Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Cabinet.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam Robards, son of actors Jason Robards and Lauren Bacall and now an actor in his own right, says his parents' divorce devastated him.

The younger Robards, 20, said in an interview in the Oct. 18 issue of People magazine that when his parents broke up in 1979, "I blubbered. 'But why... why can't you just get back together and live in the same house?' I mean, it's so easy."

His father moved to Los Angeles and Robards stayed with his mother in New York, but the young actor, who appears in Paul Mazursky's new movie "Tempest," said he still feels his father's influence when he's acting.

"I've often found myself doing a scene and then realizing, 'Gee, I'm playing my father playing this scene,'" Robards said.



Sam Robards



Staff Photo by Cody Bell

Mejo Okon stands by one of her works on display at Theatre Midland, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Miss Okon, who is from Indianapolis, Ind., was in Midland briefly to set up her show

before going to Madison Square Garden for a talent search show being held by New Artists Presentations. Miss Okon is one of 175 artists displaying her works there.

Illustrator's 'combined talents' on display at Theatre Midland

By GEORGIA TEMPLE
Entertainment Writer

It was her senior year of college and as an illustration major, she had to take photography. She had been sewing for some time by then and decided to combine the two talents for her semester project.

Although her teacher hated the piece, she entered it in a national contest. The contest is one which is held annually in New York City by the Society of Illustrators.

And Mejo Okon of Indianapolis, Ind., was on her way.

"I entered the contest and was accepted in their book which is published annually," Miss Okon said in a

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recent interview held in conjunction with her art showing at Theatre Midland, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Miss Okon's "soft photography" will be on display through Oct. 16. Her show may be viewed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as during Midland Community Theatre play productions. This weekend both theaters will be active, with "Deathtrap" opening in Theatre I and "Tintypes" closing in Theatre II.

"After my work was accepted into the Society of Illustrators' 18th annual book, unknown to me they (SOI) had entered it in another competition and it was accepted for publication in the book 'Two Hundred Years of American Illustration.'"

From 1971 to 1972, Miss Okon was an illustration major at Syracuse University. She received her bachelor of fine arts degree in visual communications from John Herron School of Art, Indiana University-Purdue

University at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1975.

Miss Okon describes her work as "soft photography." Of the process she said, "The basic image for a soft photograph comes from a photo. The photo shapes are simplified, then fabric is used to form the new image. The end result is an attractive wall hanging that's similar to tapestry but has dimension. The hanging can be of people, scenes or even a progression of events."

Miss Okon's professional background is in advertising. She worked as an art director for seven years at some of the top agencies in Indiana, including Caldwell Van Riper, Carlson & Company and Ruben, Montgomery & Associates. The work she does she hopes will receive attention in the world of advertising.

"I started my own business (The Okon Studio) a year ago which freed me to spend more time doing this. And I am introducing these into the commercial advertising market."

She refers to herself as "an illustrator, who works in fabric."

To further these goals, Miss Mejo entered a talent search being conducted by New Artists Presentations. Her work was accepted.

"They were looking specifically for unknown talent to introduce to the New York market," Miss Mejo said. "It is being held in Madison Square Garden from Oct. 8-12. There will be a total of 175 different artists from across the country in the show. I'm taking one piece as representative of my work and everything else will be shown by 4-by-5 color transparencies. The originals are hanging at Theatre Midland."

"The spinoffs (from this show) can be anything from gallery exhibitions in New York to commissioned work and possibly finding a representative, a person who takes your material and represents you to advertising agencies and possible buyers throughout the country."

Fiber Guild, MC set felting workshop

The Midland Fiber Guild and Midland College are co-sponsoring a two day felting workshop Oct. 23-24 with Marleah Drexler MacDougal at the Allison Fine Arts Building at MC. The workshop will be held in the Weaving Room.

Ms. MacDougal is a fiber artist in Houston, where she is represented at the Archway Gallery. She received a bachelor of science in textiles from Cornell University in New York, and a master of science in textiles from California State University.

She has exhibited and received awards for her fiber works and has given workshops at the Textile Department at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Ms. MacDougal was in Midland last year for a workshop on wool dyeing.

This year's workshop will introduce students to traditional and contemporary felting and the formation of three-dimensional objects. The workshop will cost \$30 and is open to both beginning and advanced students. For more information call Julie Rogers at 683-8814.



Marleah Drexler MacDougal

Country Music Association to give awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The progressive group Alabama could break Barbara Mandrell's two-year hold on the Country Music Association's prestigious entertainer of the year award tonight, country music watchers say.

Alabama, a four-piece band, already has won a similar award this year from the Academy of Country Music in Los Angeles. The group was given a strong chance to win the CMA's top accolade tonight when the Nashville-based association announces its annual award winners on CBS television, to be broadcast starting at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

The ceremonies will be held at the Grand Ole Opry House with Miss Mandrell and Mac Davis as co-hosts.

The versatile Miss Mandrell was chosen entertainer of the year in 1980 and 1981, becoming the first two-time winner. Besides Alabama, this year's finalists are veteran singer Willie Nelson, the Oak Ridge Boys and newcomer Ricky Skaggs.

Alabama, of Fort Payne, Ala., also is a final-

ist for album of the year for "Mountain Music," single of the year for "Love in the First Degree," vocal group of the year and instrumental group of the year.

Like Alabama, Nelson is a finalist in five categories — entertainer of the year, single of the year for "Always on My Mind," the album of the year by the same name, male vocalist of the year and vocal duo of the year with Waylon Jennings.

The 16th annual awards show also will be broadcast on more than 100 radio stations across the country.

Finalists in each of the categories were:

Entertainer of the year: Alabama, Miss Mandrell, Nelson, the Oak Ridge Boys, Skaggs.

Single of the year: "Always on My Mind," Nelson; "Crying My Heart Out Over You," Skaggs; "I'm Gonna Hire a Wino to Decorate Our Home,"

David Frizzell; "It Turns Me Inside Out," Lee Greenwood, and "Love in the First Degree," Alabama.

Album of the year: "Always on My Mind," Nelson; "Big City," Merle Haggard; "Bobbie Sue," the Oak Ridge Boys; "Mountain Music," Alabama; "Still the Same Ole Me," George Jones.

Song of the year (song-writer's award): "Always on My Mind," Johnny Christopher, Wayne

Thompson and Mark James; "Elvira," Dallas Frazier; "I'm Gonna Hire a Wino to Decorate Our Home," Dewayne Blackwell; "It Turns Me Inside Out," Jan Crutchfield; "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma," Larry Collins and Sandy Pinkard.

Female vocalist of the year: Rosanne Cash, Janie Fricke, Emmylou Harris; Miss Mandrell, Juice New-

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