

SUNDAY PREVIEW

A positive look at childbirth

Childbirth is probably one of the most important — and traumatic — experiences in a woman's life. But giving birth doesn't have to be a negative experience. Read how Midland medical experts have found "the key" to childbirth without pain in Sunday's Lifestyle section.

The story of a star

For centuries, the star of the Magi has symbolized the birth of Christ. Could there be a scientific explanation of the mysterious celestial appearance that beckoned the wise men to Bethlehem? West Texas Life Editor Bruce Partain explores the question in this Sunday's edition of the magazine.

Impact of 'illegal aliens'

Undocumented or so-called illegal aliens from Mexico who enter chiefly white-collar Midland County account for a large share of the labor force here. In a five-part series starting Sunday in The Reporter-Telegram, staff writer Guy Sullivan examines their impact on the Permian Basin economy.

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Begin announces Israel's rejection of peace demands

By ARTHUR MAX

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin announced that his government today rejected Egypt's new peace demands and said Cairo bears "total responsibility" for failure to reach agreement on a treaty by the Sunday target date.

Begin spoke to reporters after a 4½-hour special Cabinet session that ended with unanimous support for the prime minister, who already had

turned down Egypt's ideas despite U.S. pressure.

Begin and his top aides told Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance Thursday they rejected the modifications in the proposed peace treaty which Vance brought from Cairo. One Israeli official said they were "ridiculous."

Vance left Cairo for Washington, his shuttle effort having failed to wrap up an accord by the Dec. 17 target set two months ago at Camp David.

Israeli officials said Begin was confident a treaty would be signed after more negotiation and considered the target date inconsequential.

The proposals from President Anwar Sadat which Begin turned down would transfer Egyptian demands rejected earlier by Israel from the treaty itself to letters attached to the treaty as annexes. The Jerusalem Post reported that the Cabinet was prepared to be flexible on several of the outstanding points although it was

unwilling to accept the Egyptian demands as Vance presented them.

The demand most opposed by the Israelis was for a guarantee of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of the Jordan River by the end of 1979. The Israelis, while insisting that they will give the Palestinians autonomy, contend that a deadline would give the Egyptians a pretext for voiding the treaty if there were unavoidable delays.

President Carter said in an ABC-TV

interview that he and his aides "have done all we could and will continue to do all we can in spite of setbacks and disappointments and frustrations and delays."

"The decision is primarily in the hands now of the Israeli Cabinet," Carter said.

It was obvious from the president's comments that he felt Israel, not Egypt should change its stance. On Wednesday, he said Sadat's latest proposals were "very generous" con-

cessions.

An Israeli government source said the continuing stalemate would not end the peace negotiations.

"Both sides have modified their positions over the last months," he said, "and I am sure both will modify their positions even more."

Other Israeli officials were bitter about the American stand.

"There has obviously been a politi-

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ROUSTIN
ABOUT
with
Ed Todd



"I want to wish you a Merry Christmas," said cordial Helen Little. Thoughtful.

She can be "ornery" at times. "I speak my piece," she declared. "If they don't like it, they can always give it back."

She's not averse to using a mild cussword when her dander is up and when she thinks the situation warrants it.

And, at 81, why should she be retiring and docile? She's not about to take any bunk off of anybody. A lady can quarrel.

A red rose was in her gray hair. She's a "character" among characters living — and not just whiling away time — at a Midland retirement center, including cottages and the "high-rise" Hillcrest Manor, operated by the Midland Housing Authority.

"Now I'm a Yankee Rebel," she said in characterizing herself. She left New York City in 1950 to come to Midland to be near her son.

Her plain-speaking nature came South.

When life ends, it's over, she said. "What can you do?" she asked.

"So, I grin and bear it, and give everybody a bad time."

But she really doesn't.

"I am outspoken, and I know it," she said. But if she's in error, she'll recant. "I stand to be corrected."

Ms. Little was among the Manor's residents who turned out for the Thursday noon pre-Christmas feast in the Manor's community room. The Housing Authority provided the turkey and ham; the denizens brought the covered dishes.

"It's all homespun stuff," Eldabel

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If you happen to drive down Midland's Saddle Club Drive at night, you can't help but notice No. 23, the Bill Jones home. Thinking

there was a contest for house-decorating this year, Jones said, he set about distinguishing

his home in a fashion that might win. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Will 1978 be 'the year of the house burglar?'

By MARK VOGLER
R-T Staff Writer

Midland burglars are "cleaning up" this year.

And unless homeowners take precautions during the holiday season, more spoils may fall to the crooks, possibly making 1978 the "year of the house burglar," warns Steve Otto of the Midland Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

There have been 350 residential burglaries reported in the city so far this year, 90 more than last year and 111 ahead of the 1977 pace through November, according to Otto.

If the Tall City experiences a rash of break-ins during the final month of 1978, this year's total could eclipse 1971 figures, when 393 house burglaries were recorded.

"The city's residential burglaries are eating us alive," said Otto in an interview Thursday.

"Up through October, we had been averaging one a day. And since that time, I think it's picked up a little. At the rate we're going, I'm afraid it could be a record-setting year."

In October alone, which is considered to be an average month for burglaries this year, a total of \$23,983 worth of articles were stolen in 31 separate house break-ins.

The crooks have not been discriminating. Houses are being hit in clusters all over the city, with no particular patterns, though the police department's Detective Division is expected to analyze the formation of little pin heads spread across a map of the city.

The daily police log tells the story: ● Somebody breaks into an apartment one afternoon and steals jewelry which had been set aside for a Christmas present.

● The back door to a house in the northwest section of town is left un-

locked. A color television set is stolen in a lightning-quick burglary.

● A cheap lock is defeated in a downtown residence when somebody shatters a window, reaches in through a hole in the broken glass and unlocks the door. An expensive stereo unit with speakers is taken.

● A Midland man looks for his wrist watch and wedding ring one morning. He remembers distinctly that they were in the jewelry box on top of his dresser. But they're gone now. He takes a quick glance to his bedroom window. The screen apparently has been pushed in, making the burglar's entrance quick and easy.

Those are a few of the hundreds of sad stories Otto and his colleagues hear each year. Jewelry, guns, television sets, musical instruments, stereos and tape decks and just about anything that can easily be carried out are among the burglar's booty.

Why is residential burglary ex-

periencing a dramatic increase this year after a gradual reduction in recent years since 1971?

Otto said he really can't put his finger on any one factor, but cites several likely reasons.

"There's a great influx of people coming into the city. As the popula-

tion goes up, crime goes up. In today's economy, everybody works and nobody stays at home," he said.

More than half of all burglaries take place in the daytime hours when the chances are best that the burglar

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Explosion in cotton de-linting plant injures three workmen

BIG SPRING — An explosion at a cotton de-linting plant here Thursday night sent three men to the hospital and caused approximately \$35,000 damage.

The accident occurred as workmen were testing a drier they had been repairing, said Lynn Gannaway, manager of Custom Ag Service.

Gannaway said there were seven men in the building at the time the drier exploded, but only the three in that end of the building were injured.

Listed in good condition at Malone-

Hogan Hospital here today were Oscar Servantes, employed by Custom Ag, and Pablo Luna and Benito Delose Santos, both employed by Western Equipment and Supply of Lubbock.

The drier was manufactured by the Lubbock firm, and repairs were being made under warranty, Gannaway said.

He estimated damage from the explosion to be about \$10,000 to the drier and approximately \$25,000 to the building.

"It demolished a whole corner of our building," he said.

'Major witness' may be among last

By MIKE COCHRAN

HOUSTON (AP) — A shapely Fort Worth blonde may tell a jury today what she knows of an alleged scheme to implicate her millionaire boyfriend Cullen Davis of murder conspiracy.

Karen Master, 30, loomed as a major witness for the defense as testimony in Davis' murder-for-hire trial neared the end of its sixth week.

The green-eyed divorcee was expected to be among the last to testify in behalf of Davis, and defense attorneys said they may rest their case

early next week.

Davis, 45, an heir to a worldwide industrial empire, is accused of plotting the contract murder of the presiding judge in his high-stakes divorce case.

It was a murder in theory only. No attempt was made on the judge's life.

Davis contends he was framed by his wife, Priscilla; FBI informant David McCrory; and karate instructor Pat Burleson.

The state maintains the counter-conspiracy exists only in the minds of the million dollar defense team which successfully defended Davis on a murder charge last year.

Mrs. Master emerged as perhaps the key witness in that trial. She swore that Davis was at her home in bed at the time of a bloody shooting spree at the secluded Davis mansion.

Mrs. Davis was wounded and her lover and daughter killed in the 1976 rampage, and three witnesses identified Davis as the gun-wielding intruder in black.

The stoic defendant did not take the stand in his own behalf at the trial in Amarillo, and prosecutors say they do not expect him to testify here.

However, his attorneys insist that Davis wants to give the jury his version of the tape-recorded conversations with McCrory last August that form the crux of the state's case.

Prosecutors say the FBI tapes, coupled with film taken during the Aug. 20 parking lot rendezvous, provide sufficient evidence to send Davis to prison for life.

The defense launched its case two weeks ago and has produced several witnesses who testified that Davis was the target himself of a contract killing.

A burly, bearded mechanic testified Thursday that W.T. Rufner warned him last summer a "hit man" was headed for Fort Worth to kill millionaire Cullen Davis.

"He said it wasn't going to be clean and fast and they wanted to see the suffer," said Bob Brown, 36, the husband of Rufner's ex-wife.

the CHRISTMAS I remember

Historical Society, it was a Christmas "with a greasewood tree and a donkey that was downright mean." For Jessie Wiseman, 98, it was Christmas on a Missouri farm and the good cooking that went with it, while Jim Truelove still has vivid memories of a holiday spent in Germany during the height of World War II.

Their recollections and those of others will be featured in an eight-part series to appear each day prior to Christmas.

Be watching for "The Christmas I Remember" — beginning this Sunday — in Lifestyle.



Vincent Lopez, like other children, dies in Guyana

By NADINE JOSEPH

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Vincent Lopez was a troubled boy. His mother died, his father wound up in jail and, at 11, Vincent became a ward of Alameda County.

Then, at the age of 15, he died — one of more than 200 children who died in the Peoples Temple murder-suicide ritual in Jonestown, Guyana.

But Vincent's case is different. He had been a ward of the state, and the Alameda County probation office and Superior Court were responsible for his welfare. Family members and authorities still are trying to explain how he got to Guyana and why he died.

In 1973, the county sent Vincent to a foster home run by Peoples Temple members. Three years later, county judges let a Peoples Temple member become Vincent's guardian and take him to the cult's South American jungle settlement.

That guardian, Walter Jones, left the boy behind when he defected from the cult in 1977 and returned to San Francisco. An attempt was made to get Vincent out of the settlement run by the Rev. Jim Jones. Somehow it failed.

Vincent was born in Oakland in 1963 to a Mexican-American couple. His mother had three children by a previous marriage. His father was a cabinetmaker. When Vincent was 2, his father went to prison on a burglary conviction. When he was 7, his mother died.

His mother's sister, Sarah Gonzales, took Vincent and the other children to raise them.

When his father got out of jail, remarried and refused to let the boy live with him, "Vincent was angry and hurt," his aunt said.

"He was a pudgy little boy who hoped and prayed that his father would start paying attention to him," she said.

At 10, Vincent went to a juvenile court for breaking into a building. He was arrested several times on delinquency charges. When his aunt imposed strict rules, Vincent ran away from home.

"He always got depressed around the Christmas holidays. His father

would call, and he would cry," said Mrs. Gonzales. "We loved him dearly, but he had trouble accepting discipline."

At 11, Vincent was placed under the supervision of the county probation department and was sent to Hilltop Home in Redwood Valley, run by Peoples Temple members. Alameda County Probation Director Robert Shaner says the county was aware of the home's connection to the cult.

"It was a nice, comfortable home run by people with good qualifications. These people were group counselors, school teachers, one had a degree from MIT, the other was an assistant district attorney."

Mendocino County Welfare Director Dennis Denny estimates that 150 California children were sent to Peoples Temple homes. Shaner says he believes Vincent was the only one who ended up in Guyana.

"Vincent was doing very well with Walter Jones. He seemed to straighten out," said Shaner.

But Vincent's aunt had another view. She said he was punished for raiding the refrigerator at night. And when he visited her, "he was dressed like a tramp..." Walter Jones got \$200 a month from Alameda County for the boy's care. Mrs. Gonzales said of Vincent:

"He had lost his joking, playful nature. He was a completely different boy...as though he was forced to act that way."

In 1976, Walter Jones asked the court to name him Vincent's legal guardian. Probation officer Eugene Brown favored the guardianship, according to records, and Vincent's father didn't contest the matter. Mrs. Gonzales claims she cried and begged for custody.

Probate Court Judge John Sparrow granted Jones temporary, then permanent custody and agreed to let Jones take the boy to South America where Jones was to become a missionary.

After that, records are vague. No one knows why Walter Jones was able to leave Vincent behind. Jones could not be reached for comment. But according to published reports, he became disenchanted with Peoples Temple and left Guyana in 1977.

Private detective Joseph Mazor said Jones hired him to get the boy back. He interviewed Vincent in October. Vincent refused to come home, Mazor said.

"I think research would show that there were another 20 kids like Vincent Lopez down there, kids who shouldn't have been there," said Mazor. "For a year, I wrote letters to the district attorney and probation office, but I was basically told to drop dead. It wasn't a big enough issue."

Alameda County officials said the matter came to their attention in July, when Walter Jones' attorney asked to withdraw from the case on the grounds that he had not seen Jones in two years.

County probate investigators contacted Mrs. Gonzales for leads less than two weeks before the massacre.

"Vincent may have found a father image in Walter Jones," said Mrs. Gonzales. "But he must have felt let down and scared. I worried for two years about him."

"No one is going to tell me he was happy in Jonestown. He loved his freedom too much," she said. "My whole family is still upset. We want answers. We want to know why the county let this happen. I feel people are lying and I want to get to the bottom of it."

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'Swine flu' filing deadline nears

By CHRIS CONNELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suits against the government arising from deaths or injuries suffered by any of the 46 million Americans inoculated against swine flu two years ago must be initiated by Saturday.

Claims totaling \$1 billion have been filed with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the last month alone as plaintiffs and their attorneys raced the deadline.

Altogether some 3,300 persons have filed claims seeking upwards of \$3.5 billion, an average of more than \$1 million apiece.

A person must first file an administrative claim with HEW's Public Health Service for damages and then wait at least six months before suing in federal court.

It was on Dec. 16, 1976, that the government ended its 11-week immunization blitz to protect Americans against an epidemic that never materialized.

The \$135 million drive was halted after several persons fell victim to Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare, paralyzing disease later linked to the vaccinations.

So far, those who have filed claims have little to show for their efforts. The Justice Department has settled with just 10 persons for a total of \$35,646, including three Guillain-Barre cases.

But Jeffrey Axelrad, who is leading the government's defense against the claims, predicted in an interview Thursday that several settlements would be reached in the next six weeks, raising the settlement total dramatically.

The number of claims has doubled since June 20, when HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. said Guillain-Barre victims need not prove the government was negligent to be compensated.

But the government is still making people link their injury to the shot, and show what the injury cost in medical bills, lost earning power and the like.

Califano's announcement led some plaintiffs to look for "a pot of gold," said Axelrad, adding that in recent months some have been lowering their demands.

The biggest settlement so far, \$12,000, went to someone whose paralysis was temporary, according to Axelrad.

The government has offered \$35,000 to an elderly Birmingham, Ala., man, Leevotus Cooper, who sued

for \$1 million, according to his attorney.

"They're offering about half what it's worth.... We've offered to take \$75,000," lawyer R. Ben Hogan said in a telephone interview. Cooper is a retired handyman who remains 10 percent disabled from Guillain-Barre, his attorney said.

"The government has no real interest in settling these cases," charged Hogan. "They've drawn it out

so long, and people are so aggravated, disgusted and discouraged, that they're ready to give up or go to trial."

Hogan is on a 15-member steering committee of plaintiffs' lawyers involved in pre-trial hearings before U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell in Washington to set the stage for trying the swine flu cases around the nation.

Venus probe yields some surprises, much evidence

By BILL DENSMORE

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — One major surprise, at least two interesting developments and a glut of evidence supporting old theories are among results of the United States' first close-up look at the planet Venus, scientists say.

That assessment comes from information gathered by six National Aeronautics and Space Administration spacecraft that converged last week on Venus in the first multi-craft look at another planet's topography and atmosphere.

The craft, part of the \$225 million Pioneer Venus mission, were controlled from NASA's Ames Research Center here, where scores of scientists completed a preliminary look at the reams of experimental results successfully beamed to Earth.

day by Dr. Boris Ragert was a faint glow detected near the planet's 900-degree Fahrenheit surface by two of the spacecraft. The glow had not been observed previously.

The major surprise of the project, however, has been the detection of larger amounts of an inert species of a primordial gas — argon-36. The argon, in proportions 20 to 200 times that found in Earth's atmosphere, led scientists to say they may have to revise theories about how the inner solar system was formed.

Also noteworthy was the discovery of more oxygen in the venusian atmosphere than expected — but still just a trace — suggesting the planet had more water at its creation 4.5 billion years ago than scientists

originally thought.

However, scientists said most of the data so far has confirmed what earlier Soviet and American probes learned.

They said early information from the five probes and one orbiting spacecraft confirm Venus' atmosphere is an example of a runaway "greenhouse effect" — rapidly rising temperatures — that they feel is theoretically possible on Earth.

Scientists theorize that as industrialization continues on Earth, the burning of oil and other hydrocarbons will add to the delicate atmospheric balance of carbon dioxide, setting the stage for a warming trend that could melt the polar ice caps and raise the level of the oceans.

Panel denies jail exception

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN—The Reagan County Jail must provide an audible communication system in its county lockup, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards agreed Thursday.

The commission turned down the county's request for an exception to this requirement, noting that such a system is "a basic safety requirement," and that the commission is prohibited by the state law from granting a variance which would create or maintain an unsafe condition.

The jail standards panel, however, granted other variances or exemptions, including:

—A provision allowing operation of the jail dayroom without a safety vestibule, contingent upon sheriff ensuring precautions are taken when opening dayroom.

—An exemption from a requirement for remote controls of doors of purpose cells.

—A provision allowing the maintenance of two beds in the jail separation cell.

—A permanent variance from standards requiring cell floor drains.

—A permanent variance from a requirement that fire standpipes be installed, provided that smoke detectors, fume removal system and fire extinguishers are installed by June 30, 1979.

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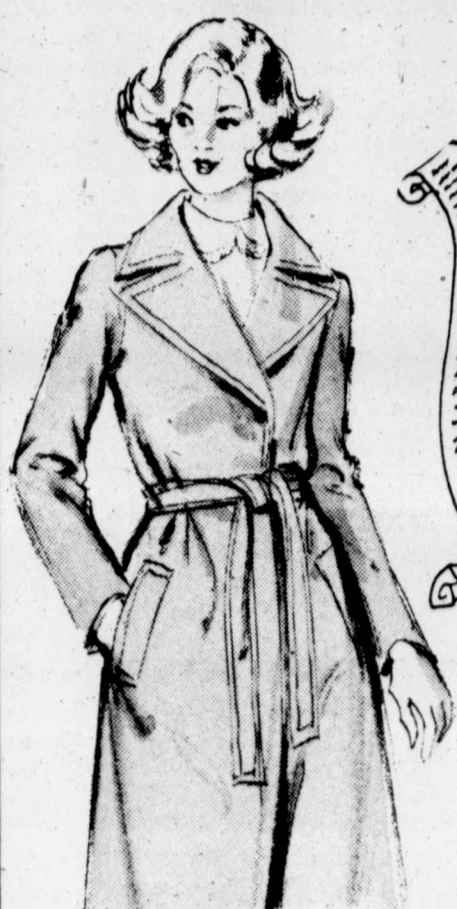
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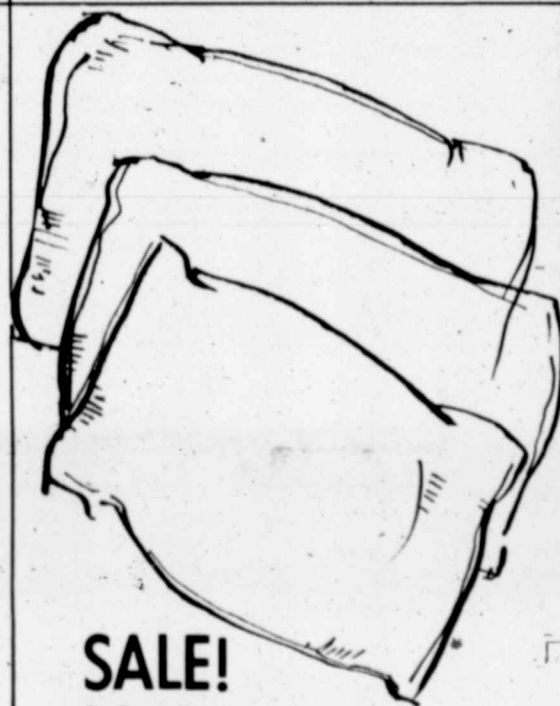
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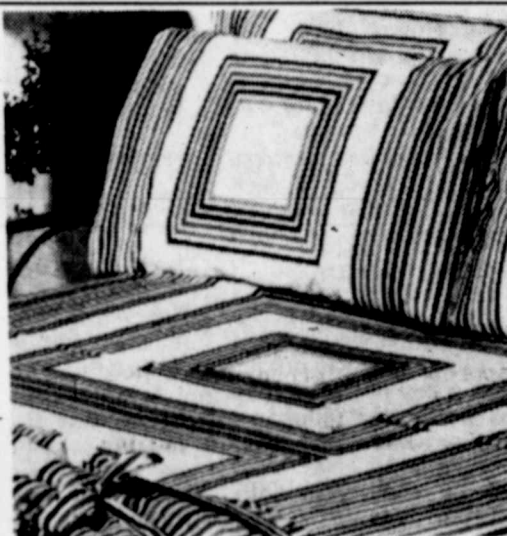
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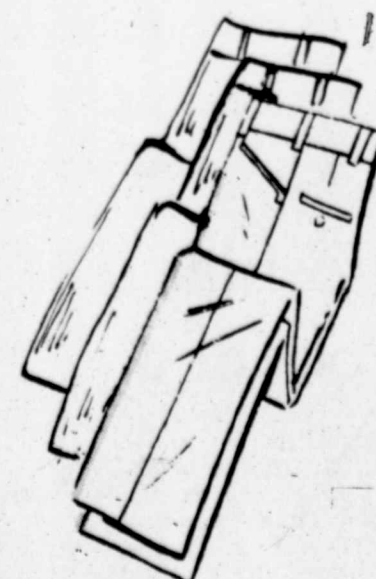
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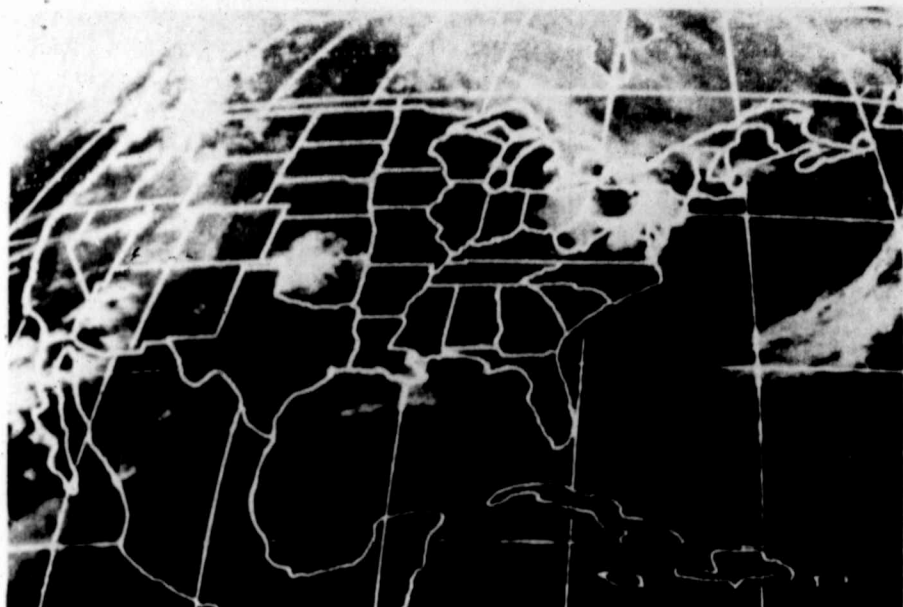
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Sunny skies are forecast for most of the nation in the forecast period until Saturday morning. Milder temperatures are forecast for the Atlantic coast but most of the country will be cold. (AP Laserphoto Map)



Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a.m., shows a band of clouds from the Chesapeake Bay to the upper Great Lakes. Partly cloudy skies cover New England, Kansas and Oklahoma and from the Rockies westward. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, OHESHA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Mostly fair through Saturday, turning colder Saturday. Low tonight low 30s. High Saturday low 50s. Northern winds 10 to 15 mph and gusty late tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's high 54 degree
Overnight low 33 degree
Sunset today 5:46 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:42 a.m.
Precipitation: none
Last 24 hours: none
This month to date: a trace
1978 to date: 17.09 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:
noon 43
1 p.m. 47
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SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:
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El Paso 49
F. Worth 51
Houston 53
Lubbock 55
Marfa 57
Oklahoma City 59
Wichita Falls 61
The record high for Dec. 14 is 77 degrees set in 1951.
The record low for today is 17 degrees set in 1951.

Extended forecasts
Sunday Through Tuesday
West Texas: No precipitation. Cooler north Sunday. Warmer most sections Tuesday. Highs in the 50s and 60s except 40s north Sunday and Monday. Lows 30s and 40s.

North Texas: Clear to partly cloudy. Cooler Sunday and Monday. Warmer western half of area Tuesday. Highest temperatures mid 50s northwest, mid 60s south. Lows in the 40s north and the low 50s south.

South Texas: Partly cloudy and mild. High temperatures in the upper 60s north portion and the low 70s south. Lows in the 40s north and the low 50s south.

Texas area forecasts
West Texas: Fair today and tonight, becoming partly cloudy west and north Saturday. Turning colder all sections except the extreme west Saturday. Highs 57 north to 70 Big Bend valleys. Lows 21 north to 33 south. Highs Saturday 42 north to 65 Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Partly cloudy through Saturday. Warmer afternoon. Cooler Saturday. Highs in the 60s. Lows 32 to 42. Highs Saturday 55 to 65.

South Texas: Partly cloudy through Saturday. Warmer today. Cooler Saturday. Highs 60s and 70s. Lows 35 northwest to 50 south. Highs Saturday in the 60s.

Big Spring shopping center to be remodeled, expanded

BIG SPRING — The College Park Shopping Center in Big Spring is to undergo remodeling and expansion in an earth-tone theme by HFA Development Co., a Dallas-based developer.

HFA recently purchased the College Park and plans to expand the 103,000-square-foot center to approximately 190,000 square feet.

Plans include enlarging the Safeway supermarket, relocating the TG & Y Store to a larger TG & Y Family Center, and the addition of a Revco Drug Store. Work is to begin immediately.

The expanded shopping center will afford space for about 20 retailers. The lighted parking area will provide approximately 1,000 spaces.

Clear, cool weather will continue

Clear and cool weather, topped by cold nights, is expected to continue as the weather outlook over the next few days, according to the weatherman.

Daytime temperatures should linger in the low 50s and the mercury should drop into the low 30s at night through Saturday. Winds are expected to blow from the north tonight at 10 to 15 mph with some gust.

The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport recorded a

The weather elsewhere

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Texas thermometer

By GUY SULLIVAN
R-T Staff Writer

The Christmas tree you buy in Midland this year may cost somewhat more than in 1977.

However, those selling the traditional holiday symbols locally say the demand here is high and there are still some good Scotch pines and Balsam types left to choose from.

At Handy Dan's Home Improvement Center, Manager Bill Clifford said, "We are almost sold out. We've only a dozen trees left."

Plantation fur and Scotch pine types, he said, were selling briskly.

"The Plantation fur trees we received from Montana and our Scotch pines arrived from Michigan," said Clifford.

"The Plantation fur trees sell for \$14.97 for a tree of up to five or six feet," he said. He said Scotch pines cost \$9.97 per five-foot to seven-foot tree.

"Our retail prices are a little higher

Grand opening of the project is scheduled for the summer of 1979.

"The need to expand the College Park Shopping Center was first expressed by TG & Y and Safeway," said Tom Hudson, HFA president.

"The location is within minutes for all residents of Big Spring using Birdwell Lane and Loop 700 and provides excellent exposure and access for the surrounding community via I-20 and U.S. (Highway) 80," he said.

The project's architects are Krause & Collier of Dallas. Mikus Construction Co. of Grand Prairie is the general contractor. Estimated cost of the shopping center's "face lift" and expansion was not disclosed in HFA's announcement.

high temperature of 54 degrees Thursday. The record high for Dec. 14 is 77 degrees set in 1933.

The temperature dipped to 33 degrees overnight. The record low for today is 17 degrees set in 1951.

Most area cities reported clear skies and cool weather early today. Rankin reported a thick fog with temperatures in the 40s this morning. Garden City and Big Lake also reported some fog.

Rejection of Egypt's demands told

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cal decision in Washington to back up the Egyptians, not withstanding the merits of the case," said one.

Another said it was much better to thrash out the differences between Egypt and Israel before a treaty is signed rather than postpone them for future negotiations.

"The worst kind of negotiation is between friends," he said. "First you have to have an agreement, and then you become friends, otherwise you just keep caving in on point after point."

Meanwhile, Israel Radio quoted Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon as saying the government will begin building new settlements Monday along the Jordan River, in the Gaza Strip and on the occupied Golan Heights of Syria.

Israel agreed at Camp David to stop building new settlements during the three months allotted for a peace treaty with Egypt. Although that period ends Sunday, American officials say Israeli settlements in occupied land are illegal and have criticized Israel for them.

Many factors lead to increase in burglaries

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will not encounter anyone, according to the Crime Prevention Unit's statistics compiled through October.

Of the 317 burglaries recorded during the first 10 months of this year, 141 were during day time hours, 117 took place at night and 59 were at undetermined times or occurred when people were away from home for several days.

"The major factor of all house burglaries is opportunity of one kind or another," Otto said.

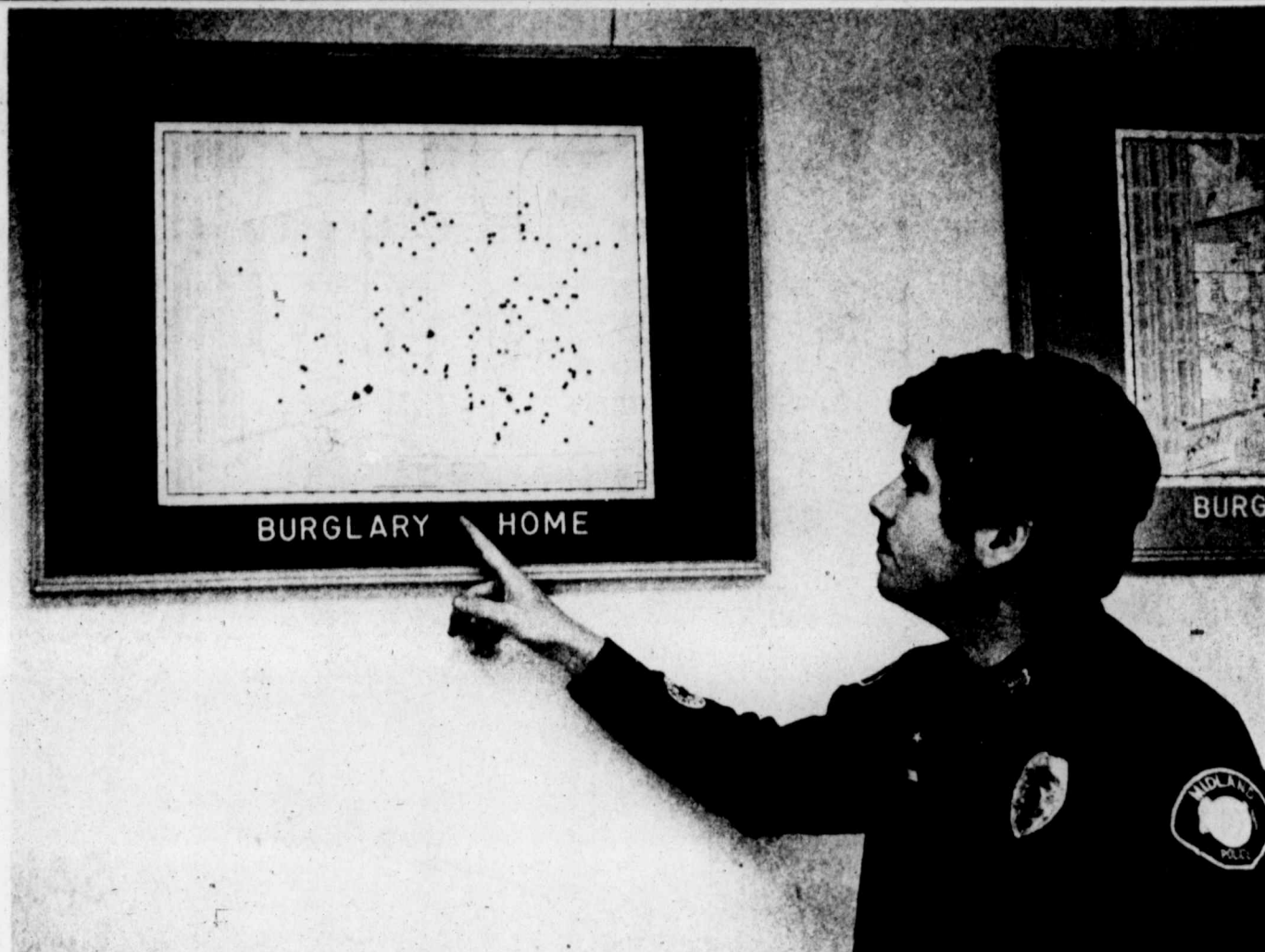
"Maybe the homeowner doesn't have the proper kind of lock. The windows may not be properly secured. Usually, what happens is somebody just breaks the window out, reaches in and unlocks the door."

Otto recommends that homeowners consider installing a dead-bolt lock with at least a full inch of engagement and key-operated on both sides.

"With the proper type of lock, we want them to come in the same way you would go out, which would make it a lot harder to get in," the officer said, noting that a key-operated lock on both sides probably wouldn't budge if the burglar settled for breaking an adjacent window.

Secured windows and screens are another important aspect to safeguarding homes from burglaries, the officer said.

And the final line of defense would be to participate in the Police Department's Operation Identification program. Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or re-sell. An engraved driver's license number on stolen valuables can make it easy for lawmen to trace the property to its rightful owner, according to Otto.



Residential burglaries "are eating us alive," according to Steve Otto of the Midland Police Department's crime prevention unit. House break-

ins have increased by about 50 percent this year and are a problem all over the city, he noted. (Staff Photo by Mark Vogler)

And stickers prominently displayed on the doors and windows of residences, warning potential burglars that the occupants are participating in the crime prevention program, may also stop a burglar, the officer said.

Although 554 persons participated in Operation Identification last year, only 112 persons have signed up this year, according to police department records. This indicates Midlanders either are becoming more lax about home security or are uninformed about the department's program, Otto suggested.

"We're definitely going to run a strong campaign on cutting down residential burglaries next year. The public just doesn't realize that there

are services available now which could reduce the amount of house burglaries in the city," he said.

The police department currently offers at no charge to the homeowner a residential security inspection in which the Crime Prevention Unit examines a home to spot places which are most vulnerable to break-ins.

After the inspection, police officers advise homeowners on what precautions can be taken to make the home a more difficult target for burglars.

"We like the man of the home to be there during the inspection because he should be able to do 85 percent of the work. And if he knows how to install a lock, he'll be able to do 100 percent of the job," Otto said.

Because many Midlanders either

ignore or are unaware of the crime prevention services offered by the Police Department, they will be prime candidates for residential burglaries this holiday season. The burglar out on the prowl could easily turn out to be the "Grinch" that steals their Christmas.

But while many people are tied up buying Christmas gifts now, Otto believes house burglars are more apt to do their "Christmas shopping" in January.

"January will be a bad time. Everybody goes back to work and the kids go back to school. All that new stuff is just sitting there waiting, and it's all unmarked," he said.

"It's a good season for the house burglar."

Roustin' About

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Peery said of the vittles. She's chairman of community affairs for the retired folks who live there.

After the feast, Mae Attaway sat at the keyboard, and struck up tunes, and the residents sang. The songs went from "Jingle Bells" to "Silent Night" to "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

"We don't sing too well," teasingly said Jean Hobbs, activity director. The playing and singing continued. Vena Robbins, manager of the housing facility, was keeping watch over her people.

"She's our housemother," Ms. Peery quipped.

About 100 men and women — mostly widowers and widows — live in

there.

"We've got some living together, but they're married," Ms. Robbins said.

Clyde and Evelyn Jansen are among the married lot.

"I love it," Jansen said of the retirement center. "What more can you ask of old people?" He's president of the center's Residents' Council.

"I think it's a wonderful idea. The Housing Authority was hoping to repeat this deal (low-rent housing project)," but the economy and other factors may not be conducive to another similar project, he said.

The Jansens are retired from the restaurant business in Bemidji, Minn., "the ice box of the nation," and moved to Midland by way of Florida to be near their children.

"We liked Florida," he said. "But we wouldn't have come here if it hadn't been for the kids. Got to grow up with the kids."

Ms. Peery enjoys life at the center. Like the other "singles," she has her own apartment, and often joins others at the community room. There, residents chat, listen to music, play table games, delve into arts and crafts, snack, party and consider any "business."

"We have a good bunch of people," Ms. Peery said. "We get cross-ways with one another every now and then." Civility returns, they speak again and feelings are soothed.

The Christmas luncheon was over, the singing had stopped, and the clean-up started. Many returned to their apartments and cottages.

Evelyn Jansen gazed at what she called "my Christmas gift." She then held the bundle, known as Dawn Utley, who will be six months old Christmas Eve.

The babe is Lilah Arnold's great-grandchild.

"I'm a great-great-grandmamma," Ms. Arnold allowed, "but not by her. Yes I am that." The child's grandmother, Lila Utley, brought Dawn to the feast.

Ms. Peery briefly returned to her second-floor apartment. "I'll tell you," she said. "I'm real happy with the apartment." She said she doesn't get lonesome there.

Not nearly all the center's residents turned out to the pre-Christmas feast. Maggie Gale stayed in her apartment. But she delights in friends coming by.

"I'm just to proud to see you," she said with utmost sincerity.

Ed Sweatt, who'll turn 94 Jan. 3, normally is up and about. But on this day, he didn't mingle with the crowd.

"I just feel like I want to lay around," he said.

It's been many years since Sweatt farmed wheat up at Dimmitt, in the Texas Panhandle.

"I farmed, worked at a filling station and then I quit doing anything," he said.

Classical music was coming from the stereophonic record player in the community room. There, Forrest Epperson, wearing his 10-gallon black western hat, and Mike Urias were playing dominoes.

"Things" once again were settling down.

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One of many Christmas tree lots which have sprung up in the past month is this one located in the 1100 block of Andrews Highway and operated

by the Midland Optimist Club. Clarence Newton of 609 Raymond Road said the trees were shipped in from New Mexico and Michigan. (Staff Photo)

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Billy Jones

Services for Billy Ray Jones, 37, of Houston, formerly of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Jones died Sunday in Houston. He was born Jan. 3, 1941, in Freestone County.

Survivors include his wife, Diana; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones of Midland, and two brothers, Floyd Ray of Texarkana and Larry D. of Webster.

Harvey Lewis

DE LEON — Services for Harvey Franklin Lewis, 73, of De Leon, father of Nina Davidson of Midland, were 2 p.m. Thursday in the Northside Baptist Church here with the Rev. Darrel Dossey of Gorman officiating, assisted by the Rev. Elmer Whitehead of De Leon.

He was born July 13, 1905, in Comyn. He was married to Arvel Shupp Jan. 29, 1929, in De Leon. He was a retired farmer and rancher and a lifelong De Leon resident. Lewis was a Baptist.

Other survivors include his wife, two sons, two brothers, six sisters, six grandsons and four great-grandsons.

Burial was in Downing Cemetery directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

Lewis died Monday in a De Leon hospital following a lengthy illness.

Betty Armstrong

SAN ANGELO — Mrs. Oscar (Betty) Armstrong, 45, of San Angelo, mother of Andy Armstrong of Midland, died Thursday in a San Angelo hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Park Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Fred Wiesen, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. in Erickdahl Cemetery near Stamford.

Mrs. Armstrong was born Feb. 22,

1933, in Lueders. She was a member of the Park Heights Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, a daughter, a son, her mother, two sisters and two granddaughters. The family requests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Carrie Tharp

McCAMEY — Services for Carrie Lee Tharp, 67, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Christian Church in McCamey with burial in Rankin Cemetery directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home of McCamey.

Mrs. Tharp died Wednesday in an Odessa hospital after a short illness. She was born Jan. 7, 1911, in Sweetwater. She lived in an Odessa nursing home and was formerly of McCamey.

Survivors include two sons, Edward W. Tharp of Casper, Wyo., and James Dee Tharp of Spring; a sister, Mrs. C.R. Proctor of McCamey, and five grandchildren.

Doris Arp

ROPESVILLE — Services for Doris Arp, 49, of Ropesville, mother of Roma Conder of Midland, were to be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Ropesville Church of Christ with burial in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park directed by Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Arp died Tuesday in a Lubbock hospital after a long illness.

She was born Dec. 3, 1929, in Vernon and moved to Ropesville from Brownfield in 1952. She was a former employee of the Ropesville public schools. She was member of the Ropesville Church of Christ. She was married to R.W. Arp Oct. 30, 1946, in Chillicothe.

Other survivors include her husband, her parents, two sons, a daughter, a brother, a sister and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Midland woman injured in accident

A 29-year-old Midland woman was injured Thursday afternoon in a two-car accident in the city's downtown area.

Virginia Lee Centers of Route 2, Box 113 was listed in satisfactory condition today at Midland Memorial Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman. She was undergoing treatment for a broken foot.

Ms. Centers' vehicle and a car being driven by Loretta Lois Duniven, 40, of 4013 Monty Drive, collided, according to reports.

There were several passengers in the Duniven car, but none were reported injured, a hospital spokesman said.

The accident occurred at 3:32 p.m. Thursday in the 3400 Block of W. Wall St., police said.

Polygraph tests continue today

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Lie detector tests will be given today, for the second straight day, to check the stories of two men arrested in Fort Worth Thursday "in relation to" last weekend's sniper slayings of two persons on Texas 183 near the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Until the arrests, police had reported few clues, despite rewards that had mounted to more than \$20,000 to find the killer of Steven Thomas Gauden, 12, of Plano and Raymond Douglas Andrews, 43, of Arlington.

Police arrested two men, ages 20 and 21, about 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Fort Worth, reportedly after receiving a tip by telephone, and the pair was arraigned in Fort Worth for investigation of murder and jailed in Irving under \$35,000 bond each.

"You're on the right track. They are in custody in relation to this (the sniper slayings)," Irving police chief Bennie Newman said.

"But we are not calling these guys the snipers. If these were real prime suspects, I'd still be out there questioning them. I don't want to mislead you, but we just aren't sure yet," Newman said.

Polygraph tests were administered to them Thursday after their arrest.

Newsprint increase announced by firm

DALLAS (AP) — The Southland Division of the St. Regis Paper Co. will raise the price of its newsprint by \$20 per ton to \$340 effective Feb. 1, a spokesman said Thursday. The firm said the reason for the price hike was an expected rise in manufacturing costs.

The new price was announced in a telegram sent to customers this week from John W. Bair, sales manager for the Southland Division. The new price, quoted for standard 30-pound newsprint, is an increase of 6.25 percent.

Bair said, "Budget projections for the next year show increase in our newsprint manufacturing costs in excess of 10 percent for 1979 because of the cost of materials and energy."

College scores, high taxes causing education revolt

Lower college board scores and the taxpayers revolt are causing the educational system to come under considerable criticism these days, but educators in the Midland Independent School District are working hard to meet the challenge, assistant superintendent Doug Brown told members of the Midland Rotary Club Thursday.

The school official noted a consistent decline in Scholastic Achievement Tests (SAT) scores since 1960, which he said was largely due to a trend toward broader course selections.

"Students today have a much broader range of opportunities to choose from. And for the most part, they've chosen a path that doesn't prepare them for that test. Some are taking vocational courses. And we have a lot of good students who are in those programs today," Brown said.

Concern over the increasing cost of education has added to the criticism about education, he said. If the taxpayers impose their will, it means that the extracurricular programs

such as athletics, fine arts, vocational offerings and other "frills" in educational expenses would be the first ones subject to budget cuts, said Brown.

Brown said the specific challenges facing Midland in education are upgrading reading comprehension, especially among bilingual and special needs students.

He outlined the goals of the Midland Assessment Program Reading test, initiated in 1977, which identifies specific reading skills each student needs to learn in grades four through six. Brown commended the efforts of the Junior League of Midland, which donated \$30,000 to the program last year while helping to facilitate parental involvement as "partners" for the young readers.

Approximately 600 parents have been trained as volunteer "partners," he noted.

Brown said the school system is improving its system of identifying learning disabilities in school age children at an earlier age by charting their individual aptitudes and fitting them into a course program where they can perform according to their abilities. The progress of children with learning disabilities is better monitored now, than ever before, according to Brown.

Because of the district's reading and bilingual programs, the chances of someone getting a high school degree without being able to read is very remote, the educator said.

Bandit may have hit store again

ODESSA — An armed robber may have revisited a north Odessa grocery store for the second time within a month — at least that's the speculation of police and management of the Bill Sears Supermarket on East 42nd Street here.

Billy Don Boyd, an assistant manager at the store who was working when a substantial but undisclosed amount of money was stolen Wednesday, told police Wednesday the robber looked like the one who robbed him Nov. 17.

Boyd said the robber used a gun and told him to "bag it" during both stick-ups, and the man fled the store using the same exit on both occasions.

Capt. Jack Lilly of the Odessa Police Department agreed the description given in reports of both robberies seems to indicate that the same man may have been involved.

But so far, city police said they have no clues to the man's identity.

Former fireman injured in accident

PLEASANTON — Former Odessa fireman B.J. "Benny" Dancer, 58, died Wednesday afternoon from injuries received in a truck accident here.

Dancer was dead on arrival at Mercy Hospital in Jourdan following the accident on a rain-slick highway.

The Department of Public Safety reported the truck Dancer was driving was northbound on U.S. 281 when he apparently lost control of the vehicle, which rolled over three times. Dancer was thrown from the vehicle on the second roll and the truck then rolled over him, officers said.

Dancer had been an Odessa fireman 20 years, retiring about a year ago.



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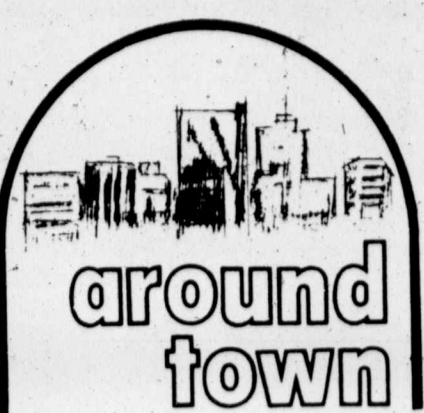
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By PATSY GORDON
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LET A RAINBOW wrap up your Christmas this year...at their gift wrap booth from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. The booths will be upstairs in San Miguel Square one day only.

Norman Read Assembly No. 299 Rainbow Girls and their moms will be there to wrap your gifts while you shop. Prices vary from 50 cents up, and proceeds will go toward sending the girls to Grand Assembly in El Paso.

Further information can be obtained by calling Wendi or Jacki Simmers at 682-2080.

CHARLES J. MONCRIEF, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moncrief of 1607 Ventura Drive, has been elected to Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society, at Texas Tech University.

Tau Beta Pi represents the highest honor to be obtained by students in engineering. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and outstanding character.

Moncrief is a junior electrical engineering student at Texas Tech University. He has also been elected to Eta Kappa Nu, the national electrical engineering honor society. He graduated from Midland High School in 1976.

ACTION LINE FISH of Midland will close at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, for the Christmas holidays, and will remain closed until Jan. 2, 1979.

STEPHANIE MENDALL of Midland is among 199 fall semester pledges to the 11 national sororities at North Texas State University.

Miss Mendenhall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Mendenhall, 1610 Winfield, pledged Alpha Phi sorority.

PARK CENTER YMCA will be offering a Christmas Holiday Program featuring two full weeks of fun and enjoyment for all kids in the community Dec. 18-Dec. 29.

The schedule includes events Monday through Friday. Arts and Crafts will be held 9 to 11 a.m., with controlled recreational games to follow from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

After a one-hour lunch break, movies or games is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Swimming will culminate each day's activities from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

A special Christmas party sponsored by the Eastside Lions Club is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23.

Fee for the entire holiday program is \$12 for two weeks for \$1.50 per day for Y-members. For non-members, the fee is \$15 for two weeks or \$1.75 per day for non-members.

The YMCA will be closed Christmas Day Dec. 25 and New Year's Day Jan. 1.

WESTSIDE LIONS CLUB held their Christmas party recently in the Westside Lions Den. Dinner was served and drawings were made for presents, with Letroy Shannon in charge. Winner of the rifle raffle was Debbie Stephens, 4317 Cedar Springs.

A MIDLAND "SANTA" wants to make Christmas a happy event for less fortunate children and adults. If you would like to donate food and clothing for underprivileged persons, call Smokey Woods at 694-6311 who will pick up your contributions for distribution by the Department of Human Resources in Midland.

EMPLOYERS INSURANCE of Texas Co. held their annual Christmas party recently at the Mansion Dinner Theatre.

Employees and their families were treated to a buffet and a showing of the theatre's current comedy presentation, "Sagebrush."

Morgan's to celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie P. Morgan of Midland will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Rankin Park Building in Rankin.

The event will be hosted by the couple's children and their families. They are Robert Morgan, Kenneth Morgan and Mrs. Darrel Northcott, all of Rankin, and Don Morgan of Midland.

Helen Petree was married to Morgan Dec. 24, 1933, in Staton. They have also lived in Capitan, N.M., Greenwood, Midland and Rankin where they have farmed. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are affiliated with the First Baptist Church in Rankin and Mrs. Morgan is a member of the Rankin Study Club.

They have 10 grandchildren.

By MARGUERITE SULLIVAN
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — Lee Kimche is the perfect example of how volunteer work can pay off.

As a college student 25 years ago, Kimche checked coats at the National Gallery of Art. Then, as a young wife and mother of four, she became the professional volunteer: running art bazaars for Jewish service organizations, organizing art benefits, and dabbling in Democratic politics as campaign fund-raiser.

Nine years ago, Kimche parlayed the years of non-paying jobs into a part-time fund-raising position with the American Association of Museums. That grew into a post as assistant director for AAM's special projects which, in turn, developed into an opportunity to become executive director for the Association of Science-Technology Centers. A year ago, she was appointed the first director of the newly created federal Institute of Museum Services.

Today, Kimche earns \$47,500 a year doling out hundreds of grants totaling no more than \$25,000 each to America's museums.

"Museum" isn't only art. According to Congress' funding

guidelines, IMS is a nonprofit organization which exhibits objects to serve the public and to educate. This means that everything from zoos and aquariums to science and technology centers and art museums — more than 7,500 U.S. institutions — qualify for IMS grants.

Last year, its first year of funding, Kimche's institute gave a total of \$3.7 million to 256 museums. A total of 859 had applied.

What is unusual about the IMS is that it gives operating funds directly to museums.

"It has not been the policy of the Federal government to give operating support to cultural activities," Kimche explained. "In fact, it has only been a short time — since 1965 when the National Endowments on the Arts and Humanities (NEA-NEH) were formed — that the government supported cultural activities at all."

The NEA and NEH do not give operating funds to museums; instead they give grants for specific projects and exhibits.

In 1971, Congress voted to create IMS, but it took five years to appropriate any money. Part of the reason the lawmakers finally acted was the museum boom.

According to Kimche, there has

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been such a demand on museums in the last decade that operating costs have shot up over 90 percent. Much of that has been in labor costs, with 80 percent of museums' budgets going for personnel. Yet, only one-third of the country's museums charge admissions, and much of private money given to museums isn't for operating costs.

But museums have another problem: soaring fuel costs. They can't turn off the heat in off-hours, because preserving works of arts requires certain temperatures.

Kimche attributes part of the burgeoning museum popularity to television.

"We grow up with a lot of TV: flat, one-dimensional programming.

People are craving objects, simulated environments (such as historic Williamsburg) and places where they can interact.

"Museums, particularly science and technology centers, have become the new school classrooms," she said. "With the rapidly changing science, textbooks can't keep up, but museum exhibits can."

"People have more leisure time. Outside the church and the park, museums are one of the last places people can go as a family."

Volunteers have carried museums through, according to a study done by Museums, U.S.A. In the early 1970s, of the 110,000 people listed as museum employees only 30 percent were full time. The rest were part-time and

volunteers.

Many of those volunteers were women, yet despite the increased numbers of women now employed, Kimche contends the number of museum volunteers has not fallen off significantly.

To back up her theory, a few months ago she did a spot check of 10 major museums across the country and found they had suffered little volunteer drop-off. Professionals now volunteer nights and weekends.

"Museum work still is a good stepping stone. It still has a lot of prestige," she said.

Homemakers have meeting

Westside Extension Homemakers Club held their December meeting in the home of Mrs. Opal Reaves, 2413 Cuthbert St.

Each member brought gifts to be presented to the Southwest Care Center nursing home. Lunch was held at Furr's Cafeteria.

Guest was Mrs. Louise Hill of Midland.

'Olympic jail' said a mistake

By VERNON E. JORDAN JR.
Copley News Service

Relatively few Americans are aware that, under the guise of building housing for athletes participating in the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, the United States is building a prison.

Construction is under way on the prison right now, but it is not too late to change the intended use of the facility. The athletes will be there for a few weeks, but after they leave plans call for their rooms to be converted to cells that will hold poor, largely minority offenders from inner cities.

In itself, this is a mockery of the Olympic spirit. Just think what our reaction would be if Russia planned a similar conversion of Olympic facilities. Here's another instance in which our verbal backing for human rights is contradicted by actual practice.

Not only is that prison the wrong facility in the wrong place at the wrong time, but it is in violation of the U.S. Bureau of Prison's own guidelines. The origin of the prison lies in Congress' mandate that any facilities built for the Olympic games be convertible to other use.

It has been suggested that the Lake Placid, N.Y., facility could serve as a permanent training site for athletes.

But that idea gave way to another one — turn it into a prison. There are two major reasons for this. First, the region around Lake Placid is economically distressed, and a permanent prison would open up well-paying jobs for prison guards and other workers while boosting the town's economy.

Second, the Bureau of Prisons has been looking for places to build new prisons as part of a huge new prison-building program that's sweeping the nation. The shrill cries about rising crime — actually the crime rates are beginning to slow down — has resulted in new prison facilities.

The Prison Bureau admits that most of the inmates will come from big cities in the Northeast — New York, Boston, Philadelphia and others. And it also admits that its own regulations stipulate that prisons be built near major population centers to enable family visits and to utilize nearby supportive services.

Located more than 300 miles from major cities and serviced by only one bus a day from the city, the Lake Placid site effectively means inmates will be cut off from their loved ones.

In addition, a large portion of the inmate population is expected to be black and Hispanic while the local population and the guards drawn from the region will be rural whites. This introduces a racial factor that has resulted in earlier prison tragedies — friction between guards and inmates who don't understand each other and the inevitable surfacing of racism.

The Olympic prison is just the tip of the iceberg — visible because of the Olympic connection and the gross violation of a federal agency's own rules. But the problem is nationwide. Politically inspired calls for getting tough with offenders have led to longer sentences and the adoption of determinate sentencing.

These have increased the number of people in prison, resulting in massive overcrowding of existing facilities. Authorities are building prisons as fast as they can, although the best that can be said about prisons is that they make it easier for youthful offenders to learn illegal trades.

The cost of this vast network of

schools for crime is enormous. About 500 new or expanded facilities are being planned. The tab will be \$4 billion. With all the calls for budget-cutting and slicing social services, there's been little outcry over the mind-boggling sum required to warehouse poor people in penitentiaries.

It costs more to keep someone in prison than it does to send him to Harvard. Putting prison costs into better housing and education would reduce crime a lot more than locking people up would.

Auxiliary has meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Midland County Medical Society held a brunch Thursday at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Main activity at the meeting was gathering of the toys each member brought for the Salvation Army children's Christmas party and concert.

Hostesses were Ruth Johnston, Ruth Mast, Dee McGee, Carol Schmickrath, Claudia Traxel, Kathy Alexander, Mafa Nufal and Denita Shneidman.

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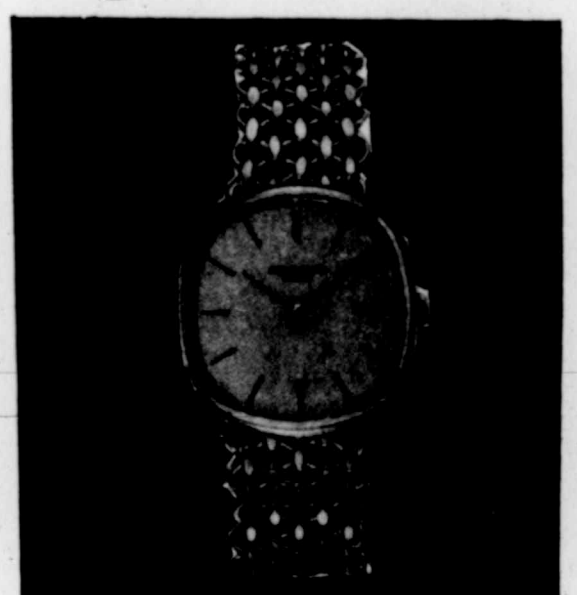
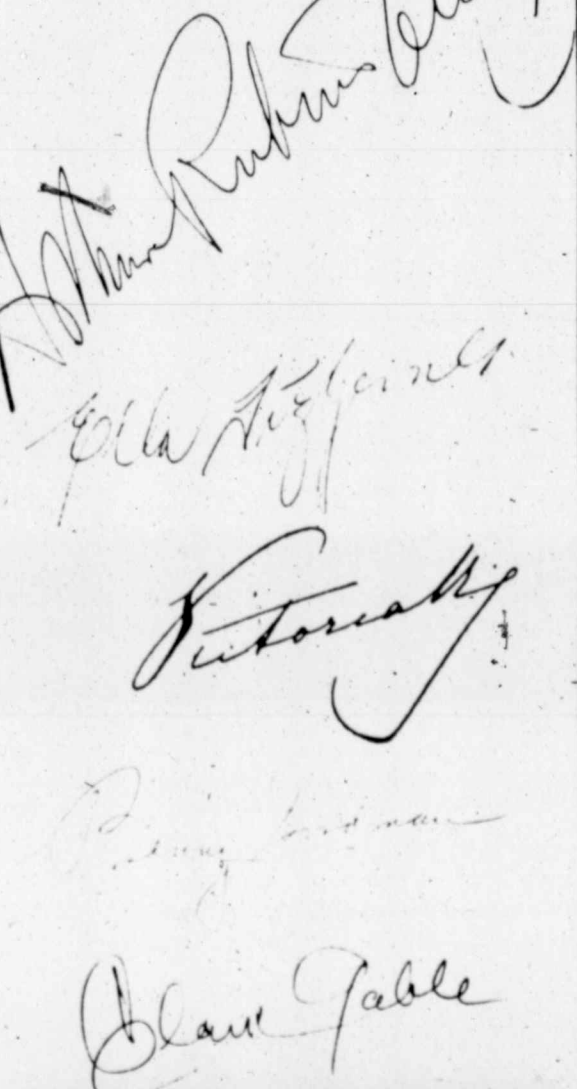
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Gamez is enrolled. The association also will give a scholarship to Midland College. Funds for the scholarships come from proceeds of the association's annual Needlepoint and Gift Show. Interested Kappa Deltas are asked to contact Mrs. James "Doc" Dodson at 682-3376.

Will America string along?

By MICHAEL GRANT
Copley News Service

Americans for years have embraced a basic misconception about dental floss which, if cast off, could reweave the social fabric, not to mention reducing cavities.

The assumption has always been that one should floss oneself. Of course that is the inferior technique, as any visit to a dentist's office will illustrate.

If a dentist thought self-flossing were the best way to floss, then he would direct you, even as you sat in the chair, to floss yourself.

But that does not happen. He or his technician will floss you, because it is far more efficient.

Yet he also suffers the misconception, because when he sends you forth, he'll remind you to floss yourself regularly at home. It doesn't occur to

him to mention the possibility of mutual flossing, because who ever heard of a wife flossing a husband, or a husband flossing a wife?

I can imagine my wife's reaction if I went home and proposed to her that we go up to the bathroom and floss, or do it right there in the kitchen. She'd laugh in my face. And if she consented, I doubt we'd get 20 seconds into the flossing before someone burst into giggles, and then there'd be no stopping it.

As a result, we would share some laughter, which always brings people closer, and both of us would have had our teeth properly flossed. It

beats bickering and hazard self-flossing.

Hollywood has been known to seize on the phenomena that bring about cultural shifts, and I can envision a movie that would make floss a hotter supermarket item than potato chips.

It would be called "Teeth," of course, satisfying both the recent fascination with mandibles, as well as drawing attention directly to the subject at hand and, incidentally, by their straight whiteness in the ads and previews.

suggesting the lasting value of proper dental care.

It would be set in Los Angeles or New York, and the male lead would

be, perhaps, Ryan O'Neal, as the young, struggling, idealistic dentist.

And into his chair, with a sudden midnight toothache, would come a beautiful woman of fame — an actress, lacking only love among her possessions. She would be played by Jacqueline Bisset.

The dentist works diligently to relieve her gently, as they melt into toothache. She can't each other's arms, he speak of course, while withdrawing, with his right he's in there, but their hand, the floss, which at eyes are saying words.

Then, good and con-

scientious dentist that he

treatment by flossing her mouth as props

teeth. Plaque never suggesting discreet

sleeps, and doesn't know sensuality. In the old

a star's molars from a days it was cigarettes.

Slowly he works around the lower quadrant, until he slides the floss between her lateral incisor and left cuspid. Their eyes meet again, and lock. After a long minute, he loops the floss behind her incisors and, slipping it through next to the opposite cuspid, slowly, by her lower teeth, draws her to him.

Their lips meet, and as they melt into toothache, he can't each other's arms, he speak of course, while withdrawing, with his right he's in there, but their hand, the floss, which at eyes are saying words.

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram

Health plan debated

By VERNON E. JORDAN JR.
Copley News Service

With health costs skyrocketing and large numbers of people outside the makeshift private and federal health insurance programs, a debate over a national health program is under way.

The administration announced a set of principles designed to lead to a more detailed plan, but those principles have led to strong criticisms. The principles are vague. And since they call for a national health plan to be phased in a step at a time, they invite congressional distortion and dilution.

The only workable national health plan is one that is universal and comprehensive. Every citizen should be covered for complete health care services, and everyone should have equal access to such services.

A step in the right direction is embodied in Sen. Edward Kennedy's proposal for a National Health Insurance Act.

It satisfies the requirements that a workable national health plan have universal and mandatory coverage, comprehensive benefits, quality care for all, and accessibility to those in need.

The proposal also contains built-in cost control features, an essential element of any health program in this most inflationary of all sectors of our economy.

Another key element is the involvement of the private sector — people who would be insured by private insurers.

The private health insurance industry has done much to relieve the financial burdens of illness, but it too has numerous flaws, and it is unavailable to large portions of the population. Since so much insurance is work-related, through unions or employers, job losses such as we saw in the recession lead to major crises in health care coverage.

The majority of black people under 65 have no private health coverage, and most of those who do have such coverage, have inadequate benefits. That holds true too, for the insured portion of the white population as well.

Quality health care adequate, health care is inferior. The urban and rural poor are largely outside the health care world's industrial system, except for Medicare and Medicaid. And those programs are deeply flawed.

Medicare and Medicaid of Americans have access to comprehensive health care. The present system is in need of major surgery. It serves the few well and the many poorly.

The answer lies in a comprehensive national health care system that enables all citizens to have access to quality health care.

Before those programs, poor people were largely cut off from health care. By 1974 though, poor people were reported to be utilizing physician services slightly more than the rest of the population. Because of Medicare and Medicaid, health care has improved for the poor, the elderly, and minorities.

Despite their importance, Medicare and Medicaid represent a two-tier health care system. They are for the poor; the rest of the population enjoys health care that preserves in-

Decorating a tradition

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Stringing popcorn and cranberries for Christmas tree decorations is an American innovation based on a European custom. In earlier times in Europe, families used dried apple slices, raisins, crabapples, peanuts, glass beads, cookies and even oranges to adorn the family tree.



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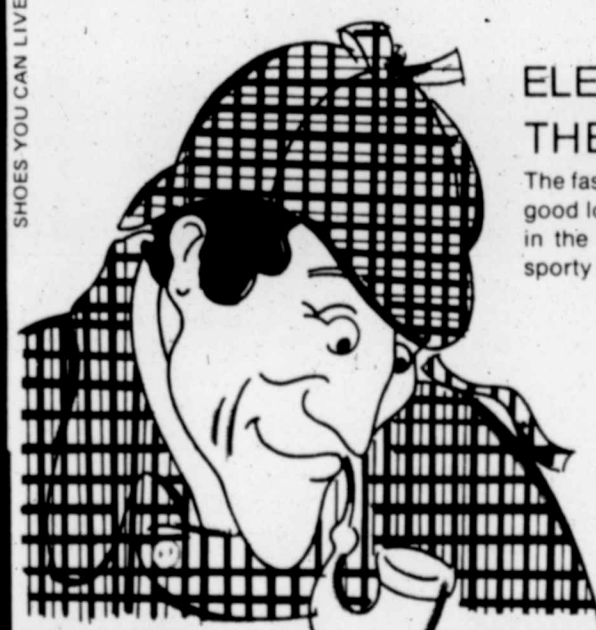
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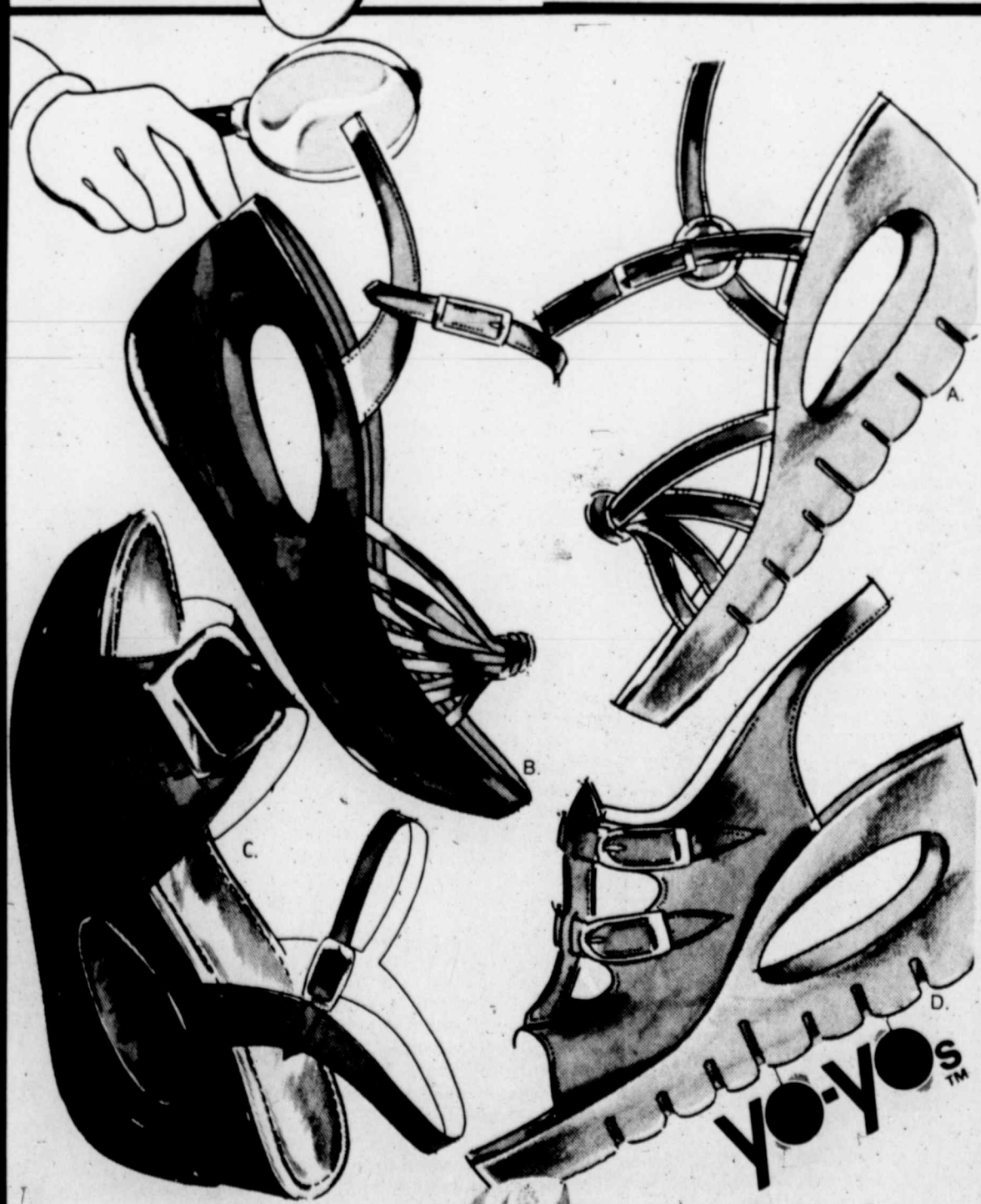
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Wildcats, discovery among new activity

Wildcat operations have been announced in Pecos, Crane, Stonewall, Nolan, Runnels and Tom Green County, a discovery has been finalized in Tom Green and field area locations and producers have been reported.

J. M. Palmer of Midland No. 2 Arco-Fee is a new 5,400-foot wildcat in Pecos County, four miles northwest of Girvin.

It is 800 feet from south and east lines of section 77, block 11, H&GN survey. The site is near several dry holes in the Girvin field area.

LAWRENCE TEST
C. F. Lawrence & Associates of Midland also will drill a Pecos County wildcat.

It is No. 2 Moex, 1,500 feet from the most northerly south line and 2,750 feet from the most easterly east line of J. R. Barnett survey No. 2, abstract 5892.

Operator will drill to 3,400 feet. The location is 1,500 feet northwest of the Omega gas field.

CRANE WILDCAT

Robert M. Wynne of Midland No. 10-19-19 Eppenaer has been staked as a 3,800-foot wildcat in Crane County, 10 miles south of Crane.

The operation is one mile northwest of the Bayview, East (San Andres) discovery and 1/2 mile northwest of the depleted opener of the Bayview, East (Glorieta) field.

Location is 2,180 feet from south-east and 2,210 feet from southwest lines of section 19, block 6, H&TC survey.

STONEWALL EXPLORER

Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland spotted its No. 1 Marr as a 6,400-foot wildcat in Stonewall County, 14 miles north of Aspermont.

The prospector is 2.5 miles southwest of the Bissett Ranch (Strawn) field and separated from it by dry holes. It also is one and seven-eighths miles northwest of the depleted Bissett, Southwest (Bend conglomerate) pool.

The location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 145, block D, H&TC survey.

TANNEHILL TRY

Abernathy & Daley of Abilene also announced location for a Stonewall County wildcat.

It is No. 1 Mitchell, 1,450 feet from south and 2,233 feet from east lines of section 257, block D, H&TC survey and nine miles northwest of Aspermont.

It is scheduled to 3,500 feet for tests of the Tannehill.

NOLAN EXPLORERS

Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc., and Cola Petroleum, Inc., of Midland have each staked location for a wildcat in Nolan County.

Texas Pacific will drill No. 1 Billy J. Scott as a 6,700-foot Ellenburger operation 13.5 miles southwest of Sweetwater.

Drill site is 1,787 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of section 76, block 22, T&P survey. It is 3/4 mile southwest of the JMR (Strawn) pool and 7/8 mile northeast of the depleted Mar-Tex (Canyon oil) pool.

Cola Petroleum will spud its No. 1 Henry 10 miles south of Sweetwater and 467 feet from south and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 48, block X, T&P survey.

Scheduled for a 7,000-foot bottom, it is 5/8 mile northeast of the depleted Maryneal (Canyon) field.

RUNNELS TRY

J. A. March of Dallas will drill No. 1 Nitsch as a 4,500-foot wildcat in Runnels County, 5.2 miles southwest of Ballinger.

The location is 1,633 feet from the northeast corner of Francis Helmer survey No. 417, abstract 247, then 576 feet southeast to the site. It also is 5/8 mile southwest of the Ballinger (Cross Cut sand) area and 1.5 miles north of the depleted Rowena, Northwest (Jennings sand gas) pool.

WILDCAT, STRIKE

Simpson-Mann Oil Producers of San Angelo announced location for a Tom Green County wildcat and the completion of a Tom Green County discovery.

The discovery, No. 2 Ruth Gordon four miles northeast of San Angelo, was finalized as a Palo Pinto strike for a daily pumping potential of 12.99 barrels of 40-gravity oil and 16 barrels of water.

Completion was through perforations from 4,282 to 4,299 feet and from 4,448 to 4,451 feet. The upper set was acidized with 1,250 feet and the lower set was treated with 10,000 gallons of acid.

Location is 1,404.8 feet from south and 1,412 feet from east lines of section 21, WCRS survey.

The Palo Pinto was topped at 4,280 feet on ground elevation of 1,824 feet. Other tops include the Strawn at 4,655 feet and the Cambrian at 5,065 feet.

The strike is 1/2 mile south of the three-well Harriett (Strawn oil) pool. Simpson-Mann will drill No. 1-4 Ruth Gordon as a 5,200-foot Cambrian wildcat one location south of No. 2 Gordon.

The location is 567 feet from the most easterly north line and 2,100 feet from the most easterly east line of T. J. Smith survey No. 4.

CROCKETT PROJECTS

Delta-Suburban of Midland and Cedar Oil Co. of Iran each announced location for a field area test in Crockett County.

Delta-Suburban No. 2-A McMullan

will be dug as a 9,400-foot operation nine miles southeast of Ozona.

It is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 4, block F, GC&SF survey and one and five-eighths miles southwest of the DePaul (Strawn gas) pool which has two producers.

Cedar Oil announced locations for two 1,650-foot tests two miles south-east of Iran in the Noelke, West (800) gas area of Crockett County.

No. 1 H. M. Half Estate is one location northwest of production and 767 feet from south and 6,982 feet from east lines of section 70, block 1, I&GN survey.

No. 2 H. J. Half Estate is one location north of production and 1,167 feet from south and 5,822 feet from east lines of section 70, block 1, I&GN survey.

SCHLEICHER SITE

A. R. Archer Jr. of Monahans No. 4 R. L. Henderson is a new test in the Velre (Canyon sand) pool of Schleicher County, 12 miles northwest of Eldorado.

The project, contracted to 7,200 feet, is 990 feet from south and east lines of section 1215, TCRR survey, abstract 620. Ground elevation is 2,524 feet.

The test is one location southwest of Canyon sand gas production.

STONEWALL TESTER

Rhodes Drilling Co. of Abilene spotted No. 6 E. W. Simpson 5/8 mile north of its No. 1 Bowles, recently completed undesignated Judd sand discovery in Stonewall County, eight miles north of Old Glory.

Contracted to 5,300 feet, it is 467 feet from south and east lines of Green B. Cook survey, abstract 59.

SUTTON PROJECTS

William Perlman of Houston announced locations for a trio of projects in the Sawyer multipay area of Sutton County.

No. 2-54 George Brockman will be drilled one and one-quarter miles northeast and one and three-eighths miles northwest of Canyon gas production 24 miles southeast of Sonora.

The 6,000-foot test is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 54, block 7, TW&NG survey. Elevation is 2,287 feet.

Perlman No. 3-54 George Brockman is one and five-eighths miles north of Canyon gas production and 1,882 feet from north and 1,546 feet from west lines of section 54, block 7, TW&NG survey.

It also is scheduled to 6,000 feet. The third 6,000-foot test is Perlman No. 4-54 George Brockman, one and seven-eighths miles northwest of Canyon gas production and 1,320 feet from north and 933 feet from east lines of section 54, block 7, TW&NG survey. Ground elevation is 2,268 feet.

IRION LOCATION

Fortune Drilling Co., Inc., of San Angelo staked No. 5-E Winterbotham as a 6,700-foot Canyon C and B project in the Irion County portion of the Dove Creek multipay oil and gas field.

It is nine miles southeast of Mertzon and 1,969 feet from the south and 1,244 feet from the west lines of section 29, block 21, H&TC survey.

IRION WELLS

Fortune Drilling Co. No. 1-444 Eckert has been completed as the fourth producer in the Cal (Canyon oil) pool of Irion County, nine miles southwest of Mertzon.

It completed for a daily flowing potential of 25 barrels of 44.2-gravity oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,84-1, through a 14/64-inch choke and perforations from 7,152 to 7,157 feet.

The pay was acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 29,500 gallons.

A re-entry project, it is bottomed at 7,200 feet where 4.5-inch pipe is set.

The well, originally drilled by R. L. Burns Corp. of Dallas as No. 1-B Eckert, is 660 feet from the most northerly north line and 660 feet from the most northerly west line of Mary McMillan survey No. 44. It is one location south of other production.

Fortune also completed No. 1-1230 Crawford as the fifth Canyon oil well in the Baker Ranch (Canyon oil and gas) pool of Irion County, nine miles southwest of Mertzon.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 25.8 barrels of 45.3-gravity oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 11,536-1, through a 10/64-inch choke and perforations from 6,797 to 6,919 feet.

The pay was treated with 1,000 gallons of acid and fractured with 62,600 gallons.

Well site is 2,161 feet from south and 701 feet from west lines of section 1230, GC&SF survey. It is 2,310 feet east of other Canyon oil production.

REAGAN OILER

Hanley Co. of Midland No. 1-58-18-A University is a new well in the Reagan County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

It completed for a daily pumping potential of 22 barrels of 41.2-gravity oil and five barrels of water, through perforations from 7,710 to 7,986 feet.

The gas-oil ratio is 2,072-1. The pay section was treated with 3,000 gallons of acid and fractured with 77,000 gallons.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 18, block 58, University Lands survey.

It is seven miles north of Texon.

Surplus meet set

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission said Thursday it is studying expert testimony that Texas has a surplus of natural gas that could last into the mid-1980s.

The commission will hear three cases on Dec. 22 in which Texas firms seek permission to sell surplus gas interstate.

The companies involved are Lo-Vaca Gathering Co., Intratex Gas Co. and Delhi Gas Pipeline Co.

At a hearing last Tuesday for Delhi Gas Pipeline, William P. Murray, former railroad commissioner who is now a private consultant, testified that "a considerable" deliverability surplus in natural gas exists in Texas at the present time.

Murray said that using "very conservative figures," the surplus amounted to about 600 billion cubic feet in 1978. He said the surplus could last through 1985.

Delhi contended that the pipeline system could interconnect with other gas pipelines in the state in an effort to reduce the surplus condition, but that all the other lines are in basically the same shape.

Delhi said its surplus was up to 200 million cubic feet daily.

Explorer site staked

Delta Gulf, Inc., of San Antonio No. 2 Sterling Willingham has been staked as a 7,500-foot wildcat in Scurry County, 12 miles east of Snyder.

It is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 88, block 3, H&TC survey and 3,800 feet southwest of a 7,300-foot dry hole.

HOCKLEY GASSER

Saguaro Corp. of Midland No. 1 T. A. Pate and others has been completed as a gas well from the San Andres in Hockley County, two miles east of Pettit.

The operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 1,550,000 cubic feet of gas per day. Completion was through casing perforations from 4,492 to 4,496.5 feet after a 10,000-gallon acid treatment.

Well site is 660 feet from south and 467 feet from west lines of labor 16, league 74, Haskell County School land survey. It is 7/8 miles northwest of the Two Rubies (San Andres gas) pool.

REAGAN TEST

Saxon Oil Co. No. 1-16-10-A University is a new 7,500-foot test in the Spraberry Trend Area field of Reagan County, 8 miles northwest of Big Lake.

Site is 1,320 feet from south and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 16, block 190, University Lands survey.

Potential tests filed

Potential tests have been filed on a pair of Midland County Spraberry Trend Area wells.

Union Oil Co. of California No. 1 Ben Winkelman, 11 miles southeast of Midland, was completed as a Devonian gas well for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 2,125,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 11,779 to 11,776 feet after 9,200 gallons of acid and 145,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

Gas-oil ratio is 4,625-1, with gravity of the oil 49.5 degrees.

Total depth is 11,779 feet and 4.5-inch pipe was landed on bottom. Hole is plugged back to 11,776 feet.

The well is three-quarters mile northwest of other Devonian gas production in the seven-well field and 990 feet from north and west lines of section 7, block 37, T-3-N, T&P survey.

Texaco Inc. No. 1-T Midland Fee is a new Spraberry sand oil well in the area.

It completed for a daily pumping potential of 71 barrels of 38.3-gravity oil, plus 208 barrels of water, through perforations from 7,468 to 8,508 feet and from 8,796 to 9,152 feet.

The gas-oil ratio is 1,204-1. The pay section was acidized with 4,000 gallons and fractured with 89,000 gallons.

Location is 1,100 feet from south and 1,388 feet from east lines of section 31, block 37, T-1-S, T&P survey and seven miles northeast of Midland.

It is a re-entry project, having originally produced from the Bend.

Explorer site staked

Mesa Petroleum Co. of Midland staked location for a 9,800-foot wildcat in Eddy County, six miles southeast of Artesia.

Scheduled for tests of the Morrow, it is No. 1 Yates-Federal Communized, 1,980 feet from south and 1,995 feet from east lines of section 20-175-27.

It will test through the Morrow.

Briscoe names Nugent to fill commission post

By GARTH JONES

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe ended widespread speculation Thursday and named Rep. Jim Nugent, D-Kerrville, as a new member of the Texas Railroad Commission, effective Jan. 1.

He replaces Commissioner Jon Newton, who resigned Dec. 7 because of a possible conflict of interest between his financial holdings and the powerful commission that regulates Texas' oil and gas industry.

Nugent, 56, an 18-year veteran of the Texas House, immediately promised to place all his financial holdings in a blind trust or sell them to avoid any conflict of interests.

"I'll probably sell most of it to eradicate any question," Nugent told a news conference. "My oil and gas holdings are a very minor portion of my income."

Briscoe said he would call a special election in the next few days to elect a new state representative from the Kerrville area.

Nugent had been mentioned widely for the past week in speculation that included appointment of Briscoe's aide, Andy Kever, and several present and former legislators.

Briscoe said he chose Nugent, "after much soul-searching" because he had seen first-hand that Nugent was "a man of uncompromising principles."

"He has demonstrated that integrity again in assuring me that his personal affairs will be arranged in such a way as to absolutely avoid any conflict of interest," Briscoe said.

The appointment must be confirmed by the Senate in the 1979 session. Nugent said he had made a "sounding" of the senators and "I am well satisfied with the results."

Nugent's appointment is good until the general election in 1980, when a commissioner will be chosen for the final two years of Newton's term. "I will be a candidate in the next election," Nugent said Thursday.

He said he "would not preclude" running for re-election in 1982 if he is elected in 1980.

"I can assure the people of Texas that I feel strongly that members of the railroad commission must avoid not only an actual conflict of interests, but also the appearance of a conflict," Nugent said in a statement.

Nugent has disclosed ownership of oil and gas interests in three counties plus stock in Can Del Oil Ltd., Lear Petroleum Corp., Inter State Oil Co., Southern Union Gas Co., Supron En-

Menard's mayor seeks federal aid

MENARD, Tex. (AP) — The mayor of a town whose natural gas supply has dwindled to almost nothing brought an appeal to the Community Services Administration here today that it buy space heaters for the town's poorer residents.

Mayor Macy Haygood said many of Menard's 3,000 residents have inadequate heating to have enough hot water to take a bath, much less keep their homes warm. And many of them cannot afford to change to a butane heating system, he said.

Officials of the Housing and Urban Development and the Farmers Home Administration turned thumbs-down on Menard Thursday, saying federal aid can be authorized only after a delay of two to three months.

No funds are available for emergency relief, they added in a meeting that took place at the FHA's headquarters in Temple, Texas.

An angry Haygood challenged the officials to define "emergency."

"They were able to fly 900 bodies plumb across from one continent to another. That had to be done with emergency money, so where did it come from? Not that I begrudge that, they were obligated to do that. But I think we are entitled to some help, too."

Haygood pointed out that last week's cold spell was the first of the season for Menard, and that more cold weather is inevitable.

"Are they going to just sit back? If the hospital closes up, and the retirement home too, we're talking about the places that have the largest payrolls in town. We're talking about the whole economy of our town. And I'm going to get us some relief from some corner."

Haygood said he hopes to talk personally with President Carter personally, noting he has already been in contact with the White House staff.

"I'm going to go all the way with it."

Congressman-elect Tom Loeffler of Kerrville chaired Thursday's meeting in Temple and said the federal representatives "did their best to represent these agencies" but that it was an inadequate response for the people of Menard.

"I'm not satisfied with the outcome of the meeting," he said. "We will pursue possibilities of getting emergency funds from other agencies, Loeffler added."

ergy Corp and Exxon Corp.

"I am not a speculator nor an investor," he told the news conference. "Most of my holdings are of long duration. ... the stock I have held for a long period of time in Southern Union Gas Co. will be sold before I join the commission." He said that went for Exxon stock also.

"Inter States has been in receivership for 10 years and if I can't sell it I will give it away," he said.

Nugent said his interest in a gas well in the Corpus Christi area produced revenue of about \$8 a year.

Test uncovers defect at waste storage site

WEST VALLEY, N.Y. (AP) — A defect has been found in back-up system in an underground, high-level radioactive waste storage facility at the Nuclear Fuel Services plant in this western New York community.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the defect was discovered in a carbon steel pan that sits under the waste storage tank.

"Whether the defect is a hole, a crack, or an error in original construction has not been determined," the Commission said. "Tests have shown that the tank itself is intact and there have been no leaks of radioactivity."

According to the Commission statement, NFS discovered the defect when clear test water was injected into the system and leaked out. The commission noted that "the leak was of test water only."

Nuclear Fuel described the problem as a defect in a system designed to give warning of leaking nuclear wastes.

"The pan will not retain a liquid as it was designed to do," said a spokesman for Nuclear Fuel. "If there's a hole in there, we can't say for sure."

"There is no danger to the public health and safety," said Ralph Deuss-

ter, the company's president.

Nuclear Fuel said a detection device in a concrete vault surrounding the tank and pan activated at about the same time as the system in the pan when water was pumped in.

Nuclear Fuel used the plant for reprocessing nuclear reactor fuel from 1966 to 1972 then halted the reprocessing on grounds that the facility was too expensive to operate.

The company plans turning the plant over to the State of New York under terms of an agreement under which the plant was built.

Kent sector gets wildcat

W. B. Osborn Operator of San Antonio announced plans to spud a 4,200-foot wildcat in Kent County.

It is No. 1 Davis, 1/2 mile northwest of Jayton and 467 feet from south and east lines of section 9, block L, H&TC survey. It is one mile southeast of a 7,199-foot dry hole.

Ground elevation is 2,004 feet.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY

Delta Petroleum No. 3 Bogue, id 7,650 feet, pulling pump.

Cola No. 1 GAO, id 7,435 feet, pumping back load, through San Andres perforations.

Borden County No. 1-23 Key, drilling 5,026 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY

Depco No. 3 Midwest, drilling 7,679 feet.

MWJ No. 1 Mobil-Grave, id 3,900 feet, has been plugged and abandoned.

Union Oil No. 1 Laguna Deep Federal, id 14,561 feet, drilling out cement.

Union Oil No. 1 Halfway Federal, drilling 11,377 feet in time.

Sabine Production No. 1 Yates-Grace, id 530 feet, set 13 1/2 inch casing back load, waiting on cement.

Britton Management No. 2 Temple, id 9,130 feet, picking up retrievable bridge plug and packer.

LAMB COUNTY

M. D. Abel No. 1 Scott, id 1,934 feet in anhydrite, running 8 1/2-inch casing.

LOVING COUNTY

Exxon No. 1 Keith Cam, plugged back depth 17,065 feet, shut in.

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Sandstad No. 1 Doss, id 9,215 feet, preparing to run drillstem test.

MARTIN COUNTY



Actor Christopher Reeve, who plays the title role in "Superman" movie, demonstrates he still has a soft shoulder Wednesday as he arrives at London's Empire Theater with former model Gae Exton. The two were attending the European Royal Charity premiere of the film. (AP Laserphoto)



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Depression can hurt family

Dear Dr. Solomon: I am terribly concerned about my sister. She is 37 years old, married, has three children, and is upper middle-class financially. You would think she'd be at the top of the world. In fact, she was until about eight months ago, when she had a hysterectomy. Now she's moody and easily given to tears. I tell her to cheer up, she has so much going for her, but it doesn't help. What would you advise?—Mrs. R.L.

Dear Mrs. L.: Although you mean well, telling a severely depressed person to cheer up is like telling a drowning man to swim. All of us feel depressed at times, but these transient episodes soon pass. This kind of depression does not require professional counseling. However, when someone is "moody and easily given to tears" over a period of eight months, some kind of psychotherapeutic intervention is indicated.

Some women do react to hysterectomies with depression. They may be anxious about their inability to have children—even if they were not planning to have any more—and what they perceive as a loss of femininity. Although emotional support from family members is important, exploration of these deep-seated feelings requires professional skills.

I would encourage your sister to ask her physician for a referral to a psychiatrist, psychologist or a mental health counselor. If she should be resistant to this idea, you might point out that her husband and children are affected by her behavior, and she should go for counseling for their sake, if not for her own. But try not to

let the present situation continue on the assumption that she'll "get over it."

Dear Dr. Solomon: How effective has the campaign against smoking been? I quit two years ago—after a warning from my doctor—and I wonder how much company I have.—Ken

Dear Ken: Unfortunately, not effective enough. Despite the Surgeon General's report 15 years ago that linked smoking to lung cancer and heart disease, people keep puffing away.

Part of this self-destructive behavior can be explained by the addictive nature of tobacco. Smokers may want to kick the habit but are physiologically and psychologically unable to do so. Additionally, there seems to be a feeling of complacency prevalent among a large segment of the population, a belief that lung cancer or heart disease can only happen to "the other guy." I can only hope that we will all come to realize that sometimes the other guy is us.

The same kind of disregard for our own well-being is seen in instances of drug abuse, the increased incidence of venereal disease, and the often fatal mixing of alcohol and gasoline.

I wish I could say that more people were behaving responsibly regarding their health habits, now that many of the dangers are known. It's good to know that some—like you—follow doctors' orders.

An ounce of prevention may be worth a pound of cure, but only when the prevention is applied.

'Midnight Express' hits Turks in vulnerable spot

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — "Midnight Express," a recent film about the prison life of a young American jailed in Turkey, has hit the Turks in one of their most vulnerable spots — their sensitivity to the Turkish national image in the Western world.

The film, currently showing in European and the United States, "depicts all Turks, prison guards and police, lawyers and judges, children and adults, illiterates and educated persons, as animals," wrote columnist Muntaz Soysal in the daily Milliyet.

Some persons abroad agree with him. Britain's Lord Coleraine recently told the House of Lords in London: "I sat through two hours of vilification and abuse of the Turkish government, Turkey as a country and the Turks as a people."

This predominantly Moslem nation has been struggling for the past half-century to become an integral part of the West. But recently more and more Turks have begun to question whether the results were worth the effort.

The movie appears to have strengthened Turkish suspicions. Soysal, who also is a prominent academician and vice president of Amnesty International, asked why Turkey insisted, and tried to force "closed doors open to become part of a world — the West — which humiliates us."

SOYSAL SUCCEEDED in an effort to have Amnesty International give up planned sponsorship of a special charity premiere of the film in London last August. But efforts by the

Turkish government and Turkish communities in Europe to secure a ban or partial censorship of the film in England, West Germany, Holland and elsewhere, were in vain.

The daily Gunaydin interviewed former foreign inmates of Turkish prisons, and quoted them as saying the prisons were no heaven, yet not as bad as portrayed in the movie.

The saga of Billy Hayes of North Babylon, N.Y., began in 1970 when he was caught at Istanbul's Yesilkoy airport with four pounds of hashish in his possession.

Government in on mass exodus?

By WILLIAM CHAPMAN
The Washington Post

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — There is mounting evidence that the government of Vietnam has officially sanctioned the recent exodus of thousands of refugees who have landed in this country, according to Western diplomatic and Malaysian officials.

The manner in which the most recent refugees left Vietnam follows a pattern that must be officially approved at high levels, the sources contend. "I am positive that the government is in on it," said one official who has interviewed thousands of refugees who landed here recently after crossing the South China Sea.

They base their judgment on the large fees paid to middlemen who arrange escapes and the easy manner in which large numbers of fleeing Vietnamese are passed through control points and provincial

border crossings.

"The government is forcing out this undesirable minority," said one official. "They are escaping right under the eyes of the border police." It could not happen in such a regular way without the government approving of such large movements, he said.

The Vietnam government has repeatedly insisted it is not encouraging the exodus, which has swollen to large proportions in the past two months. The government has claimed it tries to stem the tide but is unable to patrol all of the country's long coastline.

The Vietnamese charge d'affaires in Malaysia, Tran De Luc, recently declared that his government is attempting to stop the flow. He told the Malaysian news agency Bernama that authorities had recently taken steps along the coastline to reduce the number of escapes.

The number arriving here has dwindled in the past

week but Malaysian authorities attribute that to rough seas in the monsoon season, not to deliberate action by Vietnam's government.

In October and November thousands of the refugees landed on Malaysia's east coast and more than 45,000 are still in coastal island camps awaiting resettlement in other countries.

The refugees are being interviewed by Malaysian authorities and immigration officials of several Western governments who have offered permanent resettlement to some.

Malaysian authorities have so far not officially accused Vietnam of abetting the escapes although they have suggested in several interviews that the Communist country appeared not to be interfering with them. When Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong visited Malaysia several weeks ago he was asked to do something about the problem, but the large-scale escapes continued after his return home, officials noted.

Those who came in the recent crossings tell stories different than those who had arrived by last summer as part of the slow migration that began soon after the fall of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City, in 1975.

The early refugees came in small groups and told of gathering on Vietnam's coastline by their own devices until picked up at prearranged points by fishing boats. Some reported that their friends had been captured in the attempts and others recalled being fired on by coastal police.

The most recent arrivals, however, came in groups of several hundred on larger boats and about 2,500 arrived on the freighter Hai Hong in November.

Western diplomats who interviewed them said their typical escape was arranged in Ho Chi Minh City by paying money to a middleman who agreed to get them to Malaysia. One source said the fees ranged anywhere from \$600 to \$3,500.

They would gather at an agreed point in the city where they would be picked up in trucks and taken to coastal points.

Along the way, the trucks would pass through police control points where some of their money was handed over. The same would happen at provincial border posts and on the coast, according to the officials.

Combination of factors said at heart of education gap

(THE LITERACY HOAX, The Decline of Reading, Writing, and Learning in the Public Schools and What We Can Do About It, Paul Copperman, Morrow, \$10.95.)
Reviewed by JACK MILES
Special to The Los Angeles Times

Your kid can't read well, or not as well as you could at his age. His arithmetic is shaky at best. When you ask him if his homework is done, he tells you he doesn't have any. None was assigned, or he did it in school in those free periods they have nowadays. You ask him how many kids at his school take drugs. "Everybody," he says. When you meet his teacher on Parents' Night, teacher confirms the drug problem. In fact, teacher tells you horror stories about guns and muggings and teachers' fears for their own safety. Not that you are particularly impressed by teacher, who seems suspicious of you, cool to your kid, vaguely hostile to colleagues. You leave feeling, again, something has gone wrong with our schools. You don't know when, you don't know how, you don't know whom to blame. All you know is that it wasn't always this bad. Ordinary people used to be able to teach other ordinary people a few ordinary but precious skills. Now they can't. It's frightening.

What can you do? Before you do anything else, you can read Paul Copperman's "The Literacy Hoax." It's the book you've been looking for. It tells you, for openers, when things began to go wrong. It is not true, Copperman tells us, that American literacy has been on a long slow decline from the days when Lincoln read Shakespeare by firelight. No, our literacy was on a long slow climb until around 1964 when it went into a mysterious tailspin. Since that year, average achievement has dropped off at the rate of one school month per year, so that a student has to be in the eighth grade now to know what a sixth-grader knew in 1964.

During that long climb, the sharpest ascent was at the end, during the period 1957-1964, when Sputnik threw a scare into American education. But the gains of that period have now been wiped out and American educational achievement is back where it was in the early 1950s.

On this point, Copperman's most convincing data come not from school tests but from functional literacy tests administered in 1975 as part of a large "Adult Performance Level" study at the University of Texas. The researchers found the age group 30-39 much more competent than any other; age groups 18-29 and 40-49 stood at a similar, and lower, level of competence. In other words, the best time to be completing high school in the United States was between 1943 and 1963.

What about the how? It was not television only or the "New Math" only or hippie creativity in the classroom only or anything only that sent the schools into tailspin. It was a combination of things, and Copperman explains them patiently as if taking to heart Wilde's line that truth is never pure and rarely simple. Analyzing each factor in turn, he makes equally telling use of statistics and of his own field research. His book concludes with 100 pages of "Interviews From the Front" where striking comments such as the following, from a teacher, abound:

"Our students are the first kids to be second-generation TV addicts. If you think about it, the parents were the transition culture, they watched a lot of TV, but they also had the older literacy culture values that reading was good, important. But their kids were exposed only to role models who were television addicts."

The result of all this analysis is that the education

Jewish group claims church firebombing

NEW YORK (AP) — A group called the Jewish Armed Resistance claimed responsibility for Thursday's early morning firebombing of the St. Dumitru Romanian Orthodox church in Manhattan, police said.

An anonymous caller told news services the church was attacked because it served as a secret meeting place for the Iron Guard, a Romanian anti-Semitic group that disappeared from the political scene after World War II.

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Referees disagree on effectiveness of third official

By TERRY SHEPARD
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A late arrival at Pauley Pavilion on the UCLA campus Saturday might have surmised that there were so many fouls being committed that an extra official had been drafted to help call them all.

But though there were three officials on the court, calling the 30 fouls on UCLA and 26 on Notre Dame, the extra one was not a late addition. The Pacific 10 joined a number of conferences in going from two to three officials for college basketball this season.

The Big 10 made the move in 1968 and has been satisfied with the results. Pac-10 official Bob Herrold said a changing game called for changing officiating.

"The way this came about is that coaches are very smart," he said. "They watch a lot of film and they learn our weaknesses. They saw we couldn't cover away from the ball well. So the passing game and offenses like it, with a lot of movement and screens away from the ball, got popular. We started getting some vicious picks over there."

THAT IS ONE of the problems the third official handles. Under the two-man system, watching the action on the ball. The trail official was to one side of the court, trying to watch the ball, the action surrounding the ball and the far side of the court, as well.

In the three-man set-up, the lead official has the same responsibilities. But watching around the ball and in the middle is the No. 2 man's responsibility and the side away from the ball goes to No. 3.

But the weakside is not the only problem the officials think the third man solves. As players have become quicker and presses and fast breaks more prevalent, two officials have a hard time keeping up.

"In the UCLA-Notre Dame game, we had a press, which is tough," Herrold said. "But we had two referees right up there to cover what was happening with it and still had a man back to cover downcourt. There's nothing tougher than if they break the press and you're trailing the play by 40 feet."

THOUGH FANS at Pauley Saturday would dispute the claim, the Big 10 says its studies show fewer, not more, fouls being called since the switch to three-man crews.

"I think it's a deterrent," Herrold said. "It's another cop on the corner."

Not all the refs at a recent meeting of the Southern California Pac-10 officials agreed, however. Ben Pope of Santa Barbara said coaches may be deterred, but not players.

"I don't think players adjust to officials," he said. "I don't think they care how many guys we have out there."

And Jerry White of Camarillo said he preferred the old style, which involves much different mechanics and positioning.

"I STILL LIKE the two-man better," he said. "I feel more involved in the game. The Notre Dame game is the first time I've felt comfortable (with a three-man system) that we had good coverage, that I felt we knew what each of us was doing."

However, Booker Turner of Los Angeles said it was just a matter of getting used to the new system, even when switching back to the old when working out of the conference.

"Now it's not a problem," he said.

"When I first went back to the two-man, it was a problem. We had concentrated so much on the three-man it threw me off. But you just have to concentrate on what you're doing."

When the Big 10 first went to three officials, there was fear that the extra man would call fouls just to justify his job. But UCLA coach Gary Cunningham said his brief exposure to the new set-up had shown the opposite, that the third official was hesitant because his territory was undefined.

"I don't think we're getting any better coverage with three men than two," he said. "I think we're getting the same calls and the same fouls. I'd like to reserve judgment until we've seen it a few more weeks, but I don't see that it's made any difference. It doesn't look like it's worth the conference spending the extra money, if you want my opinion."

OFFICIALS, ALSO new to the system, aren't yet sure, either, but most think it will improve the game.

"Hopefully, the three-man will give us better coverage," White said. "That's the intent. If it doesn't do that, it's not worth a damn."

Though most fans recognize them only as "zebras" and "homers," Pac-10 officials are normal persons, moonlighting from their regular jobs as schoolteachers and administrators, businessmen and salesmen. They meet in their cities often and in regional groups once a month during the season to review rules and discuss problems.

And, though they rarely would admit it to a raging coach, they know they make mistakes.

"We miss things and make bad calls sometimes," Bill White of Valencia, Calif., said. "All we say is, give us films to sit and watch and we'll call a perfect game."

If you were ever outraged at a referee for signalling that a player on your team had grabbed an opponent when he clearly hadn't, blame the system, not the official. They are allowed only four signals for fouls: grabbing the wrist, chopping the wrist, a pushing motion and hands on hips for blocking.

THAT CAUSES confusion because there are a lot more fouls than grabbing that are signalled by grabbing the wrist. And if that isn't bad enough, a pushing foul isn't indicated with the pushing signal but with the chopping signal. The pushing signal is for charging. Got that? Some officials try to make things clearer with other, unauthorized signals.

Though some officials would like the rule back, most seemed happy that guilty players no longer must raise their hands after fouls. The change has eliminated gestures of disgust with raised hands and given the referees one less thing to enforce.

"The guy hasn't committed a crime," Herrold said. "He's just fouled. We don't want any confrontations."

"The thing we have to concern ourselves with is establishing the climate of the game at the outset and being consistent," Bill White said. "Especially with three-man. Usually in a game like that, the officials in their pre-game talk will say, 'Let's get on this right away and not let it get out of hand.' That's particularly true in a big game or a league game when a team has a reputation for being physical."

However, he said officials do not try to make a game take a certain course in any way except to keep it clean.



Dallas Cowboy backup quarterback Danny White picks a guitar while linebacker D.D. Lewis listens in the lockerroom of the Cow-

boys' practice field in Dallas Thursday. Dallas head coach Tom Landry said he will start White, a third-year man out of Arizona State, in place of the ailing Roger Staubach in Sunday's regular season finale against the New York Jets. (AP Laserphoto)

Pride, one-upmanship only stakes in Steeler-Broncho season finale

By The Associated Press

It is, technically, a meaningless game as far as the standings and the playoff go — but pride and one-upmanship are quite another matter.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, who have never won in Denver, have beaten the Broncos only once in seven meetings and have lost their last two games — including last year's American Conference divisional playoff, would like nothing more than to show Denver just who's boss when the teams get together on Saturday in Mile High Stadium.

Avenge last year's 34-21 playoff loss would give the Steelers some degree of satisfaction — and might give the Broncos something to think about since there's a 50-50 chance they'll be playing the Dec. 30 AFC

division playoff at Pittsburgh. Thus, this will not be a walk-through game for either side.

"Anyone who thinks this won't be a heck of a football game is crazy," said Denver Coach Red Miller. "I know our team has a lot of pride, and we would obviously like to keep our momentum going into the playoffs. I'm sure (Coach) Chuck Noll and his team feel exactly the same way."

Also on Saturday, the Washington Redskins will try to beat visiting Chicago and keep alive their National Conference playoff hopes. Sunday's games are San Diego at Houston, Minnesota at Oakland, Atlanta at St. Louis, the New York Giants at Philadelphia, Green Bay at Los Angeles, Dallas at the New York Jets, Cleveland at Cincinnati, New Orleans at Tampa Bay, San Francisco at De-

troit, Buffalo at Baltimore and Kansas City at Seattle. Monday night's game is New England at Miami.

The Pittsburgh-Denver game matching the Central and Western champions offers a superb individual matchup.

Calling the signals for the Steelers, Terry Bradshaw, the AFC's leading passer and the NFL's top touchdown tosser with 26. Lynn Swann has caught 11 of them, also the best in the league.

Bradshaw may be the best in the conference this year but nobody was better last week than Denver's Craig Morton. He completed 19 of 22 passes — 16 of them in a row and three for touchdowns — in the Broncos' 24-3 victory over Kansas City.

They'll both be working against brutal defenses. In yardage yielded,

Pittsburgh's is No. 1 in the conference, just ahead of Denver's. And in points allowed, the Broncos are the toughest, having permitted just 177, one less than the Steelers.

The Redskins' hopes ride not only on their own shoulders but on several Sunday games. In order for Washington to win an NFC wild card, it not only must win, but Philadelphia and either Green Bay or Minnesota must lose on Sunday.

A victory by Atlanta sends the Falcons to their 10th victory of the season, a club record, and into the playoffs for the first time ever. And they'll still make it even if they lose, provided Washington, Philadelphia, Green Bay or Minnesota loses, too. The Eagles are gunning for their first visit to the playoffs since 1966.

Pro Picker likes Cowboys, Oilers

An AP Sports Analysis

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

What's that? You don't understand the National Football League playoff picture, even as the teams enter the final week of the 16-game schedule? Shame on you. You obviously haven't been paying attention to the detailed explanations.

If Team A beats Team B this week, then Team C advances, provided, of course, it has a better intra-conference record than Team D, which must play Team E for the ...

Don't worry about a thing. It will all fall into place Monday night when the regular season ends and the Super Bowl countdown begins. For the Pro Picker, the counting ends this weekend, mercifully. The season's count,

including last week's 10-4, is 126-82 for 606.

The picks:

Redskins 20, Bears 14

Washington needs a win and losses by both Philadelphia and either Green Bay or Minnesota to become an NFC wild card. The 'Skins will do their part but it may not be enough.

Steelers 23, Broncos 7

Playoff preview. In case they meet later, Pittsburgh will want to give Denver something to remember.

Falcons 33, Cards 10

Anxious Atlanta usually plays heart-stoppers. For the playoff clincher, perhaps there's a laugh for them in the Cards' deck.

Colts 17, Bills 13

This game is important only for schedule and draft position. Come to think of it, that's pretty important.

Browns 24, Bengals 17

Would you believe, Cincinnati has a two-game winning streak? Cleveland doesn't and will win the Ohio championship, if not the NFL title.

Cowboys 21, Jets 13

Roger Staubach's hurting but he's only one part of the Dallas machine. The whole New York psyche hurts after that tough overtime loss to Cleveland.

Rams 19, Packers 10

On paper Los Angeles should win. On grass ...

Seahawks 34, Chiefs 14

Rebuilding Kansas City can take heart from the progress Seattle shows after starting from scratch three years ago.

Raiders 14, Vikings 10

In its winter of discontent, Oakland could take satisfaction in taking Minnesota down the tubes, too.

Saints 17, Bucs 10

Pick here is a healthy Archie Manning over a banged-up Doug Williams.

Eagles 21, Giants 17

New York has scored 17 points in seven of its last nine games. That way Philadelphia knows how much it needs on the scoreboard to win.

Oilers 23, Chargers 20

Houston goes for its 11th victory, trying to match a club high set in 1962. It won't be easy against the San Diego see-saw.

Lions 24, 49ers 10

Without national television to show off for, Detroit might be merely mortal against struggling San Francisco.

Dolphins 16, Patriots 13

A Monday night thriller that could be settled by the little old tiemaker, Miami placekicker Garo Yepremian.

Ex-linebackers prove successful NFL coaches

By BOB OATES
The Los Angeles Times

Where do pro football coaches come from? Only 13 ever wore an athlete's uniform in the National Football League, a survey shows.

The other 15 played football but never professionally.

Other findings:
—In their playing days eight of the 28 NFL coaches were quarterbacks, seven offensive linemen, four receivers and one (John McKay) a running back.

—The other eight coaches were defensive players: four defensive backs, three linebackers and one (John Madden) defensive lineman.

—Quarterbacks make the worst coaches, researcher Don Richman said. The composite won-loss record for ex-quarterbacks this year is 43-60-1. Oddly enough, only one other position has produced coaches with a composite losing 1978 record. (Ex-running back McKay is 5-10).

The eight quarterbacks: Lee-man Bennett 9-6, Bart Starr 8-4-1, Dick Vermeil 8-7, Bud Wilkinson 5-10, Ted Marchbroda 5-10,

Marv Levy 4-11, Homer Rice 3-7, Fred O'Connor 1-4.

Richman, former sports information director at USC, now produces and creates broadcast commercial and is a radio sports announcer. He said:

"The most likely NFL winner is a coach who once played in the NFL, preferably on the defensive side, and preferably at linebacker. The three former linebackers (Chuck Noll, Jack Patera and Jack Pardee) have the best composite record (29-16) of any position."

As a group, the 20 ex-offensive players are 131-143-2. The eight ex-defensive players are 72-44.

Those who played some pro ball are 106-87-2. Coaches who played only college ball are 100-112.

The difference is slight but it's there, Richman said, naming the 13 who once played in the league: Tom Landry, Bart Starr, Bud Grant, Dick Nolan, Neil Armstrong, Jack Patera, John Madden, Walt Michaels, Ted Marchbroda, Monte Clark, Jack Pardee, Chuck Noll and Don Shula.

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP)

Heavyweight boxer Ron Lyle punched a pistol out of a deputy district attorney's right hand with blows that echoed through the courtroom to reconstruct the fatal shooting of his former roadman, Vernon "Rip" Clark.

"I knocked the gun loose. I reached for it. He reached for it. It went off," Lyle testified Thursday at his second-degree murder trial in Jefferson County District Court here.

Lyle was the final witness in his defense, which has maintained that the boxer killed Clark in self defense.

The boxer said Clark whipped out the pistol after they argued over money at Lyle's suburban Lakewood home last New Year's Eve.

"I'm standing there

Prosecutor Dan Fah-

ne, in cross examina-

tion, asked Lyle to reconstruct the struggle. A deputy district attorney, in the role of Clark, pointed a pistol at Lyle's head.

Lyle swiftly grabbed the attorney's gun hand with his left hand and struck the man's right arm with his right hand, knocking the gun to the floor. The man who fought Muhammad Ali for the heavyweight title repeated the sequence in slow motion and showed how he picked up the gun.

"I'm standing there

with the gun in my hand. The next thing I know he is dead on the floor. I just looked at him," Lyle testified. "I couldn't believe it. Mom used to tell me, 'Ronnie, you are going to have to walk away from things.'"

Clark was killed with a 9mm pistol that belonged to one of Lyle's bodyguards. The defense has maintained that Clark picked the gun up and concealed it on his person at Lyle's home prior to the argument.

Lyle, 36, is charged with second-degree murder and committing a crime of violence. Judge Joseph Lewis dismissed a first-degree murder count earlier this week when prosecution witnesses finished their testimony.

Lyle quietly related how he met Clark in prison where he began boxing while serving more than seven years for second-degree murder in the Colorado State Penitentiary.

He said Clark came to his home uninvited last New Year's Eve. After some small talk, Clark demanded to know why

he had been fired.

"You weren't fired, you fired yourself," Lyle testified he told Clark.

The boxer said Clark became more aggressive in his demands for money.

Lyle said he then left the living room to get a glass of orange juice while Clark went to the bathroom. It is at this point the defense contended that Clark picked

up the pistol. Lyle testified they returned to the living room and sat down. Clark stood up and started to pick up his car keys from a table with his left hand and drew the pistol with his right, Lyle said.

Lyle said he went for the gun as fast as he could, smashed Clark's hand and arm and knocked the pistol loose.

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