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To explain the inexplicable in nature, man simply says that animals are guided — live by — instinct.

Man seemingly has explained those many wonders in nature merely by tossing out that catch-all word: instinct.

And the more closely man observes the creatures of the air, land and sea, the more amazed he becomes over those wonders.

The ways and quirks of even the most common of creatures can make a fascinating study as long as man has the inclination and makes the time.

Your mind's-eye can sweep over the great-horned owl, the domesticated and wild cats, the ravens, hawks and lesser birds, such as the sparrow. From mule to ant.

It sometimes benefits man just to reflect on things of this creation — things that are not of his making.

Occasionally, man will substitute the word "computer" for instinct to explain the marvels in nature.

And he can do the same thing in a futile attempt to explain man to man. Though he is prone to err, man is a marvel of God's creation. He is a finite and extremely limited "creator" who, unlike The Creator, cannot make something out of nothing.

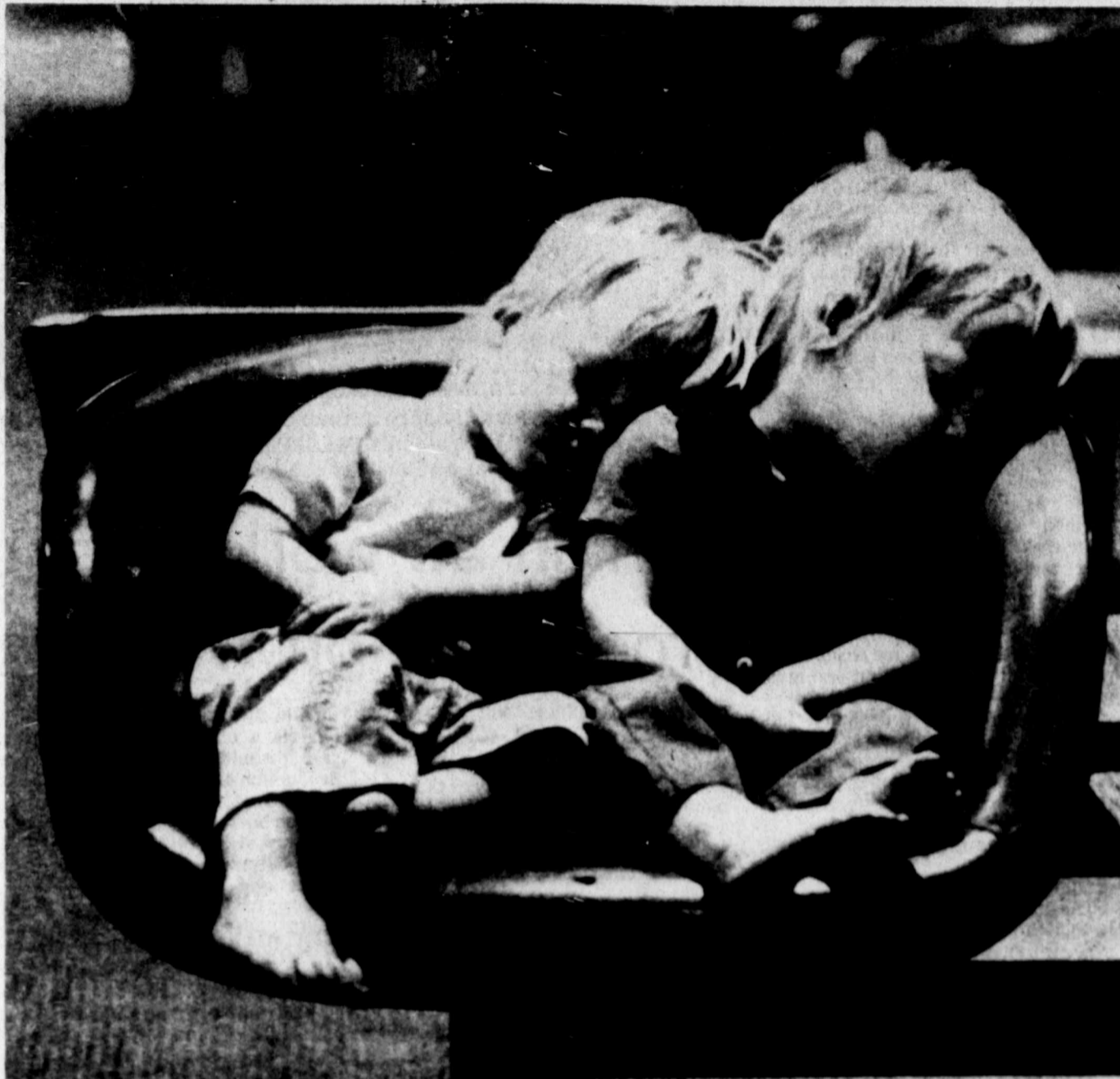
Sydney J. Harris, the Chicago newspaper columnist, philosopher and teacher, doesn't necessarily view computers as a threat but does see man as a threat to man in this computerized age.

"The real danger is not that computers will begin to think like man," Harris wrote, "but that men will begin to think like computers."

Pocket computers are entering the classroom these days. And you wonder if their advent, like that of "educational" television, will spell the closing of the era of chalk and the blackboard, and the pencil, pad and eraser.

Surely not. But many people, and not just students, in many of life's avenues are writing on television-like screens rather than directly on paper.

Maybe the typewriter as it is commonly conceived will become another item for the museum.



Twin brothers Curtis Wayne Bennington, left, and Donald Lee Bennington, age 20 months, take a collective nap during a layover at New York's LaGuardia Airport. The youngsters and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennington, were on their way home to Radcliff, Ky., from Balumholder, Germany. (AP Laserphoto)

At least three killed in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian oil workers ended their strike against Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi today, but troops opened fire on two demonstrations against the monarch, killing at least three persons and wounding 19, the official Pars news agency reported.

The casualties were reported in Sonqor, west of Tehran, where Pars said demonstrators set fire to the provincial governor's office and his home. Troops also opened fire to disperse demonstrators in the Tehran bazaar, but there was no immediate report of casualties.

The government oil company announced that its 37,000 workers were flocking back to their jobs after a two-week walkout that cut production more than half, cost the treasury an estimated \$750 million in oil revenues and bolstered the shah's foes. The end

of the strike increased belief that the ruler had weathered the recent serious challenge to his 37-year reign.

The strike leaders agreed to call off the walkout after meeting with officials of the state oil monopoly, the National Iranian Oil Co., company spokesman Nezammuddin Mezaeyeni said.

The strikers' committee claimed in a statement that "the shah has pledged to meet our political demands," but there was no confirmation of this. The demands included an end to martial law, declared Sept. 8 amid nationwide turmoil; restoration of civilian government and the release of all political prisoners.

The 59-year-old monarch began freeing political prisoners in August and pledged eventual return to civil-

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FBI enters search for Midlanders

By GUY SULLIVAN
R-T Staff Writer

The FBI on Monday officially entered the search for a missing Midland woman, her two children and three other children, according to a spokesman for the Midland office of the bureau.

Missing since Saturday afternoon are Sue Briscoe, 36, her two children, Sharon, 5, and Paul, 9, and three other children from her neighborhood: Corrie Black, 4, a niece; Jeffrey Green, 9, and Matthew Jones, 12, according to Midland Police Department officers.

O. Leon Dobbs, special agent in charge of the FBI in this region, said in El Paso early today: "The FBI is involved in trying to assist local law enforcement agencies."

"If the woman and children have been kidnapped, we're trying to follow up any out-of-state leads developed by the Midland Police Department and other agencies."

"The FBI is involved only to try and assist local law enforcement officers," he added. He said agents in Midland entered the case to keep an eye on the investigation.

Meanwhile, relatives of those missing continue to await word as to the location of their family members.

"I would rather not comment," said Tom Briscoe, Mrs. Briscoe's husband, early today.

Briscoe of the 3800 block of West Kansas Avenue is one of several Midlanders whose ordeal began late Saturday.

There were no new leads early today, said a spokesman for the Midland Police Department.

Midland police officers and other local law enforcement agencies are still searching for the woman and children.

Police said Mrs. Briscoe and the children were last seen in north Midland Saturday afternoon. She was driving a brown 1976 Mercury station wagon. The car Monday was reported to have been seen at 11:30 p.m. Sunday in San Angelo.

Look at ballots slated

By MARK VOGLER
R-T Staff Writer

The Midland County commissioner's race for Precinct 2 will be the main attraction of a recount at 9 a.m.

Officers said Monday a missing persons bulletin had been issued to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

Capt. B.D. Ray of the Midland Police Department, who is heading up local investigative efforts, said today he does not know if foul play is involved or not.

Police said Mrs. Briscoe and the children left their homes about 1:45 p.m. Saturday. They were scheduled to see a children's play at Midland

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Man arrested at station

A Midland man was arrested for alleged possession of a substance believed to be marijuana very early today.

Nothing unusual about that. However, the 20-year-old man was arrested at the front desk of the Midland Police Station while pulling cash out of his pants pocket to post bond for a friend who was jailed earlier, according to reports.

As Patrolman Michael C. Reed, the arresting officer, tells it, the man came to the station about 1:40 a.m. today to bail out his friend.

Officer Reed told the man the process would take four hours, according to reports.

However, the man told Reed he had the money to bail out his friend, authorities said.

At that point, reports indicate, the man reached into a front pants pocket and pulled out a roll of money along with a baggie of what officers said appeared to be marijuana.

The man then was informed he was under arrest for misdemeanor possession of marijuana, said Reed.

Defeated Democrats await recount

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With a gambler's determination to stay until the last card is played, defeated Democrats John Hill and Bob Krueger await word from 42 Texas counties asked to recount the results of last Tuesday's tight gubernatorial and Senate races.

Election officials Monday began to unravel the paper maze that shrouds the recount petitions and threats to choke off an early resolution.

Checking began in Corpus Christi Monday. But while Nueces County officials got an early start, most counties may not begin new tabulations until later this week. Some have refused the requests outright.

"The move for a recount is the result of hope rather than anticipation," said Sam Millsap, Hill's Bexar County campaign manager. "I think at this point what we want is to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we lost this election."

Secretary of State Steve Oaks said Friday an informal telephone survey showed Republican Bill Clements taking the governor's race and U.S. Sen. John Tower re-elected.

The apparent losers filed the petitions in counties that used voting machines or punch cards.

"We've heard a lot of questions about returns in the machine counties and we just want to be sure," Hill said Monday.

The requests encountered stiff resistance in counties such as Harris, Randall and Bee, and ran into some problems in Dallas.

Officials in Harris (Houston) County, the most populous, canvassed votes Thursday and say they have "no intention" of recounting unless ordered to do so by Oaks' office.

The canvass was also complete in Bee and Randall counties where officials also turned down the request for another count.

In Dallas County officials will conduct an official recount of the Hill-Clements race, but only an informal audit of the Krueger-Tower contest.

State District Judge Leonard Hoffman Monday denied a request by Krueger for a recount in Dallas County. Tower's lawyers objected to the request because it was not filed before the canvass and was not signed by either the candidate or 25 citizens.

But Pat Oxford, director of ballot security for the Tower campaign, said, "We informally agreed in Dallas County that the Krueger people can

review the machine count at the same time the Hill people do."

Other counties, such as Bexar, Ector, and Midland, are waiting for authorization or guidelines from Austin before setting dates for new counts.

Wichita County was to begin its recount today, and Gregg and Nacogdoches county officials said they would begin Wednesday. San Patricio was scheduled to begin Thursday and Lubbock on Friday. Angelina County commissioners will not start checking until Monday.

Counties that have accepted petitions but have not set dates for ballot reviews include Tarrant, El Paso, Bowie, Potter, Smith, Fort Bend, Montgomery and Galveston.

Krueger campaign manager Garry Mauro said the cost of the recount would be shared by the Hill and Krueger campaigns. Mauro estimated recounting the votes cast on voting machines would cost about \$5,200. He said the cost of recounting the punch card devices was unknown.

What became of the 'Hillside Strangler'?

By BILL GARDNER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Hillside Strangler, who terrorized this city for months, killed 13 women between September 1977 and last February. Then nothing. Why not? Is he dead? Lying low? Perhaps somewhere else?

They're tough questions, and the detectives who have been chasing the strangler for a year are just as baffled as anyone. "You got 20 investigators, you got 20 theories," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigator Frank Salerno, who has been on the case more than a year.

Of the 13 Hillside Strangler killings, police list one in September, two in October, eight in November and one in December, all of last year, and one last February.

It was a year ago this month that police set up the Hillside Strangler Task Force to track down whoever was strangling young women and leaving their nude bodies on the city's hillsides. At its peak last winter the Task Force had 140 members and occupied a large room where phones were ringing off the hooks with tips from citizens.

Rewards totaling \$125,000 were offered by the city and the county, but they have since been withdrawn. Gradually the phones stopped ringing, the tips dried up and the Task Force, reduced to 18 investigators,

was moved to a smaller room.

The failure to solve this case has been a sore point with police officials for a long time. Last December, Assistant Police Chief Daryl Gates, who headed the investigation, said, "I'm embarrassed every time I look at myself in the mirror."

Gates, who has since been promoted to chief, has insisted all along that his men would solve the case. The department's top spokesman, Cmdr. William Booth, says the chief still feels the case will be solved. "He does, I do and the investigators do," Booth said.

According to Booth, the Task Force is now "sharpening its focus, separating the wheat from the chaff as to what is a valuable lead and what is not."

He says that even now, nine months after the latest killing, investigators "have a number of good leads."

But sheriff's investigator Salerno tells a different story. "At this point we have no tangible leads," he said. The sheriff has jurisdiction in two of the murders and works closely with the police Task Force.

Booth admits that investigators have never known and don't know now whether all 13 killings were the work of one person or group. At least two of the murders appear to have been committed by two killers together.

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Mideast peace negotiations said in jeopardy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli and Egyptian leaders are digging in stubbornly in Mideast peace negotiations, says President Carter. "I just don't know what will happen about it; we just pray that agreements will be reached," he says.

Carter's comments Monday night were his least-hopeful peace assessment in some time, implying that once-settled sections of a proposed agreement are in danger of unraveling unless questions on the more controversial Palestinian issue of West Bank and Gaza Strip control can be sewn up soon.

"We are involved in the negotiations, but we cannot make Israel ac-

cept the Egyptians' demands nor vice versa," Carter said. "We have to try to tone down those demands and use our influence."

No formal top-level negotiations were scheduled today in Washington, although State Department spokesman George Sherman said the two nations "assured us that no decision has been taken to suspend the talks."

Morocco's King Hassan, a close ally of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, was to meet with Carter today.

Hassan set off a mild controversy earlier this week when he said Carter had guaranteed Sadat the West Bank of the Jordan will be returned to full

Arab control. U.S. officials said Hassan's version of the American position probably involved a "problem of semantics."

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and acting Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali were returning to their homelands for consultation, leaving defense ministers and other negotiators behind.

Ghali is to consult Sadat Wednesday, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin is to convene his cabinet Thursday for a full-scale review of the talks.

In Washington, Carter said in a Public Broadcasting Service interview that both Egypt and Israel have

"demanded additional assurances far above and beyond what Camp David said specifically."

The Camp David, Md., summit conference in September called for the current negotiations to hammer out specifics of a basic peace treaty between the two historic Mideast enemies. But the current talks apparently have become bogged down in disagreement over whether the peace agreement should be tied to resolution of issues concerning the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank of the Jordan River.

Carter talked by telephone to both Begin and Sadat Sunday, and State Department officials said Monday

the two countries were considering an American proposal to break the deadlock.

They gave no details, but the proposal is known to concern the question of the West Bank and Gaza areas. Egypt wants any peace treaty with Israel to be linked to a future agreement on the fate of those areas and the 1.1 million Palestinians who live there.

Begin says there was "never any doubt" Israel will conscientiously negotiate that question later, but he doesn't want the issue formally linked to the present peace treaty.

Carter said Monday night, "I wouldn't want to start saying who is

being more stubborn. I think there is adequate stubbornness to be allotted to both sides."

He also said negotiations are more difficult when Begin and Sadat are not present as they were at Camp David. Carter complained in his most-recent news conference that "we have reached on more than one occasion so far agreement on the text between the negotiators, but when they referred the text back to the leaders in Egypt and Israel sometimes the work that has been done is partially undone."

He said the United States is appealing to both sides "to please continue to negotiate" and to accept compromises.

Lee High School squad takes overall honors

ODESSA — The Lee High School A Squad took overall sweepstakes honors at the Odessa High School Speech Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Midland High School placed third in the sweepstakes competition over 22 other schools from as far away as Houston, El Paso and San Antonio.

Jane Forsyth of Midland High School took first place in girls' extemporaneous speaking. George Harben and Rayford Graves took first for Midland High in standard debate.

Lee swept the novice cross examination debate with Deanne Durfee and Teresa Scardino taking first; Bobby Dawson and Billy Forest taking second and Marvin Moore and Mike Cummins taking third.

In championship cross examination debate, Mike Shaunnessy and Tim Norman took first and Paul Raymond and Ernst Angelo took second for Lee.

Other Lee students who placed in the meet were Angel Durr and Brenda Woods, third in duet acting; Vicki Ballew and John Gould, second in

duet acting; Brenda Woods, second in poetry; Vicki Ballew, fourth in dramatic interpretation; Mike Shaunnessy, third and Eric Fryar, fourth, in boys' extemporaneous speaking. Eric Fryar and Ross Dolan tied for fourth in standard debate.

Finalists from Midland High included Joni Brown, original oratory; Valerie Van Pelt, girls' extemporaneous speaking; Mark White and Matt Vaughn, duet acting; and Dode Harvey, poetry.

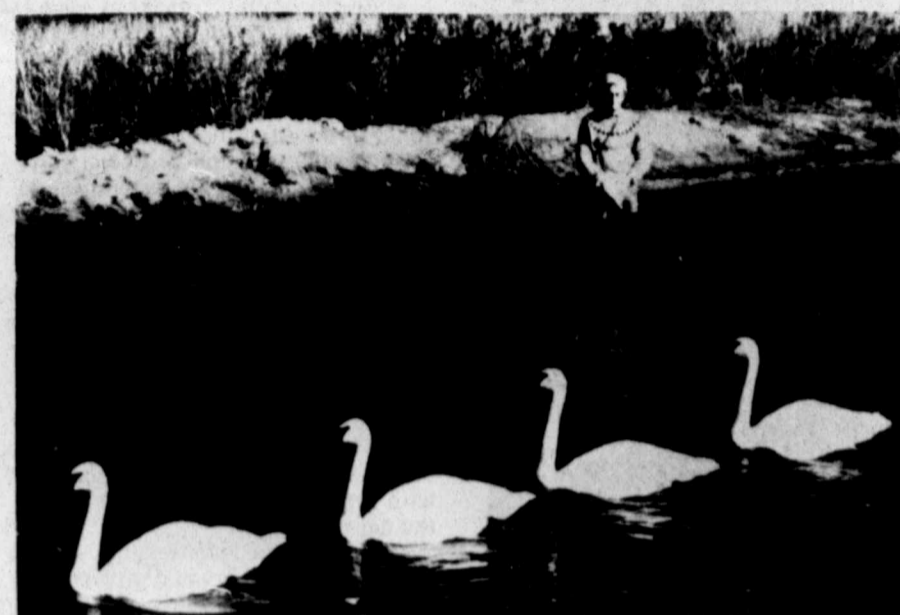
Finalists from Lee were Edwin Scherzer and Gary Hamilton, duet acting; Sonja Goza, prose; Deanne Durfee, oratory, and Cheryl Jezechek, girls' extemporaneous speaking.

Semi-finalists from Midland included Ralph Kenney and Anthony Folger, standard debate; Mark Stanley, George Harben and Rayford Graves in boys' extemporaneous speaking; Connie Velasco, dramatic interpretation; and Phillip and Edward Coffield, duet acting.

Lee semi-finalists included Paul Raymond, Bobby Dawson, Mike Cummins and Marvin Moore in boys' extemporaneous speaking; Tim Norman and Mima Kay Brown in oratory; Teresa Scardino in girls' extemporaneous speaking; Jodi McElligott and Allison Slyker in poetry; Jim Reiter and Meri Jo Strawn in humorous interpretation, and Pam Johnson and Ann Peterson in duet acting.

Jane Forsyth and Joni Brown made the quarter-finals in standard debate for Midland High School.

Lee students who qualified for the TFA state tournament in March at Baylor University include Vicki Ballew and John Gould, duet acting; Vicki Ballew, dramatic interpretation; Mike Shaunnessy and Eric Fryar, boys extemporaneous speaking; and Mike Shaunnessy and Tim Norman and Paul Raymond and Ernest Angelo, debate.



Dr. William J.L. Sladen tosses corn to four rare trumpeter swans as they swim in formation in his marsh pond near Maryland's Mogothy River. Sladen was to take six of the swans to Moscow today as part of a U.S.-Soviet environmental exchange program. (AP Laserphoto)

Defense attempting to show McInnis entrapped by felon

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Defense lawyers for indicted South Texas prosecutor Oscar McInnis have begun their effort to show that investigators used a felon to entrap McInnis.

The longtime Hidalgo County district attorney has been named in an indictment alleging he planned to have a friend's ex-husband abducted in Mexico and killed.

The pretrial hearing was to continue here today. Several motions are still pending, including a prosecution change of venue request and defense motions regarding evidence.

Much of the state case hinges on tape recordings obtained by concealing a recorder on Daniel Rodriguez — a county jail inmate who claims he went to authorities when McInnis asked him to arrange the slaying of Noe Villanueva.

The defense wants the tapes suppressed on the grounds of entrapment.

As the pretrial hearing began here Monday, defense lawyer Frank Maloney of Austin honed in on conversations Rodriguez had with McInnis before the tape recordings were made in April.

Rodriguez — convict-

ed of federal drug charges and voluntary manslaughter — said McInnis had told him that Villanueva had kidnapped Villanueva's ex-wife's child.

"I just told him the only way we could get rid of Villanueva was to blow his brains out. I just said it jokingly," Rodriguez testified when Maloney asked who first suggested killing Villanueva.

"That didn't mean killing him?" State District Judge Vernon Harville of Corpus Christi asked Rodriguez.

"No sir, I just said it jokingly," the witness replied.

Maloney also tried to show that Rodriguez enjoyed special privileges in the county jail. Rodriguez had been in federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., serving time for the drug possession conviction when he was returned here late last year to plead to the voluntary manslaughter charge. However, he was never returned to the federal facility.

He said he had asked to remain in the Hidalgo County jail.

"I feared for my life in Leavenworth," Rodriguez said, adding that he had informed on sev-

Sadat says peace talks at critical 'turning point'

ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP) — President Anwa Sadat said today the peace talks with Israel are "at a turning point" and that he is sending his vice president to Washington with a message for President Carter.

Vice President Hosni Mubarak was expected to leave for Washington Wednesday. His trip would demonstrate "Egypt's determination to reach a peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict," Sadat told reporters.

"We have reached a turning point. If the other side does not respond, well, this will be their responsibility before the whole world," Sadat stated.

Asked what he meant by turning point, Sadat replied that "it means a lot," but declined to elaborate. However, he ruled out a rupture of the peace talks, which began almost five week ago.

"I am not speaking today of suspending talks," he said.

Sadat said Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, Butros Ghali, was on his way to Cairo for consultations "and he will be returning to Washington."

Sadat declined to reveal the con-

tents of the message that Mubarak would be carrying to Carter. But the Egyptian leader said he had given another message for Carter to U.S. Ambassador Hermann Ellts, with whom he met in Ismailia today.

Sadat spoke after a closed meeting with local members of his National Democratic Party. According to some of the participants, Sadat appeared to have formulated a new demand in the talks.

The main sticking point in Washington has been Egypt's insistence that a peace treaty with Israel be bound to a commitment on speedy talks on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 1.1 million Palestinians live.

Israel has rejected this, saying the two sets of talks should be separate. But Prime Minister Menachem Begin said at the weekend that Israel was willing to negotiate on the West Bank issue.

One source at today's meeting here reported Sadat said he wanted a linkage between the return of the Gaza Strip and the restoration of Egyptian sovereignty over Sinai. "This is the least we will accept," Sadat was reported as having said, but it would be "the first step in a comprehensive settlement."

Wrecks plague Missouri

By The Associated Press

Three children and a St. Louis man died in separate school bus crashes in Missouri that sent 55 children to hospitals, officials said.

The Highway Patrol said William Nall, 9, Rodney Milam, 15, and his cousin, Brian Milam, 15, all of Benton, Mo., were killed when a tractor-trailer rig collided with a school bus Monday.

The bus was halted to take on passengers on fog-bound U.S. 61 south of Benton when the crash occurred, authorities said.

The truck driver, Carl Koetting, 34, of Bloomfield, told police the fog biotted the lights of the bus until it was too late to stop.



Midlander Murray Fasken puts the "7" brand on Lamar County's oak panel at the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center at Texas A&M University. The brand was first registered in 1932 by A. Fasken, and in 1940 was registered in Midland and Hudspeth counties by Murray Fasken. The branding ceremony was one of a number held recently at A&M to place Texas brands of note on A&M's "branded stairway."

Automakers announce plans to repair defects

DETROIT (AP) — The nation's two biggest automakers have announced separate plans to repair defects found on recent models.

General Motors and one of its suppliers say water leaks that may occur from hatch roofs on some 100,000 1975-78 Buicks, Oldsmobiles and Pontiacs will be corrected.

The repair program, which follows a settlement reached last week with New York state officials, covers models in which lift-off hatch roofs were installed as original equipment by Hurst Performance Inc.

The models are 1975-77 Buick Century Custom Coupes and Regal Coupes, 1975-77 Oldsmobile Cutlasses, 1976-78 Pontiac Firebirds and 1976-77 Buick Gran Prix.

GM and Hurst said all owners who ordered the hatch roofs will be contacted within the next 30 days to see whether their vehicles leak. Where such problems exist, GM will inspect the cars and, where necessary, install new parts to stop the leaks.


Ford, the number-two carmaker, is recalling some 750 1979-model Rancheros to replace wheels that do not meet federal truck-rim labeling requirements.

Ford also said Monday that some 900 1979 Econoline vans and Club wagons which might have damaged seat belts are being recalled.

The Econolines and Club wagons all are equipped with optional reclining seat beds whose pivoting mechanisms may fray or cut seat belts if the seats are lowered while the belts are still buckled, Ford said.

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Former Pentagon analyst Daniel Ellsberg is shown leaving a Golden, Colo., courtroom Monday following the first day of his trial on trespass and obstructing a passageway charges. Ellsberg, who gained public attention when he leaked the Pentagon

Papers to the press, and 59 other defendants attacked in connection with an ongoing demonstration in which demonstrators blocked railroad tracks leading to the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant north of Golden. (AP Laserphoto)

Roman Catholic Bishops fighting growing government intrusion

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Roman Catholic Bishops are girding for battle against what they see as growing government intrusion in church affairs.

The bishops, at their annual fall meeting, are amassing data for a fight — likely in conjunction with Protestant and Jewish leaders — and weighing tactics against the multiplying government regulations they say impinge on churches.

"Religious freedom is being violated on a grand scale," Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia told a session Monday. He called for resistance to the proliferating "mass of regulations, rules, licensings, directives and demands for information."

If the trend goes on, "we'll wind up like the church in the Soviet — confined to the sanctuary," he said.

Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati said, "This growing intrusion of government into church affairs is something we must monitor and that we must resist."

Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York proposed that the bishops set up watchdog and informational procedures with Protestants and Jews to develop joint guidelines for action.

Several cases already in the courts are being pressed either by Catholic or Protestant churches, sometimes with mutually supporting friend-of-the-court briefs.

A background paper that said a collision course between government and organized religion is developing singled out numerous government rulings and regulations described as limiting or threatening to limit religious liberty.

And a detailed analysis by a priest-attorney, the Rev. Charles M. Whelan of Fordham University, said Protestant and Jewish leaders have "expressed alarm at some of the laws, regulations and court decisions of the last 10 years."

Among instances cited were these: —Internal Revenue Service rulings that religious agencies would lose their tax exempt status if they poll political candidates on special religious-moral concerns and publish the results.

—IRS insistence that church-related agencies which are not "exclusively religious" must file informational financial returns. Bishops said this allows the government to define what

is religious and to exclude schools, hospitals and social service and other activities the church considers religious.

—Labor Department rulings that certain church employees must be covered by unemployment compensation taxes and that church schools are subject to collective bargaining

laws. Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas of Springfield, Ill., noting that the bishops have supported the Carter administration on various tough issues, such as the Panama Canal treaties, said it's time to ask members of the administration "what in the world it means by binding us down."

Omissions from panel's education report notable

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The final report of the House Public Education Committee on its between-sessions studies is almost as notable for what it leaves out as for what it includes.

The absence of two members prevented action on a "financial accountability" report that sharply criticized the privileges school districts grant the Texas State Teachers Association.

Reps. Jim Nugent, D-Kerrville, and Lee Jackson, R-Dallas, stayed away, blocking the subcommittee vote that would have placed the report before the full committee Monday.

But Rep. Tom Massey, D-San Angelo, committee chairman, said recommendations in a report drafted for Nugent probably would be embodied in bills introduced in January.

Other reports were approved unanimously, but the harmony would have dissolved at once if the TSTA report had come up. The committee is divided between TSTA backers and those who resent its lobbying and its support of Attorney General John Hill over Gov. Dolph Briscoe in the Democratic primary last spring.

Massey and Nugent both have criticized the TSTA, and Massey calls it a "union" and agrees with the draft report that it is improper to let teachers use in-service training time to go to TSTA state and regional meetings.

"It (the time lost) costs the state \$10 million a year and should be abolished," Massey told reporters.

The report also mentioned check-off of TSTA dues by school district payroll offices, extended leave for teachers who are TSTA officers and the use of school facilities for TSTA commun-

ications. "Certain of the above-cited practices and policies constitute mismanagement of public school funds," the draft report said.

Committee members approved a report recommending a new \$15.2 million building for the Texas Education Agency, calling for an end to "cross-consulting" for the agency and for limitation of state funding for adult education to "basics."

"We are not in favor of baton twirling for adults or underwater basket weaving," said Rep. Hamp Atkinson, D-New Boston, chairman of the oversight subcommittee.

He said cross-consulting involves an agreement by consultants to hire one another "but don't turn out a report." This should be "taboo," he said.

Another report suggested earmarking of state aid funds to reduce pupil-teacher ratios and upgrade curriculum.

Class to perform 'The Celebration'

Sixth graders at Crockett Elementary School will perform "The Celebration" for parents Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Theme for the program is happiness, and there will be guitars, songs and a few drums to get everyone into the spirit of Thanksgiving, school officials said.

Another performance for first, second and third graders will be Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Ellen West is in charge of the program.

Many injured as blast damages electric plant

FORT MARTIN, W.Va. (AP) — Billowing black coal dust, flames and shooting pieces of metal ripped through an electric plant in a fire and two explosions that injured 24 workmen.

"Some of the guys were on fire," said plant worker James Biser, "I grabbed a cloth and rubbed out the flames in one guy's hair, then we poured water over his head."

No one died in the explosions and fire Monday. But 24 of the 80 workmen at the 1,107-megawatt plant were injured, two severely, officials said. Seventeen men were hospitalized.

Sections of the plant's light aluminum walls were torn loose in the explosions, which were set off by a small fire in a coal pulverizer, said Lyle Corder, a spokesman for Monongahela Power Co., one of four firms that jointly own the plant.

The pulverizers convert coal into a highly volatile dust to create a quicker burning, hotter fire in the boilers, which make steam to generate electricity, Corder said.

German shepherd fails in attempt to find workers

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — A German shepherd search dog failed in its first attempts to find three workers buried and feared dead in the ruins of Joplin's old Connor Hotel.

With the search now in its fourth day, volunteer rescue workers worked in eight-hour shifts around the clock, digging into the basement of the collapsed nine-story landmark hotel.

Only about one-fourth of the crumbled remains of the building was left on the site, authorities said. The rest has been loaded, piece by piece, onto National Guard trucks and hauled away.

The old hotel unexpectedly collapsed Saturday, trapping the men who had been cutting steel girders in preparation for the building's scheduled demolition on Sunday.

Police Chief Larry Tennis said the 5-year-old search dog, Fritz, "had a reaction" at one point Monday near the hotel's north wall, where search operations have concentrated. But no evidence of the missing workers was found.

MCAA again fails to obtain quorum

For the second month in a row, the executive board of the Midland Community Action Agency Monday night failed to muster a quorum for its monthly board meeting.

Board president Alexandra Morris said illnesses kept several board members from Monday's 7:30 p.m. meeting.

The MCAA will try to get together again on Dec. 11.

Many of the injured were taken to hospitals by their fellow workers.

Pipefitter Elmer Barnett, who was making a telephone call in a first-floor office when the blasts occurred, rushed two flights up to where he had been working.

He found Danny Rochester of Reedsville. "His overalls were burned off completely and his shirt was burned pretty good. But the worst burns were on his face and hands," the 40-year-old Barnett said.

Rochester was taken to West Penn Burn Center in Pittsburgh, where he and workman Anthony Liston were reported in serious condition, the most severely injured among the workmen.

The plant's telephone lines were knocked out in the explosions, and workmen rushed across the state line to Marion, Pa., to summon help. Firefighters took about 30 minutes to extinguish the blaze.

Plant officials could not explain the cause of the fire and explosions. But damage to the power plant appeared to be only superficial, said Carroll Curry, Monongahela director of public relations.

The plant shut down automatically when the blasts occurred. Curry said he could not estimate when the plant would be back in service, but electrical supply would not be seriously affected.

The plant is owned by Monongahela, West Penn Power Co., Potomac Edison Co. and Duquesne Light Co. All but Duquesne Light are part of the Allegheny Power System, the firm that owns the Pleasants Power Station at Willow Island, where 51 workers died in the collapse of cooling tower scaffolding in April.

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Nov. 9, 1978

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Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dane Kite, 3405 Sycamore Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bond Lambert, 702 Austin St., a boy.

Nov. 10, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Manuel Sepulveda, 109 W. Wadley Ave. No. 23, a boy.

Nov. 11, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Smith Sams, 2300 N. A St. No. 1401, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Edwin Wright, 1205 Community Lane, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stallings, 2509 W. Holloway Ave., a girl.

Nov. 12, 1978

Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Carrol Herrington, 3108 Franklin Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hubbard, 1807 E. Oak Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodrigo A. Lopez, 708 N. Calhoun St., a boy.

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Calvin C. Fisher

Services for Calvin Carl Fisher, 60, of 942 N. Baird St. were Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Fisher died Friday at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 7, 1918. He moved to Midland six years ago from Phoenix, Ariz., where he had lived 10 years. He was a retired laborer.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie; three daughters, Mrs. Donald Barron and Elsie Fisher, both of Midland, and Mrs. Warren Coffman of Indiana, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were to be Louie C. Barron, James A. Barron, Calvin A. Barron, Ricky D. Barron, Bobby Satterfield and Larry Satterfield.

N. Martinez

SEMINOLE — Services for Norberto Martinez, 73, of Seminole and formerly of Midland will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. James Catholic Church here. Burial will be in Seminole Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

Rosary will be said tonight at 7 p.m. in St. James Catholic Church.

Martinez died Saturday night after a one-vehicle accident on the Tatum Highway near Lovington, N.M.

He was born in Runge June 3, 1905, and had lived in Seminole 13 years, coming here from Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Corina; five sons, Aberlardo Lujan and Gilbert Martinez, both of Las Vegas, Nev., Joe Martinez of Lamesa, Rudy Martinez of Seminole and Benito Martinez of Midland; six daughters, Dora Valerio and Ester Lujan, both of Seminole, Gloria Alvarez of Hobbs, N.M., Lili Hernandez of Midland, Ray Archulita of Las Vegas, Nev., and Hortencia Alvarez of Rio Grande City, 42 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Vaughan

BIG SPRING — Services for Georgia Ann Passoms Vaughan, 79, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Clarendon Cemetery. Burial will be directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home of Big Spring.

She died Sunday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Vaughan was born Aug. 28, 1899, in Rockwall. She was married to Dewey L. Vaughan June 19, 1917, in Greenville. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Hawley of Amarillo, Billie Gable of Norway and Bobbie Holland of Big Spring; two sisters, Mrs. Willie Smith of Dallas and Callie Lamb of Rockwall, and 14 grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomas

ANDREWS — Services for Mrs. D.E. (Rete) Thomas, 66, were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Radar Funeral Home in Kilgore. Burial was to be in Kilgore Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomas died Saturday. She was born June 25, 1912. She was a member of the Church of Christ and the Andrews Art Guild.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Danny Thomas of Andrews, and a daughter, Cloyce Williams of Sabine.

'Dub' Day Jr.

RANKIN — Services for W.M. "Dub" Day Jr., 53, Upton County Extension Agent for the past 30 years, was to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church here. Burial was to be in Rankin Cemetery directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Day died Saturday night. He was born March 9, 1925, in Rails. He married Hazel Christine Yocham June 28, 1949 in Rankin.

A veteran of World War II, he was a member of the A&M Alumni Association and the Texas Agricultural Agents Association.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Debra J. Purvines of Des Moines, N.M., Paula Diane Sigman of Odessa and Denisa L. McBee of Midkiff; two sisters, Ozella B. Wright of Rails and Bozina Denton of Stockton, Calif.; a brother, Alvis Day of Houston, his mother, Mrs. W.M. Day Sr. of Rails and one grandchild.

The family requests memorials be directed to the scholarship fund at the First State Bank in Rankin.

Joe Garcia

BIG SPRING — Rosary for Joe Moraida Garcia, 34, will be said at 7 p.m. today in Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Garcia died Monday in a Big Spring hospital after a short illness.

He was born May 17, 1944, in Lamesa. He was married to Carol Scott on July 3, 1976, in Big Spring. Garcia was employed by the Big Spring Independent School District. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He was a Vietnam veteran. Garcia was a member of the Texas State National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; four daughters, Vickie Ann Garcia, Christine Garcia, Peggy Sue Garcia and Carol Ann Garcia, all of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Garcia of Big Spring; three sisters, Mary Hernandez of Big Spring, Jo Ann Silquero of Killeen and Mary Delores Garcia of Big Spring, and nine brothers, Felix Garcia Jr. of San Antonio and Ramon Garcia, Freddie Garcia, Daniel Garcia, Robert Garcia, Jessie Garcia, Edward Garcia, Albert Garcia and Abel Garcia, all of Big Spring.

Jannie Jennings

ANDREWS — Services for Jannie Lee Jennings, 41, of Andrews are pending at Singleton Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Jennings died Sunday morning in an Andrews hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Jan. 30, 1937, in Ida, La. She was a restaurant cook and a housewife. She was a 17-year member of the True Life Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Isaac Jennings of Andrews; four daughters, Genice Jennings, Mary Lois Jennings, Trullus Jennings and Toni V. Jennings, all of Andrews; her mother, Ida Mae Neal of Midland; three sisters, Joyce Marie Drone of Odessa, Alleaner Segro of Midland and Josephine Robertson of Benton, La., and a brother, Isaac Thomas Jr. of Clinton, Iowa.

McCrory to testify in Davis trial

By MIKE COCHRAN

HOUSTON (AP) — FBI informant David McCrory emerges from protective custody today to tell of a murder-for-hire scheme allegedly masterminded by oil heir Cullen Davis.

The nomadic, one-time karate instructor, is expected to relate to the jury a story so strange as to almost defy belief.

The hard-drinking, pool-shooting McCrory contends Davis ordered him to hire a "hit-man" to kill his wife, stepdaughter, brother, and a dozen others.

Davis, 45, a Fort Worth millionaire, is charged specifically with soliciting the murder of a judge presiding over the divorce battle between him and his bosomy blonde wife Priscilla.

The judge was not harmed. He cooperated with the FBI in an operation that led to Davis' arrest Aug. 20.

"If we get started on time we should be through with McCrory in one day," said prosecutor Tolly Wilson, in advance of today's testimony.

Others thought that unlikely. The state intended to use McCrory, 40, as the legal vehicle for introducing the audio and video tapes that compose the brunt of the case against Davis.

FBI agents wired McCrory for sound before pivotal meetings with Davis Aug. 18 and Aug. 20 and they also collected film of the second encounter in a restaurant parking lot.

The million-dollar defense team says Davis was framed by Priscilla, McCrory, and others.

McCrory was ticketed as witness No. 6 in the criminal solicitation trial that began here Oct. 30 after two postponements and a change of venue from Fort Worth.

The burly, dark-complected witness told a bond hearing last August that Davis first approached him earlier this year for a surveillance assignment.

He said Davis wanted him not only to keep an eye on the divorce judge but that he paid him \$5,000 to also stake out the homes of three accusing witnesses in his Amarillo murder trial last year.

An Amarillo jury acquitted Davis in the slaying of his 12 year-old stepdaughter, but he is still charged with shooting Priscilla and killing her bearded lover Stan Farr.

The August 1976 shooting spree at the \$6 million Davis mansion also left a young friend of the Davis family paralyzed with a bullet that remains lodged in his spine.

According to McCrory, Davis told him last summer that if he did not accelerate his efforts to find a professional killer to carry out his orders, Davis would commission the murders of McCrory and his family.

It was that threat that took him to the FBI for protection, McCrory said.

In the Aug. 18 tape, Davis allegedly chastised McCrory for his inaction. "Nothing, absolutely nothing is happening. Go back to the original plan," Davis is quoted as saying.

There was this alleged exchange: McCrory — "What do you mean the original plan?"

Davis — "Uh, get the other one, you know who we started this out with."

McCrory — "You mean Priscilla?"

Davis — "No."

McCrory — "Oh, Bev?"

Davis — "Yeah ..."

Beverly Bass was one of the eye witnesses who testified against Davis in Amarillo.

Commissioners approve curfew

ODESSA — Ector County Commissioners Monday approved a curfew on the 30 parks in Ector County.

The curfew will run from 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. on weekdays and from midnight to 6 a.m. on weekends. The measure becomes effective as soon as proper signs about the curfew are placed in the parks.

The court also approved the Odessa Park Department's request to have a fulltime patrolman to help prevent the increasing amount of vandalism to Odessa park facilities.

The commissioners canvassed election returns in all races except that of the governor and U.S. senate races. A court order had been issued saying the returns in those two elections will be recounted at a later date.

Ray said to have faked story

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trial lawyer Percy Foreman says James Earl Ray confided in jail that he faked the story of a conspiracy behind the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and thought the killing would make him "a hero to the white race."

But a jail doctor at the time, Dr. McCarthy DeMere, told the House Assassinations Committee Monday that Ray had said, "I wasn't in it by myself."

The committee was turning today to a Memphis woman's story that she saw the assassin flee after shooting King in Memphis April 4, 1968 — but that he wasn't Ray.

The witness, Grace Walden Stephens, was accompanied to Washington by author-attorney Mark Lane, who contends Memphis authorities had her committed to a mental institution for 10 years to suppress her story.

Former Memphis District Attorney Phil N. Canale testified Monday that Mrs. Stephens told police the night of the assassination "that she saw nothing."

Mrs. Stephens, 62, said earlier this year that she told police she saw the assassin run down a rooming house hallway but the authorities did not take her seriously.

She said the shot that killed King was fired from a bathroom next to her room. After she heard the shot, she said, she saw a man older than Ray run down the hallway.

Lane was appointed Mrs. Stephens' co-guardian in May, several weeks after she was released from a Tennessee mental hospital.

Ray is serving a 99-year sentence as King's assassin but contends he is innocent and that Foreman coerced him into pleading guilty, partly to make money on a book contract.

But Foreman testified the guilty plea was Ray's idea because he knew he risked execution otherwise.

Foreman said it was also Ray's idea to pay his legal fee by giving Foreman his financial interests in a book, "He Slew the Dreamer," which William Bradford Huie wrote about Ray.

Foreman testified that he became convinced in jail house interviews as Ray's lawyer that Ray alone killed King and not in a conspiracy.

"He thought there was going to be a race war and he had fired the first shot," Foreman said.

He said Ray told him in one jail interview that he had made up the story about an assassination conspiracy engineered by a mysterious "Raoul" for Huie's book.

"He told me there was no Raoul" Foreman testified. "He said he made up Raoul because that was what they (Huie) wanted."

Ray still says he thought, until the moment he heard of King's assassination on a car radio, that he was involved only in a gunrunning operation with a man he knew as Raoul.

Foreman said Ray also told him he did not care that he had left belongings including the assassination rifle with his fingerprints at the scene because he wanted prison friends "to know I did it."

But DeMere, Ray's Memphis jail doctor, said Ray indicated to him shortly after his guilty plea that King's assassination was a conspiracy.

The doctor said he asked Ray "Did you really do it?"

He said Ray replied, "Let's put it this way: I wasn't in it by myself."

The doctor said Ray "was sort of half laughing at the time" and he could not tell if Ray told him the truth.

Amin backing down in conflict?

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Ugandan President Idi Amin has ordered the withdrawal of his military forces from occupied northwestern Tanzania, Radio Uganda announced today.

The withdrawal order, which came as the East African border war entered its third week, was announced in a telegram sent by Amin to the

Organization of African Unity, the United Nations and the Arab League, the broadcast said.

"I have decided to withdraw my armed forces to the recognized border of Uganda and Tanzania in spite of the provocations which earlier led them to Tanzanian territory in an exercise of their right of hot pursuit," Amin was quoted as saying.

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DR. NEIL SOLOMON Exploding battery can be a hazard

To F.W.D.: Exploding car batteries can be a very real hazard. For instance, eye specialists at the University of Illinois report treating 62 injuries from them during an eight-month period. The ordinary lead-acid battery lets off hydrogen and oxygen gases which can be ignited in a number of ways. The most common in the University of Illinois cases was the use of a match to inspect the fluid level. Second was faulty use of jumper cables. None of the injured people was wearing protection.

Dear Dr. Solomon: You recommend exercise in your diet plan, but doesn't exercise increase the appetite?—T.E.

Dear T.E.: Overeating and inactivity are the two major causes of overweight. Moderate exercise, done regularly, is actually a regulator of body weight and definitely does not increase the appetite. Spot exercising can help tone and firm the body while taking off inches in the right places. In my new book, "Dr. Solomon's Proven Master Plan for Total Body Fitness and Maintenance," (paperback Berkeley Publishing) 15 minutes a day, three times a week of body movement actually decreases your appetite.

Dear Dr. Solomon: Why does your diet recommend low-fat or non-fat milk? I thought whole milk was always best, particularly unprocessed raw milk. Please explain.—G.T.

Dear G.T.: Because of the excess fats consumed by the average American, low-fat or non-fat milk has become more desirable. The U.S. Dietary Goals suggest non-fat for everyone, not just those on weight control plans. Unprocessed raw milk has certain advantages but a definite disadvantage is its high butterfat content. Incidentally, the powder non-fat milk is equal in value to the liquid non-fat milk.

Dear Dr. Solomon: Why is salt restricted on your diet?—K.E.

Dear K.E.: The chemical name of salt is sodium chloride. Sodium is an essential nutrient and together with potassium plays important roles in the body, particularly in relation to nerve- and muscle-impulse conduction. However, excess sodium holds water in the body and excess water increases the amount of blood in circulation, and around blood vessels which in turn can help raise the blood pressure. The average diet contains about 10 times as much sodium as the body needs and most of it comes from excess salt. Therefore, it makes good sense to reduce salt intake.

Dear Dr. Solomon: Isn't hashish more potent than marijuana?—L.O. BW2 Dear L.O.: Yes. A drug-rich resinous secretion from the flowers of the cannabis plant, hashish is processed by drying to produce a drug several times as potent as marijuana. The resin from the flowers is richer in cannabinoids than the leaves and tops, ranging in THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) content from 5 to 21 percent.

Dear Dr. Solomon: What can you tell me about DMT and DET?—A concerned mother

Dear Concerned Mother: DMT is found in the seeds of certain plants indigenous to the West Indies and parts of South America. In Haiti the pulverized seeds have been used for centuries as a snuff, producing a state of mind which the inhabitants believe enables them to communicate with their gods. It can also be produced synthetically. DET is chemically related to DMT, but has not yet been found in plant life. They are administered by smoking one of the chemicals with tobacco, marijuana or other plant materials. Both illicit substances produce strong, short-lived hallucinogenic effects.

Volunteer army beset by serious problems

By H. JOSEF HEBERT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although the Pentagon calls it a success, defense officials concede there are some serious problems with America's volunteer Army. And some critics question whether the force can respond adequately in quality and numbers in time of war.

But as America's experiment with the draft nears its seventh year, Pentagon leaders are increasingly irritated with criticisms from those who, they say, do not give the volunteer concept a chance.

In addition to critics on Capitol Hill, however, the attack is from within the Army. The greatest concerns are over the shrinking Army reserve, claims of a decline in quality of recruits, and the prospect of more problems to come as the number of military-age males drops.

"They're always talking about a quick war," says one infantry colonel who asked to remain anonymous. "Well, it better be a quick war and

we'd better win it because we won't have anything left."

Gen. Bernard Rogers, Army chief of staff, has complained of a "drastic shortage" in the reserves. But he and other defense planners insist the active force is adequate and today's soldier is as good or better than the draftee.

"Basically the active duty volunteer force has been a success ... I think it's a good system. I think it does work," Assistant Defense Secretary John White said in an interview.

Army Secretary Clifford Alexander in a recent speech characterized the Army's critics as "armchair quarterbacks" who unfairly have declared "open season" on the American soldier.

When the volunteer concept was introduced in the Nixon years, the Pentagon's generals, especially those in the Army, were highly skeptical and preferred retaining the draft.

And controversy has been with the volunteer Army since the end of the draft in 1972. But now some critics, including congressmen, are suggesting a possible return to the draft — which White claims "isn't politically feasible" except in a national emergency.

"My first solution to the problem is for the military ... to acknowledge that there is a problem. They're not being candid," said Rep. Robin Beard, R-Tenn., a staunch critic of the volunteer force.

Beard, a former Marine and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, commissioned a report that concludes that the quality of today's soldier is poor, his training inferior and that the Army "as an effective fighting force is in serious trouble." The report said 60 days after mobilization the Army would be short a half million men.

Pentagon officials contend the critics are exaggerating the Army's defects and do not offer realistic alternatives. "One of the things you have

to do is ask the question, 'Relative to what?' What is the alternative that is the solution to the problem," says White.

From a 1.5 million-member force during the Vietnam War in 1968, the Army dropped to 811,000 in 1972 and to about 772,000 today.

Although acknowledging critical shortages in some specialties such as doctors, the Army has kept near its authorized strength. However, that authorization level has steadily been reduced by Congress.

While the numbers have gone down, the costs have gone up with the volunteer force costing an average of \$3 billion a year more than its draft-era counterpart. The Pentagon argues that 80 percent of added costs are from pay increases that would have been given anyway and that a return to the draft would save only \$500 million a year.

The volunteer concept was planned to work with a strong reserve backup. But the National Guard and Army Reserve are more than 130,000 men short of the desired strength of 660,000. A backup pool is in worse shape with 154,000 men, far short of the desired 820,000.

"It would take 30 weeks from mobilization to draft, train and deploy replacements," the Army estimates. Acknowledging the problem, the Army has begun a \$25 million reserve enlistment bonus program and for the first time has turned to full time reserve recruiters.

The Pentagon last week ordered all armed forces to study cutting minimum enlistments to improve the quality of volunteers. This could involve a return to the two-year minimum, upped to three years because of

a problem with turnover and the expense of training.

Pentagon officials, however, dispute that today's soldier is inferior to the draftee. One of every four soldiers, they note, is a high school graduate, and the absentee rate, drug abuse cases and judicial and nonjudicial penalties have been dramatically reduced.

The critics argue that the Army too often has become a last resort for youths. "They never ... told us they are presently downgrading all of the training manuals, downgrading the reading level from 11th grade to 8th grade and putting them out as comic books," said Beard, who adds 30 percent of recruits cannot read beyond a 5th grade level.

But White, admitting some problems with literacy, insists: "The soldiers we have today are good people; they want to do a good job."

Recruiting is expected to get tougher with the number of 18-year-old males dropping 15 percent by 1985. The Army hopes to compensate by hiring more civilians, lowering the dropout rate — now 40 percent before the end of first enlistment — and stepping up recruiting. They also hope to increase the number of female soldiers from 6 to 12 percent by 19—3 and say women are "full and equal partners on the Army team."

But recruiters already have been criticized for "over promising," and a new draft is unlikely. Congress has rejected a move to again register men and add \$3 million yearly to upgrade Selective Service.

"We couldn't get that amount of money for that modest purpose," says White. "So I just don't see the political mood for change."



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Rebel Express to meet crosstown rival Bulldogs

By Julie Ochaner, Cindy Canfield & Robin Bennett

Hey Rebs. Friday night our Rolling Rebel Express really poured on the steam against those Eagles from Abilene High. After a great show of pride and determination by our Rebel men, those Eagles took the victory. NEVER GIVE IN. HUSTLE TO THE VERY END. This Friday we'll be taking on our crosstown rivals, those PANSY PUPPIES from Midland High. Ya'll come on out to Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. sharp and be sure to sit on the home side and see us Pound the Pups!

Also this Friday will be 50's day to show Midland High that "YOU AIN'T 'NUTHIN' BUT A HOUNDDOG!"

Our Mighty Rebel Trackers trucked on up to third place last Saturday in the District 5-4A Cross Country Meet. Kevin Harper placed 7th at 10:20. Jeff Ryan came in 14th in 10:30. David Harwell placed 27th with a time of 11:00. Ramon Molinar was 29th with 11:06, while Robert Samuels was 31st with a time of 11:08. Alan Jontes finished 43rd with 11:44. Congratulations, Guys.

Our great Rebel Volleyballers finished up their season Thursday night against those Pansy Puppies from Midland High. They lost a hard fought game. Our girls finished the season with a 10-4 district record. Way to go girls! You are super!

REBELETTES: Be sure to come to squad meetings so you can vote on our Rebelette Football Sweetheart. We will be playing Midland High this Friday so we need a great turnout from everyone. The football players' houses need to be wrapped by Thursday night. There will be an extra night to paint signs for their houses, Wednesday. Also, we will march in the halls Friday morning, so come out and beat a Pansy Puppy.

This weekend, Speech and Drama traveled to Odessa High and won sweepstakes again. Way to go! Special congratulations go to John Gould and Vickie Ballew for placing 2nd and Angel Durr and Brenda Woods for placing 3rd in Duet-Acting. Vickie Ballew also placed 4th in Dramatic Interpretation and Brenda Woods placed 2nd in Poetry.

B.C. COMMENTS: You solved one problem—clean up and set up—BUT, another cropped up. In order to have a dance, we need 100 club people to work at the snack bar, just a couple Americans spend

for four thirty-minute shifts. Anyone should be willing to devote 30 minutes for 10 points. There were only four people willing to help. Roseann Underwood, Stephanie Martin, Cindy Masoner and Jeff Snell—each of whom will be rewarded with 20 points for their willingness to help. Thanks to Chris Smith and Sabrina Hicks for their help too—they are older people who are not in need of points. Thanks to 100 Club and Junior Council—set up and clean up took about 30 minutes each, cause there was plenty of help. Remember FUTURE DANCES depend on your help setting up Friday, cleaning up Saturday, and 100 Club members working at the snack bar during the dance. Also, 100 Club set up for Cotillion Thursday and Seniors clean-up Friday morning. Thanks to Fran and Bob Dawson and to Bob and Virginia Jones for chaperoning the dance. Belated thanks to Kent Randal and Jack and Carol Steele for helping the week before.

Till next week,
your Chatterers,
J.O.
C.C.
R.B.

P.S. Congratulations go to our Mighty Rebel Band on its victory over the Permian band—30-7—way to go!

NBC denies group pressure on story

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC officials deny a published report that they dropped investigative reports into alleged "brainwashing" activities of religious sects because of pressure by those groups.

"NBC News has not been pressured by anyone to drop work on this story," Lester Crystal, president of NBC News, said Monday.

The New York Post said Monday that groups such as Synanon, the Church of Scientology and Hare Krishna used "fierce pressure tactics" to force NBC to halt a planned report of such sects.

The newspaper said an investigative unit was several weeks into the project when it was halted by executive producer Joseph Angotti.

Crystal said Angotti stopped the report because the investigative unit did not have enough time to "permit adequate treatment of a story involving so many diverse organizations."

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Area grid powers leave very little to be decided

By STEVE O'BRIEN
R-T Sports Writer

And then there was one. Heading into the final week of regular season football play, only one of six area district races remains undecided. And there's a good chance things may still be up in the air in District 7-AA after next week's final round of action.

Kermit and Sonora, who fought to a 14-14 standoff in their district opener, remain deadlocked for the front-runner's position in that district after each took wins in their second outings. If both win next week, they would tie for the district crown and the representative to the playoffs would be decided by the flip of a coin.

THE CRANE Golden Cranes still have an outside shot at sneaking into the 7-AA throneroom, but it would seemingly take a miracle for that to happen. Unbeaten and twice-tied Sonora blasted Crane, 31-0, Friday night to saddle the Golden Cranes with their second loss of the season and level their district mark at 1-1. Kermit, a 35-0 winner over hapless Ozona, and Sonora are 1-0-1 in district play. For Crane to win the title, they would not only have to beat Kermit in the final game, but would also have to depend on Ozona to pull an upset over Sonora.

Crane trailed Sonora only 10-0 in the fourth quarter, but Broncho running back Joey Kirby scored a pair of touchdowns and Benny Granger added his second score of the game in the final frame to turn the game into a rout.

FORT STOCKTON clinched a trip to the playoffs and at least a tie for the District 2-AAA championship when they edged late-surgling Andrews 21-13. Though winning the game, the Panthers saw their string of eight games without giving up a point come to an end. Fort Stockton would have to suffer a stunning collapse against 2-7 Odessa Ector next week to miss winning the district title outright. If they should falter against the Eagles, the winner of the Pecos-Andrews battle would pull into a tie for the crown. Fort Stockton would still go to the playoffs, having defeated both Pecos and Andrews.

Seagraves drove 74 yards in 10 plays for the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter to edge Stanton, 13-8, and wrap up the District 5-A championship and the right to meet unbeaten Iraan in bi-district in two weeks. Seagraves is also unbeaten through nine games this year and the Eagles pushed their district mark to 6-0 while Stanton fell to 5-3-1 and 4-1-1.

Stanton had taken an 8-7 lead with less than eight minutes remaining in the contest when tailback Todd Smith plunged over from two yards out to cap a 69-yard drive. Mitch Elmore sent the Buffs out in front with his run for the two-point conversion.

JUNCTION CLINCHED a tie for the District 9-A title by blistering Eldorado, 40-0, Friday night. But the playoff representative will be decided when Junction meets Menard next week. Junction is 4-0 in league play while the Yellow Jackets are 3-1. A Menard win next week would tie the two teams for the crown and send Menard to the playoffs by virtue of their win over Junction. Junction could take the crown outright and go to bi-district by defeating Menard.

Though out of the running for the title, Reagan County hoped to double their win production of a year ago by picking up their fourth victory over Mason Friday night. It appeared the Owls were on their way to accomplishing that goal when quarterback Mickey Owens staked them to 7-0 lead

on a five-yard run in the first period. But Mason, which has had its offensive problems this year, scored six unanswered touchdowns to turn the predicted close game into a 47-21 rout.

IRAAN AND Snyder clinched shares of titles in District 6-A and 3-AAA, respectively, last week and took the week off this week. Snyder had an open date to rest, while Iraan played Grandfalls, which was just as good as an open date. The fourth ranked Braves annihilated Class B Grandfalls, 60-7.

Though both are assured of berths in the bi-district round of the playoffs, both could also conceivably be tied for their respective district championships. A Snyder loss to Brownfield next week coupled with a San Angelo Lakeview win over Lamesa would give Snyder and Lakeview identical 3-1 league marks. Snyder would still go to the playoffs, having defeated Lakeview 25-6 three weeks ago.

Should Iraan falter next week against Clint, Rankin could move into a tie for the 6-A title with a win over McCamey. Again, Iraan clinched the playoff berth by beating Rankin two weeks ago.

RANKIN UPPEd their season mark to 7-2 and 2-1 in district with a 28-16 win over Marfa Friday night. In that one Rankin fullback Richard Barrett continued his phenomenal ground-gaining assault by rambling for 242 yards on 39 carries. That gives the 185-pound senior 1,479 yards for the season. He also scored a pair of touchdowns against Marfa, giving him 18 six-pointers for the season.

McCamey very literally "dropped" a 7-6 decision to Clint for their third district loss without a win. The Badgers fumbled the ball away at the Clint nine, four and 12 in that one, and all of those costly turnovers came in the first period. But, the Badger defense kept them in the game throughout the contest and with under six minutes left in the game Bobby Valdez swiped a Clint pass and returned in 25 yards for a touchdown to pull McCamey within one point. Clint rose to thwart McCamey's attempt for two points on the conversion and seal the Badgers' doom.

In other action, Brownfield quarterback Kelly Reid passed 48 yards for one touchdown and ran 22 yards for another, both in the fourth period, to lead the Cubs past Lamesa, 21-6, in a battle of District 3-AAA's two last place teams. The Cubs took an early 8-0 lead when Gilbert Franco blistered the Lamesa defense for a 98-yard touchdown run.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
District 2-AAA
Last week: Fort Stockton 21, Andrews 13; Monahan 7, Odessa Ector 6; Pecos did not play.
Season standings: Fort Stockton 9-0; Pecos 6-1; Andrews 6-3; Monahan 3-4; Ector 2-7.
District standings: X-Fort Stockton 3-0; Pecos 2-1; Andrews 1-1; Monahan 1-2; Ector 0-3.
District 3-AAA
Last week: San Angelo Lakeview 38, Sweetwater 8; Brownfield 21, Lamesa 8; Snyder did not play.
Season standings: Snyder 7-2; San Angelo Lakeview 5-2; Sweetwater 3-7; Brownfield 3-4; Lamesa 1-8.
District standings: X-Snyder 3-0; Lakeview 2-1; Sweetwater 2-2; Brownfield 1-2; Lamesa 0-3.
District 4-A
Last week: Sonora 31, Crane 0; Kermit 33, Ozona 0.
Season standings: Sonora 6-0-2; Kermit 6-1-2; Crane 7-2; Ozona 1-8.
District standings: Sonora 1-0-1; Kermit 1-0-1; Crane 1-1; Ozona 0-2.
District 5-A
Last week: Seagraves 13, Stanton 8; Plains 13, Shallowater 13; O'Donnell 47, Pecos 7; Hopesville 12, Anton 7.
Season standings: Seagraves 9-0; Stanton 5-3-1; Plains 5-3-1; O'Donnell 5-4; Shallowater 3-4; Hopesville 3-4; Pecos 2-7; Anton 0-8.
District standings: *Seagraves 6-0; Stanton 4-1-1; Plains 4-1-1; O'Donnell 3-2; Hopesville 3-2; Shallowater 2-4; Pecos 1-5; Anton 0-4.
District 6-A
Last week: Iraan 30, Grandfalls 7; Rankin 28, Marfa 16; Clint 12; McCamey 8.
Season standings: Iraan 9-0; Rankin 7-2; Marfa 6-4; Clint 3-3-1; McCamey 2-6.
District standings: X-Iraan 3-0; Rankin 2-1; Marfa 2-2; Clint 1-2; McCamey 0-3.
District 9-A
Last week: Junction 40, Eldorado 0; Menard 22, Wall 6; Mason 47, Reagan County 21.
Season standings: Junction 7-2; Menard 4-3; Mason 3-6; Reagan County 3-6; Eldorado 2-7; Wall 2-7.
District standings: X-Junction 4-0; Menard 3-1; Mason 2-2; Reagan County 1-3; Eldorado 1-3; Wall 1-3.
*clinched championship
X-clinched tie for championship

Akers worries about Texas' loss

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas can finish the year as one of the nation's best college football teams if players don't dwell on the disappointing 10-7 loss to Houston last Saturday, says Coach Fred Akers.

Houston's victory, snapped Texas' 11-game home winning streak and probably cost Texas its second consecutive Southwest Conference title and a Cotton Bowl bid.

Akers indicated at his weekly news conference Monday that officials erred on a possibly crucial clipping call but he refused to criticize them.

The clip by Texas' Ken McCune wiped out a 54-yard punt return by Johnnie Johnson to the Houston 21-yard-line in the second quarter of what was then a scoreless game.

four behind the line. He pressured the passer three times, caused a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Akers said Texas "played well and had opportunities" to beat Houston, now 8-1, but "we didn't handle them. We didn't take care of them."

One apparent opportunity was a new play — a screen pass to Jones, after a fake reverse to Johnny "Lam" Jones. Quarterback Randy McEachern's pass, however, bounced on the ground. Akers said Jones could have scored if the pass had reached him.

Bowl bids are expected Saturday, and Akers said Texas, 6-2, "is aware we're one candidate to have a bowl opportunity; but until we have bowl information from the bowl people, there's not much reason to speculate."

"Right now," he said, "we should be concerned with our own business. We have a fine football team and still have a chance to be one of the top football teams in the country."

"We lost a fine football game that we could have won," he said, adding: "A lot of people will be what-iffing this week... our players have got to be able to turn that stuff off. It doesn't change a thing."



Oakland Raiders head coach John Madden seems to be checking his heartbeat as his team fights a fourth quarter comeback by Cincinnati Monday. His team, however, held on to win, 34-21, after a late interception. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland girls eye new cage game

By TERRY WILLIAMSON
R-T Sports Writer

The 1978-79 basketball season is a big question mark for the Midland High girls' cage unit, but it is a question mark that every girls' team in the state must face.

For the first time, Texas' girls will be playing like the boys. They will have five players on the court instead of six, and all five will play full court instead of the half court setup that has been installed in past years.

MIDLAND HIGH girls' coach Jane Young is excited about the prospect, and is looking forward to the season with three starters returning from last year's 20-10 unit.

"I think this is a much better game. The kids seem to like it better. Everyone can play offense and has a chance to shoot the ball. It is going to be a much faster game playing full court," Young noted.

Senior Karen Cook and junior Sandra Rock are the two returning forwards to Young's team, which lost a tie for the District 5-4A crown to Midland Lee in the last game of the year last time around. Both Cook and Rock have a lot of experience at

shooting the ball, but the other returning starter, senior Gail McDonald, was a guard last year and played defense only.

ROUNDING OUT the starting five will be seniors Patsy Krawietz and Gina Rasmussen, who were both guards last season.

The Bulldogs will also get strong help from Jana Trölinger, Nan White and Margaret Christian, who were all starters for the junior varsity last season. Other team members include Diana Nelson, Liz Armstrong, LaShell Shrock and Eileen Miller.

"It's really hard to say just how good we will be because we haven't played anyone yet," Young says. "We have a little speed, and that is in our favor, but we don't have a lot of height, and that's our major weakness. The girls really work together well and I think they are a good group of kids."

The Bulldogs open the season Friday when they travel to Arlington. They do not play at home until Nov. 27 when they host AAA Lake View. A new twist has been added to this year's schedule since a girls' tournament has been set for Dec. 9-10 with Midland High and Midland Lee playing hosts.

NBC considered switching

HOUSTON (AP) —

There was a time during Houston's National Football League game Sunday against the New England Patriots when the NBC television network considered switching to a more interesting game.

The Oilers were trailing 23-0 and apparently en route to being humiliated.

Rather than having small children view such X-rated carnage, the network considered exercising its option of switching to another game and showing the Oilers-Patriots game in only Houston and Boston.

"Oh, that didn't bother me, I didn't have time to tune in the game anyway," Oilers Coach Bum Phillips joked Monday in replaying Houston's thrilling second-half comeback to a 26-23 victory that ended New England's seven-game winning streak.

Actually, Phillips wasn't that surprised with Houston's second-half performance — the Oilers have won six of their seven games by coming from behind.

"We've been a second-half club all year," Phillips said. "That's when physical conditioning comes into play and that's when your mental conditioning comes in."

Phillips shunned the inspirational halftime talk when the Oilers trailed 23-0. But cornerback Willie Alexander said second-half emotion was what turned it around.

"We never got to the Xs and Os," Alexander said. "It was more a

matter of just coming together and finding the emotion we didn't have in the first half. That's all we needed."

The Oilers had been outscored by 10 previous opponents 26-24 in the first quarter and 88-36 in the second quarter before getting their act together.

The Oilers merely repeated against the Patriots what they've been doing all season. Houston has a 55-40 advantage over the opponents in the third quarter and a 72-34 difference in the fourth quarter.

"Coming from behind like we have — and I said it the first time we did it — it would help us in the long run because it would show the ability that this football team has to KNOW it could come from behind."

"Now doing it, once, well, anybody might do it once, but doing it six or seven times..."

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Bulldogs favored to win 5-4A title

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If it looks like Midland High basketball boss Don Humphrey is walking around with ants in his pants, try not to be concerned. He just has that itchy feeling right now, and no one can really blame him.

His Bulldogs are picked to win the District 5-4A cage crown this season, and he isn't going to back down from the challenge. Humphrey just wants the season to get underway.

HE DOESN'T have long to wait since he will send his troops into battle Friday against El Paso Coronado in El Paso at 4:30 p.m. MST.

"Coronado is picked to win their district, and they have two 6-foot-8 kids," Humphrey said. "It will give us a chance to see how we can handle the inside stuff."

Midland High will then take on El Paso Irving at 7 p.m. Saturday before making their home debut at 8 p.m. against Pecos next Tuesday in the MHS gym.

There are a lot of reasons why the Bulldogs are picked as the cream of the crop, but the major one is four returning starters from a team that finished with a 20-12 mark a year ago.

BACK TO gun again from the outside are guards Walter Bryson, a 5-11 senior, and Charles Johnson, a 6-4 senior. Milton Sanders, a 6-4 leaper who can play both post and forward, also returns while 6-1 Roy Jefferson started some last year also at a point slot.

To add to the Bulldog excitement this season is 6-6 postman Tim Spiraling, a junior varsity starter with a lot of potential and a strong bench that will see a lot of playing time. Archie Booth, 6-3; Herbert Johnson, a 6-8 sophomore from Edison who is Charles Johnson's brother; Darrin Matlock, 6-1; Daryl Loudd, 5-11; and David Green, 5-10, own a lot of power

and all will see a lot of playing time. "We're going to win district," Humphrey flatly states. "But that is our goal every year. We have the chance to be a very good basketball team, but we have to go out there and prove it. This group is just in super shape, but we all need to play. I think we have gone just about as far as we can without playing a game. I think we are about a month ahead of where we were last year, but you can't really tell until we get on the floor."

"WE HAVE speed, quickness, good ball handlers and the press is looking super. Eight of the 10 on the varsity can stuff it, so I think we will be a good rebounding team."

"We're going to try to turn them loose this year. I don't think we will have a control type of game. We plan to press a lot and run a lot. We have a lot of speed on this team, and the postmen run lines right up there with the guards. A control type of game wouldn't utilize the talent we have."

Humphrey was more than pleased with the way his squad reported Oct. 15 to workouts, and that is the major reason for him to believe that the "Dogs are ahead of last year's pace."

"The guys have played together a lot and that has helped," Humphrey notes. "Everyone knows that Bryson is a great shooter, but Jefferson is really improved."

"CHARLES JOHNSON can do a lot of things for us, and I wouldn't be surprised if he becomes the league's most valuable player this year if things fall into place for him."

"In our scrimmage, Spiraling looked just super, and the bench strength really pleases me. This is something we haven't had a lot of in the past, but we have four or five guys that can come in and do a good job for us."

The Bulldogs appear to have all it takes to win the 5-4A title this season, but proof of that will come on the court, and that first step starts Friday.

Thomas rips team after loss

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

San Francisco 49er General Manager Joe Thomas verbally ripped his team following their 10th loss in 11 games Sunday, a San Francisco newspaper reported today.

"If I go down the bleaching tubes, then you're going down with me," Thomas told the squad, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Thomas' tirade came in the Candlestick Park locker room after Sunday's 16-10 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals, the paper said. It said he also admonished the team after Monday's workout.

The paper said Thomas hinted he would make personnel changes if the situation with the troubled franchise didn't improve.

The 49ers are tied with

Cincinnati for the worst record in the National Football League. Thomas, who took over as GM before last season, has been criticized for the team's performance since he traded away or released most of the players from the 8-6

49ers of 1976. Last year the 49ers were 5-9, prompting the firing of Coach Ken Meyer. Thomas fired Pete McCulley, Meyer's successor, after nine games this season and replaced him with Fred O'Connor.

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Balance of payments deficit due to improve

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States balance of payments deficit, which has helped to cause the decline of the dollar in foreign exchange markets, is expected to improve dramatically next year, a top Treasury Department official says.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury C. Fred Bergsten said Monday he expects the deficit to decline 50 percent next year from the \$17 billion forecast this year.

The deficit could go as low as \$6 billion next year if world oil prices remained steady, Bergsten told the National Foreign Trade Council convention.

Administration officials are assuming that oil prices will go up by at least 5 percent, he said, indicating a deficit of about \$8.5 billion.

The balance of payments measures the flow between nations of all goods and services and is watched closely by other countries as a sign of the U.S. economy's welfare.

NEW YORK (AP) — The prime lending rate — a widely watched indicator of general credit conditions — has gone up one more step to 11 percent at several banks.

First National Bank of Chicago, the nation's eighth largest, kicked off the increase Monday, and was followed by several other banks. But none of the major New York banks immediately joined in the increase from 10 1/2 percent.

Earlier this month, in rapid succession, banks raised their prime lending rates to 10 3/4 percent from 10 1/4 percent in response to moves by the Federal Reserve to tighten credit as part of the government's strategy to defend the dollar and fight inflation.

That pushed the prime rate, charged by banks to their best corporate customers, to its highest level since 1974 when the prime reached 12 percent in a credit crunch that accompanied the 1974-75 recession.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Transportation Secretary Brock Adams says the Carter administration will push for an end to economic regulation of the railroad and trucking industries when Congress returns in January.

In a speech to leaders of the railroad industry in Hershey, Pa., Adams also said Monday the 8.3 percent general freight rate increase requested by the railroads is too high, but indicated administration support of a 6.6 percent boost.

"Any new rate increase must be evaluated against President Carter's wage and price standards, and the industry's requested 8.3 percent increase does not fall within those guidelines," he said.

The railroads recently requested the general increase from the Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulates the industry.

Adams noted that Congress has set this year as the regulation of the airlines and said it is now time to deregulate the railroad and trucking industries.

He said the railroads are 100 percent regulated, trucking about 40 percent and water transportation less than 10 percent.

"This allows shippers to shop around for an unregulated carrier where that is to the shipper's advantage," he said. "It forces railroads to provide unprofitable service in some markets, and to set unnecessarily

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There are about 2,000 Americans in Ahwaz, and 45,000 throughout the country. There are about 50,000 Europeans in Iran, and overall, some 700,000 foreigners.

The threats were made after the 37,000 Iranian oil workers launched a nationwide anti-government strike on Oct. 31, an unprecedented walkout which slashed the country's daily oil production to one-sixth of its six million barrels and cost the country \$60 million a day in revenues.

The Americans and other foreigners prevented the collapse of the industry and boosted output to 2.1 million barrels a day over the weekend.

This antagonized the shah's foes, including political opponents who seek broad democratic reforms in his 37-year authoritarian rule. They particularly criticize the United States and Britain, because of the military hardware the two nations have given the shah.

There are still several thousand foreigners in the Kuzestan oil region and those who spoke to reporters reported little visible hostility. The only known attack on Westerners occurred several days ago when a busload of American and British tourists was stoned near Ahwaz, slightly injuring several of them.

On Monday, police had to escort 200 American technicians working for Bell Laboratories International in Tehran away from a crowd of demonstrators, who were angered that the Americans continued to work.

Some foreigners have kept children home from school and about 100 of the 600 pupils at Ahwaz's expatriate school no longer attend classes.

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Administration braced for oil price increase

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration is braced for an increase in world oil prices of at least 5 percent, and maybe 10 percent, which would raise the price of gasoline and home heating oil.

Van Doorn Ooms, an assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget, said Monday the administration has assumed in its budget and economic forecasts for next year that there will be an increase of at least 5 percent.

But he told reporters that "people are now talking about 10 percent as being more likely."

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal will travel to the Middle East later this week to confer with leaders of the major oil-producing nations of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi.

Blumenthal's trip comes just a few weeks before members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meet in Abu Dhabi in mid-December to set oil prices for next year. He will try to exert U.S. influence to keep the increase as low as possible.

The oil minister of Kuwait has said he favors an increase of at least 10 percent. Oil prices were frozen for 1978, as OPEC gave the rest of the world a welcome respite from the steady increase in prices that started in 1973.

The world price of oil now averages about \$12.70 per barrel. A 5 percent increase would raise the price to about \$13.40, and a 10 percent hike would raise it to \$14. Any increase would be reflected in higher prices for gasoline and home heating oil.

A 10-percent increase by OPEC, for example, would mean Americans would pay 1.5 to 2 cents a gallon more for gasoline and fuel oil, according to John Lichtblau, director of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, an organization supported by major oil companies.

In other economic news Monday, several banks raised their prime lending rate by a quarter of a percent to 11 percent, reflecting the recent Federal Reserve Board actions to push up interest rates throughout the economy to help control inflation.

Meanwhile, Both Ooms and Director Barry Bosworth of the Council on Wage and Price Stability said Monday

day it will be difficult for the administration to realize its target for a budget deficit of \$30 billion next year, down from an estimated \$39 billion this year, especially if the economy slows significantly.

Ooms said the administration projects fiscal 1980 expenditures of about \$530 billion and \$534 billion, up from \$492 billion in the current 1979 budget year. Except for projected increases in defense spending, almost all the increase results from inflation.

It has been learned the administration is considering increasing defense outlays from about \$112 billion this year to \$123 billion.

Ooms, who is assistant OMB director for economic policy, said the administration's projections for 3 percent growth in the economy next year are contingent on Carter's anti-inflation program keeping inflation in the 6 percent to 6.5 percent range, down from more than 8 percent this year.

"If inflation gets out of hand, then all bets are off," he said, indicating there could be a greater slowdown in the economy.

Asked what would be interpreted as "out of hand" for inflation, Ooms said there is some speculation prices will

increase 8.5 percent to 9 percent, which probably would invite even higher interest rates.

"If we have that sort of inflationary environment, we can't expect the Federal Reserve to sit back and watch that happen... We can't expect the economy to perform in a reasonably satisfactory way if that happens," he added.

Ooms denied published reports that the administration has private forecasts that show growth of only 1.8 percent and a mild recession next year. Economic growth this year is estimated at 3.75 percent.

Ooms said that the 6 percent to 6.5 percent inflation forecast includes an increase in oil prices in the 5-percent-to-10-percent range. But he said if there is a long shutdown in Iranian oil production resulting from the political strife there, then oil prices could go even higher.

Bosworth said in a speech in Detroit that a \$30 billion budget deficit in 1980 "won't be easy to achieve" because it will require reducing expenditures by \$10 billion to \$15 billion below the level required simply to continue existing programs.

And trimming the budget deficit alone won't solve inflation, he said. "We are going to have to have a pause in our economic expansion," he added.

Another administration official, Assistant Treasury Secretary C. Fred Bergsten, said the U.S. trade deficit should decline from a record \$35 billion this year to \$25 billion next year, without an oil price increase, and to \$27 billion with a 5 percent oil price hike.

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