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'Contingency fund' still area of contention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators for the House and Senate, hoping to complete work this week on a compromise budget for 1984, are struggling to iron out details of a "contingency fund" proposed to provide up to \$12 billion for anti-recession programs that Congress has yet to approve.

The House-passed budget includes funds for several types of recession relief, and while the original Senate spending plan did not, key Senate negotiators are helping promote the idea of a contingency fund.

Negotiators arranged to meet

today to resume their talks, although no final agreement is expected until later in the week at the earliest.

Under the proposal for a contingency fund, up to \$12 billion would be put aside, to be spent only if Congress later passes formal legislation setting up programs such as health insurance for the unemployed and a jobs bill. If Congress fails to pass the programs, or if President Reagan vetoes the legislation, the money would not be spent.

Rep. James Jones, D-Okla., said Tuesday that while there is general

agreement among negotiators on the concept of a contingency fund, there are many details still to be worked out.

Among the most important differences are how much money to include in the fund, precisely how it would be spent and whether to include the account in the projected deficit for the 1984 fiscal year.

The original Senate-passed budget forecasts a deficit of \$179 billion for the 1984 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1. Red ink in the House budget was pegged at nearly \$172 billion.

"What we do in the next 24 hours

will determine whether we can get a budget out," Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., declared Tuesday, a day of brief public meetings but lengthy private discussions in which key lawmakers explained the contingency fund proposal to various groups in both the House and Senate.

Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, told senior Republicans at one private meeting he remained optimistic that agreement was possible on a 1984 budget, and said he was hoping to complete work by Friday, sources reported.

In tentative decisions to date, House and Senate negotiators have agreed to spend roughly \$5.6 billion more on a variety of domestic programs than President Reagan asked for. The programs — veterans' affairs, transportation, commerce, agriculture, energy — were less controversial than the ones to be covered by the contingency fund.

Still to be resolved are differences over taxes and defense spending.

Sources have reported they expect the final compromise to call for a defense spending increase of 5 percent in 1984, half the amount Re-

gan asked for in his original request. Sources also reported significant progress toward resolving the disagreement between the two houses over taxes.

Senate negotiators reportedly are insisting on holding next year's tax hike to the \$9 billion contained in their original plan. The House budget calls for a \$30 billion increase, but negotiators have signalled privately they will settle for \$9 billion to \$12 billion, according to sources who asked not to be identified by name.

UIL rules win 'coin toss' on athletic policy

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

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Midland public school trustees called a time-out as they rehashed over a policy change setting academic standards for seventh through 12th grade students participating in extra-curricular activities.

Testimony Tuesday from coaches and former coaches, concerned parents and a group of ministers from the Black Ministerial Alliance indicated the proposed policy — stricter than the University Interscholastic League rules — would discriminate against athletes and minorities.

Midland Independent School District trustees threw in the flag and lined up with another revision that was unanimously accepted.

"IT'S UIL STILL — that's what it is," a smiling Trustee Parker Humes said after the vote. "But it's with a study hall."

Humes and Trustee Joe Golding opposed the previous board proposal, which made students ineligible after they failed more than one course. UIL regulations and MISD graduation requirements were academically sufficient and anything stricter would weaken competition with other districts which follow UIL rules, they said.

While the UIL requires students to pass three academic courses to be eligible, the proposal accepted Tuesday states a student who fails a second course after the first six-week period will be eligible — but on probation. Students who are failing two courses must attend study hall and, at the end of the second six-weeks, would become ineligible if they did not pull up the second failing grade. Their eligibility would be monitored on a week-to-week basis.

Trustees began discussing academic standards two months ago in an attempt to monitor grades of junior high school students. UIL

governs only grades 9 through 12.

AT THAT TIME, Athletic Director Gil Bartosh said using UIL standards for junior high students would make the transition to high school easier on students. But when Trustee Joyce Sherrod pointed out UIL rules allow students to make three D's and three F's, the board punted the UIL and began throwing out stricter standards — including making students who fail more than one course ineligible.

"The public school system embraces the whole community — and we do not have an elite community when we talk about complete abilities," said former trustee James Ramsoure. "I think the best definition for the role of a public school is it will provide opportunities for every youngster to achieve success. I don't think an F is a motivating factor for anybody."

"Why in the world would you put a banker on the football field?" John Mitchell asked the board. "If they can play football, let them play football. If they can bank, let them be bankers. No one can sit up there and say if you make an F, you ain't gonna play football — not when that's all he can do is catch a football."

"I do believe that when we have a student who can excel in anything, he should be placed in the gifted program," former MISD coach and teacher Gary Griffith said. "If we have an athlete, he should be able to excel in that."

Referring to strict standards implemented in the Beaumont ISD, which states a student who makes one F is ineligible, Griffin said: "We're not competing against Beaumont. We haven't gotten that far."

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Graduates find themselves in rather interesting 'state'

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Some seniors got an unintended surprise at their graduation from Lewiston High School: diplomas stamped with the state seal of Montana, instead of Idaho.

"The kids kind of wanted to keep them as a collector's item," Glen Morgan, school principal, said Tuesday. Morgan said the mistake was discovered during last month's graduation for 371 students. All

the graduates were asked to return the certificates, but so far only 34 have been turned in.

Some seniors got normal diplomas — from the state of Idaho — but Morgan said it was impossible to know how many were marked with the Montana seal.

The company that printed the diplomas, Herff-Jones of Bellevue, Wash., is replacing the diplomas free.

Alarm failure blamed for fire deaths

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Corroded batteries in an alarm system and the absence of sprinklers and smoke detectors were at least partly to blame for five deaths in a hotel fire that caused about \$1 million in damage, investigators said.

Tuesday's pre-dawn fire, its cause unknown, killed five people, injured 34 and routed more than 100 guests from the hilltop Ramada Inn Central on the city's east side.

Firefighters said the blaze began in a stack of rolled carpeting, and the flaming material sent black, acrid smoke boiling through corridors, cutting off normal escape routes.

Dozens of guests, awakened by honking automobile horns and the sound of shattering glass, hurled chairs through sealed windows and crawled or jumped two floors to safety. Most of the injured were treated for cuts, scratches and smoke inhalation, hospital attendants said.

"We feel that had there been proper detection equipment, there's a strong possibility we would not have five people dead ... It could have made a difference in terms of life and safety," Fire Chief Larry McMillen said at an afternoon news conference.

Such detection equipment could

Honking horn, breaking glass roused many hotel patrons

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A honking auto horn, sounds of breaking glass and the smell of thick, choking smoke — those were the only fire alarms for guests at the Ramada Inn Central.

Five of those guests died, 34 were injured and more than 50 were forced to flee into a driving rainstorm when a five-alarm fire gutted an entire wing of the hotel Tuesday.

"There were no alarms," said Dave Davies of Chicago, a guest on the second floor. "We didn't have any warning. We were real lucky."

The hotel had a manual fire alarm system but it did not work because the batteries in it were corroded, and the alarm system

had limited damage to several thousand dollars, as opposed to an unofficial estimate of \$1 million, McMillen said.

"An alarm system in the main building did not sound because of

Honking horn, breaking glass roused many hotel patrons

did not extend into the burned wing, said Fire Marshal Don Peacock.

He said the hotel was built before fire alarms and smoke detectors became mandatory and the city ordinance requiring them is not retroactive.

Most of those who awoke early said they are light sleepers, easily aroused by the noises that accompanied the fire.

"I heard broken glass and I sat up in bed," said Bob Jozwiak of Washington. "I broke a window and crawled out...the guy behind me died and the guy next to me died."

Richard Snell, chairman of Ramada Inns Inc., said Barker Enterprises was responsible for making sure the hotel meets local codes.

"It's just impossible to monitor (fire and safety) standards in 600 communities throughout the world where we have hotels," Snell said.



Rub-a-dub-dub, two in a tub

Mack is one of those dogs who doesn't like to do anything alone, including taking a bath. Lani Haney uses a wheelbarrow to bathe her Brittany spaniel in the front yard of her home, 2709 Kessler Ave. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Haney.

West Texans seeking drought relief

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

West Texas ranchers and farmers are opting for the bureaucratic route to attack their "rather desperate situation" — the drought.

The natural relief — rain — has eluded them.

"It's just as dry at 12 feet as it is at 2 inches," said Upton County rancher Dwayne Lindsey of Rankin. He was giving his impression on the drought's severity to Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, State Sen. Bill Sims, Rep. Larry Don Shaw and U.S. congressional and agency representatives Tuesday at Midland Regional Airport.

"I don't know if there is a possibility of receiving (government) help," Lindsey said.

He noted the drought only compounds a difficult economic situation confronting ranchers. "It's hard to make it when the weather is cooperating."

ranchers, agribusiness people and county judges and commissioners gathered in Midland under auspices of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission to ferret out aid amid the drought.

THE DROUGHT seems to be isolated in West Texas and is not a national occurrence.

"These people are on the verge of going bankrupt through no fault of their own," said Hightower. Following an hour-long meeting, the ranchers and farmers helped Hightower, Sims and Shaw develop a plan of attack just short of prayer.

—Declare Disaster Area. Hightower said he would "pressure" Gov. Mark White to declare West Texas a disaster area, which would qualify farmers and ranchers for low-interest loans to help them "just to hang on," he said. "They have too many loans (already)," said Upton County Judge Peggy Garner, who organized

the session.

—Seek Grain Subsidy. Hightower said he would try to persuade U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block to put West Texas in the Emergency Feed Grain Program. The program, now optional at the discretion of Block, was mandatory until the 1981 "Ronald Reagan farm bill," which Hightower called an "unnatural disaster." "He sought to do away with the feed grain program altogether." The subsidy "could pay as little as \$3 per hundredweight on feed, which costs the ranchers \$160 to \$220 a ton.

"We're penny-wise and pound foolish," he said of government spending.

—Revise USDA Regulation. The farmers asked Hightower and U.S. Department of Agriculture representatives to try to revise USDA regulations which requires farmers to plant a crop to get any disaster payments.

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Jim Hightower

INSIDE TODAY

Corrective collagen



Collagen implants, a non-surgical technique, can correct some acne scars, furrows between the eyebrows and depressions left by surgery, says Midland reconstructive surgeon Dr. Terry Tubbs, pictured.

LOCAL — 1C

County Museum stands as a monument to the Corley, reporter and historian, who first saw the need for a facility in which to collect area artifacts.

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Weather

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WEATHER SUMMARY

Chance for thunderstorms forecast

"Thunderboomers" may be gathering for a mid-week parlay over Midland tonight, according to the National Weather Service forecast.

The NWS is calling for a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms tonight with the low dipping into the mid-60s and winds southeasterly at 10-15 mph. Thursday should bring a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with the high near 90 and southerly winds at 10-20 mph.

Tuesday's high, stunted by cloudy skies much of the day, reached 85 degrees — 20 degrees short of the record 105 set in 1945. The overnight low of 66 compares with a record low for this date of 56 set in 1940.

Monthly and yearly precipitation amounts remain at .02 of an inch and 2.19 inches, respectively.

The plains of Crane received a "good" rain overnight, according to a spokesman in the Crane County Sheriff's Office.

Sunset tonight is at 8:56 p.m.; sunrise Thursday comes at 6:42 a.m.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
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Overnight Low: 66 degrees
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Sunrise tomorrow: 6:42 a.m.
Precipitation: .02 inches
This month to date: .00 inches
Last 24 hours: 0.02 inches
1983 to date: 2.19 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	65	6 p.m.	83
7 a.m.	65	7 p.m.	82
8 a.m.	67	8 p.m.	79
9 a.m.	67	9 p.m.	75
10 a.m.	72	10 p.m.	74
11 a.m.	74	11 p.m.	73
noon	78	midnight	71
1 p.m.	80	1 a.m.	69
2 p.m.	81	2 a.m.	69
3 p.m.	83	3 a.m.	69
4 p.m.	84	4 a.m.	67
5 p.m.	83	5 a.m.	66
		6 a.m.	67

Weather elsewhere

Wednesday
Temperatures on left indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT. Temperatures on right indicate outlook for tomorrow.

HI Lo Prc Otk HI Lo

Albany	90	62	clr	90	68	
Albuquerque	81	57	clr	88	58	
Amarillo	76	52	cdy	84	55	
Anchorage	62	50	cdy	67	48	
Asheville	85	54	cdy	85	55	
Atlanta	85	63	cdy	86	68	
Atlantic City	74	67	clr	84	68	
Austin	88	72	27	cdy	89	70
Baltimore	79	50	clr	81	68	
Bilings	79	50	clr	78	50	
Birmingham	87	69	cdy	85	64	
Bismarck	75	47	cdy	80	52	
Blois	86	62	clr	81	48	
Boston	74	72	hze	83	68	
Brownsville	94	73	cdy	91	73	
Buffalo	89	70	cdy	82	62	
Burlington	92	63	clr	90	68	
Casper	68	43	cdy	72	44	
Charleston, S.C.	84	69	cdy	86	68	
Charleston, W.V.	91	80	14	cdy	84	59
Charlotte, N.C.	87	64	14	cdy	85	65
Cheyenne	64	42	cdy	70	46	
Chicago	86	57	75	clr	77	51
Cincinnati	88	62	cdy	82	61	
Cleveland	88	65	cdy	80	58	
Columbia, S.C.	87	60	cdy	86	63	
Columbus	87	62	cdy	81	60	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	80	61	05	cdy	89	66
Dallas	74	51	03	cdy	78	53
Dayton	72	48	cdy	75	50	
Great Falls	86	54	cdy	76	50	
Hartford	90	66	hze	92	65	
Helena	75	48	cdy	75	48	
Honolulu	87	76	clr	87	73	
Houston	90	76	cdy	89	68	
Indianapolis	85	65	cdy	83	63	
Jackson, Miss.	89	70	05	cdy	87	66
Jacksonville	83	62	cdy	82	67	
Juneau	64	54	clr	58	48	
Kansas City	78	54	cdy	MM		
Las Vegas	91	66	clr	84	66	
Little Rock	86	66	05	cdy	84	66
Los Angeles	85	62	haze	85	67	
Louisville	88	68	cdy	84	59	
Madison	85	54	cdy	85	57	
Memphis	85	70	30	cdy	85	67
Miami	83	74	07	cdy	89	75
Milwaukee	85	66	cdy	72	53	
Minneapolis	76	52	27	cdy	75	55
Nashville	89	68	27	cdy	83	61
New Orleans	89	69	cdy	88	71	
New York	91	72	clr	90	72	
Norfolk	89	69	cdy	87	70	
North Platte	76	45	cdy	78	52	
Oklahoma City	80	63	cdy	86	63	
Omaha	75	61	01	cdy	82	57
Ontario	85	70	21	cdy	91	71
Philadelphia	91	64	cdy	89	70	
Phoenix	01	74	clr	105	74	
Pittsburgh	86	62	clr	82	61	
Portland, Me.	71	56	08	cdy	65	53
Portland, Ore.	71	56	14	cdy	78	57
Providence	79	67	cdy	82	45	
Raleigh	78	62	37	cdy	86	64
San Diego	78	62	cdy	80	63	
Reno	85	43	cdy	82	45	
Richmond	92	86	cdy	91	89	
San Jose	82	59	07	cdy	80	58
San Jose, Calif.	88	71	cdy	89	72	
Salt Lake	78	51	cdy	77	49	
San Antonio	89	73	02	cdy	89	71
San Francisco	75	64	cdy	76	64	
San Jose, Calif.	80	64	cdy	81	64	
St. Louis	87	55	cdy	72	45	
Seattle	71	55	cdy	72	54	
Shreveport	83	70	cdy	84	67	
Sioux Falls	77	53	cdy	70	54	
Spokane	85	55	07	cdy	76	51
Syracuse	90	61	cdy	87	60	
Tampa	80	56	cdy	80	58	
Tucson	99	69	cdy	100	68	
Tulsa	83	62	cdy	88	66	
Washington	93	73	clr	91	72	
Wichita	80	54	cdy	80	61	



Albuquerque police hold a man who drove his car into a roped-off area at the Hilton Hotel in this New Mexico city shortly before President Reagan's motorcade was scheduled to arrive. The man was held while his car was searched. Reagan was in Albuquerque to address Wednesday's national convention of the Parent-Teacher Association.

AP Laserphoto

Education shouldn't be 'divisive' issue

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — President Reagan, deploring "the sorry state of America's educational system," said today that efforts to improve the nation's schools should not be a political issue dividing Republicans and Democrats.

Even before he arrived here to address the national convention of the PTA, Reagan himself was being criticized by some officials of the organization, who said he has been mixing education with politics.

In his speech, Reagan was planning to directly criticize the 1.6 million-member National Educational Association for opposing bonus pay for teachers, according to aides.

In remarks prepared for the PTA convention, Reagan said, "Let us stand together — parents, teachers, concerned citizens — and say 'No' to all those who would divide, delay and drag us down."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan was referring to "anybody making partisan politics out of education. We're not singling anybody out," he said, denying that Reagan had politicized the issue.

However, some PTA officials disagreed, and criticized Reagan for his plan to offer tuition tax credits to parents of children in private and parochial schools.

"Tax credits have nothing to do with quality education and everything to do with the politics of the presidency," said Arnold Fege, director of government relations for the national PTA.

Elaine G. Stienkemeyer, newly elected PTA president, said, "I find it difficult to understand how tuition tax credits or vouchers could

benefit the majority of the children."

In his speech, Reagan said, "Let us say 'Yes' to the challenge of a national agenda for excellence that will reach every child in our land."

He told the PTA "to send a message to Washington, D.C. and make it loud and clear."

"Tell them you want the basics in your schools and the parents back in charge," the president said.

"Tell them education must never become a political football because your children come first, and they must come first," he added.

Portions of the speech were released in advance.

Education already has emerged as a major issue for next year's presidential race.

Democrats claim Reagan has undermined education by slashing aid to schools. In the current fiscal year, Reagan tried — and failed — to cut the Education Department's budget by nearly \$5 billion, or one-third.

In his PTA speech, Reagan called attention to the report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, which warned that "the educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation and a people."

Without singling out anyone by name, Reagan said, "Now, some people are already wringing their hands at this bad news and casting about for scapegoats."

"Instead of worrying about whether we put together a Republican plan or a Democratic plan, can't we join together on a course of common sense for an American plan?" he asked.

Eastern jet returns from Havana

MIAMI (AP) — An Eastern Airlines jet carrying 95 people flew back from Havana today after being hijacked by a man who shouted "Cuba! Cuba!" and threatened to blow up the plane with a bottle of liquid, officials said.

The hijacking Tuesday night by a shipyard worker who said he wanted to be reunited with his family in Cuba was the fourth on a U.S. airline in two months and the first since armed sky marshals were returned to some commercial flights last month.

None of the 84 passengers or crew of 11 on the flight from Miami to New York City was hurt and those aboard the wide-bodied Airbus treated it like "a lark," one passenger said later.

The hijacker, identified as New Orleans resident Nelson Betancourt, had run down an aisle shouting, then locked himself in a lavatory after pulling from a red flight bag a small vial that he said contained explosives. FBI agent Jim Freeman said after interviewing passengers in Miami.

"Don't take me to Miami. If it's not Havana, I'll blow the plane up," Freeman quoted the man as saying.

Eastern Flight 414 returned to Miami International Airport at 2:01 a.m. after the 40-minute flight from Havana, said Eastern spokesman Bob Christian.

At 3:45 a.m., after the passengers were debriefed by the FBI, the jetliner took off again for New York's LaGuardia Airport with a new crew and all but about three of the original passengers aboard, Freeman said. The plane landed at LaGuardia Airport at 6:20 a.m.

The hijacking, the second for an Eastern flight in two months, began about 30 minutes after the European-made jet departed from Miami at 9:45 p.m. The pilot radioed "and said he was going to Havana," Christian said.

He's used to 'waiting game' inherent in hijacking incident

NEW YORK (AP) — Among those waiting at LaGuardia Airport this morning for relatives aboard a hijacked Eastern Airlines jetliner was a man who said he was aboard another flight from Miami that was hijacked to Havana last month.

Fred Martell, 47, of Old Westbury, was waiting for his brother Jerome, 53, a resident of Queens and president of a Manhattan ladies footwear manufacturing company.

"Eastern Airlines handles it very nicely," he said. "They tell the hijacker, 'Keep calm. We'll go wherever you want to go.'"

"With us, the passengers were all calm, no problem. Go to Cuba and come back," Martell recalled. "We had drinks, cigars. It was

just very inconvenient."

The hijacking Tuesday night was the fourth on a U.S. airline in two months and the first since armed sky marshals were returned to some commercial flights last month.

The flight was bound for New York when it was hijacked to Havana by a man who threatened to blow up the jet with a bottle of liquid. None of the 95 people aboard were hurt. The hijacker was taken into custody by Cuban authorities.

Martell said he was flying from Miami on May 20 when a man claiming to have explosives forced an Eastern jet to Cuba. Passengers said it appeared the man had several sticks of dynamite, but FAA officials said later there was no bomb.

The hijacker was taken into custody by Cuban police, Freeman said. He said Betancourt was about 55 and had lived in the United States for three years, desperately trying to get his mother and other relatives out of Cuba.

"He said he thought this was the only way," to see his family, Freeman said.

Betancourt was very polite through

gout the hijacking, Freeman said.

The hijacker shouted that "his mother was dying of cancer in the hospital," a passenger, Ramone Yglesias of Miami, said upon arrival in New York City. "He wanted to go back. The Cuban government would not let anyone go back to Havana. That's the only way."

Yglesias, who was traveling with his 14-year-old daughter, said a sky marshal "would have done nothing" had one been aboard. The hijacker sprayed the cabin rug with alcohol and could easily have lit it with a match before he was stopped, Yglesias said.

"The captain was always in control," said Yglesias, a pawnbroker. When the plane landed in Havana, Cuban police "grabbed him (the hijacker) by the collar of his neck."

A passenger, Pearl Zelma, 23, of New York City, said she was "momentarily very frightened. But the crew reacted very calmly."

"About 15 to 20 minutes into the flight, people in the back were told to come to the front and the pilot announced the plane was being hijacked to Cuba," said Mrs. Zelma, holding her 7-month-old daughter Elizabeth, who she said "slept through the whole thing."

Saul Grundwerg, of Scarsdale, N.Y., said there was "no panic. Everyone thought it was a lark."

The Federal Aviation Administration announced May 27 that armed sky marshals were returning to commercial airliners after three planes were hijacked in May.

Area ranchers, farmers seeking drought aid

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agriculture secretary's apparent reluctance to "spring that money" needed to help farmers and ranchers weather the drought without losing their property.

"I SAY IT'S too costly not to spring that money," he charged. "We're going to lose our family farms...and the state is not going to farm. It's essential to have the family farms."

"We're going to fight for you; that's all I can say," Hightower said.

Sims, a San Angelo area rancher, said the drought cuts into livestock production. "Livestock just won't breed; they're not fertile" due to the stress and poor nutrition.

"A drought is something that's hard to imagine," he said, and referred to the drought of the 1950s and the moving of livestock, including sheep, to greener pastures in other states. "There were sheep that were better traveled than the President of the United States."

One by one, farmers and ranchers commented on the drought.

"I think the drought is on," said Rankin rancher Tommy Owens.

"It's dry all the way" 200 miles south and west of San Angelo, said

Owens. East and north of there, rainfall has been spotted. "It's not doing any good," he said of the range land.

"I hate to say this," allowed Fred Case of Eldorado. "We had 2 inches a week ago. It's kind of spotted."

Said a Brewster County spokesman: "The county looks worse than the dead of winter. We're in bad shape."

Crane County is in "terrible shape," and Odessa is "dry."

"WE'RE ESSENTIALLY in the position we were in when we came out of winter, except it's cropped off some," said Glasscock County Agent Norman Kohls of Garden City.

Commented C.W. Brown of McCamey: "If it ever rained in Upton County this year, I've been out of town."

"I'm still feeding cattle," said another rancher. "There's nothing there for them to eat."

"It's not over with yet," said a Sterling County rancher.

"There's no green grass anywhere," noted a Reagan County spokesman. "The only green grass anywhere is around the courthouse."

I don't know the solution to our problem."

Winkler County grass land is "bad in some cases," one rancher said.

"We haven't had a drop of rain (this year) in Reeves County as far as I know," said another.

"I guess it's as bad as it was in the '50s," said another Glasscock County rancher.

Lindsey said he transported, at great expense, his cattle to grazing land in the Panhandle.

"It (the drought) won't break me," he said, "but it'll sure bend the hell out of me." Ranchers are "fighting for survival," he said.

Upton County Commissioner Tommy Workman said, "The worst mistake I made lately was I sold my feed store."

"If it doesn't rain," said Midland rancher-farmer J.D. Crawford, "we're going to have to move all the stock off the ranch."

The Stanton area is dry, too. "It's a whole lot like the '50s," said Martin County Judge Bob Deavenport. "It's rough."

Said Upton County Agent Kent Powell: "If a grasshopper was going to cross Upton County, he'd better bring a sack lunch."

Extended forecasts

Friday Through Sunday

West Texas: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms Friday and Saturday. Fair Sunday. Warmer most sections Friday otherwise no important temperature changes. Lows lower 60s Panhandle to around 70 south. Highs mostly 90s except up to 104 Big Bend valleys.

Border forecasts

Oklahoma: Warm days, mild nights through Thursday. Highs today 83 to 87. Lows 59 to 63. Highs Thursday 86 to 89.

Arkansas: Decreasing cloudiness southeast, slight chance for showers extreme southeast today. Elsewhere sunny and mild to warm. Highs mostly in the 80s. Clear and cooler tonight. Lows in the 50s north to 60s elsewhere. Mostly sunny and warm Thursday. Highs in the 80s.

Area forecasts

North Texas: Partly cloudy and warm with widely scattered thunderstorms mainly west Friday. Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms spreading eastward and becoming more numerous Saturday and Sunday. Lows 60s. Highs 80s.

South Texas: Cloudy to partly cloudy. A chance of thunder showers mainly northwest sections Friday and eastern sections Saturday and Sunday. Lows 60s north to 70s south and coast. Highs 80s north and upper coast to 90s along the Rio Grande.

Border forecasts

North Texas: Increasing cloudiness north today, partly cloudy south with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid to upper 80s. Slight chance of thunderstorms tonight and Thursday. Lows mid to upper 60s. Highs Thursday in the upper 80s to low 90s.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Variable winds near 10 knots today, tonight. Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots Thursday. Seas 3 to 4 feet today and tonight. Winds and seas briefly higher near scattered showers and thunderstorms.

MISD trustees compromise on UIL, study hall rulings

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—Gary Hopper: "I don't believe we have to make excuses to ask our students to strive for something. I think we have to strive not only to win at football, basketball and track, but to win in the classrooms. I believe if our students try as hard in the classroom, they'll achieve. I don't believe we're threatening the lives or the futures of our young people by asking them to reach for the stars."

—Ann Page: "I think kids will rise to the expectations. I don't know if we're really giving kids an advantage if we tell them, 'F's are OK. I think there are some things we're going to have to do — like strengthen our counseling. We can have a tutorial program just like they do in college. I know we have some ways and some tools that can be used and not just say it's OK to fail.'"

—Parker Humes: "I know two black boys that received college scholarships and turned out successful that if they hadn't had athletics, their coaches say, they would not have finished high school and received diplomas. I don't feel stringency creates participation. We hire these coaches, pay them good and expect them to win. All I want is a fair chance. I think a policy, as discussed by this board of ineligibility after one F) would be discriminatory. There is absolutely no question about it — it would be discriminating against minorities. Don't mince words."

TRUSTEE STATEMENTS included the following:

—Joe Golding: "I'm strongly opposed to ineligibility after one F. I have trouble going to sleep at night knowing that I have put higher standards on our children than any other community in the state. I feel like when I was voted in office, I was voted to help our children and give them every advantage I could and not deter their education."

Pinochet warns of 'crackdown'

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet says he will "crack down" if necessary, whatever the cost" after hundreds of thousands of Chileans protested his military rule. A child and a man were shot to death and at least 350 people were arrested.

Across the country, Chileans banged empty pots and blew car horns Tuesday in a bigger and noisier repeat of the May 11 demonstration organized by five labor groups who want a speedier transition to civilian government.

This time, professional groups, farmers and political parties ranging from the right to the socialist left joined the protest, which included a boycott that kept students out of school, shoppers out of stores and buses and trucks off the road.

But the protest went beyond the union leaders' instructions. Police riot squads dispersed more than a dozen outdoor rallies and marches by university students and lawyers. They arrested 248 demonstrators in Santiago, Valparaiso, Concepcion, Temuco and La Serena, Chilean media reported.

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Today's mid-market markets reports

Table of stock market reports including NYSE, NASDAQ, and various market indices with columns for price, change, and volume.

Stock market gains before you start to borrow

By CHET CURRIER AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market chalked up its fourth straight gain Tuesday, flirting with record highs in a busy session.

Some big-name technology stocks remained under selling pressure, but the rest of the market showed no ill effects from the recent slide in that sector.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 6.71 to 1,227.26, about five points short of the record closing high of 1,232.59 it reached on May 5.

In the past four trading days the average has risen more than 41 points.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 97.71 million shares, against 90.70 million Monday.

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Investing institutions that dumped TI stock and other home-computer issues apparently did not pull the proceeds out of the market altogether, but simply moved the money into blue chips, helping to push up the Dow Jones industrials.

Auto stocks were actively traded Tuesday as the companies posted mostly higher sales reports for the first 10 days of June.

General Tire & Rubber led the active list, up 1 to 36 1/2 in trading that included a 6.02 million-share block at 36.

Advances outnumbered declines by a little more than 4 to 3 on the Big Board, and the exchange's composite index climbed .39 to 96.01, matching the record high it established last month.

Nationwide turnover in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 111.60 million shares.

Standard & Poor's index of 400 industrials added .80 to 188.18, and S&P's 500-stock composite index was up .69 at 165.53.

The NASDAQ composite index of 1,100 over-the-counter market stocks gained 1.99 to 320.04 at the American Stock Exchange, the market value index closed at 470.80, up .85.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance including fund names, assets, and returns.

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Gold futures

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Council alters code to make sidewalks safer

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

Be it strolling, swimming or flying, Midland City Council Tuesday ran through a 54-item agenda which had something of interest for just about everyone.

The council discussed Midland's policy for locating sidewalks before altering the city code to favor what one councilman described as the only intended benefactors of sidewalks — pedestrians.

The councilmen also voted to charge the Confederate Air Force (CAF) five percent on gross gate receipts for its Labor Day weekend air show at Midland Regional Airport. In addition, they agreed to lease Washington Park Pool to the YMCA, which will in turn open and staff the pool this summer.

In other action, the council dispensed with a variety of zoning requests, agreed to roll \$214,000 of federal jobs money into the city's housing rehabilitation program and held a public hearing — for which no one appeared — to solicit public comment on the 1983-84 proposed budget.

Prompted by continued questions and several requests for sidewalk variances — including a number of requests for waivers along Loop 250

— the council chose to re-examine the city's sidewalk ordinance.

Under the current city code, sidewalks must be placed adjacent to the curb. A second option would place sidewalks back away from the street, abutting a foot from the property line.

In a memo to the council, Public Works Director Fred Baker outlined the pros and cons of each option before recommending, generally, that the city keep sidewalks against the curb.

Although sidewalks near or on the property line allow a safer distance between traffic and pedestrians and permit easier installation of signs and poles, he said, sidewalks next to the curb are simpler to construct, less costly, permit easier service of water meter boxes and provide property owners with a yard unbroken by concrete.

Councilman Tom Sloan argued that sidewalks should be placed off the curb because the most important consideration when placing a sidewalk is pedestrian safety.

"All I'm saying is that if you're going to walk, you're better off not walking next to the street," Sloan said. "If a kid falls off his bike into the street, he's going to be killed. If he falls off a sidewalk a few feet back, all he's going to do is bang his

head on the grass."

Sloan moved the city code be amended to place sidewalks a foot from the property line unless the builder convinces the council of the need for a variance. With Councilmen Gordon Marcum II and Jesse Hatfield dissenting, the council voted 4-2 in favor of the proposal.

Also during the meeting in City Hall Council Chambers, Aviation Director Victor White suggested the council consider recouping expenses the city will incur during a September CAF air show.

White said the city received no compensation for a similar show two years ago. He estimated the cost for maintenance workers, extra emergency personnel and other expenses at this year's show will be about \$5,000, perhaps more.

He said the CAF expects to attract 25,000 to 50,000 people to its show at \$5 each, a possible gate of between \$125,000 and \$250,000.

The council agreed to charge the CAF five percent of gross gate receipts and to monitor this year's expenses with an eye toward working out similar arrangements for future CAF shows.

The Washington Pool lease with the YMCA will run from today through Aug. 26. The council agreed to spend \$6,150 for patching and

other repairs at the pool, located at 1601 E. Indiana Ave. in southeast Midland. The pool will be open seven days a week.

The council agreed to authorize Susan Howell, community development coordinator, to complete application for the \$214,000 Midland will receive from a recently-passed federal jobs bill.

Ms. Howell told the council the money could probably best be spent in the city's housing rehabilitation program, which not only creates work for contractors but provides house repairs for a steady stream of applicants.

Under the 1982-83 program as of June 2, 33 houses had been repaired at a cost of \$184,613. Another 12 were expected to be refurbished before depleting the program's \$250,000 grant.

In other action, the council:

—agreed to suspend work on expansion of the airport terminal to permit display of an antique airplane and more seating in the restaurant. The expansion was expected to cost \$350,000 to \$500,000.

—approved zone change and lounge permit requests by Wall Street Hotel Venture, Ltd., which plans to build a 206-room Ramada hotel on the northwest corner of Wall Avenue and Powell Street. The

council also agreed to waive sidewalk requirements on Travis Avenue and Walker Street, but not on Powell.

—listened to neighborhood opposition before unanimously denying a request by Richard Leonard for a specific use nightclub permit on the south side of W. Wall, about 1,470 feet west of Midkiff Road. Leonard now operates the Executive Lounge, 3803 W. Wall, and proposed closing the lounge to open another nightclub at the proposed location.

—approved a specific use permit request by Robert E. Sutton for a parking lot at the southeast corner of Carrizo Street and Michigan Avenue. The council denied Sutton's request for a zone change from an Office District to a Commercial District on the east half of a block on the west side of Pecos Street, between Michigan and Tennessee Avenue.

—agreed to a request by X-Pert Land Development for a zone change from Single Family District to Planned District to develop an office and Zentner's Daughter restaurant on a 3.9-acre tract on the south side of Loop 250, 269 feet west of Midland Drive.

—approved a request by T.C. Tubbs and Dee Anderson for a zone change from Neighborhood Service District

to Local Retail District on a 1.6-acre tract at the southeast corner of Wakefield Road and Interstate 20 service road. The Westgate Grocery on that land had been improperly operating four gasoline pumps in an NS District. The council only recently amended the zoning ordinance to permit two gasoline pumps, with a special permit, at NS District locations.

—denied a request by Jack Hightower to participate in reconstructing a sewer line for a 1 1/2-story building on the northwest corner of Illinois Avenue and Mariefeld Street. The council approved Hightower's request for extending underground footings into the street's right-of-way at the location.

—agreed to purchase a \$13,629 steel building for Hogan Park Golf Course.

—approved preliminary plats for Pecan Plantation, northwest of the intersection of Texas 349 and County Road 150 West; and West Park Addition, on the northwest corner of the intersection of FM 1788 and County Road 150.

—added J. Brian Martin, Tom C. McCall and Jack A. Dalious to the staff of substitute Municipal Court judges.

The council's next regular meeting is scheduled for June 28.



Staff photo by Ron Jaap

Those "nasty" horizontal lines on the forehead caused by raised eyebrows could be smoothed out after a collagen implant, according to Dr. Terry Tubbs, a Midland reconstructive and plastic surgeon.

Simple technique can help remove wrinkles, scars

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

There may be good news for Midlanders who want smoother, younger looking skin.

According to Dr. Terry Tubbs, Midland reconstructive and plastic surgeon, a simple, non-surgical technique can correct certain acne scars, some furrows between the eyebrows and depressions left after surgery.

Collagen implants, a safe and effective technique approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration in 1981, will not replace a facelift, Tubbs said. But, the procedure is effective for spot work.

The treatment involves injecting a highly purified protein, collagen, into the depressed area of the skin, raising it to the level of surrounding tissue. This fills out the scar or wrinkle and replaces natural collagen, which was lost from the skin during the scarring or aging process.

Because one out of 100 people could have an allergic reaction, Tubbs said a skin test is done on the arm, and if there is not a reaction within six weeks, he can give the treatment.

Although some cosmetic creams and emollients have collagen, the "creams can't get through the larger outer skin and they won't give the same results," he said.

The procedure is done at the doctor's office and takes less than one-half hour. Tubbs said small vertical wrinkles on the top lip can be removed for about \$150 to \$200.

"Some will last about two years," Tubbs said. "The average length of time is 12 to 24 months. Only one out

of seven or eight patients for some reason or other won't have these results."

Previously, facial wrinkles and acne and burn scars were treated with liquid silicone, but it wasn't always safe, according to Tubbs.

"There was always hope for an alternative to liquid silicone," he said, adding that this treatment is still used for "big holes" in the face.

"Everyone has been looking for something more natural," he said. "Collagen is animal protein. After collagen implants seemed to work for acne, surgeons asked, 'how about wrinkles, depressed areas and burn scars?'"

Tubbs said that about six years ago a special permit was obtained from the FDA to try collagen implants on volunteer convicts in California. Then, the technique was used on volunteer students at Stanford University and finally on volunteer patients.

"It worked pretty good for most acne scars," he said, "but most wrinkles are dynamic as where the acne stands still on the face. It won't get rid of saggin' or hangin' down skin."

Tubbs noted that the procedure may not be as effective against "crow's feet" or "ice pick" acne scars.

Once the collagen is implanted into the skin, it looks and feels natural and will not migrate or shift position. Because it is so much like the body's own collagen, the implant soon is colonized by the body cells and blood vessels, actually becoming a lifelike part of the skin.

Woman's vision resulted in museum

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

CRANE — Crane County Museum stands as a monument to the far-sighted vision of one woman.

She was the late Myrtle Corley, reporter and historian of Crane, who saw the need for a museum in which to collect area artifacts and convinced Crane County Historical Commission and county fathers to back her.

"She really was the driving force behind it," said Melba Damron, longtime Crane resident and herself instrumental in compiling "Crane County History," to be released late this year.

Mrs. Damron was a member of the original committee which established the museum, situated in the Chamber of Commerce building along U.S. 385.

"We put up all the historical markers...and Myrtle just kept making me help her throughout the year," she said. "She just turned to me because she could rely on me to help her."

The result, initiated in 1973, was the museum and its own chambers in a new building.

Although it contains a variety of historical items, Mrs. Damron wishes the museum could be improved. "Had Myrtle stayed around," she said, "this would have been a much better museum, because Crane was almost the anchor place for all the Permian Basin oil...The exhibits here really are not reflective of what the county has been...It really doesn't tell the history of Crane County."

The exhibit which attracts the most attention, said Mrs. Damron, is an authentic chuckwagon and gear. On loan from P.O. Vines of Crane, the chuckwagon is a 1900 Studebaker model and is accompanied by a U.S. Army saddle and campfire cooking utensils. It also bears the brands of area ranchers.

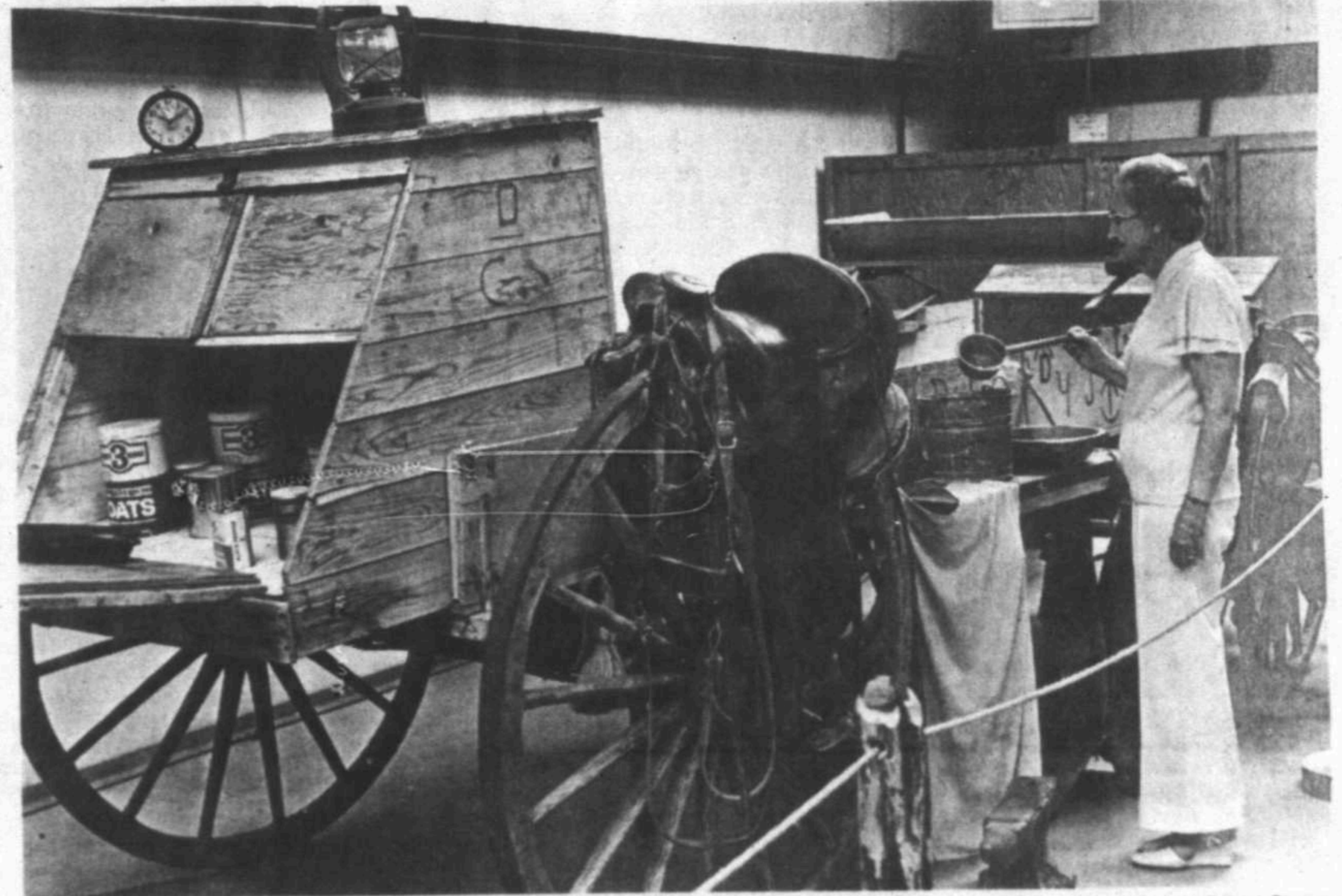


Photo by Patrick Dearen

Melba Damron demonstrates cooking gear on the Crane County Museum. The chuck wagon is a 1900 Studebaker model on loan from P.O. Vines.

Also noteworthy is a collection of historic photographs, both of early day oil activity in Crane County as well as 19th Century Midland. The Midland photographs, from the collection of the late Cliff Newland, date back to 1888.

The museum contains several other display cases of items from Newland, who was widely known as a treasure hunter.

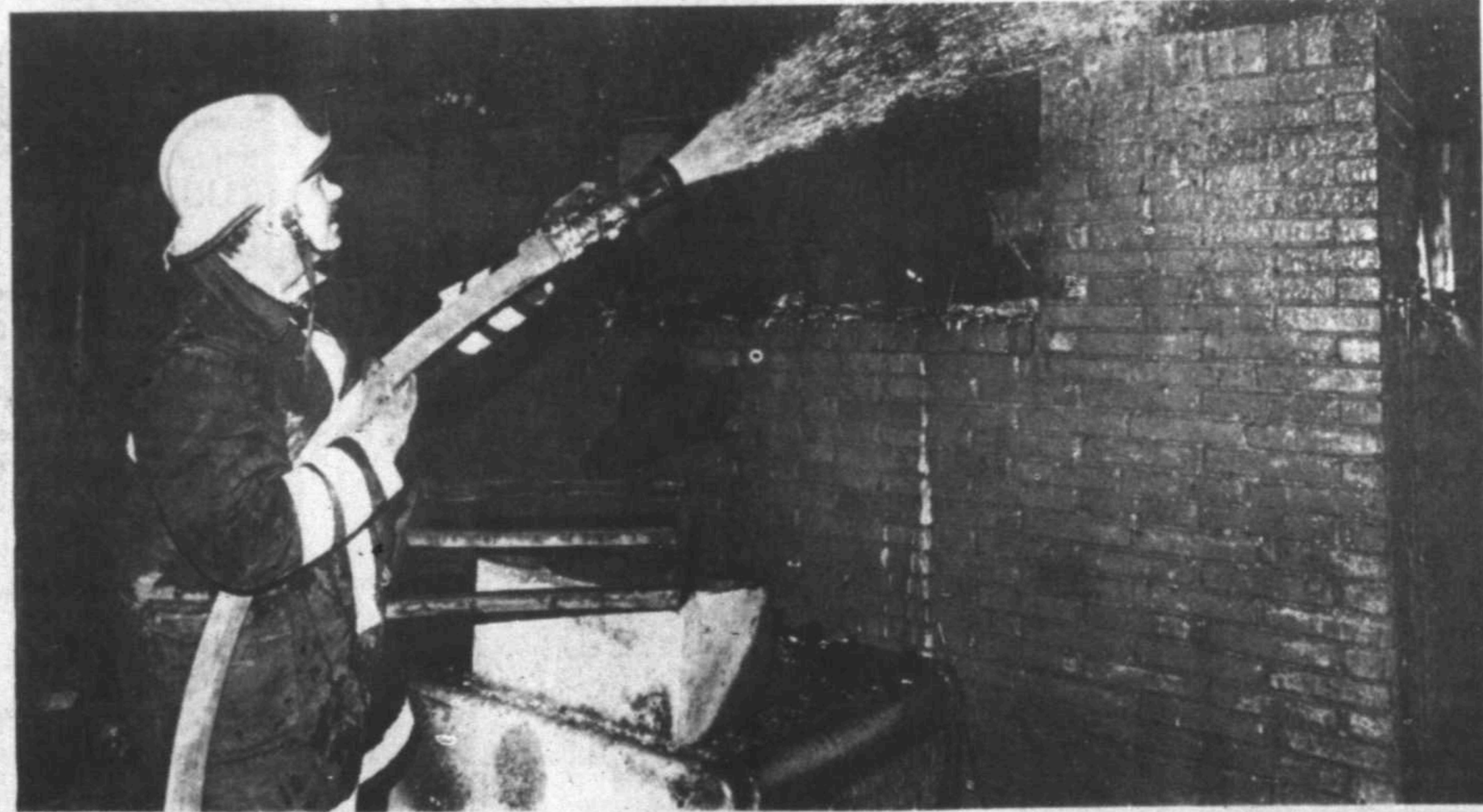
The Pecos River long has been instrumental in Crane County's history, and the lower stretches of that waterway provided the source for a museum collection of Indian artifacts. The items were dated by Tulane University researchers at 1,500-2,000 B.C.

The oilfield boom which gave birth to Crane in the 1920s is represented by cable tool rig equipment

provided by oldtime driller Bill Allman of Crane, while additional items include a spur and bit and railroad nail collections.

Most artifacts in the museum have been donated by county residents, said Mrs. Damron, though a few have been obtained on loan.

Operated by Crane Chamber of Commerce, the museum is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



Fire believed caused by an electrical short in an air conditioner heavily damaged one bedroom of this home at 3403 W. Storey about 11:15 p.m. Wednesday. The house is owned by Thomas P. Highton. No injuries were reported.

Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

MISD board accepts resignation of LHS principal

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

Money and management were among items discussed during the first meeting of the summer for the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees Tuesday afternoon.

Besides bids and a resignation, trustees also reviewed preliminary figures for the 1983-84 budget.

The resignation of Dr. Joe Smith, Lee High School principal, was accepted. Smith, who served in the position for eight years, was a classroom teacher, coach, department chairman and assistant high school

principal during his 24 years in education. He received his bachelor's degree from North Texas State University, his master's from Sul Ross State College and his doctorate from Western Colorado University. His resignation is effective July 31, and he plans to enter the private sector, according to his letter of resignation.

Four contracts, totalling \$110,601, were awarded for construction of the Instructional Materials Center Building. Bids from Abbott Building Co. were approved for the contract on the metal building, site preparation and floor for \$74,480, and the plumbing for \$17,788.

The interior contract was awarded to Kirkpatrick Contractors for \$10,385. Woolard Electrical Co. received the contract for electrical work for \$7,950.

Using a different approach from other projects, the school district will serve as the contractor for the construction of the center, said Dr. James H. Mailey, consultant for school planning and construction. Wilson Heideberg, director of school plant maintenance and grounds, will be held responsible for the supervision and operation of the development.

The project will replace the materials center destroyed by fire in

March 1982, Mailey said. Funds remaining from the \$200,000 insurance money will be used to replace learning materials.

The bid for the re-roofing of parts of Midland High School, including the old library area, south wing and girls gymnasium, was awarded to Lydick Roofing for \$20,976. Budgeted amount of the project was \$15,000.

Trustees approved a bid for the purchase of uniforms for school personnel from Eastern Uniform Co., for a total of \$18,707. According to Leon Hartter, purchasing director, the district has been renting the uniforms and paying linen service fees. About \$10,000 should be saved by

purchasing them.

The first phase of the budget study, which includes only non-salary items, showed an increase of 29 percent in purchased and contracted services. According to Don Furguson, business manager, the \$730,205 increase is partly due to requests from tax appraisal district to add two new tax appraisers and a 9 percent salary increase.

Other increases in costs include \$40,000 for the data processing contract, \$30,000 for instruction-printing and film services, \$24,000 for the vocational contract with Midland College, \$11,000 for the driver education insurance, \$37,000 for athletics, and \$60,000 for food services.

The estimated \$391,000 increase in utility costs stems from a 30 percent increase in utilities and the addition of three 50,000-square-foot schools, including new phone systems and maintenance of grounds.

Other increases were reflected in supplies and materials and capital outlay.

Capital outlay expenditures are expected to increase \$2,181,085, according to preliminary figures. Roofing and paving projects, computers and microfilming equipment and the addition of 17 buses contributed to the increase, Furguson said. The final budget is expected to be approved in late July or early August.

DEATHS



Norvell Jones

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Services for Norvell Jones, 54, of 305 S. Benton, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Northside Church of Christ with Dan Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She died Monday in a Midland hospital after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Jones was born March 19, 1929, in Bastrop. She lived in Midland since 1958.

Survivors include three sons, Genord Jones Jr., of Arlington, Robert Jones of Midland and Carlton Jones of Killeen; two daughters, Nancy Franklin of San Antonio and Dora Jones of Midland; seven brothers, Franklin Warren of Denver, Colo., Lewis Warren and Charles Warren, both of Dallas, Ace Warren and Harold Warren, both of Seguin, and Harris Warren and Charles Warren, both of Midland; three sisters, Jassie Ellis of Seguin, Olivia Young of Stanton and Mary Franklin of Midland; and her mother, Lula B. Warren of Seguin.

Ned Young

Ned Young, 78, of Afton, Okla., and a native of Big Spring, died this morning at his home in Afton.

Services are pending.

He was the first white child born on the Slaughter Ranch north of Stanton.

Young was active in the railroad

Doctor believed cancer will always be present

HOUSTON (AP) — A doctor who shares a \$100,000 research prize for helping develop techniques that allowed use of anti-cancer drugs in combination says he believes the disease will never be eradicated.



Emil Freireich

Dr. Emil Freireich, chairman of the department of developmental therapeutics at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital, is one of two recipients of the Charles F. Kettering Prize, the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation announced Tuesday.

Freireich, 56, shares the award with Harvard University scientist Dr. Emil Frei. The two worked

arbitration department for the Missouri Pacific Railroad until he retired about 20 years ago.

He was a Shriner and was active in that branch of the Masons for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Martha; and two sisters, Gipsy Thomas of Ruidoso, N.M., and Marie Koonce of Midland.

John D. Pyeatt

Services for John Dudley Pyeatt, 93, of Greeley, Colo., were to be at 9:30 a.m. today in the Church of God here with the Rev. George Ivy officiating. Graveside services were to be at 1 p.m. (MDT) in Cooper Cemetery at Jal, N.M. Handling arrangements is Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Sunday.

Pyeatt was born Sept. 22, 1889, in Cleburne and was raised in the Plainview area. He married Eula Fewell in 1913 in Silverton. They moved to Colorado where he worked for the railroad. They moved to the Midland area in 1920 and to Jal in 1929. In 1945 they moved to Roswell, N.M., where they farmed for 15 years. He retired and moved to Fort Worth. In 1968, he returned to Midland.

Pyeatt was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include five sons, Robert Pyeatt of Greeley, David Pyeatt of Santa Maria, Calif., James Pyeatt of Salt Lake City, Utah, John Dudley Pyeatt Jr. of Cleveland, Tenn., and Charles Pyeatt of Marietta, Ga.; five daughters, Mary Lou Daniels of Ranger, Johnnie Lytle of Springfield, Ohio, Kaye Pyeatt of Dallas, Eula Seyda of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Martha Buckholz of Hartford, Mich.; a brother, Finis Pyeatt of Tucumcari, N.M.; 29 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

John Beverly

Services for John Beverly, 56, of 109 Thornridge were Tuesday in St. Nicholas Episcopal Church with Dr. Joseph H. Schley Jr., pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Saturday at his home.

Pallbearers were Clarence Marley, Kenneth Hawkins, Clifford Chapman, Frank Luther, Alex Ewing and Clifford Ray Chalmers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Beverly, and three children.

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Food, gimmicks flow at convention

HOUSTON (AP) — Free long-distance phone calls. Free buttons, food, posters, money clips and yo-yos, often dispensed by pretty women. Oh yes, and the parties.

Those are some of the marketing strategies being used by exhibitors at the annual convention of the National Cable Television Association, a gathering that's devoted this year to the problems of marketing cable itself.

Industry officials say they're concerned by the inability of most cable systems to sign up more than half of the residents in any given town. They're trotting out marketing studies and forming a Consortium for Cable Information to address the problem.

Meanwhile, spread across more than 200,000 square feet in Houston's Astrohall, 400 companies that sell equipment, services and programming directly to cable operators aren't waiting for any studies.

They're trying to catch the attention of strolling conventioners. And

if they can't collar you on the exhibit floor, there are always the hospitality suites and special parties.

Hearst-ABC Video, which operates such channels as Daytime and ARTS, took over one of the city's more popular discos Sunday night. On Monday, Home Box Office, Cinemax and USA Cable rented a huge shopping mall, set up large buffet tables and bars and acquired the services of the Houston Symphony Orchestra for entertainment.

Executives of the major cable firms do not discuss how much they spend on exhibits and entertainment, even anonymously.

"It's what is known as a cost of doing business," says an HBO official who didn't want to be identified. "These cable operators come here from all over the country and they want to be entertained and enjoy a class act. Our rates might go up, but they never make the connection that this is a contributing expense."

The expenses clearly totaled in the millions. An elaborate booth can easily cost \$100,000 or more to construct. That doesn't include the cost

of getting it here, leasing space, setting it up and staffing it.

Then you need your gimmick. The free long distance phone calls are being offered by MCI Communications, which is exploring the use of cable TV facilities to help it compete against the Bell System.

Then there's food. HBO offers cookies and popcorn, the latter to symbolize HBO's "explosive entertainment."

The Christian Broadcast Network has smoked beef jerky while the Cable Health Network — not illogically — offers a "health mix" package of raisins and nuts.

The health network, perhaps not wishing to be outdone by the Satellite Program Network, also had sports medicine specialist Dr. Allen Selner on hand to answer questions. The Satellite Program Network called in pro golfer Dick Lawrence to give tips to passersby.

The Sports Network, a new pay-TV channel unveiled here this week, was even more elaborate. It set up a row of stadium bleachers with four

sitting mannequins, which sport real TV sets for heads.

The "heads" took turns delivering promotional messages. The network also set up a Speed Ball net, allowing sports enthusiasts to see how fast they could throw a baseball.

The exhibit for Chicago "super station" WGN-TV featured a huge inflatable clown and a matching Chicago Cub bear, while The Disney Channel set up a miniature Magic Kingdom castle. Mickey Mouse, of course, made an appearance.

The staff for Country Music Television's exhibit featured several cowgirls in attire that would never last on the range, but visitors to The Playboy Channel booth had to settle for a videotaped presentation. Several "Playmates" made a live appearance at a special party.

After all that, it was almost relaxing to visit some of the booths of news organizations represented here. Reuters, The Associated Press and United Press International kept things simple to reflect the image of down-to-earth news organizations.

Thirty Midlanders on UTPB's dean's honor list