

SUNDAY PREVIEW

Clown's lifestyle

Everything in sports

Foster family care

The rodeo clown is an ambiguous character. In one moment, he's getting laughs with a clever prank. And in the next split second, he's trying to save the life of a cowboy in trouble.

Super Bowl hysteria builds as the Dallas Cowboys head for Miami and a date with destiny Jan. 21. Midland High faces Saturday test against Abilene High; can the Pack hold on to its 5-4A lead? Read about it in Sunday's R-T.

Foster family care is a protective service which provides a child with a substitute family during a period in which the parents are unable to care for him or her. Read Sunday's Lifestyle Section to find out about a Midland foster family — its joys and tears.

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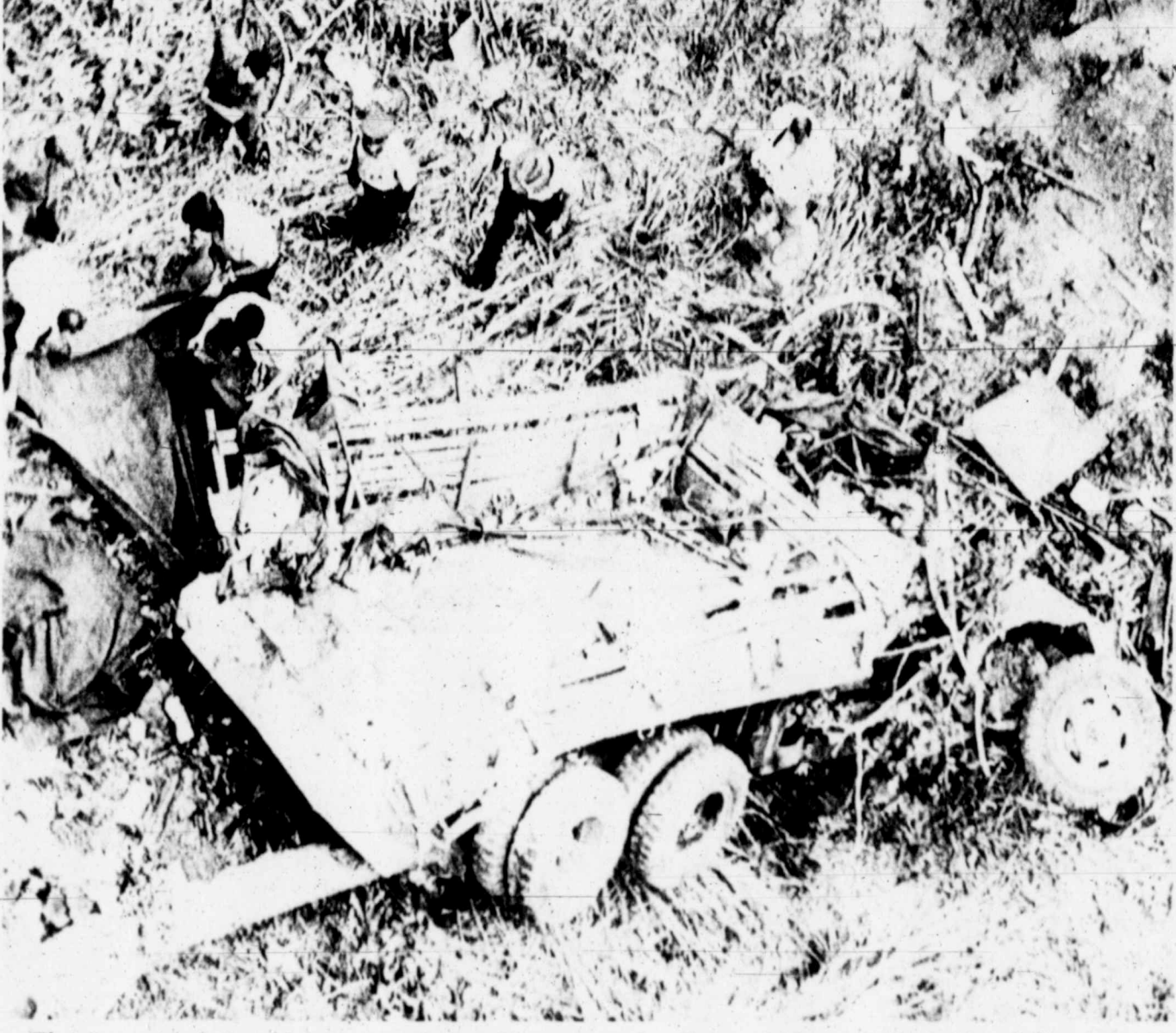
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ROUSTIN ABOUT with Ed Todd

Perhaps contrary to prevailing winds, conformity is not always one of the little secrets to success. "To be a success in business, be daring, be first, be different," wrote Marchant. That, of course, doesn't mean to be obviously and outwardly different. Sometimes subtleties are a great selling point. Sometimes it takes a flash of spiffiness to draw attention. Being a nonconformist with class, novelty or genuine sincerity is something called idiosyncrasy, and people either adore it or shun it. It's not ignored. What Dr. Laurence Peter of "Peter Principle" fame calls an "opium for underachievers" some people call individuality. You've read it before, but it imparts solace, especially if you're not up at the head of the class: "Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed, and in such desperate enterprises?" stated transcendentalist Henry David Thoreau. "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer." Bill Vaughan came up with an amusing word-juggle, when he wrote on conforming or not: "If there is anything the nonconformist hates worse than a conformist, it's another nonconformist who doesn't conform to the prevailing standards of nonconformity." The man for all times, Mohandas Gandhi, wrote of the blending-in movement called conformity: "Force, violence, pressure, or compulsion with a view to conformity, are both uncivilized and undemocratic." "The race of men, while sheep in credulity, are wolves for conformity," wrote Carl Van Doren. And Mignon McLaughlin rephrased that old saying that's been heard time and time again: "Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers." Sometimes success is measured too late.



The Army truck in which 15 American soldiers died Thursday is examined by Canal Zone police and other officials. Two other servicemen survived when the truck plunged off a bridge, falling some 80 feet onto a dirt bank of the Panama Canal. (AP Laserphoto)

Truck mishap kills 16 GIs

BALBOA, Canal Zone (AP) — Sixteen of 17 American soldiers aboard a U.S. Army truck were dead and the only survivor was in critical condition after the truck hit a car on a bridge over the Panama Canal, crashed through a guard rail and plunged 80 feet down a bank of the canal. The 2 1/2-ton truck turned over Thursday but did not go into the water. Fifteen of the men were killed instantly, and one died early this morning in Gorgas Memorial Hospital, in the Canal Zone, a military spokesman announced. The Army said the names and home addresses of the men would not be made public until their families were notified, possibly later today. The bodies were in the morgue at the hospital, and preparations were made to fly them to the United States. A spokesman said the soldiers were all members of Company B, 4th Battalion, Mechanized 20th Infantry, 193rd Infantry Brigade, which is assigned permanently to the Canal Zone. The men were returning to Fort Clayton from the Empire Firing Range on the west bank of the canal. Officials of the U.S. Southern Command said a preliminary investigation indicated the truck was moving into another lane on the Thatcher Ferry Bridge when it struck the car, veered off and went through the guard rail. U.S. officials said the driver of the car, another American soldier whose identity was not announced, was not hurt and drove his car off the bridge. A Canal Zone policeman told Army officials he had just crossed the bridge when he heard the impact. He said he stopped, looked back and saw some of the soldiers rolling down the bank. "The truck was upside down and flat as a pancake," said Pam Jassy, 29, of New York City, who drove by shortly after the accident. Cranes were brought in to lift the vehicle, and some of the bodies were found under the wreckage. "I'll bet there were a thousand people lined up on the bridge," said another passerby who declined to give his name. "Behind the back of the truck were several bodies covered by a blanket. They brought up a big piece of canvas, put the bodies on it, wrapped them up and put them into an ambulance." The bridge is near the Pacific entrance to the canal and is the only automobile crossing of the canal on that side. Known also as the Bridge of the Americas, it is part of the Pan-American Highway. With its approaches it is just over a mile long and is about 220 feet above the canal waters at high tide. The last major accident on the bridge occurred May 24, 1971, when a Panamanian bus crashed off it and rolled 99 feet down the bank, killing 38 persons.

Iran's Bakhtiar promises action against rioters

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar promised "severe government action" against rioters in the wake of attacks on the U.S. Consulate and secret police headquarters in Shiraz following the lifting of martial law. Rioting exploded in the city 275 miles south of Tehran on Thursday as Bakhtiar was appealing to Parliament for a mandate to try to quiet the year-long rebellion by religious and political foes of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. The new civilian prime minister lifted martial law in Shiraz on Monday, and he told the government radio the rioting broke a pledge from the city's Moslem religious leaders to maintain order after military rule was removed. Police in Shiraz battled a mob estimated at 10,000 to 20,000 that hauled down and burned the American flag at the consulate after stoning the building. U.S. sources said the American and Iranian staff of the consulate fled as the mob approached, and none of the staff was reported hurt. The mob moved on from the consulate to storm the headquarters of the SAVAK secret police, which Bakhtiar in his speech to Parliament promised to abolish. Residents of the city reported SAVAK agents fired into the mob, and two to eight dead and 10 to 15 wounded were reported. The Majlis, the Iranian Parliament, was in recess today for the Moslem Sabbath, delaying debate on the 17-point program Bakhtiar outlined in his speech Thursday. He will go before the Senate on Saturday, and votes of confidence are scheduled next Tuesday in the lower house and on Wednesday in the Senate. In addition to the abolition of SAVAK, the program includes release of political prisoners and compensation to them, dismissal of "un-

Basin weather warming, but only for a while

Permian Basin residents will get a chance to put away their warm overcoats, scarfs and gloves today as the temperature is supposed to climb to near 70 degrees. But better leave the winter apparel in a convenient place because the cold weather that has chilled the area for most of the month is expected to return tonight and Saturday. In any event, the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport was forecasting comfortable spring weather for today. Temperatures were expected to be in the high 60s. The high 60s must seem like summer after some of the cold weather that has been marked by slick, icy roads during the early days of 1979. But a spring day in winter has its unpleasant aspects too. Early today, water from melting ice continued to run down streets and sidewalks, making conditions muddy and for pedestrians. Since children must play in the school yard, today might add up to additional laundry for mothers who send their youngsters off to school in clean clothes. And it's the kind of weather which, if you believe in wive' tales, might make one more susceptible to common colds. In the midst of the cold

Oilworkers agree to tentative terms of new contract

DENVER (AP) — The oil workers union and the nation's oil industry are in tentative agreement on a new two-year contract, and an industry spokesman says the terms are acceptable to the Carter administration. The tentative accord apparently averts a strike by about 60,000 refinery workers. It is the first major union contract negotiated under President Carter's voluntary guidelines, which call for a 7 percent ceiling on wage and fringe benefit increases over the life of a contract. The administration's Council on Wage and Price Stability said it will not comment on the contract until it has reviewed it thoroughly. However, Chuck Partridge, a spokesman for Standard Oil Co. (Ohio) in Cleveland, said it was his understanding that the Gulf contract offer had been approved by the council as an industrywide pattern. The agreement announced Thursday calls for a 73-cent-per-hour wage boost — just over 8 percent — in its first year, and a 5 percent pay increase in the second year. The wage proposal would seem to be in compliance because the wage provisions in the tentative accord average out to less than 7 percent over the two years of the contract. But A.F. Grosprion, president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, admitted the increases in fringe benefits apparently exceed federal guidelines. "We'll have to work that out," he said. The other provisions of the accord, reached with Gulf Oil Corp. as a model for the industry, include an increase in company contributions to medical insurance premiums by up to \$4.50 per month for individual coverage and up to \$12 per month for family coverage. Grosprion said the Gulf proposal also contains a clause that permits the contract to be reopened in the second year for wages, health care benefits and vacations, and gives the union the right to strike on Jan. 8, 1980. The average oil worker now makes \$8.80 per hour. The Gulf proposal was to be submitted to local unions today, and a vote was expected by Saturday. "I think they will accept it," said Grosprion. Grosprion said the toughest aspect of the negotiations was government intervention. "You're faced with the government trying to enforce a position on the industry," he said. "We're not bargaining with the government, we're bargaining with the industry. That makes it very difficult." Only about 3,500 OCAW members walked off the job during negotiations. On Wednesday, the union issued a set of demands for future contract proposals, and Gulf fell in line. Grosprion said Amoco, a company trademark of Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), matched the Gulf offer shortly after it was approved. "Offers from other companies are expected to follow," he said at a news conference.

Odessan dies in auto crash

ODESSA — A 56-year-old Odessa woman was killed and two other persons were injured in a near head-on automobile collision in Ector County Thursday night. Jewell Martin Neal, one of the drivers of the vehicles, was rushed to Medical Center Hospital where she died at 7:20 p.m., nearly two hours after the accident. Jay Coby Mayfield, 15, of Odessa, the other driver, was listed in critical condition today at Medical Center Hospital, according to a medical spokesman. He was in the intensive care unit, receiving treatment for head injuries. Mark Speers, 13, of Odessa, a passenger in the Mayfield car, was treated and released for minor injuries. The accident occurred at Oregon and FM 1882. The Neal woman was traveling south on FM 1882 and the Mayfield vehicle was northbound at the time of the mishap. DPS Trooper Richard Andrews of Odessa investigated the accident.

Inside your R-T IN THE NEWS: The new surgeon general's report on smoking has given rise to both fierce criticism and gleeful rejoicing... 3A LIFESTYLE: High school students form conglomerate... 1B SPORTS: Tall city girls race to District 5-4A basketball victories... 1D PEOPLE: "The Duke" has fought off cancer and an ailing heart, but he has a new adversary... 5A Bridge... 4D Editorial... 4A Classified... 2C Lifestyle... 1B Comics... 9A Markets... 8A Crossword... 9A Obituaries... 5A Dear Abby... 2B Oil & gas... 1C Around Town... 1B Weather Partly cloudy through Saturday. Warmer today, turning colder tonight and Saturday. Details on Page 2A. Delivery Service 682-5311 Want Ads 682-6222 Other Calls 682-5311

Odessans feel lucky to escape

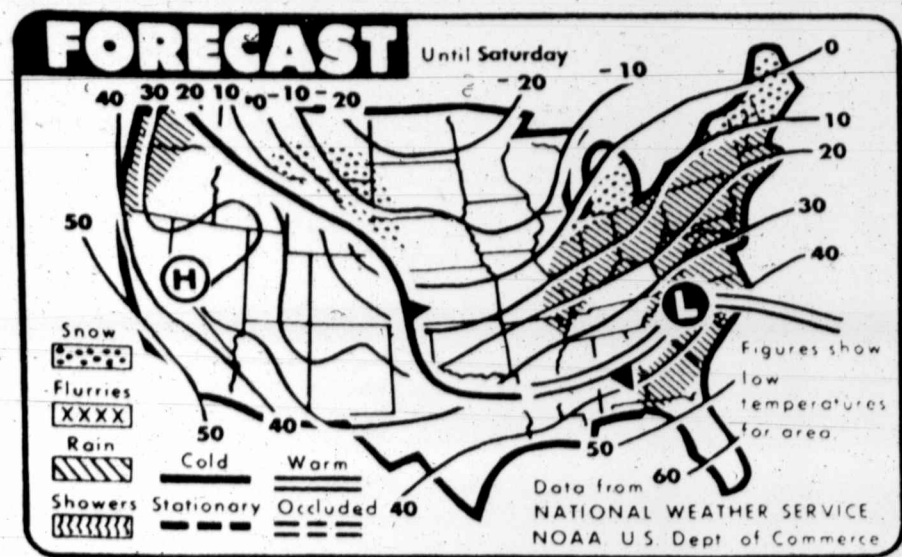
By GUY SULLIVAN R-T Staff Writer ODESSA — Two of the three Odessans had just come home from Iran, that strife-torn nation in the Middle East. All three men were employed by a major American oil company while they lived and worked in Iran. However, one man had been home a year, while the other two had arrived last Friday and Monday. The two recently returned men said they felt fortunate to have escaped with their lives from Iran, following rapidly escalating violent demonstrations against Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, the man who has apparently been stripped of most of his power by a National

Front coalition seeking civilian rule. Because these men may one day return to Iran to work, they requested their names and the name of their company not be used in this story. THEY SAID THEY feared repercussions for themselves and their families from the "SAVAK," Iranian secret police. The men will be referred to as Americans one, two and three. Americans one and three just returned from Iran, but American two got back a year ago from the foreign country. American one got back Friday and American three returned to Odessa Monday. Both said they would return to Iran, where they intended to re-

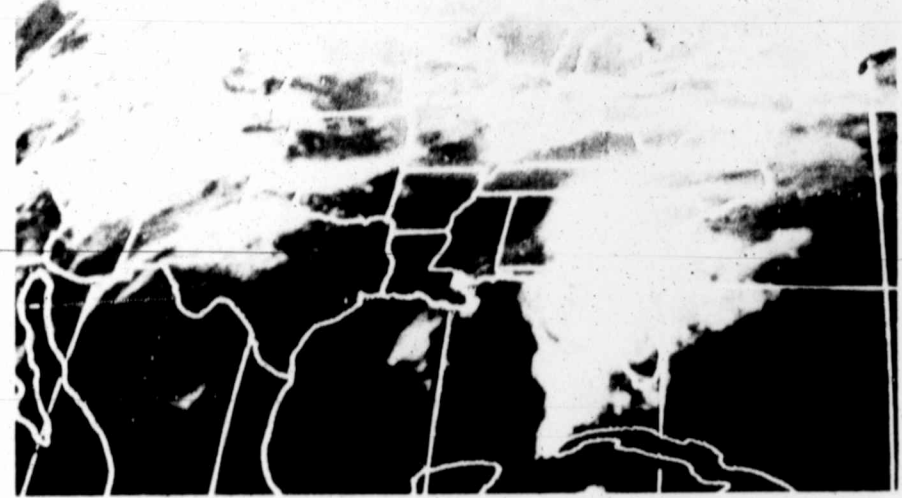
main until March, if the situation becomes "absolutely stabilized." They described Iran as a nation composed of a small upper and middle class and a large poor population centered around village life. AMERICAN ONE SAID he was employed in Goeh Saran, and American three said he worked in Ali Abad. America one escaped Iran via a private chartered jet — provided by his firm — from Baharin, leaving the Abadan international airport. American three came back via Lufthansa Airlines. "They were still operating out of Iran," he said, adding, "but with the fuel shortage they were experiencing, it was incredible. "Why, there have been at

least 460 banks burned in Iran," declared the Odessan. "Have you ever driven down a street with armed soldiers aiming machine guns at you? It's not a very good feeling." He said Aytollah Khomeini, so-called "spiritual leader of Iran's" mostly Moslem (population) was trying to convince citizens of his philosophy. He's telling people if they put him in power, he will share the wealth of the nation with everyone. But a man named Shahpur Bakhtiar took power and Khomeini is now out of Iran. ASKED WHEN HE knew it was time to "get out" of Iran, American three answered: "When I couldn't sleep any- (See ODESSANS, Page 2A)

WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected in the forecast period until Saturday morning, for most of the East. Rain is also expected for the Pacific Northwest and snow is forecast in the northern Plains. Cold to very cold temperatures are forecast for most of the country. (AP Laserphoto Map)



Today's satellite cloud picture shows heavy overcast through the Southeast and in a band from the central Rockies through central California. Middle clouds appear in a band from the Midatlantic region through the Midwest and across the northern Tier of States from the Plains to the Pacific Northwest. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

Table with columns for Midland, Odessa, Rankin, Big Lake, Garden City, and various weather statistics like high/low, wind, and precipitation.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

Texas thermometer

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, etc.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas - Partly cloudy with a slow warming trend. Highs in the 30s north to the 50s south on Sunday. ... North Texas - Clearing and cold Sunday. ... South Texas - Sunday partly cloudy and cold. ...

Midland man arrested in alleged rape incident

A Midland man was arrested Thursday afternoon in connection with an alleged rape at the Mid Continent Inn on Interstate 20 at Holiday Hill Road. Police said a 25-year-old woman, also of Midland, came to the Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room at 9 a.m. Thursday to report that she had been raped. ...

Weather to turn colder Saturday

weather, today might seem a little warmer than it is. So there may be a tendency to underdress. The temperature is expected to drop into the middle 20s tonight. Saturday's high is expected to be in the middle 40s. ...



Leadership Midland, a program to develop new community leaders, met Thursday at the Museum of the Southwest to hear departing director Sam Grove, left, talk about the cultural benefits of the museum. (Staff Photo)

Court dispute settled

ODESSA — A dispute over a court reporter that has been continuing here for months apparently has been solved. The dispute occurred between Ector County Judge Gary Watkins and County Court-at-Law Judge Phillip Godwin over a court reporter who had been serving both courts. ...

Odessans glad to be home from Iran

American three, relaxing with a beer in his own kitchen said, "They burned the Iranian Natural Gas Co. building to the ground back in October or November of last year. It's incredible. It's really incredible—the whole thing. ...

China condemns Hanoi's actions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — China is pushing a resolution to have the U.N. Security Council take action against Vietnam for its invasion of Cambodia, but the Soviet Union is certain to veto it. The resolution was introduced Thursday by Chinese Ambassador Chen Chu after the former Cambodian chief of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, condemned Vietnam and asked for action against Hanoi. ...

Group seeking to contest vote

ODESSA — A group of Odessans attempting to contest the \$21.6 million school bond election in which voters Dec. 5 approved the bonds will try to file their petition in district court, said a spokesman for the group. Robert Frias, one of a group of people who signed a petition contesting the election, lost their first try Thursday to get a district judge to put the contest on the court docket. ...

Cotton outlook still dreary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cotton production from the 1978 harvest is expected to be about 1 percent more than the government forecast a month ago. The Agriculture Department said Thursday that, based on surveys Jan. 1, the crop is expected to total about 10.8 million bales, compared to around 10.7 million estimated as of Dec. 1. ...

Kent Powell succeeds Day

RANKIN — Kent Powell, the agricultural extension agent for Willacy County in South Texas, has been appointed by the Upton County Commissioners' Court to succeed the late W.M. "Dub" Day, who was the county agent here for 30 years. Day, 53, died Nov. 11. Powell, 38, will take over the job Feb. 1. ...

Leads being checked in missing youth case

ODESSA — Ector County Sheriff's Department officers are checking out some leads given them Thursday in the case of a 17-year-old Odessa youth reported missing. A spokesman for the department said today he had no results on these leads, however. Randy Elms, 17, was reported missing Tuesday by his parents. He was last seen Monday evening, according to a youth who saw him that night. ...

DEATHS

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Jon Brewer

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Lorne Greene: Now more Adama than Cartwright?

By JOSEPH McLELLAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Lorne Greene's first reaction was something like dismay when it

began to appear that "Battlestar Galactica" would become a long-running series. Now, he says, he is beginning to hope that the gadget-rich space epic may develop into "a show that can move people on a spiritual level, an emotional level — even an intellectual level."

"I hope we can do all three," said Greene, the archetypal big daddy of the small screen, during a recent visit to Washington.

He is not nearly as hopeful for the future of the United States — or the world — as he is for the television series

which is beginning to make people think of him as Commander Adama the way they used to identify him with Ben Cartwright of the Ponderosa.

"I have children and grandchildren," Greene mused, looking out at the Potomac River from his suite at the Watergate Hotel. "My youngest child, Gillian, is 11, and I

politics ("one world government has to happen") and economics: "Labor costs have gone up in Japan, Taiwan, Korea; the next big pool of cheap labor will be in guess where — the Soviet Union. They have an authoritarian government, there are no strikes, and people work for low wages. Right now, there are approximately 500

for you?" We need more men who will ask that question and really mean it the way he did. I have seen many changes in my life — perhaps more bad than good. One of the bad changes is that we have lost some of the voices of the gentle-hearted.

Greene clearly sees it as part of his role to bring that sort of voice

more definite about that. "Around the 16th show, I began to get depressed, and I stayed up all night one night writing out my thoughts about it. I read out to the producer what I had written and could see his face going from a smile to something less than a smile. I talked about the concept, the ranch, the people on it and how they behaved, and after that it began to open up. We began to do shows about real people. We stole plots from Shakespeare, who had already stolen them from someone else.

"Sometimes a scene wouldn't work and we'd talk it out and improvise on the same motifs. But then we knew our characters so well that we could do that; we cer-

tainly knew them better than the writers." Greene believes that the same process is now beginning to happen with "Battlestar Galactica," but there is a complicating factor because "we have no lead time." An episode of "Bonanza" would be produced regularly on a six-day schedule, but (partly because special effects take time) "Battlestar Galactica" sometimes takes almost twice that long — a difficult problem for a weekly series.

According to Greene, the first four or five episodes were "very strong, then three or four were not very good — we didn't like them, either. Originally, it was going to be a three-part miniseries, with one three-

hour show and two lasting two hours each. Then it became a series of one-hour shows, and I wasn't sure I liked it — but when you have given your word you stick by it.

"Now, we're at the phase where 'Bonanza' changed; some of us have talked to the producer and found him very open. This is an experiment in many ways, and in an experiment you cannot have a closed mind. People ask why we're having reruns already with such a new show. The answer is that

it gave us time to write some more shows with thought." The idea of "Battlestar Galactica" is a microcosm, Green believes, and in that microcosm anything can happen: "You can take any story that has ever been written and adapt it for use in this series." He seemed particularly proud that Fred Astaire will have a role in a forthcoming episode in which the possibility arises that he may be the long-lost father of the orphaned Starbuck.

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wonder what kind of world she will be growing into when she's 25 or 30. I think we will have terrorism in the United States as it has been in the Middle East and in Europe. Will she live under a system of security so tight that everyone will have to be indoors after 7 p.m.? Will she have enough food? People talk about the energy crisis, but the worst future crisis may be in food. Our agricultural technology is 40 or 50 years behind the times: We should be able to grow four or five times as much food per acre as we do. And as the population grows, there will be less and less space to grow food."

A conversation with Greene is a free-wheeling experience, with subjects that range from computers to plate tectonics to international

multinational companies setting up offices in Russia.

His resonant voice softens and the deep-set eyes under the heavy, dark brows burn with a special intensity when he talks about his friend, Hubert Humphrey, who died a year ago this week.

"Last night we had dinner with Anne Howard, his niece, and she asked me whether there were any politicians now whom I would campaign for the way I did for Hubert. There are some, I'm sure; you'd have to look for them."

His voice shifts into reminiscence: "The day before he died, he phoned around to all his friends, just to say hello — really to say goodby — and the last thing he asked these people was: 'Is there anything I can do

into his television work. This emerges when he talks about his father, who was "the model for about 75 percent of Ben Cartwright" and about how, with the aid of others, he managed to change "Bonanza" from a rough-tough Western into a series "that had heart and soul, that dealt with real people in a human way."

In the beginning, Greene recalls, "Bonanza" was not a very good show — the pilot was not one of the top 10 — but I thought it was a very good concept when they first talked to me about it. They asked me what part I wanted, the older son or the father, and I said the father; I would rather play up than down in terms of age. If I had known it was going to run for 14 years, I would have been even

National orange harvest prospects down 5 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's orange harvest is estimated at 205.7 million boxes, down 5 percent from prospects a month ago, and that does not include possible freeze damage to fruit in Texas earlier this month, the Agriculture Department said Thursday.

Based on indications as of Jan. 1, the new forecast is down 9.7 million boxes from the December estimate and is

six percent less than the 1977-78 harvest of 219.6 million boxes, the department's Crop Reporting Board said.

However, the report said the new figures "do not reflect damage from freezing temperatures in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas" Jan. 2-3.

"Considerable defoliation of outer leaves (of Texas trees) is expected in all types of citrus, particularly among younger trees in the western and northern groves," the report said.

"There is some significant fruit damage but the extent of damage is not known at this time."

Visitations increase

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Visitors to Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks totaled 876,276 in 1978, just 224 below the record number of persons who visited the two national parks in the 1976 Bicentennial.

The number of visitors in 1978 was 1 percent more than that of 1977 and was the second highest number of visitors to the parks.

However, the 108,755 who visited Guadalupe Mountains National Park last year set a record.

Visitation at the Carlsbad Caverns in December of 1978 was 22 percent below that of December 1977. Likewise, visitation at Guadalupe in December was down 19 percent from a year ago.

The all-time total of visitors to the two parks now exceeds 22 million. Almost 500,000 have visited Guadalupe Mountains since the mountainous region in Hudspeth and Culberson counties in West Texas became a national park in 1966.

Dress code altered for rape victims

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Boulder County rape victims no longer have to wear hospital gowns or jail clothes home after reporting the crime and receiving treatment at area hospitals.

"The victim-witness assistance division of the district attorney's office has purchased clothing that will be available at hospitals in Longmont and Boulder, said Barbara Kendall, the division's coordinator. In the past, Ms. Kendall said, rape victims suffered additional "humiliation" by having to wear improper clothing because police confiscated the clothes worn during the attack as evidence.

Health group slates meet

ODESSA — Annual meeting of the Permian Basin Health Systems Agency Governing Body will begin at 6 p.m. Monday in the Inn of the Golden West here. A buffet dinner will be served.

Featured speaker will be Dr. C.F. Hamilton, director of the Division of Health Planning and Resources Development for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Region VI office in Dallas. He will speak on the direction of health planning in the coming year, "1979: Year of Decision."

Ernie Crawford, executive director of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, will address the members and guests on coordination between health planning and other planning activities of the commission.

Offices for 1979 will be installed and a short business meeting will start at 9 p.m.



Edna Hibbits, 18, a senior at Midland High School, has been selected Lioness of the Week by the Downtown Lions Club. She is a member of the Latin Club, Pack Backers, National Honor Society, President's Cabinet and vice president of the Spanish Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hibbits of Midland.

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Senility often caused by disease, says doctor

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Senility often is routinely accepted as a bane of aging, but in most cases it is caused by a disease and should be treated as such, an Ohio State University medical researcher says.

Dr. Leopold Liss also says the social impact of senility mounts as the life expectancy increases with each generation.

"From the social standpoint it will become much more important," he said, citing costly care for the senile and loss of productivity.

Liss said some studies show one out of six people over 65 suffers from Alzheimer's disease — which causes senility — and that the disease is among the top four or five causes of death among the aged.

"It's about time we realize dementia of the elderly is not a natural part of aging," Liss said. Symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are a gradual loss of memory and mental capacity to the point

where a person cannot function, the Ohio State researcher said, adding that the time from diagnosis to death averages five years.

Liss said senility is also caused by blood circulation problems and drugs used to treat other diseases. But he said Alzheimer's disease is responsible for an estimated 90 percent of all senility.

Research points to increased amounts of aluminum in the brain as the cause of Alzheimer's disease, Liss said, adding that the cause has yet to be positively determined.

"Our studies indicate a direct relationship between aluminum and Alzheimer's disease," he said. "There is enough evidence to follow through further."

He said it would be impossible to prevent exposure to aluminum if it were proven to cause Alzheimer's disease. "You can't protect yourself from alumi-

num," he said. "It's in vegetables, the air, water, you have it everywhere."

And he said aluminum exposure is not related to pollution or the use of aluminum products, adding that there is no evidence aluminum itself is dangerous.

Police find rural family slaughtered

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. (AP) — A middle-aged couple, their son and a German shepherd dog were found shot to death after police

forced the farm house door, a sheriff's lieutenant said.

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Midland High School students Greg Hancock, left, and Pattye Howard perform a dance number in the musical "Wildcat" which will have presentations at 8 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in MHS auditorium. Tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby before the start of each performance. (Staff Photo)

Fire might be arson

DELHI, La. (AP) — Fire, apparently the work of arsonists, swept through the 50-year-old Delhi High School Thursday night and early today, causing an estimated \$2.5 million damage, officials said.

Mayor Mike Thompson said fires apparently had been started in three places in the school — in the auditorium toward the front and in two back rooms.

Thompson also said several doors and windows had been opened.

Delhi Fire Chief Willie Kennedy said he believes the fire was deliberately set.

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Petroleum development discussed by Dr. Olien

The social effect of petroleum development in the Permian Basin through the years was discussed by Dr. Rodger Olien of Midland at the Thursday noon meeting of the Downtown Rotary Club in the Midland Hilton.

"We need to set the record straight on oil booms," said Dr. Olien, who is chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

The program was arranged by Sam Grove and introduced by Clarke Straughn.

He said that although the free-wheeling views of most authors and many news writers has depicted social chaos in connection with oil booms, this has not been the case in most instances.

He said the effect of the unverified tall tales of many writers through the years has been to damage the image of the petroleum industry and to retard the exploration, discovery and production of oil and gas.

"The truth is that the development of petroleum has been beneficial to people residing in boom towns, both directly and indirectly," the speaker said. "It also has been beneficial to the towns and regions involved."

Dr. Olien, who has done considerable research on actual boom town conditions, said that crime was not altogether absent in boom towns, but that the tall tales on the subject have been overdone. He cited statistics disproving many of the unverified stories. He said that pre-boom standards of law enforcement were maintained in most oil boom towns in the Permian Basin, thanks to dedicated sheriffs who maintained

law and order. Housing and sanitation, he said, were the major problems of most boom towns in this region.

Public services were described as inadequate during peak boom periods, but that such conditions usually were of short duration.

Lauding Midland city councils and officials, past and present, in planning and staying ahead of the game, Olien said that Midland has been exceptional in providing adequate public services. He said there has been no social breakdown here or in most other West Texas oil cities.

Boom towns, the speaker commented, afforded economic opportunity for residents of the area, and many of them took advantage of the opportunity to gain for themselves a better standard of living.

It was pointed out that the Business History Foundation has produced books and documents of various kinds and that its works have had an impact in bringing about a more realistic image of the petroleum industry.

Stressing the need for a scholarly, factual history of the independent oil operator, Dr. Olien said that he and his wife presently are doing research for a book on the subject.

Latvian changes story

BALTIMORE (AP) — Karlis Detlavs, a Latvian immigrant accused of Nazi war crimes, has admitted he misled authorities about his wartime activities.

But before his deportation hearing was delayed for the third time, the 67-year-old Baltimore man denied that he had persecuted Jews during World War II.

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