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METRO EDITION

Blizzard holds Northeast in stranglehold

By The Associated Press

A savage blizzard with shrieking winds and swirling snow held the Northeast in a stranglehold today. Parts of Boston were blacked out, coastal towns were flooded and thousands were forced to seek refuge in hotels, hospitals, schools, a movie

theater and other emergency shelters.

A state of emergency was declared across southern New England; highways and schools were closed and the National Guard was called out.

A separate storm muscled into the Midwest Monday night, also packing

snow and high winds. Almost seven inches of snow fell on Chicago and highways were blocked by deep drifts throughout the Dakotas.

The storm which moved up the East Coast Monday had dumped 16.5 inches of snow on New York City by 1 a.m., and 18 inches and more were

predicted for New England points.

More than a dozen people died, including three Rhode Island heart attack victims who could not be reached by rescue vehicles and two men who suffocated from carbon monoxide while marooned in a disabled snow plow truck outside

Philadelphia.

Hundreds of families were evacuated from their homes by amphibious vehicles in New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York when wind-driven surf vaulted seawalls.

Airports shut down from Philadelphia into New England. Air traffic controllers at Boston's Logan International left their posts in the 285-foot control tower, the tallest in the world, when winds were clocked at 79 mph. Gusts of 92 mph were recorded on Cape Cod.

Hundreds of stranded persons awakened today in movie houses, sports arenas and hospitals used for shelters. Hotels were mobbed in Boston and New York when commuters could not get home.

Some 500 motorists were evacuated from Massachusetts 128 at Dedham, 20 miles southwest of Boston, put aboard buses creeping behind snowplows and taken to a Dedham movie house for the night.

Some 12,000 fans who attended a college hockey tournament at Boston

Garden were told to spend the night there. Cots and food were brought in, but officials said only 150 chose to stay overnight.

"Wet snow and salt spray from the ocean" shorted out Boston Edison Co. transmission stations, cutting off power to some 75,000 customers in the core of the city, said John Murphy, the company's public information officer.

Blacked out at 3 a.m. were Beacon Hill, the downtown and Back Bay sections, and the suburbs of Waltham, Sharon, Weston and Weyland. Scattered outages were reported in other towns served by the utility.

States of emergency were declared by governors in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, activating National Guard troops to help rescue people and clear roads.

A Guard convoy making its way from its base at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., to Harrisburg, 17 miles away, picked up dozens of stranded motorists along Interstate 81.



WHETHER COMING OR GOING, Midlanders were difficult to identify Monday afternoon as downtown rush hour participants stepped out

of buildings to discover, of all things, rain. Much of the day's raingear tended to be improvised, since the weatherman's prediction

for rain indicated only a 20 percent chance early Monday morning. (Staff Photos by Brian Hendershot)

Tall City area shrouded by fog

By MARLEEN RAY

All commercial flights were cancelled this morning at the Midland Regional Air Terminal due to the heavy fog covering the Tall City area. Wilson Banks, aviation director at the terminal, said at midmorning today.

The weatherman said visibility was about one-eighth of a mile and the ceiling was 100 feet. He said the fog should have started lifting about 10:30 to 11 a.m., but visibility may not improve dramatically.

He said the city needs sunshine to dissipate the fog, but it didn't look like it was going to warm up too fast.

Banks said he hoped to resume flight service around noon. He said all private flights also had been grounded due to the poor visibility conditions. Banks recalled that the last time air service was cancelled because of heavy fog was for a short spell one day last week.

Midland police reported 13 minor traffic accidents Monday. They said this was an unusually high number and could be attributed to the light rain which fell on the city and caused slippery conditions on the streets. No accidents were reported by police as a result of rain or fog this morning.

The National Weather Service at the Midland Regional Air Terminal recorded .09 inch of rainfall within the past 24 hours, bringing this month's total to .15 inch of precipitation and this year's total to .37 inch.

In the southern part of Midland, .15 inch of rainfall was reported, and in the northern part of the city, .26 inch was recorded. West Midland reported .05 inch. East Midland had .24 inch, according to reports.

The weatherman predicted that it should continue to be foggy with a chance of light rain or drizzle through Wednesday. Probability of measurable precipitation is 40 per-

cent tonight and 30 percent Wednesday. Temperatures should become colder tonight and Wednesday.

The low temperature tonight is expected to drop to the lower 30s with winds becoming easterly. Wednesday's high temperature should rise to the upper 30s.

For the Andrews, Lamesa, Big Spring and Stanton area, the weatherman said there is a chance of intermittent, light, freezing drizzle mixed with snow flurries tonight and Wednesday. He said winds should become easterly tonight with the low temperature dipping to the upper 20s.

The probability of precipitation for this area is 40 percent tonight and 30 percent Wednesday. Wednesday's high temperature is expected to rise to the middle 30s.

Monday's high temperature was 46 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 39 degrees, the weather service reported.

All area towns reported heavy fog this morning, too, with temperatures in the 30s and 40s.

Settlement proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller is going before his union's bargaining council to sell a proposed contract and begin a ratification process that could end a record 64-day coal strike.

Miller called the council into session at midmorning to lay out terms of the tentative accord, which he said would boost wages and fringe benefits by nearly 37 percent over three years.

Lacy seeks railroad commissioners post

James W. Lacy of Midland announced Monday that he is a candidate for railroad commissioner on the Republican ticket.

He filed for the unexpired term which resulted from the resignation of Jim C. Langdon. Lacy stated that his decision to enter the race for railroad commissioner was based "on two facts. First, the increasing importance to Texas and our nation of proper management and regulation of our natural resources and, second, the belief that the Commission needs a representative knowledgeable about the oil and gas industry in Texas."

Lacy worked for Kewanee Oil Company for 19 years. He was manager of property acquisition when he left to join Adobe Oil and Gas Corp. He was executive vice president of Adobe for seven years. He became president and chief executive officer of Hytech Energy Corp., a private oil and gas exploration and production firm, in 1974. Hytech operates over 400 oil and gas wells in Texas.

He entered private business in 1977 and presently is engaged in oil and gas production for his own account.

Lacy said, "It is my belief that my experience both as an operating manager and as the chief executive officer of an oil and gas firm qualifies me for the position of railroad com-



James W. Lacy

missioner."

Lacy and his wife, Juandelle, reside at No. 6 Greenwich Drive. They have two children, Rhonda Lacy, a teacher in Midland, and James W. Lacy Jr., a senior at Texas Tech University.

Lacy attends First Baptist Church of Midland, is chairman of the board of High Sky Girls Ranch and is a member of AIME and IPAA.

Several state races look lively

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

Anyone who thought the U.S. Senate and governor races would hog the spotlight in the May 6 primaries had better take another look at the ballots.

First glances indicate there will be at least five hotly contested statewide races in the Democratic primary and probably more.

Even the Republicans will find an excuse to get excited over a GOP gubernatorial duel, not to mention half a dozen intra-party fights in the congressional races.

Shortly before the filing deadline at 6 p.m. Monday an unexpected rough-

and-tumble contest developed for a Texas Railroad Commission seat.

Full results of the filings for the Democratic and Republican primaries May 6 may not be known for at least two days because mailed filing fees postmarked before 6 p.m. Monday will be accepted.

Jerry Sadler, the former railroad commissioner and land commissioner with a reputation for upsetting political plans, decided Monday to get into the race for the two years remaining in the term of retired Railroad Commissioner Jim Langdon.

His appearance broke up what had appeared to be a quiet campaign between Democrats John Poerner of

Hondo, Gov. Dolph Briscoe's appointee, and Ray Lemmon, former state legislator from Houston.

Then, to add spice to the race, there were the filings of Jake Johnson, former San Antonio legislator and a bitter political enemy of Sadler, and Jack Strong, Longview, well-known and influential former state senator.

Just before the deadline, Republican James W. Lacy, Midland oil and gas producer, joined the contest.

The winner of the race will serve on the commission until Jan. 1, 1981.

Sadler, 70, of Grapeland lost a hot runoff battle for the commission in 1976 with present commissioner Jon Newton. Sadler led the field of eight candidates in the first primary although he said he spent only \$900 for campaign expenses.

Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace got a last minute Democratic primary opponent with the filing by John Thomas Henderson of Austin.

Another filing surprise Monday was the late declaration of former state senator Henry Grover of Houston to run as an independent in the U.S. Senate race in November. He will have to support the declaration with a petition containing thousands of signatures of voters who do not vote in the May 6 primary elections.

Otherwise the big time U.S. Senate race continues as it has been, with Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, slated to meet the winner of the Democratic duel between Rep. Bob Krueger, New Braunfels, and Joe Christie, former state insurance board chairman.

The governor's race remains a big time duel among Democrats Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Attorney John Hill and former Gov. Preston Smith with the winner to meet the survivor between Republicans Ray Hutchison, former state GOP chairman, and Dallas businessman Bill Clements.

Statewide candidates filed with state Democratic and Republican headquarters included:

Governor — Democrats Ray Allen Mayo, San Juan; Preston Smith, Lubbock; John Hill, Austin; Dolph Briscoe, Uvalde, and Donald Beagle, Nederland. Republicans William Clements, Dallas; Ray Hutchison, Dallas, and Clarence Thompson, Fort Worth.

U.S. Senator — Democrats Bob Krueger, New Braunfels; Joe Christie, El Paso and Lou John Pappas, Houston. Republican John Tower, Wichita Falls.

Lieutenant governor: Democrats Bill Hobby, Houston; John Hill Westbrook, Tyler; Troy Skates, Leander, and James L. McNeas Jr., Dallas.

Attorney general — Democrats

Price Daniel Jr., Liberty, and Mark White, Houston. Republican Jim Baker, Houston.

Comptroller — Democrat Bob Bullock, Austin.

Treasurer — Democrats Charlie Sanderson, San Antonio; Warren G. Harding, Austin, and Harry Ledbetter, Austin.

Land commissioner — Democrat Bob Armstrong, Austin.

Agriculture commissioner — Democrats Reagan Brown, Austin; Joe Hubenak, Rosenberg, and Don Sewell, Nocona.

Railroad commissioner (full term) — Democrats Mack Wallace, Austin and John Thomas Henderson, Austin.

Railroad commissioner (unexpired term) — Democrats Ray Lemmon, Houston; John Poerner, Hondo; Jerry Sadler, Grapeland; Jake Johnson, San Antonio and Jack Strong, Longview. Republican James W. Lacy, Midland.

Chief justice state supreme court — Democrat Joe Greenhill.

Associate justice state supreme court, Place 1 — Democrat Franklin Spears, San Antonio.

Associate justice state supreme court, Place 2 — Democrat Sam D. Johnson, Austin.

Associate justice state supreme court, Place 3 — Democrat Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio.

Associate justice state supreme court, Place 4 (unexpired) — Democrats T. C. Chaddick, Quitman and Robert M. Campbell, Waco.

Judge, court of criminal appeals, Place 1 — Democrat Wendell A. Odom, Austin.

Judge, court of criminal appeals, Place 2 — Democrats Jim Vollers, Beaumont and Sam Houston Clinton, Austin.

Judge, court of criminal appeals, Place 3 — Democrats W.C. Davis, Bryan, and Marvin Odell Teague, Houston.

Candidates who filed declarations with the secretary of state to run as independents in the November election included:

Governor — Lawrence A. Sims, Houston; John Solon, Dallas; C. Leon Pickett, Houston, and Richard A. Peterson, Austin.

U.S. Senate — Henry Grover, Houston.

Congress, District 18 — Booker Thomas Bonner Jr., Houston.

Congressional candidates with multi-county districts who filed in Democratic and Republican headquarters included:

District 1 — Democrat Sam B. Hall Jr., Marshall. Republican Fred Hudson, Center.

District 2 — Democrat Charles

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Sadat pressing case for American weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an administration decision apparently imminent, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is putting his case for American weapons before Congress, which has the power to veto the deal.

At separate sessions with key members of the House and Senate today, the Egyptian leader is also outlining his argument that it is up to Israel to keep peace talks alive by making concessions.

"They are resorting again to the old tactics and worn-out ideas," he complained in a speech Monday to the

National Press Club.

Sadat said there could be peace "in less than a week" if Israel agreed to return to its old borders and made Jerusalem an open city. He also insisted on creation of a Palestinian state.

But he offered no concessions of his own and called on the United States to be "more than a go-between" by persuading Israel to yield.

President Carter has given no hint of leaning harder on Israel. A statement by the White House Sunday night said the U.S. role is to be "a friend of both sides."

However, reports are circulating that Carter will ask Congress to approve the sale of a squadron of F-15 light combat jets to Egypt.

"It's my belief that he is close to a decision," said Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., "and I would like to see him delay it."

Once Congress is formally notified about a weapons deal, it has 30 days in which to exercise a veto. Javits said Congress should have a chance to consider the proposal without a deadline.

Sale of the short-range jets would be the first major weapons deal with Egypt and would raise the level of concern among Israel's supporters. But Sadat said he has chosen the path of peace and would never use them against Israel.

Two weeks ago, a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee registered its informal disapproval when the administration sounded out Congress about selling some F-15s, the most sophisticated U.S. jet fighter, to Saudi Arabia.

WEATHER

Continued foggy with a chance of light rain or drizzle through Wednesday. Complete details on Page 2A.

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DEATHS

Ronald E. Long

BIG SPRING — Services for Staff Sgt. Ronald E. Long, 27, of Killean will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Long was the father of Shellie Long and Lisa Long, both of Big Spring, and the brother of Mrs. Gayle Ward of Midland.

He died Saturday at his home.

Long was born Aug. 6, 1950, in Big Spring. He entered the U.S. Army in September 1968. He was assigned to Fort Hood in March 1977. He married Gaynell Riggan Dec. 27, 1968, in Big Spring.

Other survivors include his wife, his parents and a sister.

Leon Riddle

BIG SPRING — Services for Leon Riddle, 48, are pending at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here.

Riddle was found dead Monday at his farm near the Knott community north of Big Spring.

Mrs. Carpenter

BRIDGEPORT — Services for Mrs. Frank (Lula Elizabeth) Carpenter, 72, of Lamesa were held Friday in Pleasantview Baptist Church here. Burial was in Thomas Cemetery near here, directed by Hawkins Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carpenter died this month in Lamesa.

She was born March 22, 1905, in Wise County.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Harvey Carpenter and Tommy Carpenter, both of Lamesa; three daughters, Mrs. Carl York and Joy Hutchings, both of Lamesa, and Mrs. Max Treadwell of Tye; a sister, Clara Bell Boner of Decatur; two brothers, Carl Chilton of Oklahoma City and Keith Chilton of Waco, 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sally Lacaff

Rosary for Sally Lacaff, 25, of Midland was said Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Adolph Kaler, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, officiating.

Miss Lacaff died Saturday morning in an Austin hospital after a short illness.

She was born Sept. 7, 1952, in Midland. She was a graduate of Midland High School.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lacaff of Midland; two brothers, Ted Lacaff and David Lacaff, both of the home; two sisters, Becky Lacaff and Mary Ann Lacaff, both of the home, and a grandfather, Ted Lacaff of Kansas City, Mo.

The family requests memorials be made to the High Sky Girl's Ranch.

Edward Ochoa

Edward D. Ochoa, 21, of 935 N. Fort Worth St. died Saturday of injuries received in an auto accident in Odessa.

Rosary was said Monday in Thomas Funeral Home. Mass was to be at 3 p.m. today in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church here. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Ochoa was born in Mexico. He had

lived in Midland the past seven years, moving here from Mexico.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valente Ochoa of Midland; six sisters, Eneida Ochoa, Elva Ochoa, Cruz Ochoa, Andrea Ochoa, Mary Ochoa and Chela Ochoa, all of Midland; four brothers, Raul Ochoa, Alfonso Ochoa, Sergio Ochoa and Joe Ochoa, all of Midland, and his grandmother, Maria Rocha of Mexico.

Dodson infant

Christy M. Dodson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell B. Dodson Jr. of 604 Burleson St., died at her home Sunday.

Graveside services, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home, were to be at 4 p.m. today in Resthaven North with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, pastor of Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Nov. 17, 1977, in Stanton.

Survivors include her parents; a brother, Dickie Dwayne Dodson of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ham of Midland, Jennie Brooks of Big Spring and Wendell B. Dodson Sr. of Kingman, Okla., and great-grandparents, Myrtle Ham of Midland, Lona Doss of Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Womack of Coahoma.

Howard Gassie

LAFAYETTE, La. — Howard Gassie, 64, father of Joseph C. Neil Gassie of Midland, died Sunday in a Lafayette hospital following a brief illness.

Rosary was said Monday at Martin and Castille Funeral Home of Lafayette. Services were to be at 3:30 p.m. today at Martin and Castille Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Gassie lived most of his life in Lafayette. He retired as head oil scout for Sun Oil Company after 36 years of service. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the Navy in the South Pacific.

Other survivors include his wife, two daughters, three brothers, five sisters and six grandchildren.

Sam Harris

LAMESA — Services for Sam L. Harris, 68, of Lamesa, were held Saturday in Fountain Chapel of the Methodist Church here, with the Rev. Raymond McKeever, Methodist minister at Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Cemetery, directed by Brannon Funeral Home.

Harris died Wednesday in a Lamesa hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Nacogdoches County. He moved to Dawson County in 1936. He was a retired chiropractor who had lived in Lamesa for 41 years. He had been a Methodist for 30 years.

He married Nellie Williams in December 1931 in Mexico.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Barbara Hawkins and Gloria J. Harris, both of Lamesa; a son, Jerry Gardner of San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters, Sadie Steward of Dallas, Nancy Gardner of San Francisco and Mrs. Mary Edwards of Garrison; a brother, Adolphus Harris of Dallas, and six grandchildren.

J. F. Langmack

James F. Langmack, 89, of 2102 Ward St. died Sunday morning in a Midland hospital.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in St. Nicholas Episcopal Church with

the Rev. James Considine, pastor, officiating. Entombment will be at Resthaven Mausoleum directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Langmack was born Oct. 30, 1888, in Iowa. He spent his early life in Oregon. He moved to Oklahoma City in the 1930's. He moved to Midland in 1977.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Langmack; a stepson, William T. Ford of Midland; a daughter, Marie Heppner of Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Una Jones

BIG SPRING — Una Elizabeth Jones, 81, died Sunday night in a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Jones was born Sept. 16, 1896, in Searcy, Ark. She married Roy Jones in 1915 in Arkansas. She moved to Big Spring in 1928.

Survivors include five sons, Omar Jones and Glenn Jones, both of Big Spring, Eugene Jones of Riverside, Calif., Howard Jones of Sweetwater and Don Jones of Lawton, Okla.; a daughter, Jewell Burcham of Big Spring, 29 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hasselbach

BIG SPRING — Katherine Hasselbach, 84, died Sunday at her home in Big Spring after a sudden

Ford Motor Co. pays \$128 million in damages

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A California jury decision by an Orange County Superior Court accident occurred, lost jury, Grimshaw was awarded \$125 million in punitive personal injury damages and \$2.84 million in compensatory damages.

Since the May 1972 accident that burned 95 percent of his body, \$665,000 compensatory damages. No punitive damages were sought in have to undergo 20 more, her death.

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Conference on aging postponed by Biscoe

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Dolph Biscoe's decision to postpone his Feb. 20 conference on aging to avoid "political controversy" came at the peak of enthusiasm among the elderly, a planners says.

Announcement of the delay came after details were virtually complete and "at a time when their enthusiasm was the highest," said John McDonald of Interlink, a consulting firm.

McDonald's partner, M. E. Walker — a former employee of the governor's division of planning and coordination — held a \$200-a-day contract with the Governor's Committee on Aging to plan the conference. Thus far, \$7,000 had been earned.

Alton Bowen, committee chairman, said the San Antonio conference would be rescheduled after the Democratic primaries.

He said he believed enthusiasm for the conference could be rekindled among elderly people.

Bowen said when the conference was planned, nobody noticed it would occur during the political season.

"We just weren't thinking about the political aspects of it," he said.

Biscoe's office said Monday he was "concerned that this conference might be subjected to political controversy which might hurt the work of the Committee on Aging and

the older Texans who lining up buses. Vernon McDaniel, director of the committee

"Since statements on aging, said his office were being made that the had allocated \$28,000 in governor was using this federal funds to the 28 as a political forum, we AAAA for "gasoline felt we should not move money."

forward with this until The conference was to after the election," differ from those in the past, which usually consisted of speeches and such statements, but discussions by experts "our staff had heard this and program operators. from people in the field." Elderly persons would

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'Interdependence'

The prosperity of the last 25 years is due directly to the growth of world trade, according to most observers.

And that same trade has created a "global interdependence" which transcends commercialism, blurring political and cultural lines.

It is said that today an estimated 10 percent of goods produced in America is destined for use abroad, and 10 percent of the goods Americans consume originates in other countries. The free flow of trade creates and protects jobs and keeps the economy healthy.

However, as noted by Bank of America President A. W. Clausen at a foreign trade convention last year, "Protectionism is a creature of domestic slumps. It gains advocates and governmental credence when factories are idle and unemployment is high."

Shielding a few industries from competition, however, would invite retaliatory action by foreign suppliers.

"It would hurt the consumer," Clausen warned, "and if it hurts

the consumer it hurts the worker."

American trade negotiators at a 98-nation meeting in Geneva agree. The United States team has offered a 40 percent cut in its import tariffs.

Experts explain that concessions cannot, of course, be unilateral. The United States has not only the right, but the obligation to insist that other countries open their markets to American exports.

In Clausen's words, "An open world economy is in the interest of all countries and demands the cooperation of all countries."

Advances were made with Japan in recent meetings in Tokyo. More are now being sought with not only Japan, but Germany and the nine nations of Europe's Common Market.

Trade has improved the quality of life from New York to Lagos. It also opens the door to negotiation of other problems of a global nature.

The goal at Geneva is to break down the barriers to trade, acknowledging that more than business is at stake.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for three Midland Scouters who are the recipients of the highest award which can be presented by a council of the Boy Scouts of America.

They are Leon Clark, Cy Perusek and George Eng, who received Silver Beaver Awards at the recently held annual meeting of the Midland-based Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, at Big Spring.

The award is made for "noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood by registered Scouters within the

jurisdiction of the council," and the three honorees certainly merit the recognition.

Congratulations also are directed to the new council officers: Oley Hedrick Jr., president, and Don Jones, treasurer, both of Midland. Council vice presidents include John Crosby Jr., Mrs. Mary Bruton, K.D. Van Horn and Harry Clark, all of Midland; J. Arnold Marshall of Big Spring and Homer Stewart of Odessa.

Here's hoping that Scouting in the Buffalo Trail Council will have its best year ever in '78.

Pioneer road builder

Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene, one of the original architects of Texas' super highway system, died a few days ago in an Abilene hospital, at age 99.

Judge Ely gained statewide recognition and acclaim back in the 1920s and '30s for his outstanding labors as a reform commissioner of the Texas Highway Department.

He spearheaded a new approach to highway financing through the "bond assumption act." He also led the fight for wider roads, highway beautification, and the installation of roadside parks.

Texas and Texans long will be indebted to Judge Ely for his work in behalf of good roads in the Lone Star State.

NICK THIMMESCH

Communist Vietnam's bad record is made worse

WASHINGTON — Hanoi's Communist regime does nothing but show contempt for the United States. Now we have a United States Information Agency employee, a Vietnamese expatriate and Hanoi's ambassador to the United Nations implicated in an espionage scheme for Vietnam added on to a list of insults leveled at us.

It is a shame that a highly ranked USA employee apparently betrayed the "top secret" trust placed in him to join a Vietnamese agent fawned on as an antiwar protester to transmit classified U.S. documents to Hanoi. It's disgusting to realize that Dinh Ba Thi, Hanoi's U.N. ambassador, is named by the Justice Department as an unindicted co-conspirator in this case.

But it might be more than shameful and disgusting if these two years of espionage resulted in the breaking of our code, especially if Hanoi did the dirty work in tandem with the Soviet Union.

According to the indictment, the USA employee, Ronald L. Humphrey, 42, funneled sensitive diplomatic cables to Hanoi when he worked in the USA's operations bureau and later in the agency's policy and planning office — the liaison between USA and the National Security Council.

At the least, the theft and transmission of top-secret coded messages from our embassies fouts up U.S. communications. At worst it could allow Vietnam or another Communist state to learn the key to our code, and thus gain the capacity to convert gibberish into vital information.

Most nations do try to break adver-

saries' codes. But for Hanoi to use its U.S. ambassador and Vietnamese officials in Paris for such spying is shabby business indeed. This Communist regime, since the United States caved in several years back, has thumbed its nose at us to a fare-thee-well.

Our powerful country fails to its knees to get back bodies of our dead servicemen, and when Hanoi relents the bodies come in miniaturized caskets. Vietnam holds an estimated 2,500 American dead as hostages for \$3 billion in reparations they claim Nixon-Kissinger promised.

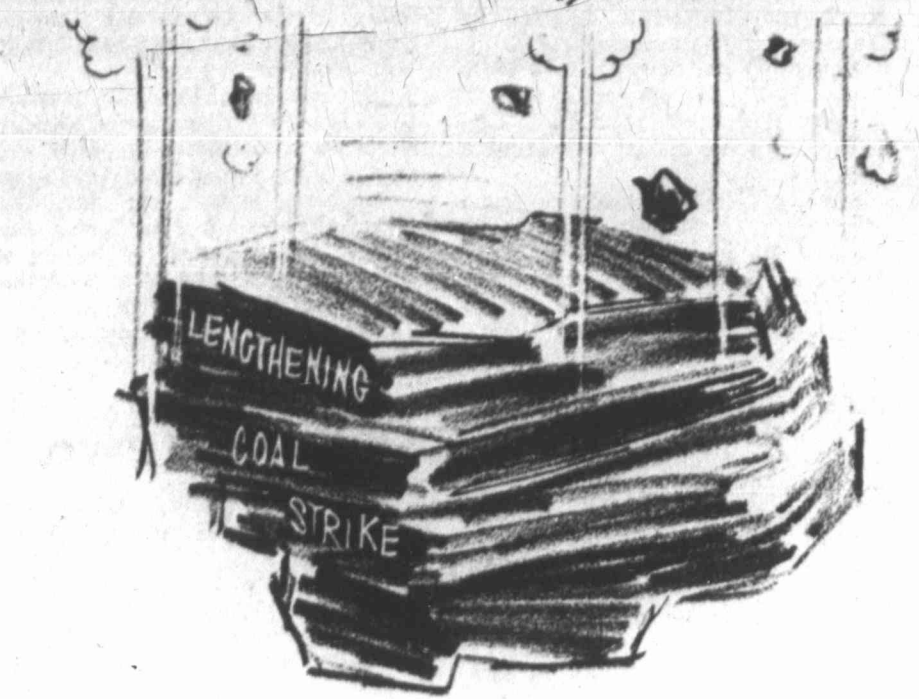
Three times in 1977 a Vietnamese delegation met with an American group headed by Richard Holbrooke, assistant secretary of state, to discuss "normalizing" relations. But the Vietnamese hold out for that \$3 billion, knowing full well that the Nixon pledge was voided when their forces invaded South Vietnam.

Moreover, Hanoi exploited the situation when they seized three Americans last October aboard a yacht, claiming it violated Vietnamese territorial waters. They also charged the Americans with drug trafficking, fined them \$243,000 and unnecessarily delayed informing their families in the United States of their whereabouts.

Then, in early December, during negotiations in Paris, Hanoi announced it would release the three by the end of the year. They broke that promise and didn't release them until January 6, 1978, and then only after they had "repented."

There is good reason to believe that the Vietnamese also took advantage

LABOR AND BUSINESS MUST VOLUNTARILY HOLD DOWN DEMANDS



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Lend a hand to helpful hands

By JACK ANDERSON
WASHINGTON — President Carter, criticized for being too aloof from party politics, has decided to use his political clout to reward congressmen who support him in the legislative warfare on Capitol Hill.

He will campaign personally for the re-election of Democrats who side with him on the key issues. Several Cabinet members have already begun making appearances in the home districts of favored allies.

Those Democrats who repeatedly refuse to back Carter in Congress can expect little help from his Administration in their re-election battles. "We're more likely to help our friends on the Hill than those who aren't helping us," one top presidential aide pointedly told us.

This election-year strategy will be coordinated by Carter's congressional liaison office, which is headed by fellow Georgian Frank Moore. Vice President Walter Mondale will also give behind-the-scenes guidance.

At a Cabinet meeting last month, for example, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano said he had received a number of requests for political trips and asked for guidance on how to respond. The president replied, according to the confidential minutes, that "such requests should be cleared through the Vice President and Mr. Moore."

Moore has already received dozens of requests for political assistance from worried congressmen. The

requests will be judged according to the political doctrine of you-scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours.

An undercurrent of petulance, meanwhile, is still running against President Carter on Capitol Hill. He has tried earnestly to reduce the antipathy. He makes an extra effort to return congressional telephone calls and respond to congressional inquiries. He has invited key members of Congress to brief him on important legislative issues. He takes time to listen to the chairmen of crucial congressional committees.

Yet his best intentions seem to go awry. He responded to a request from Rep. Joshua Ellberg, D-Pa., to expedite the removal of Republican David Marston as U.S. Attorney in Philadelphia. Our White House sources insist that Carter regarded the Ellberg telephone call as a routine political request and that he responded out of a desire to improve his relationships on the Hill. But the move backfired into a major White House embarrassment.

Congressional leaders attribute this ineptness to inexperience, not insincerity. But there is still a residue of resentment on Capitol Hill over Carter's 1976 campaign speeches, attacking the Washington institutions.

Vice President Mondale has set three immediate Senate priorities, which the president has adopted: (1) pass the energy bill; (2) confirm William Miller as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board; and (3) ratify the Panama Canal treaties.

ART BUCHWALD

Who is in charge here and why? Good question

WASHINGTON — Americans were shocked to read last week that a recent survey of teen-agers showed they were completely ignorant of how the American government operated as well as who was in charge.

Some of the findings: Fewer than half could name one of their senators or their representative in the House. About a third did not know a senator was elected. More than a third did not believe a newspaper should be allowed to publish criticism of elected officials. A fourth didn't know that the Senate is part of Congress. A third did not know that the Constitution outlines their civil rights.

While this is very revealing as to where teen-agers' heads are these days, another survey taken at the same time came up with some even more frightening data. In interviews with 150,000 people over 35 years of age, the study disclosed a startling ignorance on the part of Americans in the middle and older age groups when it came to the really important issues of the country.

For example, while 70 percent of those questioned knew Guy Lombardo had died, only 25 percent were aware that, although Elvis Presley had passed away, he still lives in the hearts of his fans through a multimillion dollar souvenir business. Although for all intents and purposes he is gone, Elvis will still outsell President Carter on a magazine cover.

Only 15 percent of those questioned knew the difference between



Art Buchwald

"Laverne and Shirley."

Less than a third of the senior citizens over 65 had any knowledge that Burt Reynolds was now dating actress Sally Field, who is only 31 years old.

Harvey Rothmere, a teen-ager who had taken the survey, said the ignorance of grown-ups when it comes to rock music was appalling.

"Less than two percent knew that one of the Sex Pistols had died on a plane from L.A. to New York."

"What's a Sex Pistol?" I asked.

"There you have it," Harvey said. "That's one of the reasons grown-ups have no idea what's going on. You media people are not doing your job. The Sex Pistols are a punk rock group from England."

"What's a punk rock group?" I asked.

"It's a group of people who play punk rock and do sickening things on the stage that make you want to wretch."

"Beautiful," I said, "but what does punk rock have to do with our generation?"

"What does the Senate have to do with ours?" Harvey retorted. "If you don't know Johnny Rotten, why should we know the name of our congressman?"

"Well, you should at least know something about the Constitution," I said.

"We don't have time. We have to keep up with Cher's divorce from Greg Allman. You grown-ups think we're stupid just because we don't know the name of the Vice President of the United States. But can anyone over 35 name the last six women Mick Jagger has taken to a disco club?"

"You owe it to your country to know something about how your government is run," I protested.

Harvey was really hostile. "Suppose we did know the name of our senator. What good would it do us?"

"Well, you could write to him about how you feel on the issues of the day."

"And then what?"

"He could write you back thanking you for your letter."

"I'd rather get an autographed photo of Lee Majors."

"Who's Lee Majors?" I wanted to know.

"I don't believe it. He's Farrah Fawcett's husband. No wonder your generation can't make it on Social Security."

Mark Russell says

Fred Silverman, a man who knows what all America wants to see on TV, has stopped bringing us hit shows on ABC and moved over to NBC. He'll start by changing the name of the nightly news to "Laverne and Brinkley."

This winter has brought about an emergency food program for the starving thousands stranded in closed Midwestern airports.

Some traveling businessmen figuring they'll never see their wives again have struck up acquaintances and remarried in the airline terminals.

Larry Flynt, having purchased the newspaper in Plains, Ga., will combine hometown news with his own literary style. The paper will feature articles such as — "Kinky Sex Among Cousin Hugh's Chickens."

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"You don't have to be outstanding to have friends — just kind."

the small society

by Brickman





Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of the First Baptist Church, visits with Mrs. Darrell Smith, left, new vice president of the United

Methodist Women of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Walter Hall, new UMW president. (Staff Photo)

Chapter slates dance to benefit St. Jude's

The Beta Eta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met in the home of Betty Harrill. Special guests were ESA District VIII president, Patty Cooper of Midland, and the district co-ordinator, Gail Barnes of Odessa.

Plans were made for a benefit dance for St. Jude's Hospital to be held in the Midland County Exhibit Building March 31. Plans also were made and registration bags filled for the Texas State

ESA Council board meeting to be held in Midland Feb. 11-12. A valentine party will be held by the chapter for special education students in Midland schools.

B. J. Wood was elected to represent the chapter as outstanding first year member, and Billie Felts was elected Outstanding ESA'er.

The next meeting will be a joint session Feb. 21 with Beta Omega Chapter in the home of Laila Grant.

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AT WIT'S END

Children compare their lives with mom

By ERMA BOMBECK

I overheard my children arguing the other night over — of all things — my childhood.

The oldest said, "Mama told me they weren't rich, but they always had a little food on the table and a roof over their heads."

The middle child said, "That's funny. She told me they were dirt poor and would have given their eye teeth to have half of the food I wasted."

The baby said, "They were destitute. She told me they were so poor they had to buy parents — on time."

The oldest child said, "All I know is she had to walk eight blocks to school every day, rain or shine."

The middle child said, "It was three miles in a winter with three blizzards and a spring with two floods."

The baby said, "Would you believe she walked eight miles a day, and came home for lunch, with long underwear tucked under her feet for socks?"

The firstborn said, "Once when I told a lie she told me Grandma took a branch off a tree and switched her legs with it."

The second-born said, "I heard that story and it wasn't a tree limb, it was a tree trunk."

The baby said, "You got it wrong. She was tied to the tree trunk for three days to bleach in the sun."

The oldest said, "How long was she in labor with you? She told me I took 12 hours to be born."

"She told me three days," said the middle one.

The baby said, "She told me the other day she still gets cramps when she looks in my bedroom."

"All I know," said the oldest, "is she wasn't allowed to drive a car until she was 21."

"She told me 24."

"You get all the breaks. She wants me to vulcanize my feet."

"This is weird," said the oldest child. "Are we talking about the same Mom? The thin, bright-eyed, dark-haired girl who used to read me stories, bake cookies, paste my baby pictures in the album and giggle a lot?"

The middle child said, "The somber-looking blonde who used to put me to bed at 6:30 and bought me a dog to save on napkins?"

The baby said, "The grayish lady who falls asleep during the six-o'clock news and is going to show me my baby pictures when we finish shooting the roll at my graduation?"

I knew I should have raised 'em in separate parts of the house.

Midland Garden Club elects new president

The Midland Garden Club delegate will attend the District I, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., convention to be held March 28-29 in Lubbock.

Mrs. Currie presented the horticulture report on were Mrs. Bill Coleman, a first vice president; Mrs. John Kelsey, second vice president; Mrs. Walter Putnam, recording secretary; Mrs. Jack Griffin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. H. Humphrey, treasurer; Mrs. C. E. Bissell, reporter, and Mrs. Griffin, historian.

The co-hostesses were Mrs. Harold S. Holt and Mrs. Paul Smyres. Mrs. Dee Davis was a guest. Mrs. Smyres, president, and another

pruning the last of February or March 1, when the temperature is between 60 and 70 degrees. He closed by naming roses most successfully grown in the Midland area.

The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 16 in A Bit of Green, 409 Kent St. C. F. Grubb will present a program on "Exotic House Plants, Their Selection and Care."

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Care, knowledge needed when managing finances

AUSTIN—Carelessness can be hazardous to your personal finances, a University of Texas professor says.

Dr. Howard A. Wolf cautions that the best watchwords for managing one's everyday finances are "be careful" and "be informed."

Most persons, he says, don't have the time, energy or inclination to become informed. Headaches originating in the area of the pocket-book usually come about because "there are a lot of careless people," he says.

A professor in UT's Finance Department, Dr. Wolf is author of a 1977 book, "Managing Your Money," one of the few textbooks in the nation aimed at high school students, and "Personal Finance," a somewhat more sophisticated textbook that is used widely in colleges and will be issued in its fifth edition this spring.

Much of the advice for maintaining order in

one's personal finances, is to "do it twice" as a means of double checking.

For example, he recommends putting down in black and white a "loose" budget ("it doesn't have to be elaborate"), checking monthly bank statements, keeping good records for tax purposes ("it's not fun, but it's necessary") and for major purchases such as houses, automobiles and boats.

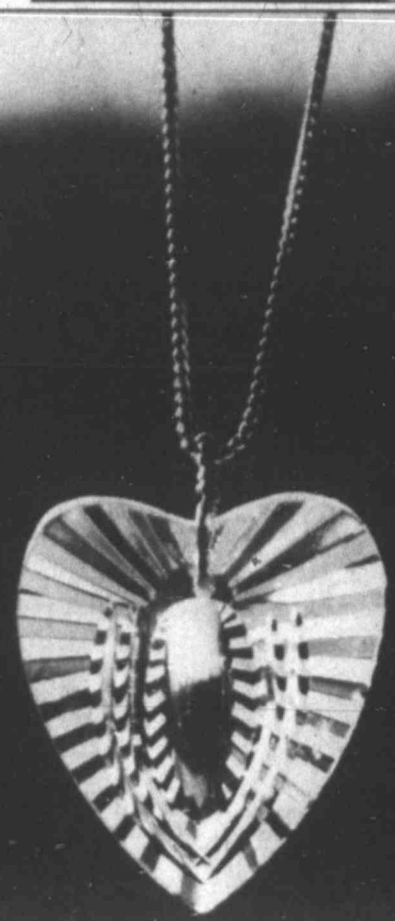
Some persons even end up overpaying their income taxes, he notes, either because of ignorance or because they "don't like the boredom" of deciphering the tax forms.

It is especially important, Dr. Wolf continues, that persons take greater care when they borrow money or buy insurance. He advocates investigating the terms offered by three or four lenders or insurers and reading provisions of an agreement thoroughly "before just signing anything."

Individuals also should be careful not to abuse the use of credit cards, for, in a sense, "you are borrowing money," he says. He warns that "renting money is like renting a house or car. You have to pay for it use."

Other little things can mean a lot, too, he adds. If in doubt, a person should check with the local Better Business Bureau before hiring someone to perform a major service. For those who use hand calculators at home to total up figures, Dr. Wolf's advice

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DEAR ABBY

Condolences could lead friendships into strangers

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I have just had an operation that has altered my facial expression. Some nerves were severed and now half of my face is permanently paralyzed.

The operation was easy to endure compared to the pain I have suffered from the remarks of some of my friends.

One woman said, "Now you will know how the rest of us plain Janes feel. Welcome to the club."

Another said, "It will be harder for you than the average woman to adjust to being homely. That's one of the penalties of having had good looks and suddenly losing them."

Abby, I have never been vain about my looks, knowing that real beauty comes from within.

I am crushed at these so-called "condolences" in the name of friendship. What would you make of such friends?—BETTY

DEAR BETTY: Strangers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 21-year-old college graduate who never has been married. A year ago I fell in love with Phil, a wonderful man who is perfect for me in every way. He's 33, divorced and has a 15-year-old son, Sonny. And that's the problem.

Sonny has lived with his father since he was 2. Phil was married at 17 and divorced at 18. Sonny's mother wasn't much good, but Sonny has a fierce loyalty to her, and for some strange reason, he doesn't like

me. He has said some cruel things to me, such as, "You don't really love my Dad, you just want his money," and "You're too young to know what love is," and "It's just a crush," and "You'll never take my mother's place."

Meanwhile, I am very much in love with Phil and I know he loves me, but he keeps stalling the marriage because Sonny is so hostile to me.

How long should it take a 15-year-old boy to adjust to a stepparent? I feel that I'm losing Phil. LOSING OUT

DEAR LOSING: Sorry, it's Phil's move—not yours. If he loved you as you love him, he'd deal with Sonny in the meantime, if the wedding is off because Phil's son doesn't like you, you are obviously No. 2 in a winner take all contest.

HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGTER (Wed. Feb. 8)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A time when you can wisely be preoccupied with all of the little affairs of everyday life that require considerable meticulous attention in order to have harmony in your life. Study right ways and means by which you will be able to more easily eliminate confusion.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Get work done that will bring more order and neatness around you, give you a sense of well-being. Take time to have a good talk with mate, loved one for constructive purposes.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Know what your true goals are and go after them in a positive way and get right results. Don't waste time envying others—get busy and make a better life for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Study your position in your community and do what will help improve it. Make collections and pay pressing bills. Show you are alert and wide-awake.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Plan how to improve conditions around you and then get busy doing just that. Make a few friends who can be of help to you far into the future. Avoid one who is a self-seeker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21): Handle obligations meticulously and get good results. Know what is truly expected of you by mate, loved one and try to please.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Meet with partners and work out plans that bring greater success in the future. Find better ways of having better health. Don't fritter precious time away foolishly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): With all that work ahead of you, you hardly know where to begin, but get at the most important first. Have a talk with fellow workers and arrange duties wisely, intelligently. Accomplish much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Take time to plan future amusements well so they work out fine. Show more thought for mate also. Good day to get budget in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Attend to those matters that will make your home more efficient and harmonious. Do more entertaining at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Take care of important errands early. Write letters and look into the details of a trip you may be planning soon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Use good practical sense in handling money matters and get fine results. Business problems are best settled if you get the aid of an expert. Be a leader instead of a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Study your reflection in the mirror and see where you can improve appearance and health. Good friends can be of assistance to you.

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