

COMING SUNDAY

Great escape

Nancy Rea is among two dozen Midland women who say there's more to fitness than good muscle tone and firm thighs after spending five days at the YMCA's "Great Escape" fitness camp. Read about the camaraderie they discovered in Sunday's Lifestyle section.



Great rugs

Twelve recognized regional styles in Navajo rugs exist today. Currently on display at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Library Hall of Fame is an exhibit of Navajo rugs. "Crystal to Burnt Water." Read about the exhibit in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.



Great hunting

Texas' varying open season dates on wild game form a confusing "patchwork" of laws, but a bill now before the Legislature would help clear up that confusion. Midlander J.C. Henderson tells why the bill should be passed in Sunday's "Speaking Out" column.



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Weather watchers

David Martin, warning preparedness meteorologist, left, and Bill Alexander, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth, check a map used to trace tornadoes. Tornado activity is expected to be heavy in Texas this spring.

Acting EPA head vows to restore confidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — John W. Hernandez Jr., taking the helm at the battered Environmental Protection Agency, is vowing to "get this agency back to work" by restoring public confidence and reviving employee morale.

Hernandez, a former college professor who has spent two years in the No. 2 job at EPA, spent his first day as acting administrator Thursday. "I hope everyone will understand how strongly I feel about the compelling necessity to return this agency to its one and only job to ensure all Americans of a safe and healthy environment," Hernandez said in a brief statement to reporters.

"I intend to begin immediately the task of restoring the public's faith in what I have always maintained is an exceptional agency," he said.

A short time later in a hotel near EPA headquarters, the woman he replaced — Anne McGill Burford — told a crowded news conference that she did not feel like she was a victim but said it was wrong to "conduct government by allegation."

"THE AGENCY has of late been embroiled in a kind of 'who-hit John' episode that I have been a focus of attention. It is my intention in resigning to try and get the agency back to work," she said.

Mrs. Burford appeared with her husband, Interior Department official Robert Burford, who joked at one point that the only thing his wife would have done differently was "take a honeymoon."

The Burfords were married on Feb. 20 and Mrs. Burford was back at work the next day, defending herself and the agency against mounting charges of mismanagement, conflict of interest and political manipulation of a \$1.6 billion toxic waste cleanup program.

Mrs. Burford submitted her resignation to President Reagan Wednesday.

At her press conference, Mrs. Burford said she had compiled "a solid record of achievement that will stand the test of time," and she promised to cooperate with Congress in the half-dozen congressional probes of the agency.

"I FIRMLY believe if there is any wrongdoing at the EPA it ought to be thoroughly investigated and people ought to be put in jail," she said.

Mrs. Burford refused to blame anyone for her predicament. "I never claimed to be a victim and I won't now," she said, adding that she was not bitter. She said her plans now were to "take some time off and take a well-deserved rest with my new spouse."

Mrs. Burford did not return to the EPA to say goodbye Thursday, sending instead a note of thanks which Hernandez read at a meeting of her top aides.

Those present said Hernandez gave a pep talk, telling the top officials they had to work together as a team and put an end to "turf-fights."

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Interest tax law subject of fight by legislators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of a new tax law requiring federal tax withholding on interest and dividends are holding a multibillion-dollar jobs bill hostage in an effort to win congressional repeal of the law.

Senate leaders concede they don't know how to stop the drive, even though they say President Reagan will surely veto the jobs legislation if it contains the tax changes.

At issue is the new rule requiring a 10 percent withholding by banks and financial institutions of all interest income, a change adopted in 1982 that takes effect July 1.

Opponents, led by Sen. Bob Kasten, R-Wis., are seeking to attach an amendment repealing this law to a \$3.7 billion jobs package now before the Senate, a move that has brought

Senate action on the jobs bill almost to a standstill.

The Senate was due to resume action on the measure today, but earlier hopes by leaders of getting a final version to the president by the weekend had all but evaporated.

In a heated exchange on the Senate floor Thursday, Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., accused colleagues favoring repeal of bowing to the banking industry, which has mounted a vigorous lobbying campaign against the new withholding rule.

"Let the poor people who are looking for jobs wait while we help the bankers," scoffed Dole, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He accused the American Bankers Association, the prime industry group

lobbying for the rule's repeal, of spreading "misinformation, flooding the Senate with mail," and frightening consumers.

But both Dole and Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., conceded they didn't have the votes to stop Kasten from winning Senate approval for his amendment. "I can count," Dole said.

Baker agreed, telling the Senate, "I don't know how to unravel this thing."

Kasten, claiming to have at least 51 senators — a majority — in his corner, vowed to press on with his effort. "This is not a banking issue. This is a consumer issue," he said.

In the House, separate legislation to repeal the withholding rule has 242 co-sponsors.

Violent season expected

Record tornado number possible

DALLAS (AP) — The one thing meteorologists know about tornadoes is that they're unpredictable. Yet they are now making one tornado prediction — there's a good chance of a record number of twisters this year.

The "Tornado Alley," which includes a large chunk of North Texas, is in for a battering this spring because of an unusual upper-

level air pattern that will push more violent storms south. National Weather Service meteorologists said Thursday.

About 100 twisters have already been reported in the prime tornado belt in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, and the three-month season usually doesn't begin until April, NWS meteorologist Bill Alexander said.

"This will be a more active than

usual year (for tornadoes)," Alexander said. "It's already started early and we look for it to continue right through the regular season," Alexander said.

The shift in the upper-level jet stream makes the northern half of the state a prime spawning ground for twisters, he said.

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INSIDE TODAY



Talking about disaster

Fire Chief Ray Lewis responds to a question Thursday night during a panel discussion of Midland's emergency disaster preparedness.

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Delivery.....682-5311
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Midland chosen for firm's first inn

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A newly formed Dallas corporation announced today it has chosen Midland as the site of its first motel in what eventually will be a five-to-10-motel chain.

Mark Twain Inns said it will erect a 114-room facility at 4714 West Highway 80. Completion is scheduled by December for the \$3 million, Victorian-style motel.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were scheduled today following a press conference at the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

The inn is conceived as a down-home "country inn" of 1880s vintage. The guestrooms are arranged

in three two-story buildings. Two meeting rooms, a swimming pool, and gazebo are included. Adequate land has been set aside within the 2.65-acre location for future lease to a restaurant operation.

To commemorate construction of the company's first inn, representatives of Mark Twain Inns presented a complete anthology of author Mark Twain's works to the Midland County Public Library.

Midland was chosen as the site of the first inn after the company conducted market research in Houston, Dallas, Austin and other cities.

"We felt very optimistic about Midland, the area, and the oil industry," said Warren G. Miedke, director of operations for Mark Twain Inns. The company began its research on the Midland area last summer, he added.

Mark Twain Inns is committed to building five inns in the next two years, he said, regardless of how the Midland inn is received. As the economy improves in Texas and the nation, new markets will emerge, Miedke said.

The corporation is a project of A. Henry Fink, who previously worked

as a hotel consultant with Hyatt Regency Hotels, Trammel Crow of Dallas, and for several hotels in the Far East.

The Mark Twain Inns will be built using factory-built units. Guestrooms are designed to be relocated, if necessary, in the future. In addition, new units can be in place 120 to 150 days after a decision has been made to start construction, company officials said.

The inn will aim for the single commercial and business traveler and offer rooms in the middle price range of \$38 to \$44 per night.

Guest occupancies are conservatively projected at 85 percent the first year, rising to 80 percent by the third year of operation.

Controversy over Alger Hiss case continues today

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1930s and '40s were a period of self-examination for America as the fear of communism spread. This is the last of a six-part series on Midlander Robert Stripling's experiences amid this political climate through two decades in Washington. Today's article deals with Stripling's bitter feelings toward Richard Nixon.

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

"The public controversy has continued for the past three decades and shows no signs of ending. Historians will surely argue that post-war interlude for centuries." Federal Judge William A. Bootle of the Middle District of Georgia in Macon wrote these words in 1979 concerning the Alger Hiss case. Robert E. Stripling had filed a libel

suit against Doubleday, the publishing company, and the judge determined he was still a public figure from the role he had played in that case.

Boodle was correct; the Alger Hiss case hasn't ended. On Feb. 15, Hiss, now 78, filed an appeal to overturn U.S. District Judge Richard Owen's rejection of a petition last July. The petition had asked that the jury's conviction of Hiss in 1950 be overturned on grounds the trial had been unfair.

"I am innocent," he contended.

Three men remain alive from that turbulent period when a House committee began uncovering evidence that top officials were leaking government secrets to the Soviet Union. Hiss is one. The other two sat on the prosecuting side of the fence: Robert Stripling and Richard Nixon. Stripling was chief investigator of the House Un-American Activities



Stripling's Washington

part six

Committee; Nixon was a junior member.

THE HISS CASE culminated Stripling's career. He quit the committee shortly after uncovering the most damaging evidence against Hiss and came to Midland to start

over in the oil business.

"I nailed Hiss and he knows it and Nixon knows it. If I ever had any evidence or knowledge that would mitigate his (Hiss) guilt, I would come forward with it today."

Stripling's problems have come not from Hiss and his continual suits

for appeal, but from Nixon.

When the chief investigator left Washington, Nixon took credit for the case and has yet to publicly acknowledge it was Stripling who pulled out that last piece of evidence needed to convict Hiss. Known as the Pumpkin Papers, the evidence was five cans of microfilm containing secret State Department documents.

Stripling had returned to Washington on business shortly after moving to Midland in 1949. In the Longworth Office Building, he got into the same elevator that was carrying Pat and Dick Nixon. "Going up from the second floor to the fifth, Pat said, 'Dick and I know you broke the Hiss case, but do you mind if he takes the credit for it?' Nixon was planning to run for the Senate," he recalls.

"I would put up \$50,000 of my money if they would put up \$50,000

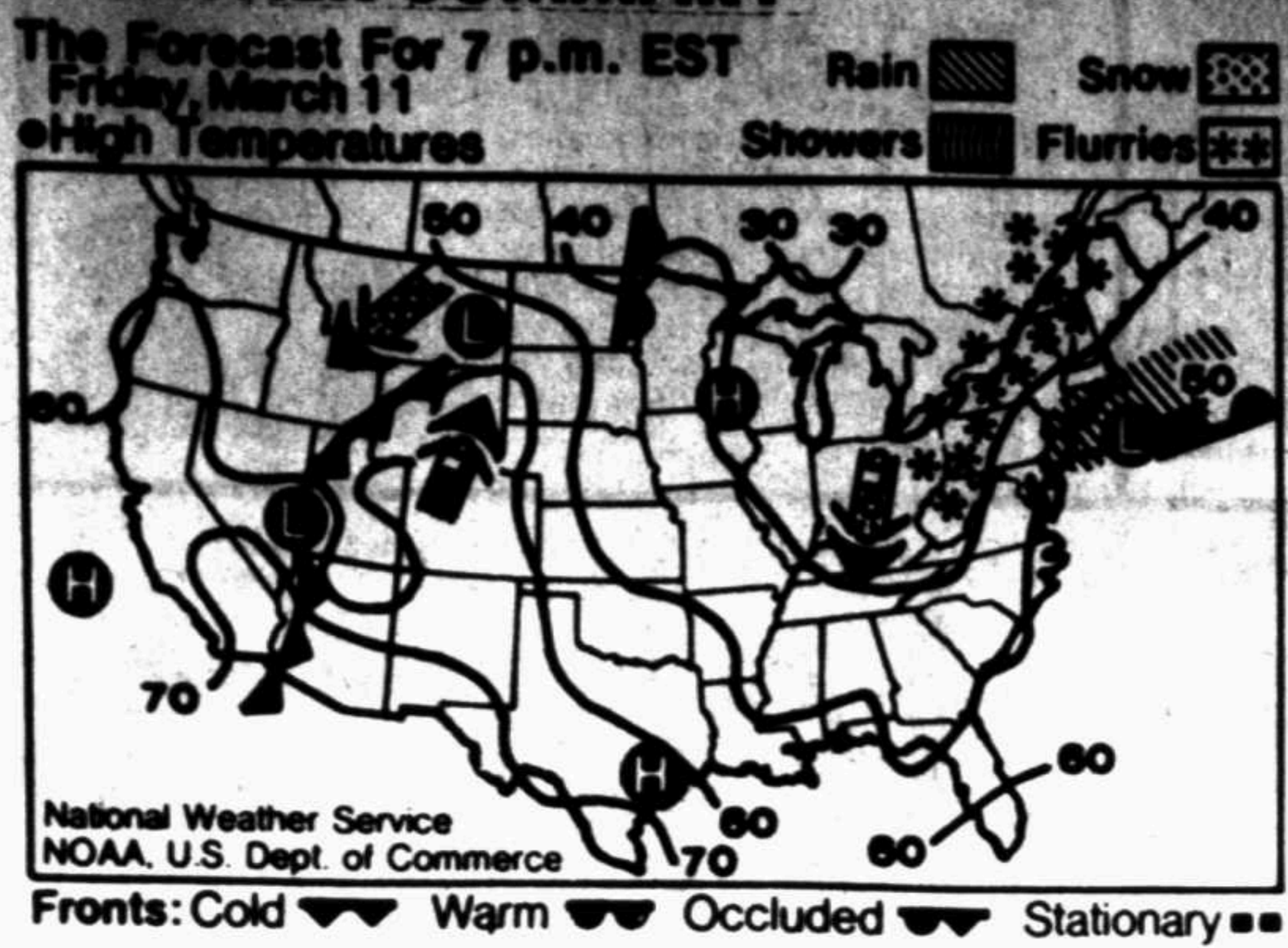
of theirs and have Nixon take a polygraph test," Stripling says. "If the polygraph shows I'm wrong, my \$50,000 would go to Red Cross or some other charity."

MORE CONCERNED about his life in Midland at that time, Stripling had agreed, he said. "But I didn't tell him (Nixon) to go out and tell a damn big lie. I was Nixon's first victim and it will hang over him like the sword of Damocles."

Stripling was involved in the oil business here and wasn't paying attention to what Nixon was saying. "Other members of the committee used to call me in anguish down here about Nixon." They were upset Nixon was taking credit for all the work on the Hiss case and asked Stripling to go to Washington and clear it up.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service predicts showers for parts of Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. Showers and snow are forecast Saturday for New York and Pennsylvania, with rain also expected in New England. Snow flurries should be in store for Montana and people in the northwest portion of Washington can expect rain.

Increasing cloudiness expected

April showers may come a month early if tonight's partly cloudy skies gather more clouds Saturday and sprinkle the Permian Basin with the light rain expected.

Saturday should bring increasingly cloudy skies and a 30 percent chance of showers, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

Temperatures are expected to drop into the lower 40s tonight, climbing near 70 on Saturday.

Southeasterly winds at 10-15 mph tonight should increase to 15-20 mph with gusts on Saturday.

Thursday's high of 74 missed the record high of 88, set in 1964, by 14 degrees. The overnight low of 37 was 27 degrees warmer than 1948's record cold of 10 degrees.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High 74 degrees
Overnight Low 37 degrees
Sunset today 7:03 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:03 a.m.
Precipitation none inches
Last 24 hours 0.7 inches
This month to date 1.47 inches
1983 to date 1.47 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	45	6 p.m.	72
7 a.m.	44	7 p.m.	67
8 a.m.	46	8 p.m.	59
9 a.m.	53	9 p.m.	58
10 a.m.	60	10 p.m.	55
11 a.m.	64	11 p.m.	51
noon	66	Midnight	49
1 p.m.	68	1 a.m.	46
2 p.m.	71	2 a.m.	42
3 p.m.	71	3 a.m.	41
4 p.m.	73	4 a.m.	39
5 p.m.	73	5 a.m.	38

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Abilene	69	35
Denver	53	31
Amarillo	61	29
El Paso	73	41
Fort Worth	69	31
Houston	69	37
Lubbock	73	32
Marfa	49	25
Odessa	58	27
Wichita Falls	58	27

Weather elsewhere

Albany	43	33	41	coy
Albuquerque	70	42	32	coy
Anchorage	25	18	07	clr
Asheville	41	30	07	clr
Atlanta	38	31	07	clr
Atlanta City	48	44	15	coy
Baltimore	47	42	07	clr
Birmingham	71	43	07	clr
Bismarck	38	32	07	clr
Boise	32	23	07	clr
Bozeman	66	49	07	clr
Butte	41	36	73	coy
Butte	41	36	73	coy
Cambridge	40	32	07	clr
Casper	59	34	07	clr
Charleston S.C.	81	41	07	clr
Charleston W.V.	40	33	07	clr
Charlotte N.C.	51	37	15	clr
Cheyanne	53	32	07	clr
Chicago	30	24	07	clr
Cincinnati	36	33	07	clr
Cleveland	37	31	13	coy
Columbia S.C.	52	40	07	clr
Columbus	40	30	07	clr
Dayton	37	31	06	coy
Denver	53	31	07	clr
Des Moines	31	27	07	clr
Detroit	40	30	02	clr
Duluth	26	06	07	clr
Fairbanks	12	01	04	coy
Fargo	24	17	07	clr
Flagstaff	64	32	07	clr
Great Falls	39	34	07	clr
Hartford	69	35	07	clr
Helena	44	34	07	clr
Honolulu	84	71	07	clr
Indianapolis	35	33	07	clr
Jackson Miss	45	30	07	clr
Jacksonville	64	35	07	clr
Juneau	44	39	04	rn
Kansas City	35	28	07	clr
Las Vegas	74	57	07	clr
Little Rock	40	26	07	clr
Los Angeles	74	64	07	clr
Louisville	36	32	07	clr
Memphis	36	32	07	clr
Miami	76	51	47	clr
Milwaukee	28	26	03	clr
Minneapolis	32	22	07	clr
Missoula	36	32	07	clr
Nashville	58	36	07	clr
New Orleans	58	36	07	clr
New York	41	37	51	coy
Norfolk	55	43	07	clr
North Platte	51	22	07	clr
Oklahoma City	49	25	07	clr
Omaha	34	23	07	clr
Orlando	72	38	07	clr
Philadelphia	43	41	06	coy
Phoenix	94	59	07	clr
Pittsburgh	42	32	27	rn
Portland Me	37	33	92	coy
Portland Ore	60	45	04	rn
Providence	41	37	17	coy
Raleigh	60	41	07	clr
Rego City	42	30	07	clr
Reno	63	38	07	clr
Richmond	52	43	11	coy
St. Louis	31	30	07	clr
St. Pete Tampa	68	47	07	clr
Salt Lake	65	50	07	clr
San Diego	68	62	07	clr
San Francisco	62	50	18	coy
St. Joseph	26	10	07	clr
Seattle	56	42	06	rn
Shreveport	58	33	07	clr

Texas temperatures

Abilene	69	35	00
Alice	79	48	00
Amarillo	61	29	00
Austin	74	39	00
Beaumont	67	39	00
Brownsville	76	51	00
Chihuahua	59	31	00
College Station	9	35	00
Corpus Christi	77	51	00
Dalhart	61	34	00
Dallas	61	30	00
Del Rio	77	50	00
El Paso	73	41	00
Fort Worth	59	31	00
Galveston	73	44	00
Houston	69	37	00
Lubbock	57	29	00
Lubbock	69	30	00
Lufkin	62	31	00
Marfa	73	32	00
McAllen	79	53	00
Midland	74	38	00
Palacios	69	42	00
San Angelo	74	37	00
San Antonio	74	41	00
Stephenville	65	29	00
Texasville	56	30	00
Victoria	77	44	00
Waco	64	30	00
Wichita Falls	58	27	00

Hiss case controversy continues

Stripling: 'I nailed Hiss'

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"I told them I was down here in the oil business and hustling and didn't want to get involved." When Stripling finally realized what was happening, it was too late. Nixon had already sold his version to the public and history books.

"Nixon became president because of the promise he gained on that case," says Stripling.

The years haven't changed Stripling much. Now 70, his hair is still dark; the memories remain vivid. His eyes contain that same clear, sharp look he was known for in his pointed questioning during HUAC investigations.

He has followed closely what has been said on the Hiss-Chambers case since leaving Washington — shelves hold three-fourths of the books ever published on that subject, he notes.

Sipping on diet sodas during his recollections, Stripling points out memorabilia from his Washington associations. He's been to several inaugurations — those of Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan — and had a chance to return to Washington during Eisenhower's administration. He refused.

DURING NIXON'S political climb, Stripling never mentioned to the public anything about the former congressman's true role in the Hiss case. Nixon was a public official and Stripling didn't see the need to speak out for he had no political ambitions himself.

But once Nixon was out, Stripling decided to speak up for his part in the Hiss case.

In Stripling's view, Nixon's downfall came "because he got too much power too fast."

"Here was a man who started in Congress in 1947. He had graduated a few years earlier as president of his law class. He thought he was a real smart guy. He was made a senator in four years and then served as vice president for two terms. He almost beat John Kennedy for president. And if the Chicago votes had been counted right, he might have won."

When Nixon came back in 1968 and won the presidency over Hubert Humphrey, "he got the idea he was invincible — that when he spoke it should be recorded on tape, like chiseling it in stone."

"I don't mean to put Mr. Nixon down. But he, like a lot of other important people, was a devious person. It was unfortunate for this country," Stripling said.

PUBLICLY, NIXON has never changed his story about the Hiss case. While Nixon was in the White House, Stripling was invited to dinner. "He asked me if I was still the same tough Stripling, I said, 'Tougher.' I told him that one day it's all going to come out."

Nixon occasionally has privately acknowledged Stripling's role in the case. While vice president, Nixon told Sid Richardson and Clint Murchison,



United Press International Photo — 1948

Go over the latest newspaper accounts as evidence comes out against Alger Hiss are, from left, Whittaker Chambers, Richard Nixon and Robert Stripling. Chambers began the investigation by telling of Hiss'

associations with the Communist Party and leaking top-secret documents to the Soviet Union. Nixon was a junior member of the House Un-American Activities Committee; Stripling was chief investigator.

two wealthy oil men, of Stripling's role. They reported to the former HUAC investigator that Nixon had said, "Without Stripling, I would have been nothing."

Knowing Nixon's past problems with microfilm, Stripling could see the Watergate tapes would be the president's undoing. "When Nixon was re-elected, I said Watergate would be his Waterloo. Any fool would have burned the tapes," theorizes Stripling.

Unfortunately for the country, there has not been a president since Nixon capable of handling foreign policy, according to Stripling.

"Outside of Richard Nixon's basic integrity, which may have been faulty, Nixon was the best president in the field of foreign policy we've had."

The Communist threat that Stripling saw so clearly during the HUAC hearings hasn't lessened over the years, he says. He watches world

happenings closely, especially those in the Soviet Union.

When Premier Leonid Brezhnev died recently and was replaced by the former head of Russia's secret police, the action worried Stripling. "You've got to understand the Communist mind. It says, 'We are out to take over the world. We seek to do this by any means, but we prefer to do it by violent means.'"

Stripling's government service began 50 years ago. But his career highlight was the Hiss case.

"There are millions of people in this country who think Hiss is innocent," Stripling said. The former attorney has filed case after case, trying to get the conviction overturned, and no court has yet to agree.

"He's living," said Stripling. "I'm living and Nixon's living. Nixon disqualified himself because everyone knows he is a liar. I'm the only one left to tell the true story."

Several contending for top EPA position

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HERNANDEZ NOT only met with high-ranking EPA aides, but also strolled through the building shaking hands with employees in an effort to boost morale.

This action was in sharp contrast to Mrs. Burford's first days at the agency. Career employees complained she made herself inaccessible, preferring to get advice from a small circle of advisers she brought with her.

The list of potential replacements

for Mrs. Burford continued to grow.

Among those being mentioned are John Quarles, deputy EPA administrator in the 1970s; former Sen. James Buckley, R-N.Y.; William Ruckelshaus, the agency's first administrator; Henry Diamond, former head of the New York state EPA; Stan Legro, a Washington attorney, and James Mahoney, founder of a Massachusetts environmental consulting firm.

Hernandez, who was a professor and dean of engineering at New Mexico State University, added his name to the list of contenders, say-

ing he would be willing to serve on a permanent basis if asked by the president.

MEANWHILE, THE first boxes of EPA documents being released by Reagan without restrictions were delivered to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, ending a three-month battle between Congress and the administration.

Reagan announced Wednesday that he would turn the material over with no restrictions, save that sensitive material be kept confidential.

As the congressional investiga-

tions continued, new accusations continued to surface.

The latest one Thursday was that Mrs. Burford and the White House received a report outlining alleged conflicts of interest by one agency official more than one month before he withdrew from the post.

It was learned that on April 21, 1982, Matthew N. Novick, then EPA inspector general, sent White House counsel Fred F. Fielding an advance copy of a report on conflict allegations against Denver attorney James W. Sanderson, then serving as a consultant to Mrs. Burford.

Gritz, others receive suspended sentences

NAKHON PHANOM, Thailand (AP) — James "Bo" Gritz and four American colleagues involved in efforts to find U.S. prisoners of war in Laos received suspended jail sentences today and were ordered to leave Thailand immediately.

The four men and one woman, all Californians, had pleaded guilty to

illegal possession of a high-powered radio transmitter. They were fined \$130 each and given suspended one-year jail terms after a brief court proceeding in this town near the Thai-Laotian border.

Gritz, a much-decorated Green Beret officer, led an unsuccessful mission across the Laotian border

last November, and insisted he had evidence that several U.S. soldiers captured in Indochinese combat in the 1970s were alive in Laos. The Laotian government has denied his claims.

The outcome of the trial pleased the defendants, who could have received five-year prison terms.

"We feel just wonderful," said Lance Edward Trimmer of San Francisco in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We have had hints all along that it would be a fast trial. This must have been one of the fastest cases in Thai history. They sure speeded things up with us."



An artist's drawing shows a portion of the 114-room Mark Twain Inn to be constructed at 4714 West Highway 80. Completion of the Victorian style motel, which was announced today at a press conference, is scheduled for December. See story on Page 1A.

Tornado record could be set

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The jet stream will not only bring more storms to the Lone Star state, but also more southerly air flow from the Gulf of Mexico. That combination will make the storms even more violent, Alexander said.

At least half a dozen twisters have already been reported in Texas, causing some damage and minor injuries.

NWS meteorologist Dave Martin said the shift in the weather pattern also helped divert cold northern air from Texas this winter.

"The whole weather pattern is a little further south," said Martin, who handles emergency situations for the weather service. "The flow has been west to east. That's why we

really haven't had any good article outbreaks this year."

In 1979, a tornado ripped through Wichita Falls, killing 45 people, injuring 500 and causing \$250 million in damage. On April 2, 1982, tornadoes and severe weather attacked a 70-mile-wide area of Northeast Texas and one twister tore through Paris, killing eight people and injuring another 200.

America's worst twister cut a 220-mile path through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana on March 18, 1925, killing 689 people as it raced along at freeway speeds.

A typical tornado has swirling winds of up to 300 mph. It might be 100 yards across and move on the ground at 10 to 25 mph. In the northern hemisphere, tornadoes always rotate counterclockwise.

Martin said 1982 failed to surpass 1967's record for tornadoes, but it came close. In 1967, a year when a hurricane spawned 100 tornadoes, 235 were recorded. Last year, 204 were counted in Texas — four of them "killer tornadoes."

"Last year was really a record year for tornadoes," Martin said. "Not the greatest ever, that was 1967. But if you take away that one hurricane and talk about regular 'super cell' and frontal activity, it was a record."

Alexander said 1983 could be a record year for twisters because the upper-level air flow, which usually moves north into the Midwest, has stayed south.

Martin said a tornado is a miniature version of a typical storm that moves in a circular flow.

Barbie returned to prison from hospital

LYON, France (AP) — Klaus Barbie, the former Nazi Gestapo chief awaiting trial for war crimes, has been returned to prison from a hospital where he underwent an emergency operation for a constricted hernia, police sources said.

Police detachments were mobilized to guard Barbie, known in France as "the Butcher of Lyon," during the transfer through the city

streets late Thursday night to St. Joseph Prison.

He had undergone the operation Sunday in the Edouard Herriot hospital.

Surgeon Roger Lombard-Platet said earlier this week Barbie would be moved quickly back to the medical section of the prison to convalesce. He said the German had come through the operation well.

Barbie, 69, is awaiting trial on charges of crimes against humanity. He was expelled to France in February from Bolivia, where he had lived in exile since 1961.

He was twice condemned to death in absentia in France for war crimes committed while he was head of the Gestapo in Lyon in World War II, but those crimes are covered by the statute of limitations.

Correction OPEC ministers far from quota agreement

In a story on Medicare in Wednesday's edition of the Midland Reporter-Telegram it was incorrectly reported that the deductible for the first 60 days of hospitalization is \$260. This was changed to \$304 as of Jan. 1.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Have we made an error? Call us at 682-5311, Ext. 130, and a correction will be published.

LONDON (AP) — OPEC ministers remained far apart today on the crucial issue of dividing production quotas as they attempted to salvage an agreement to save the world oil cartel from collapse.

"I'm afraid until now we are still apart, far away from each other as far as the quotas are concerned," the United Arab Emirates oil minister, Mana Saed Oteiba, told reporters as the oil chiefs broke for lunch.

Oteiba said the ministerial talks would resume later today, but a formal meeting of the full cartel would not take place until there is progress toward setting quotas.

Without quotas, any price cut will not stick, said Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti, who has been prodding his colleagues since last month to adopt a plan for averting an international price war.

The 13-nation cartel wanted to finish its work Thursday, but OPEC Secretary General Marc S. Nan Nguema said Thursday night the unresolved issues were "very difficult."

"If we are working so long it is precisely because we would like to reach an agreement," he said.

"We achieved good progress," Calderon Berti said. "We are doing our

best."

Ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have been meeting for nine days to devise a strategy for keeping competitive in a glutted market. The oil chiefs haven't been able to agree on quotas for the past year.

Equador's Oil Minister Gustavo Galindo said the group has agreed in principle to lower the official OPEC price, now at \$34 a barrel. Sources said the new price would be either \$29 or \$29.50 a barrel.

At the heart of OPEC's crisis is an international oil market shrunk by recession and energy conservation.

OPEC and non-OPEC have been competing for customers who, a decade ago, were virtual hostages of the prices set by big oil exporters.

Without production quotas, abundant supplies of oil on world markets will likely keep pushing prices lower.

Last December, OPEC ministers decided on a daily production ceiling but failed to agree on individual quotas for the 13 members.

Iran, pressed to finance its war against fellow OPEC member Iraq, has demanded a bigger share of the market at the expense of arch political rival Saudi Arabia.

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Kennedy, Cranston want to stop drilling

By Linda Breakstone
Hearst Feature Service

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sens. Alan Cranston and Ted Kennedy joined forces yesterday in an effort to ban all offshore oil drilling off California and Massachusetts until the year 2000.

oil-slick sea to oil-slick sea." For California, the legislation would ban drilling up to 15 miles from the shore along about 600 miles of the approximately 1,100-mile coastline.

night and last night at the home here of an oil-company executive to help erase a \$60,000 campaign debt.

Wilson first said Cranston hadn't told him of the new oil-drilling-ban legislation and quipped, "That's an excellent question" when asked why he thought the senior senator didn't ask him to join in.

is any kind of a comprehensive analysis of what the future energy needs of the country are going to be."

with energy PAC, I have not talked to them. "It's not a big secret, they're all pretty much eager to drill if someone will let them drill. They'll drill anywhere if someone will let them drill."

Money Market Funds

Money Funds with assets of \$100 million or more that are available to individual investors. For period ended March 9, 1983.

FUND	Assets (\$Mill)	7-day Mat.	30-day Yield	30-day Yield (pct)
AARP U.S. Gov't M.M.T.	3,636.7	38	7.8	7.7
Alta. Brown Prime	511.6	35	7.9	8.0
Alliance Group	1,084.0	30	7.8	7.7
Alliance Capital Reserves	187.3	28	7.5	7.6
American General	273.2	35	7.6	7.9
American Liquid Trust	278.8	22	7.4	7.5
Boston Company Cash Mgt	293.9	41	8.2	8.3
Capital Cash Mgt Trust	190.9	18	7.9	7.9
Capital Preservation	1,820.3	32	7.3	7.2
Capital Preservation Fund II	710.6	3	7.4	7.8
Cardinal Gov't Securities	328.8	26	8.1	8.0
Carnegie Gov't Securities Trust	195.0	20	7.6	7.7
Cash Equivalent Fund	4,484.2	38	8.3	8.4
Cash Management Trust	484.0	32	7.9	7.8
Cash Equivalent Gov't Only	515.8	20	8.1	8.0
Centennial Money Mkt Trust	153.7	29	7.7	7.7
Current Daily Income	580.7	27	7.7	7.7
Composite Cash Mgt Co	205.7	21	7.8	7.8
Current Interest M.M.F.	1,424.2	37	7.8	7.8
Daily Cash Accumulation	3,993.4	28	7.5	7.8
Daily Income	575.8	34	7.9	7.9
Dean Writer	136.3	13	7.5	7.6
Active Assets Gov't Sec	1,311.3	41	8.1	8.2
Active Assets M.T.	7,072.5	44	8.1	8.2
InterCapital Lig. Assets	162.0	37	7.9	7.9
Delaware Cash Reserve	106.3	12	7.8	7.9
Dollar Reserves	181.2	32	7.7	7.8
Draval Sunham Lambert, Inc.	1,015.9	31	8.0	8.0
DBL Cash Fund M.M. Portfolio	9,331.0	58	8.1	8.2
Dreyfus	968.3	78	8.3	8.2
Dreyfus Liquid Assets	1,803.4	43	8.1	8.2
Dreyfus M.M. Instruments Gov't	694.6	34	7.6	7.6
Dreyfus Money Market	117.1	33	7.5	7.6
ED Jones Daily Passport	113.3	24	7.7	7.7
EGT Money Market Trust	328.2	43	7.7	7.8
Eaton Vance Cash Mgt Fund	155.8	32	7.8	7.9
Equitable Money Mkt Account	3,814.8	40	8.0	8.1
Fidelity Group	2,960.1	37	7.9	8.1
Fidelity Cash Reserves	342.2	46	7.6	7.6
Fidelity Daily Income	208.3	20	8.1	8.2
Fidelity U.S. Gov't Res	459.7	25	7.6	7.7
Financial Daily Income	1,025.3	27	7.8	7.8
First Investors Cash Mgt	123.7	3	7.6	7.6
First Variable Rate	858.4	18	8.2	7.9
Franklin Federal M.F.	1,033.6	25	7.8	7.7
Franklin Money Fund	187.2	58	7.9	8.0
Fund Gov't Investors	530.3	18	7.6	7.6
General M.F. Inc.	108.0	43	7.8	7.8
Government Investors Trust	548.8	29	7.7	7.8
Government Sec. Cash Fund	155.5	33	7.5	7.5
Gradian Cash Reserves	5,347.8	31	8.1	8.1
Hillard Lyons Gov't Fund Inc.	114.9	45	8.1	8.1
Hulton E.F.	856.1	38	8.1	8.2
Cash Reserve Management	1,045.1	42	8.3	8.4
Hulton AMA Cash Fund	531.5	43	7.8	7.8
Hulton Gov't Fund	3,745.9	42	8.5	8.6
US Cash Management	257.9	32	7.6	7.6
John Hancock Cash Mgt	700.6	23	7.9	8.0
Kemper Money Market	139.9	22	7.6	7.6
Lehman Cash Res. Trust	270.9	26	8.0	8.1
Lehman Gov't Fund Inc.	1,622.8	29	8.0	8.0
Lehman Money Market	129.0	35	7.7	7.8
Lexington Money Market	255.3	26	7.6	7.6
Liquid Capital Income	810.1	35	7.9	7.9
Liquid Green Trust	168.2	24	7.8	7.8
Lord Abbott Cash Reserve	1,487.0	48	8.2	8.2
Mass Cash Management Trust	13,492.9	47	8.5	7.9
McDonald Money Market	1,732.0	45	7.6	7.6
Merrill Lynch	1,143.7	44	7.9	7.9
OMA Gov't Securities	16,452.9	51	8.6	8.0
OMA Money Fund	1,014.5	46	8.1	7.5
OMA Trust	186.4	36	7.4	7.4
Oppenheimer M.F.F. Inc.	190.5	33	7.5	7.6
Parsons M.F. Inc.	364.1	35	7.8	7.7
Prudential-Bache Securities	375.4	37	7.9	8.0
Prudential Gov't Sec. Trust M.M.S.	751.2	36	7.9	8.0
Putnam Daily Dividend Trust	1,777.6	54	8.3	8.3
Putnam Money Fund	431.2	34	7.9	8.0
Putnam Short-Term Income	1,201.8	25	8.0	8.0
Putnam World Fund	5,205.6	28	7.9	8.0
Putnam World Fund II	563.6	22	7.7	7.8
Putnam World Fund III	253.0	50	7.8	7.7
Putnam World Fund IV	444.0	31	8.0	8.2
Putnam World Fund V	2,890.0	29	8.0	8.0
Putnam World Fund VI	362.1	36	8.0	8.1
Putnam World Fund VII	351.4	16	7.5	7.5
Putnam World Fund VIII	2,432.5	30	7.9	8.0
Putnam World Fund IX	358.1	30	8.0	8.1
Putnam World Fund X	131.9	18	7.5	7.6
Putnam World Fund XI	1,088.2	34	7.5	7.5
Putnam World Fund XII	173.4	34	7.3	7.3
Putnam World Fund XIII	395.5	21	7.2	7.3
Putnam World Fund XIV	539.0	35	7.5	7.6
Putnam World Fund XV	1,489.4	36	8.0	8.0
Putnam World Fund XVI	4,789.0	41	8.0	8.0
Putnam World Fund XVII	381.9	42	7.9	7.9
Putnam World Fund XVIII	1,044.8	50	8.0	7.9
Putnam World Fund XIX	788.4	33	8.0	8.0
Putnam World Fund XX	3,808.2	32	8.2	8.2
Putnam World Fund XXI	1,044.8	50	8.0	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXII	208.1	33	7.9	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXIII	784.0	33	7.8	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXIV	473.8	43	6.8	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXV	119.5	35	7.6	7.6
Putnam World Fund XXVI	2,787.3	36	8.1	8.1
Putnam World Fund XXVII	1,310.3	37	7.5	7.4
Putnam World Fund XXVIII	252.5	38	8.2	8.2
Putnam World Fund XXIX	123.4	20	8.1	8.0
Putnam World Fund XXX	184.4	33	7.5	7.5
Putnam World Fund XXXI	363.4	36	7.7	7.8
Putnam World Fund XXXII	132.5	32	7.8	7.8
Putnam World Fund XXXIII	365.4	41	7.9	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXXIV	545.5	27	8.0	8.1
Putnam World Fund XXXV	418.8	36	7.7	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXXVI	1,022.9	34	8.1	8.2
Putnam World Fund XXXVII	1,321.8	33	7.9	7.9
Putnam World Fund XXXVIII	100.7	30	7.5	7.5
Putnam World Fund XXXIX	39	7.7	7.8	7.8

DRILLING REPORT

WILDCATS OPERATED BY MIDLAND-AREA FIRMS

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ANDREWS COUNTY
ARCO Oil & Gas No. A-5 University 11 sec 12 PD 7,200. Total depth 7,100 feet.
The Superior Oil Co. No. 1580 C D Jones PD 8,350. Dropped from report temporarily.
The Superior Oil Co. No. 1580 C D Jones PD 8,101. Dropped from report temporarily.

BORDEN COUNTY
Delta Drilling Co. No. 1466 Don A Jones PD 8,500. Production testing.
Delta Drilling Co. No. 2 Roy Reader PD 8,500. Moving in and rigging up drilling rig.
The Superior Oil Co. No. 4536 F Lanham PD 8,350. Dropped from report temporarily.
J.M. Huber Corp. No. 1 Brown PD 12,000. Drilling 7,542 feet.

DAWSON COUNTY
Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. No. 137 Smith PD 11,000. Drilling 7,542 feet.
J.M. Huber Corp. No. 1 Brown PD 12,000. Drilling 7,542 feet.

COMPLETIONS

ANDREWS COUNTY
Lowe (Misc.)
Taxaco Inc. No. 279 J E Mabey A NCT 1 9 494 1st 8 0/8" test oil lease sec 31 blk 40 T 2 N GAMBELLA 22 sec Andrews. TD 12,960. PB 11,812. Elevation 2,911. Completed 11/8/82.
Casing 4 1/2" at 12,960. Perforations 11,348. 11,470. Acid 6,000 gallons.
Potential 219.83 Pumping 2 barrels oil 4 Mcr gas. 1 barrel water daily. Gravity 51.9. Gas/oil ratio 2,900.

Fuhrman Mascho
Hillard Oil & Gas Inc. No. 1 U.S. 105 1880 1st 1980 test oil lease sec 5 blk 10 U.S. 13 sec Andrews. TD 12,430. PB 4,833. Elevation 3,254. Completed 2/24/83.
Casing 8 5/8" at 4,875. Perforations 4,551.4,829. Acid 3,900.
Potential 3.483 Pumping 62 barrels oil. 32 Mcr gas. 89 barrels water daily. Gravity 36.0. Gas/oil ratio 997.
Formation tops Grayburg 4147. San Anselmo 4434. Goliard 5604.

TERRY COUNTY
Wildcat
Forest Oil Corp. No. 1 North Corrigan 2173 1st 910 1st sec 10 blk M TT RR 10 sec Brownhead. TD 11,824. Elevation 3,193. Completed.
Casing 5 1/2" at 11,814. Perforations 11,814.824. Acid 0.
Potential. Flowing 220 barrels oil per day. 0 barrels water daily.
Gravity 36. Gas/oil ratio 39-1.
Formation tops Paris Lime 9730. Mississippian 11,015. Fusselman 11,812.

WARD COUNTY
Dorr (Queen Sand)
Olsen Energy Inc. No. 7 Dorr 910 Nly sec 1600 1st sec 30 blk 4 H&TC 5 sec Granddella. TD 2,510. PB 2,485. Elevation 2,439. Completed 3/4/83.
Casing 4 1/2" at 2,510. Perforations 2,297.2,312. Acid 1,250.
Potential 3.483 Pumping 25 barrels oil. 12 Mcr gas. 27 barrels water daily. Gravity 34.8. Gas/oil ratio 2801.
Formation tops Queen 2297.

ing 12,150 feet.
Tipperary Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1-126 Eiland PD 12,300. Flashed trip in hole with tubing and packer. set NOTTB at 11,552 feet.

LOVING COUNTY
Sundown Petroleum No. 1 Malcolm Madera PD 5,033. Spudding in.

MARTIN COUNTY
Exxon Corp. No. 3 State University DD. PD 9,950. Pump testing. 24 hours. recovered 41 barrels oil. 165 barrels water.
Flag-Hedden Oil Co. No. 1 Robb '34' PD 11,100. PD 11,100. laid down drill pipe.

PECOS COUNTY
Cities Service Oil Co. No. 1A Loper drilling 8,791 feet. ran 9 5/8" casing at 4,501 feet.
Exxon Oil Corp. No. 1 Pryor Estate: perforated 25,362-25,508 jelled to 15,000 feet. prep to acidize. 165 barrels load water to be recovered.
Exxon Oil Corp. No. 1 M. McComb Gas Unit 'B' drilling 23,390 feet.
Exxon Oil Corp. No. 1 State University 'EU' having C.F. Lawrence No. 1 McComb 'B' PD 3,200. drilling 1,801 feet.
Pennzoil Co. No. 3-18 Nutt PD 4,000. drilling 3,512 feet lime, dolomite.

REEVES COUNTY
M. Bad Bennett No. 1 Jobst A PD 4,700. testing.

SCURRY COUNTY
Woods Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Freytag PD 7,700. shut in for evaluation. dropped from report until further activity.
Baytech Inc. No. 1 Pat Bennett PD 6,200. contractor Patterson Drilling, drilling 1,075 feet sand lime.
Dynasty Exploration & Development Inc. No. 1 Pate Druckhammer PD 5,000. testing on pump.

YOAKUM COUNTY
Tom Brown Inc. No. 1 Cook PD 9,700. on production. recovered 0 barrels oil. 24 barrels water.

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\$85,600-109,400	48%	17.98%
over \$109,400	50%	18.70%

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Dollar rallies

LONDON (AP) — The dollar rallied against key European currencies in early trading Friday as tension increased within the European Monetary System and OPEC oil ministers struggled for accord on prices and production.

Gold prices fell \$10 an ounce in the uncertainty. The EMS, the Common Market's joint floating exchange system designed to stabilize currencies, was awash with rumors of a pending realignment, perhaps this weekend or shortly after the first round of French municipal elections Sunday.


The first round last Sunday showed a strong revival of conservative parties to the detriment of the Socialist-Communist coalition. In early trading, the French and Belgian francs, the Danish krone and the Irish pound were at their lowest permitted level within the EMS.

In Tokyo where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollar declined to 237.45 yen from 237.70 on Thursday. Later in London, the dollar eased further to 237.275 yen.

The British pound fell back to \$1.5075 from \$1.51175 on Thursday as OPEC oil ministers met in London. North Sea oil has underpinned the British currency for months and any threat of an oil price war hits sterling. Other dollar rates early Friday compared with late Thursday: -2.3910 West German marks, up from 2.3905. -2.0532 Swiss francs, up from 2.04. -6.93 French francs, up from 6.8950. -2.6455 Dutch guilders, down from 2.64925.

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Panel discusses Midland's disaster plan



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Fire Chief Ray Lewis, left, responds to a question Thursday night during a panel discussion of Midland's emergency disaster preparedness.

Other panelists included Texas Electric spokesman Dave Dorchester, center, and private consultant Jerry Daniel.

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

While only 18 people attended a Thursday night panel discussion of Midland's preparedness for handling a natural or nuclear disaster, perhaps because of the serious nature of the subject, nobody left early.

The panelists stressed the importance of communication before and during a disaster, and discussed both the strong and weak points of Midland's disaster preparedness as evidenced during the city's most recent disaster, September's plane crash at the Warwick Apartment.

They also emphasized the need for planning and described progress within their agencies to cope with disasters.

Panelists included Col. Wilson Banks, retired city aviation director; Raymond Lewis, fire chief; Dallas Smith, Midland County sheriff; Dave Dorchester, Texas Electric Service Co. spokesman; August Koenning, regional liaison officer for the Department of Public Safety division of emergency management; and Jerry Daniel, a private consultant from Austin.

The audience included several members of the League of Women-Voters of Midland, which sponsored the discussion. The league will soon announce the findings of its one-year study of Midland's disaster preparedness.

Smith said his department has secured a back-up generator and organized a specially-trained tactical team in preparation for emergency situations.

TESCO's Dorchester said his company is continually updating plans and learning from disasters. He said TESCO has a disaster plan for each major city it serves, including Midland, Odessa, Andrews and Monahans.

Dorchester said TESCO has established several alternative communication centers in Midland, and can also offer the city emergency communications if its equipment is squelched during an emergency.

"I guess if there's one thing you learn out of a disaster, if you can't communicate, you just have a terrible time," he said.

He also said TESCO's distribution maps are now being computerized, to enable easy access and eliminate the fear that the company's copies might be destroyed in a disaster.

Lewis said declining revenues forced the city to postpone construction of two new fire stations and the hiring of additional personnel. But because the city has "completely outgrown us to the north and west," he said the new stations remain a priority.

Banks said that as required by the Federal Aviation Administration, he had drafted a plan for coping with many airplane-related emergencies prior to September's crash.

"You can have no plan that will work perfectly for every disaster," said Banks. But "it's always a plan, you have to have it."

When asked whether emergency response to the Warwick crash scene wasn't hampered by the lack of a clear chain-of-command at the

site, Banks said lack of an on-site "leader" of the emergency efforts contributed to some confusion, including problems with traffic and crowd control.

"There's got to be someone in charge," said Banks, who said he assumed the otherwise unfilled role at the crash site. He said the importance of establishing command of an emergency "might be something you want to make a note of" for future disaster planning.

Daniel, who will visit Midland in June to meet with city department heads and coordinate disaster planning, said confusion at the crash site was typical of a disaster. He compared the fire and police chiefs and other department heads to "a team of superstars. If they don't have a coach, it's a lousy team."

Nearly all the panelists agreed that Midland needs a disaster warning system, but were also in agreement in their uncertainty about the most workable system available.

But Smith questioned the value of a warning system, especially if the citizens don't know how to respond. "How in the world do you really make it work?" Smith asked. "It's not a practical approach."

He said the average citizen's response to a warning would be similar to that given by sheriff's deputies when sent to scout for tornadoes during a severe weather warning: "What do you want me to do with it when I find it, sheriff?"

"The problem is educating the people about what to do," Smith said.

Municipal League asks for funds to battle potholes

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Midland isn't the only city waging a continual war against potholes. The Texas Municipal League is asking the state government to participate money-wise in a "pothole control program" which would provide funding to cities across the state to battle potholes.

Under the proposal, the city of Midland would receive \$1,265,400 for a two-year period.

This, according to Public Works Director Fred Baker, would wipe out most of Midland's potholes.

Companion bills are pending before the State Legislature which address funding the pothole program. Known as Senate Bill 287 and House Bill 632, it is a two-part measure.

One calls for \$1.2 billion per biennium for repairing and improving the state highway system. The second part would appropriate \$200 million from the state treasury over a two-year period to finance a "City Street Improvement Fund."

Under the measure, according to the TML news release, each city would receive an allocation of \$3,320 for every mile of paved street. A city with 10 miles of street would receive a biennial payment of \$33,200; one with 50 miles of street would receive \$166,000.

Assistant City Manager Fred Poe noted the bill calls for a 30-70 partici-

pation, in which Midland would match the allotment with 30 percent of its money.

City officials support the proposal, he said. And in talking with state legislators Poe hasn't found anyone opposed. The problem, however, comes from declining revenues.

"With the state's shortfall, I would say this bill has a 50-50 chance of passing," he said.

One option might be to reduce the state's amount by calling for a 50-50 participation.

"Texas Municipal League feels streets are in such bad condition over the state," Poe said. Instead of routing gasoline taxes one-way to repairing state highways, the league is suggesting part of it go to city streets.

"A large portion of the gas tax is paid by people driving cars on city streets. On my personal car, I drive it 90 percent of the time on city streets," he said.

In calling for passage of the legislation, TML President Luther Jones of Corpus Christi said Texas cities are spending more than \$100 million per year on street repairs and are still falling behind. As more people migrate to Texas, condition of the roads will worsen.

Midland's potholes pop up for two reasons, according to Fred Baker. One is that Midland has a lot of water running down the streets and that streets are built with a caliche base.

When the street has cracks and water slips under the pavement it causes the caliche to get wet, thus losing its stability. When that happens, the caliche softens "it can carry no weight and can't support car loads," he explained.

On a wet street, caliche floats up from under the pavement, out the crack and down the street, leaving a void under the asphalt. The pavement caves in and thus comes the pothole.

In recent years, streets are being constructed differently to eliminate shifting caliche. "If you notice in our newer streets you can't find potholes," Baker said.

Majority of the potholes occur in older streets, he added. If a hard rock base were used instead of caliche, Baker said potholes wouldn't occur as often. But caliche is the only base available for this part of the country. "The only way to get hard rock is to ship it in by rail, and the cost is almost prohibitive."

Besides being older, streets with potholes weren't constructed to handle heavy loads of traffic. This is breaking them down, leading to potholes, according to Baker.

Several of these are scheduled for rebuilding — Midland Drive, Illinois, Texas and Midkiff — and will be constructed with heavier bases to handle future traffic loads, he said, hopefully eliminating the need for a pothole patrol.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Potholes throughout Midland and cities across the state have popped up as a major problem. Bills in the state House and Senate would allocate

money for repairing such problems, as seen here as the pickup's tire disappears in a pothole on Old Bankhead Highway.



Four former bank employees plead guilty to embezzling funds

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Three former Midland bank tellers and a former commercial loan secretary pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Midland to embezzling funds while in the employ of the banks.

The four, all women from age 20 to 35, were arrested and charged following investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which said the women took more than \$21,400 from two banks.

Pleading guilty before U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton were: —Ann Bonham, 35, of Midland, former commercial loan secretary for The First National Bank of Midland.

Ms. Bonham pleaded guilty to one count of fraudulently advancing herself a loan of \$2,500 on Dec. 14, 1981. Altogether, the FBI said she embezzled more than \$10,000 from the bank.

—Ray Teetoe Jones, 23, of Stamford, a former teller for The First National Bank. Ms. Jones pleaded guilty to setting up a fictitious account and then taking \$450 of the

bank's money on June 16, 1982. The FBI charged her with embezzling more than \$1,500.

—Cynthia Rene Hall, 23, of Odessa, a former teller for The First National Bank. Ms. Hall pleaded guilty to misapplying \$400 by the fraudulent use of a teller-tape entry on March 1, 1982. The FBI said she embezzled more than \$2,400.

—Callie Annette Jackson, 20, of Midland, a former teller for Commercial Bank & Trust Co., now Texas American Bank of Midland. Ms. Jackson pleaded guilty to taking \$800 in December 1981. The FBI charged her with embezzling more than \$7,500.

Judge Bunton is to sentence the defendants at noon on April 14, when he expects each of the women to explain why they stole the money and, if they so choose, to argue for mitigated sentences. Each defendant could be sentenced up to five years in prison and fined \$5,000.

Bunton queried each of the defendants in the presence of their attorneys and the government's prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ricardo Gonzalez of El Paso. Representing

the defendants were Edward Garza for Ms. Hall, Allen McFall for Ms. Jackson, Rusty Wall for Ms. Bonham, and Brian Martin for Ms. Jones.

Each defendant said she freely admitted her guilt, and was offered no promises in exchange for pleading guilty rather than having her case tried by a jury. The government, however, has agreed to prosecute each defendant only on one embezzling incident and to drop other charges against them.

Ms. Jackson, who said she was a sophomore at Midland College, admitted to "taking money that wasn't mine, from the bank."

Likewise, Ms. Hall said she took money "that wasn't mine."

"From whom?" asked the judge. "The bank."

Ms. Jones, who said she has earned six hours of college credit, and Ms. Bonham, who said she attended college for one year, admitted their guilt.

"You both have some college," the judge noted, "so you ought to know what you're doing."



Staff Photo by Ron Japp

Fifty-three-year-old Mary Lopez Hernandez of Sonora was in fair condition at Midland Memorial Hospital today after she lost control of her eastbound 1976 Cutlass and struck a tree in the 500 block of West Cuthbert Avenue Thursday afternoon. She suffered head and chest injuries in the crash, which occurred about 1:30 p.m.

Green awaits ruling

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Former U.S. Postal Service supervisor Booker T. "Billy" Green Jr., who is seeking reinstatement of his \$27,000-a-year job, is still awaiting a ruling from the federal Merit Systems Protection Board, which could force the USPS to return Green to his former position.

Green, 43, was fired by about a week before a jury last July acquitted him of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting death of R.J. Morris, 50, in the wake of a dice game on Nov. 14, 1981.

Green was suspended from his job about 10 days after the shooting, was tried before a jury in March 1982 for murder but was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. However, the judge declared a mistrial after the jury could not agree on punishment. He was exonerated in the second trial.

Green, whose efforts to get his job back since he was found "not guilty" — he had pleaded self-defense — had been thwarted, last Nov. 30 was granted a hearing by William Wayne Carnes of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Carnes could order Green reinstated or could uphold the action of now-retired Postmaster David Holster, who authorized Green's removal from the USPS.

Carnes was to rule on Green's appeal within a few weeks of the November hearing. However, due to "a very large backlog of cases," Carnes' ruling on the Green case may not be made until June, said Paula Latshaw, regional director for the Merit Systems Protection Board.

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Prosecution witnesses portrayed as liars

DALLAS (AP) — Two prosecution witnesses who testified New Orleans policemen brutally interrogated them about the slaying of a fellow officer were portrayed as liars by defense lawyers focusing on inconsistencies in their testimony.

Clarence Green and Raymond Hughes testified Thursday in the civil rights trial of seven New Orleans policemen and said they were beaten when they couldn't answer questions about the killing of white policeman Gregory Neupert.

The federal indictment alleges policemen violated the civil rights of Green, who is black, but the document does not mention Hughes, who is white.

Hughes' brother, Elvin, was listed as a victim in the indictment and will be called to testify today, prosecutors said.

Both Green and Hughes identified detective Ronald Brinks, 37, a defendant, as one of the men they claim beat them.

Defense lawyer Ralph Whalen asked Hughes repeatedly how he could identify Brinks in court Thursday after failing to identify him earlier from pictures he was shown by the district attorney and FBI.

"I got that man's picture in my head," said Hughes, who at first claimed it was the first time he had seen Brinks in person.

"How can you forget the man who was beating the hell out of you with a book?" Hughes snapped after another question.

"How did you forget the face of

the man who beat the hell out of you with a book? How could you not identify his picture when it was shown to you several times?" Whalen responded heatedly.

The sharp exchange began when Hughes said he did not see Brinks at an earlier civil court appearance, and would have identified him if he was there because he "had that man's picture in his head."

Later on re-direct by prosecutor Linda Hagerty, Hughes changed his testimony and elicited an astonished response from Whalen when said he did recognize Brinks at the civil court appearance.

Whalen also attacked the testimony of Green, who said he was given "a lick in the jaw and side" and later beaten again and stomped when he couldn't answer questions about the killing.

Whalen pointed to inconsistencies about the timing of events and the description of a police car between Green's testimony and an earlier deposition he gave in his \$175,000 civil suit against the city.

The defense attorney also suggested by his questioning that Green fabricated the story about his beating to protect himself on the street because he agreed to become a police informant.

Green admitted he agreed to cooperate with police and said he later gave officers the name of a drug dealer.

"What happens in your neighborhood to people who cooperate with police?" asked Whalen.



Staff Photo by Ron Jeap

Midlanders are getting the chance to sound off this week as part of the Merit Report, a nationwide public opinion survey. The Merit Report van parked at the intersection of Colorado Street and Wall Avenue Thursday, where Merit representative Ron

Romeo, left, explained survey results to Midlander Ron Henson. The van will be at Midland Park Mall Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and at Gibson Discount Center, 3111 Cuthbert Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Police looking for man who escaped from city jail

Police are looking for a prisoner who apparently hid out in a shower stall and then walked away from the city jail Thursday night.

The escapee, 23-year-old Miguel Aguilar Nieto of 401 W. Neely, was discovered missing at 10 p.m. Police believe he hid in a shower stall as other inmates were secured in their cells about 6:20 p.m.

Nieto had been arrested on traffic charges March 2 and was serving out a \$350 fine. He was also being held for immigration authorities.


A 19-year-old woman reported she was the victim of an apparent rape attempt in an alley in 1400 block of South Dallas Avenue Thursday night.

The woman told police she was emptying trash about 9:40 p.m. when someone grabbed her by the legs from behind. She said she screamed and a Hispanic youth ran off accompanied by a small, curly-haired white dog.

The youth was further described as about 16 years old, weighing 140 pounds, having short hair and wearing blue jeans, a plaid shirt and a brown ski cap.

Police said a youth matching that description has been involved in similar incidents in the past. The woman tripped and fell as she was running back into her house but no injuries were reported.

Leslie Virginia Walker, 17, of 2300 N. A P1604 has been nominated for Lions Club District 2-A1 Queen by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. The daughter of Carol Walker and Jim Walker, she is a member of Young Life and Junior Council. A senior at Lee High School, she serves as football secretary and enjoys tennis, puzzles, softball, running and horseback riding. She is interested in all fields of medicine.



Green waits for board to rule

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She said Thursday that the backlog was created by the appeals for job reinstatements by fired air controllers. The air controllers' appeals were filed beginning in August 1981 and were just resolved last January, she said. "We're working as hard as we can."

The region covers five states and

includes 279,000 federal non-military employees. The backlog of cases on appeal numbered 450 to 500, she said.

Should Carnes uphold the USPS's action on Green, Green still could appeal the decision to a three-member board in Washington, D.C. If no appeal is made within 35 days of Carnes' ruling, "then our decision is final," she said.

DEATHS

James Horton

Services for James Horton, 44, of 3503 W. Louisiana will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. Daniel Vestal, minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating. The Rev. James Holman, minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church, will assist. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Horton died early Thursday at his home.

He was born Sept. 24, 1938, in Roxton. He moved to Midland in 1947 and attended Midland schools. He entered the grocery business and was employed by Furr's, Piggly Wiggly and Frito Lay. At the time of his death, he owned and operated Westgate Grocery Store. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Horton of Midland; two sons, Scott Horton and Brad Horton, both of Midland; a daughter, Joanne Vann of Houston; his mother, Mildred Horton of Midland; a brother, Mark Horton of Midland; three sisters, Mary Lou Fletcher of Hobbs, N.M., Joretta Null of Corinth, Miss., and Maydelle Winkler of Midland; and two grandchildren.

Steve Vaughan

Services for Steve Vaughan, 78, of Amarillo and formerly of Midland

were Thursday at Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Roy Carley, associate minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Vaughan died Tuesday afternoon at his residence in Amarillo.

He was born Feb. 6, 1905, in Cooper. He grew up in and around Hubbard and moved to Midland in 1941. He was employed by Culligan Water Company until he retired in 1970. His wife, Dacia V. Vaughan, died May 24, 1979. He moved to Amarillo in 1979 and was in failing health for the past year. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Bass of Amarillo; a brother, Jerry Vaughan of Hubbard; three sisters, Lola Bills of Hubbard, Leona Jones of Waco and Thelma Pate of Austin; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Jim Whisenant of Houston, Billy Gene Foster of Arlington, J.C. Foster of Hubbard, and Otis Bass, Gary Bass and Dusty Vandoran, all of Amarillo.

The family has requested memorials be directed to a favorite charity.

Ola Williamson

BIG SPRING — Services for Ola Mae Oldham Williamson, 79, of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church with

burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williamson died Wednesday evening in a Big Spring hospital.

A resident of Big Spring since 1932, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She and her husband were former owners of an International Harvester dealership.

Basial Weir

ALVIN — Services for Basial B. Weir, of Alvin and formerly of Crane, were to be at the Alvin Church of Christ today.

Weir died Tuesday at a Houston hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a pioneer West Texan.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, La Wanda Dustin of Mission Viejo, Calif.; a foster daughter, La Una Smith of Pearland; a sister, Ottney Lee Stevens of Midland; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Willard Hensley

Services for Willard Hensley, 74, of Ackerly are pending under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Hensley died Thursday morning at his home in Ackerly.

Rhoda Chappell

PARIS — Rhoda Chappell, 85, of Paris, mother of Marshall Chappell of Midland, died Wednesday at a Paris hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Bright-Holland Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Cox and the Rev. Joe Blackshear officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Ms. Chappell was born Sept. 6, 1897, in Tennessee. She was the daughter of Abner and Sara Fisher Wood. She was married to Walter Chappell Feb. 24, 1911, in Bennington, Okla. He died May 14, 1965.

Other survivors include four sons, three daughters, a sister, 43 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, J.D. Chappell, in 1980.

John T. Sparks

Services for John T. Sparks, 64, of 2800 N. Midland Drive were Thursday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. Kenneth Hall of Crestview Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

Sparks died Tuesday in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

Pallbearers were W.H. Todd of Wichita Falls, Bruce Bell, Steve Beggs, Jack Black, Bill Pruitt and Speck Chambers.

Downtown Lions Club to serve up pancakes

Pancakes will be the featured item on the menu for thousands of hungry Midland and area residents all day Saturday as the Downtown Lions Club stages its 27th annual Pancake Jamboree at Dellwood Mall Shopping Center.

Servings hours will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., with everyone invited to eat their fill of pancakes, sausage and all the trimmings for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

George Loudamy, general chairman, said that all supplies, including hundreds of pounds of pancake mix and sausage, are on hand, and that

cooking and serving equipment, tables and chairs will be in place by sundown today.

Roy Darden, cooking chairman, will have his mix "masters" and fry cooks on the job well in advance of the early opening hour Saturday.

Special entertainment will be presented continuously throughout the day, beginning at 8 a.m. Duke Jimeron, veteran entertainment chairman, said the entertainment this year will be the best every, with many of the community's top entertainers scheduled to perform. "Fun for all is assured, with a county fair

atmosphere prevailing," he said.

All chores in connection with arranging and staging the fund-raising event are handled by the club's more than 360 members.

President Jack Darden predicted this year's attendance will surpass all previous records, hopefully exceeding the 10,000 figure.

Advance sale of tickets by club members was nearing the \$25,000 mark at mid-week, according to Keith Somerville, ticket sale chairman. Tickets also may be purchased for \$2.50 at the mall entrance Saturday.

All net proceeds from the Jamboree will go to the club's Special Activities Fund, which finances the many and varied projects and activities sponsored and financed by the club.

Victor Horn, club secretary, said Midland and area residents make it all possible by consuming pancakes by the thousands at the club's annual Jamboree.

Loudamy emphasized the fact that the Pancake Jamboree is the year's largest community gathering in the Tall City. "And you're invited," he added.

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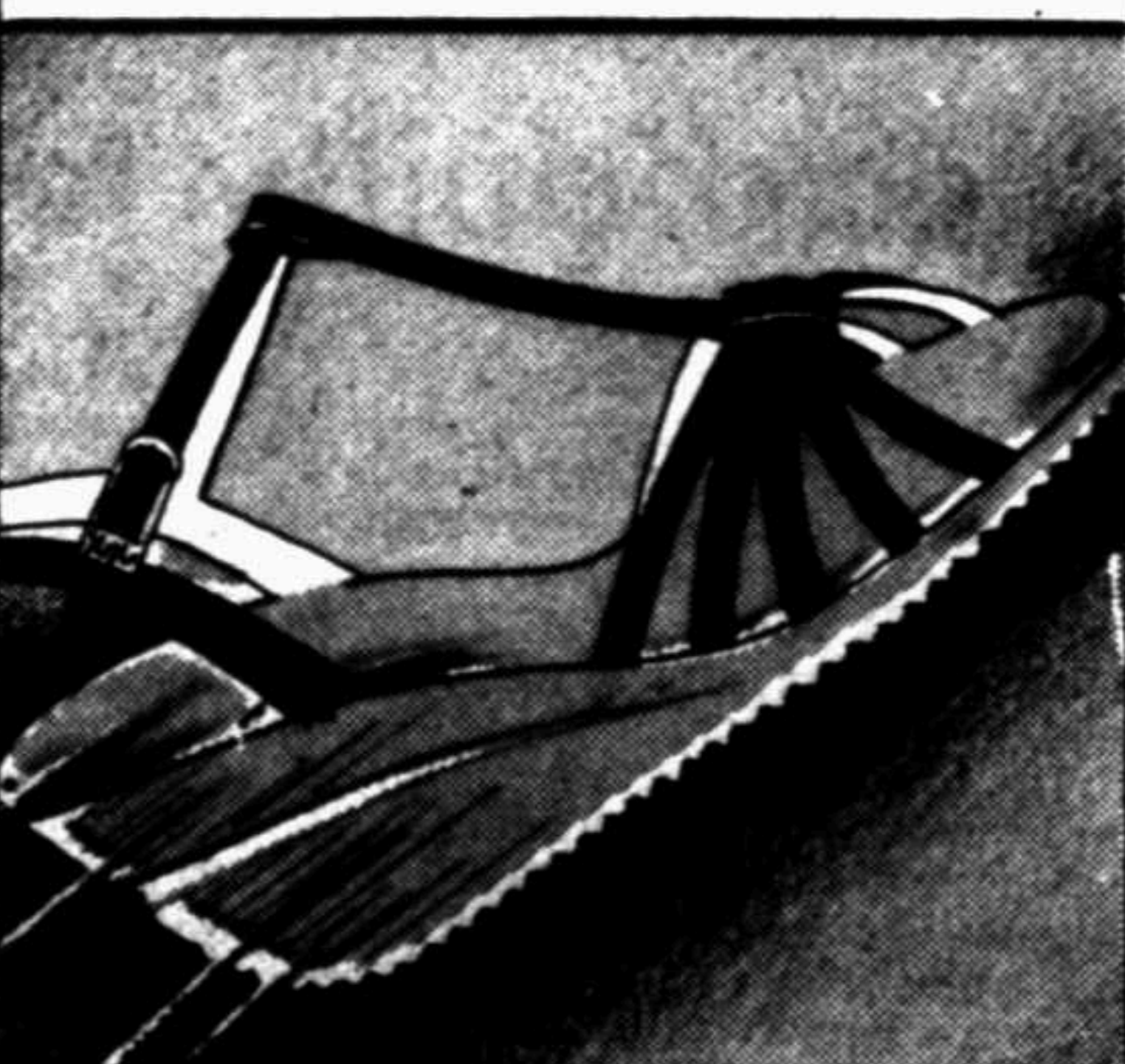
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Classes will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15-10:00am and on Friday from 11:15-12:00 noon. Exercises designed for the woman to help carry her baby gracefully with minimal discomfort. This class will aid in physically preparing your body for the labor of birth. Orientation is free every Monday at 11:00am and 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Brenda Tilly or Betty Cerf at 682-2551.

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