

Oil, legislative leaders don't agree on tax hikes

By GARTH JONES
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White and top legislative leaders got sympathy from Texas oil and gas industry spokesmen on the state's financial plight, but no agreement on oil and gas tax increases.

"It has been our hope the state government would live within its income," said Bill Abington, speaking for Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, after an unusual closed door session Tuesday night in the governor's office.

"Our members remain unconvinced that Texas needs to expand expenditures at this time beyond anticipated revenue under current taxes," said Julian Martin, spokesman for the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association.

White called the meeting with 15 leaders of oil and gas associations and major companies to get comment on a proposal by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to increase oil and gas production taxes to pay for state college construction.

"It was an exploratory session," White said afterwards. "There was no final decision on this or any other tax."

Martin said he told White and the others "we would do our share in any across the board tax efforts."

"But we believe for the state to rely on two specialized taxes is poor timing at the best," White said there would be other closed door sessions in his office with other members of the oil and gas industry "and with other industries" concerning Texas money needs.

Also attending the session were Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, and Rep. Wilhelmina DeLoe, D-Austin, who are sponsoring a proposed constitutional change that would provide \$125 million a year from general revenue for the 17 state colleges not in the University of Texas or Texas A&M system.

Parker said afterwards he and Mrs. DeLoe were agreed that the measure "should leave open for an amendment on the floor or in conference committee for some kind of funding other than general revenue."

Hobby said he had not changed his previous plan for a one percent increase in the 4.6 percent oil production and the 7.5 percent natural gas tax. However, he added, "I'm sure there are other variations of proposals that might well be considered."

Abington said he stressed the economic plight of

the oil and gas industry at the present time. "It's going to take a long time for us to get through this recession and we will need all our funds."

White said last Friday he was "reviewing" his stand on new and increased taxes and would make a decision whether to support or oppose Hobby's plan. He said Tuesday night he was still considered the plan.

Hobby's plan, if approved by the Legislature and then voters, would increase the oil and gas production taxes to set up the special fund. The \$400 million collected for the fund each year would eventually result in a \$2 billion endowment fund whose income would give the 17 colleges and universities \$125 million a year for construction, maintenance and equipment.

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ECISD approves annexation in 5-1 vote

Lone dissenter calls addition of MISD area 'bad example'

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

A bad example for Odessa students was set by Ector County Independent School District trustees Tuesday night, according to the only dissatisfied ECISD board member.

Not only did trustees break The Golden Rule and ignore respect for territorial rights, they may have lengthened the highway that sometimes reaches a snapping point as it tautly tries to tie these two Petroplex cities together.

The annexation of a 6.5-square mile area, located on the western border of Midland County within the Midland Independent School District, into ECISD was passed by a 5 to 1 vote.

About 76 students living in the area, which includes the Ridgewood Subdivision, Mission Estates, Odessa Country Club and a mobile home park, attend the closer ECISD schools on a transfer basis from MISD.

When ECISD trustees cited a potential growth in the school district and voted a year ago to charge a tuition of \$1,200 per out-of-district student, the affected residents were allowed a year of deferred tuition while they studied the situation.

The only permanent solution is changing the boundaries, Jean Berridge, a representative for the residents, said during a Feb. 15 ECISD school board meeting.

At that time, a petition signed by a majority of the registered voters in the area asking for annexation into ECISD was presented to the board for consideration.

Former ECISD Board President Shirley Huffaker dissented and Trustee Mickey Jones abstained from the vote due to a possible conflict of interest. Jones is attorney for a hotel being constructed by HBF Corporation of Midland, developers of Mission Estates.

Under Sec. 12.261C of the Texas Education Code, an area seeking annexation into another school district may do so without approval of the district losing the land.

MISD trustees said they would "vigorously resist any effort that would result in the detaching of any Midland Independent School District Territory," according to a letter from MISD board president Parker Humes to Mrs. Huffaker.

The annexation of the land would mean an immediate loss of \$17 million in appraised revenues and possibly losses in the "hundreds of million dollars" when about 2,000 acres of the area is developed, Humes said.

"I can't believe there is a person in this whole room that would agree to Midland doing this," Mrs. Huffaker said.

"If Midland schools were inferior to Ector County schools and students were being deprived, I would morally be forced" to approve the annexation, she said. "But the distance (traveling on a school bus does not justify the moral right to apply the Texas Education Code.)"

According to Mrs. Huffaker, some students in ECISD are riding a bus longer than the students in the Ridgewood Subdivision would if they were attending MISD schools.

"The children and the example we set for them is my primary concern," she said, adding that not only was ECISD not doing unto MISD as they would have MISD do unto them, but they also were setting a bad example to students by showing disrespect for territorial rights.

Questions of morality and of fair compensation to the owners were raised by Mrs. Huffaker.

According to Trustee John Quisenberry, county taxes will remain in Midland County while "the school taxes will only be collected in Odessa, which is serving the children."

Mrs. Huffaker said if the boards of both districts were in agreement, she would vote for the annexation. However, she remained firm about "forcing land from our neighbor."

MISD administrators said they will appeal to the Texas Education Agency because the boundaries of ECISD were set by the 37th Legislature in 1921 and, therefore, may not be changed by local jurisdiction.

Although ECISD trustees approved the petition, with an amendment stating the school district will not be responsible for legal action or costs incurred during the process, the residents must now submit their petition to the Ector County Commissioners Court for approval.

According to Mrs. Huffaker, such processes can take several years. Trustees decided to defer tuition this year and review tuition status on a yearly basis.



Standing alone

Trustee Shirley Huffaker casts the dissenting vote school board during Tuesday night's vote on annexation and an askew glance at the rest of the Ector County school board.

Nuclear waste dump opposed in Panhandle rally



HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — Politicians and farmers rallied here to let an intruder know it was not welcome. The intruder: the federal government and its plans to plant a nuclear waste dump under the Texas Panhandle.

Residents of this Panhandle farming community were joined Tuesday night by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and other state officials in a protest of the government's plans.

"The federal government wants to sweep its nuclear trash under the lush agricultural carpet of Deaf Smith County," Hightower said. "We're here tonight to start talking about ways of beating this thing."

Hightower said during a Department of Energy hearing on the site that he will do everything in his power to stop the federal government's waste dumping plans.

About 150 farmers and other residents of Deaf Smith County jammed a district courtroom to protest the DOE plan to excavate a deep mine shaft northeast of Hereford for the burial of high-level radioactive waste.

"This is not a problem for just the Panhandle," said Sen. Bill Sarpalus, D-Canyon. "It's a problem for the whole state, and it's a problem we've been fighting for several years."

We're trying to convince the federal government not to give Texas the shaft," Sarpalus said.

Sen. John T. Montford, D-Lubbock, has introduced a bill in the Texas Legislature that would require the licensing of mine shafts, including those in the government's plan.

Sarpalus said the bill, which would empower the Texas Department of Water Resources to license all mine shafts affecting aquifers, would prevent "giving Texas the shaft."

Secretary of State John Fainter, representing Gov. Mark White, said that White sent a letter to DOE officials protesting the waste disposal plan.

"We will make every effort to stop Washington's intrusion into this area," he said.

Editorial writers called the referendum premature because the Energy Department has only begun exploring the possibility of establishing a nuclear dump in the Lake Superior bedrock region of northern Wisconsin.

With 3,539 of the state's 3,616 wards tabulated today, the tally was 605,769 "no" votes to 76,870 in favor.

The referendum asked: "Do you support the construction of a national or regional high-level radioactive waste disposal site in Wisconsin?"

The referendum was non-binding, but the outcome will "let the voters of Wisconsin know that they do not want a nuclear waste repository in their state, even though the federal government has proposed no such site."

In a statewide referendum Tuesday, voters said they would oppose any Department of Energy move to pick northern Wisconsin for consideration as a high-level waste repository.

Senate considers stiffer dogfight penalties

AUSTIN (AP) — State senators considering stiffer penalties for staging dogfights faced a crowd of angry men in "Gimme' caps and overalls who testified against the proposal, though all insisted they never pitted their dogs against each other.

"We might as well elect Krushev senator," said Dan Viato, a member of the Gulf Coast Pit Bull Club, who was among 26 witnesses who signed up to testify on the bill Tuesday. "This sounds like something that would come out of a communist country."

Viato said he was a "truthful man" and admitted attending a dogfight, though he said he had never entered a dog in one.

Under current law, attending or sponsoring a dogfight is a misdemeanor, carrying penalties up to a year in jail and \$2,000 fine. Under legislation sponsored by Sens. Hugh Parnier, D-Fort Worth, and Bill Sarpalus, D-Hereford, the crime would become a felony, with penalties up

Bingo legislation forwarded to full Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would tighten state regulation of bingo games has been approved by the Senate Economics Development Committee.

The measure, by Sen. Ike Harris, R-Dallas, went to the Senate floor for debate by a 7-0 vote Tuesday.

The proposal would — Eliminate food and beverage items included in the gross receipts tax paid by bingo game operators.

— Change from two years to one year the time lapse before a community would hold a local option election on bingo.

— Make all bingo games open to the public.

— Allow charitable organizations sponsoring bingo games to prohibit participation by those 18 years or younger.

— Limit bingo operators to one session of play per day.

"If by chance, my pit bulls get together and fight in my yard and somebody turns me in, I'm guilty of a felony," Welborn said.

Carol Chiles of Austin called the bill "a naked assault on the rights of women" who rely on the dogs for protection.

Toni Destefano of the Wichita County Humane Society said dog

fighters are wrong when they say the dogs do not fight to the death.

"After a big dogfight, you go down to the dump and you will find the bodies of the losers," she said. "Raid on fights produce few arrests, she said, because no one will admit to owning the dogs."

"Nobody suffers but the dogs," she said. "Death is kinder than the living death these dogs suffer in the ring."

Mitchell Jones of Austin insisted that pit bull fighters have "motivations of the highest sort." He called them "hero worshippers and artists."

"When these men fight their dogs, they are searching for perfection," said Jones, who told the Senate Jurisprudence Committee he had never been to a dogfight.

"I may not have any desire to work in a slaughterhouse or to visit a slaughterhouse, but I recognize the need for it because of what it produces," he said.

INSIDE TODAY

Foreign funds

Foreign investors "buy into acreage and pay premium prices and jack up the other land prices around," says Dick Hagelstein. — Page 1C

The Midland High Bulldogs defeat Midland Lee's baseball team Tuesday, enroute to a 14-2 District 4-5A victory at Memorial Stadium Field. — Page 1B



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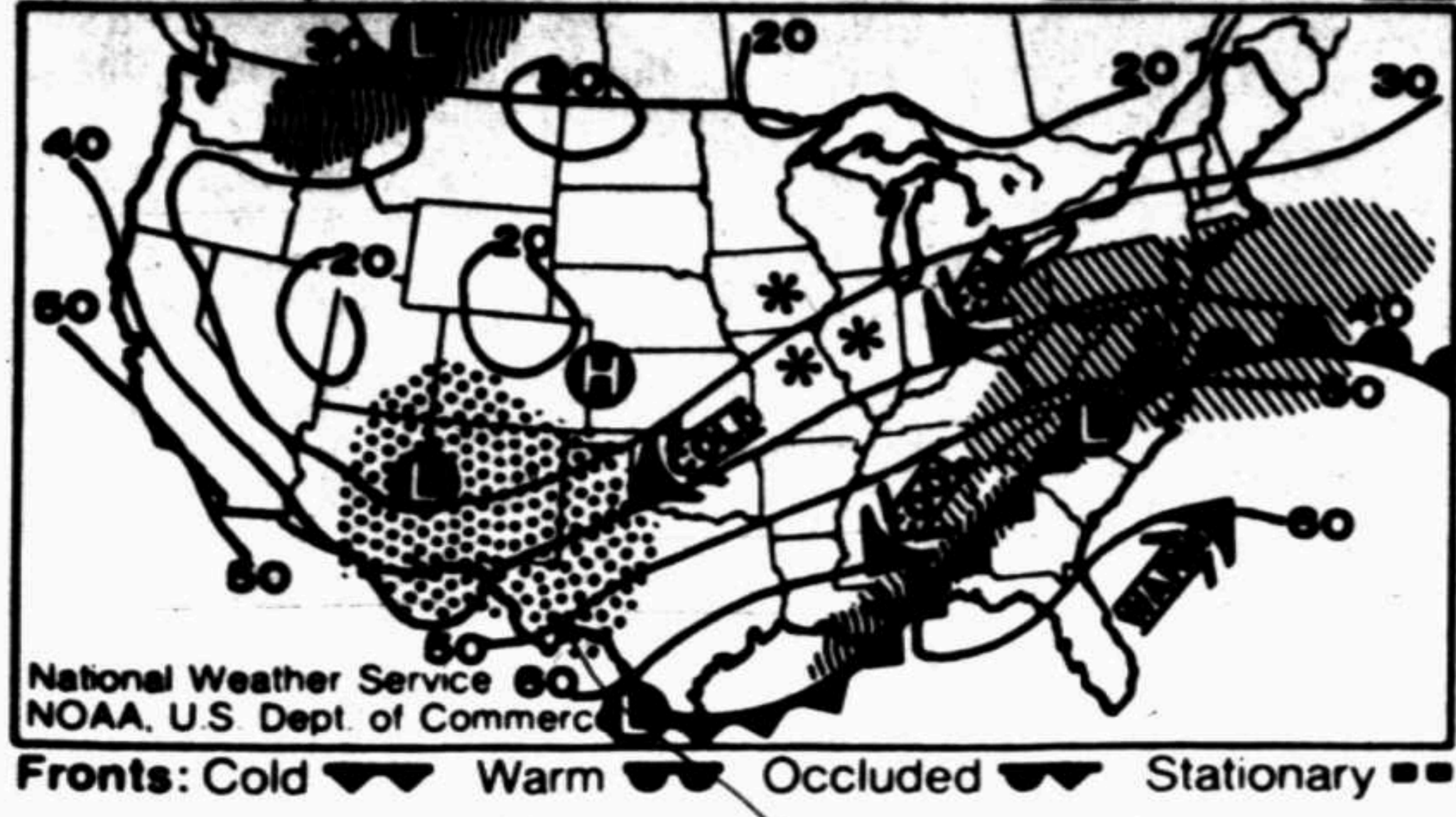
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST
Thursday, April 7
Low Temperatures



National Weather Service
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
Fronts: Cold Warm Occluded Stationary

Snow is forecast through Thursday for West Texas, the Panhandle and the Southwest, according to the National Weather Service. Rain is expected from the central Gulf to the mid-Atlantic states.

Chance for rain, snow continues

Old Man Winter has decided to stretch his last performance through Thursday with the threat of light rain, possibly mixed with snow. According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, it should be cloudy and cold through Thursday.

Tonight's curtain call should include a 70 percent chance for light rain mixed with snow for maybe another snow job. Co-starring tonight, the mercury is expected to drop to the upper 30s. Thursday's encore should show a high of 50 with a 50 percent chance for light rain. Northeasterly winds are expected to blow through 10-20 mph.

The chilly 49-degree reading Tuesday bowed to the record high of 92 set in 1959, while the overnight low of 37 was warmer than the record low of 25.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High 49 degrees, Overnight Low 37 degrees, Sunset today 7:12 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow 6:30 a.m., Precipitation 0.00 inches, Last 24 hours 0.00 inches, This month to date 0.00 inches, 1983 to date 1.61 inches.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES: 6 a.m. 35, 7 a.m. 35, 8 a.m. 36, 9 a.m. 37, 10 a.m. 40, 11 a.m. 41, noon 44, 1 p.m. 46, 2 p.m. 48, 3 p.m. 47, 4 p.m. 48, 5 p.m. 47.

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES: Abilene 49, Denver 27, Amarillo 37, El Paso 37, Ft. Worth 55, Houston 75, Lubbock 68, Marfa 47, Odessa 47, Wichita Falls 51.

Texas temperatures: Wednesday, temperatures indicate previous day's high and low as of 7 a.m.

Extended forecasts: Friday Through Sunday, West Texas: Cloudy with occasional rain...

Texas area forecasts: North Texas: Mostly cloudy and unseasonably cool...

Late-winter snow buries Panhandle: AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Panhandle residents began digging out from under a late-winter storm that dropped eight inches of snow on Stratford, tied up traffic and caused a fatal plane crash.

Two inches of snow fell late Monday and early Tuesday on Amarillo, which has recorded a near-record snowfall this winter.

Farmers, legislators prepare for Washington odyssey

By The Associated Press. Two bankrupt Iowa farmers prepared to drive an old tractor to the nation's capital and a pair of legislators from unemployment-plagued Pennsylvania limbered up for a walk to the same destination for the same cause — to protest the state of the economy.

Storm carries snow, rain, twisters

By The Associated Press

A massive storm stretching from Utah to Virginia brought snow, twisters and floods that forced hundreds from their homes, while tornado-like winds turned a Disneyland gondola into a terrifying ride for 104 tourists.

The storm that first hit the West Coast on Sunday and then stalled over the nation's midsection, causing eight deaths, was forecast to bring more drenching rains to the saturated heartland today.

Another quick-moving storm slammed into Southern California on Tuesday, packing tornado-like winds that temporarily trapped 104 people in an elevated gondola at Disneyland.

Snow fell from the southern Rockies to Nebraska to the Texas Panhandle, halting travel with chest-high drifts.

Causing the assorted problems was "basically one big system" carrying moisture through the nation, said Steve Corfidi of the National Weather Service's Severe Storms Center in Kansas City, Mo. "It's really a static situation in a sense."

At Disneyland, many children were among those stranded above the Anaheim amusement park when the high winds struck, officials said. They were rescued with a truck-mounted "cherry picker."

"I was freaking out," said one passenger, teen-ager Gerrit Winkelaar from Medicine Hat, Alberta. "I was screaming and my sister said, 'Shut up. If you panic, I panic.'"

High winds ripped the roof off a building in another part of Anaheim, winds swirled through nearby Fullerton, and a Thousand Oaks man was critically injured when he was struck by lightning. At least 10,000 customers in the Los Angeles area had power knocked out by the storm, officials said.

A twister in the small southwestern Mississippi town of Bude heavily damaged 13 homes and three businesses and injured four people.

Kathy Perkins, whose husband Larry was hospitalized for arterial



Making the best of a wet situation in a Hunts-Copeland. Over 3 1/2 inches of rain fell in the area, Ala. park are Larry Keel, left, and James Tuesday.

injuries after he broke a window at a damaged trailer to rescue his niece, said "it was just all of a sudden" that the twister hit. "We heard a roar and everybody hit the floor."

Winds roared across northern Utah, gusting up to 74 mph Tuesday, and knocking out power transmission towers. The gusts Monday and Tuesday caused \$5 million in damage to the Utah Power & Light system, a utility spokesman said, with more than 10,000 customers still without power Tuesday night.

Drenching rains swelled parts of the Mississippi River and its tributaries to up to 8 feet above flood stage.

In southeast Tennessee, 50 families were evacuated Tuesday and two

men were killed in a flash floods when their car stalled crossing a creek and was carried downstream. Many bridges were washed out.

The storm also was blamed for four deaths in California, one in Colorado and one in Texas.

Flooding forced at least 60 families out of their homes along the Illinois and Spoon Rivers in central and southern Illinois.

"Two-thirds of the town is virtually inaccessible," said Alderman Ed Amburg in Grafton, Ill. where the river was expected to crest at 9.6 feet above flood stage.

At Hannibal, Mo., where 20 families were evacuated, the Mississippi River crested 8 feet above flood stage, held back by sandbag dikes.

The Army Corps of Engineers issued more than 150,000 sandbags to residents of St. Charles, Mo., where the Missouri River was 7 feet above flood level and still rising.

The Highway Patrol closed off about four miles of Highway 63 near Jefferson City, Mo., after a dike broke and water flooded two lanes.

Two inches of rain pushed the Pearl River at Jackson, Miss., toward a 28-foot flood stage, as rain continued to fall.

Tornadoes touched down in Hatfield, Miss., Owens Crossroads, Ala., and Walker, La., the weather service said, causing "several injuries." Marble-sized hail bombarded Baker, La., and parts of Arkansas.

PLO seeks changes in peace plan

By The Associated Press

A high-ranking Palestine Liberation Organization official says the PLO could accept President Reagan's Middle East peace plan as a basis for negotiation, if it is modified to the group's liking.

The PLO did not specify what modifications it sought, but its chairman, Yasser Arafat, today began a planned series of meetings with Arab leaders to discuss the latest developments in Middle East negotiations.

The Reagan administration, meanwhile, made a veiled appeal to Arafat to let Jordan's King Hussein represent the Palestinians in peace talks with Israel.

Arafat left Jordan on Tuesday without giving Hussein such a mandate, apparently because of opposition from pro-Syrian members of the PLO executive committee.

But both Palestinian and Jordanian sources stressed that Arafat would return to Jordan by Friday after a visit to Arab capitals, apparently in search of stronger backing from Saudi Arabia and its neighbors during his talks with Hussein.

Today, Arafat was in Kuwait, and PLO sources said he briefed leaders there on the meetings with Hussein. They also said Arafat planned send his top political aide, Farouk Kaddoumi, to Baghdad to deliver a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Saudi Arabia, because it provides extensive financial aid, wields considerable influence over Syria, which has strongly opposed efforts by Jordan and the PLO to enter peace talks.

Nabil Shaath, Arafat's political counselor, said in an interview with the Saudi newspaper Al-Bilad on Tuesday that Arafat "emphasized to the Jordanian monarch the readiness of the Palestinians to accept the

Jordan's king encouraged to join Mideast negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jordan's King Hussein should make a "prompt move" with Palestinian backing, to join peace talks with Israel, according to the State Department.

The statement Tuesday by chief department spokesman John Hughes followed another in a series of meetings between Hussein and Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The latest meeting apparently failed to produce the hoped-for agreement for Hussein to represent Palestinian interests in peace talks with Israel on the future of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

There has been concern here that time is running out for President Reagan's Sept. 1 Mideast peace initiative.

Hughes said it is only at the negotiating table that a solution to the problem of the Palestinians "in all its aspects can be found."

Hussein has taken the lead in recognizing that an opportunity

exists for a lasting Middle East peace, Hughes said. But in an apparent appeal for Arafat's support, he said Hussein can't go it alone.

"We hope that others as well will recognize that this is a unique moment which must be seized before it is lost, and that they will support the king in his desire to move forward toward peace," Hughes said.

Hughes declined to say whether the administration was encouraged or discouraged by the latest developments. He noted that Arafat had left Amman abruptly following the meeting with Hussein but had made positive statements on his arrival in Kuwait.

A return trip by Arafat to Amman is apparently planned, Hughes said.

"Arafat and Hussein will have further contact," Hughes said. It's "too early to read, too early to determine what the mood is."

But he also said "a good deal of discussion has taken place" and there "is a sense that those talks are coming to a conclusion."

plan of U.S. President Ronald Reagan if the modifications requested by the PLO are added.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Hughes said "We hope that others as well will recognize that this is a unique moment which must be seized before it is lost, and that they will support the king in his desire to move forward toward peace."

Reagan's plan calls for self rule for the 1.3 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and in Gaza in association with Jordan.

In public, the PLO has only endorsed an Arab League plan adopted last September in Fez, Morocco, which calls for an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Israel has rejected both plans and also has opposed any negotiations in

appropriated by Congress to help Americans who have lost their jobs to advancing technology and the decline of heavy industry, including autos, steel, rubber and textiles.

The administration says these workers are the victims of "structural" unemployment, as opposed to "cyclical" unemployment that occurs during slumps in the economy.

Reagan did not make such distinctions when he campaigned in Pittsburgh against Jimmy Carter.

In a campaign appearance on Oct. 2, 1980, a month before the presidential election, Reagan accused then-President Carter of using unemployment as a tool to fight inflation.

Reagan hails changes in nation's economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is touting the results of his economic policies to an audience in an ailing Pennsylvania steel region where unemployment has nearly doubled since his election in 1980.

Reagan was flying to Pittsburgh today to inspect a job retraining program intended to teach computer skills to laid-off workers, and to address a conference on the problem of jobs lost because of the decline in heavy industry.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president would use the occasion to underscore recent improvements in the economy, argue that the recovery is well

under way, and launch a new attack on a House-passed budget plan.

The 1984 budget proposal approved by the Democratic-controlled House would reverse the administration's course by boosting spending for social programs while cutting back the planned increase in defense spending.

Thousands of unemployed workers were preparing to stage a protest in Pittsburgh to make clear they blame Reagan for their economic troubles. Organizers said they expected 5,000 demonstrators, but White House officials predicted there would be about 3,000.

"When the president of the United States is here, we want him

to face the flesh and blood results of his policies," said Rob Toy, a leader of the committee which organized the demonstration.

Reagan's first stop was at Control Data Corp., one of the nation's largest suppliers of computer and data processing services.

With a mix of state and federal money, the firm is under contract to retrain 125 laid-off steel workers who were selected from a pool of 700 people referred by state job offices.

The forum for Reagan's main speech was the National Conference on the Displaced Worker. The conference is holding two days of discussions on ways to use \$110 million

appropriated by Congress to help Americans who have lost their jobs to advancing technology and the decline of heavy industry, including autos, steel, rubber and textiles.

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Houston infidel earns a touche

"Hey, Battles, what do you think of your Southwest Conference now?"

Some people have no respect for those in mourning.

"If you think Louisville couldn't finish higher than fourth in that Mickey Mouse League, where do you think Houston would finish in a real league like the Atlantic Coast Conference? And, remember, real basketball players over there don't eat Quiche," the infidel pursued.

Touche. Houston probably would finish somewhere well behind Clemson, which is about as far back as you can get. Houston is something like 0-forever against ACC teams, and a little review our history books would have saved a lot of embarrassment.



gone conclusion when the Wolfpack closed the gap to four points with three minutes left. This was like moving the game to Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh. The Wolfpack was playing on its grounds.

North Carolina State has lived with pressure all season. If they don't have pressure, they manufacture. How else can you explain a one-point overtime win against Pepperdine in the first round NCAA game.

Houston, averaging an 18-point winning margin, doesn't have the foggiest idea of what pressure is.

Houston's Guy Lewis, they say, just rolls the ball out on the floor and let's nature do the rest. Houston's winning margins were so one-sided apparently they never needed to work on free throws, after all, they only count one point. Who needs 'em?

Coming down to the final three minutes, State's Jim Volvano played the sidelines like a Yehudi Menuhin on strings, only with an Eddie Peabody verve. Guy Lewis hid his head in a towel.

In those final seconds, Houston made two fatal mistakes. The player guarding Dereck Wittenburg attempted a midcourt steal, giving Wittenburg the opportunity to shoot a shot he shouldn't have even gotten off. And the team that plays above the rim wasn't even in sight when Lorenzo Charles caught the shot that was falling short and dunked it. Only friendly red jerseys surrounded him. Seven-foot Akeem "The Dream" Olajuwon was no where to be seen.

Still, even in disappointment, you had to admire the Wolfpack. It was a team you seem to have seen before, like two seasons ago at Midland College.

THE COUGARS may have had the best material in the nation, but they don't think in the same circles as ACC teams.

Here was a team that ran and jammed to the NCAA finals and then walked to defeat.

Phi Slama Jama flunked out. The run-and-gun Cougars got caught playing hooky.

Houston played the final eight minutes against North Carolina State Monday like it was the one giving away height.

Phi Slama Jama gained national notoriety for its In Your Face Dunks, but it was North Carolina State which made the only slam that counted.

HOW COULD Houston, a 20-point favorite, reduced to seven-points to hold the TV audience, have lost to a North Carolina State when talent-wise, there was no question that it was No. 1?

Houston committed Hari Kari when it went to a Four Corner to protect a lead in the final eight minutes against a team from a league that lives on the Four Corner, or, it did until the 30-second clock was adopted last season.

Houston doesn't "protect" leads, it pours on the coal. The Cougars have one gear - full speed.

THE OUTCOME became a fore-

Cougars dominate 4-5A golf tournament

Abilene Cooper continued to dominate the District 4-5A golf race Tuesday by posting a one-two finish in the team standings at the Midland stop of the league tour.

The tournament, delayed from Friday because of high winds, was played in less-than-ideal conditions as a tamer but cold wind blew across the Green Tree Country Club course.

Ideal conditions or not, Cooper didn't seem to notice. The Cougar B team, led by medalist Todd Moore's 67, fired a four-man total of 282 to beat out their own A team by 13 strokes.

Cooper A held onto the 4-5A standings by two strokes with a three-round score of 905 while Cooper B moved to 907. San Angelo's A team is in third place, 69 strokes back at 976.

while Odessa Periman A is in fourth at 1,001.

Moore, with a score of 35 at the turn and 32 through the back nine, led three Cougar teammates in the top six toward medalist honors. Bob Estes finished at 70 while Cole Thompson and Chuck Lacy tied San Angelo's Steve Alexander and Periman's Bobby Bechtold at with 71s.

Cooper's Kyle Coody finished seventh on the day with a 72 while Midland High's Reese Boudreaux and Cooper's Jim Hopkins tied for eighth at 73.

Bulldog Grant Word fired a 76 to join Boudreaux in leading Midland High to a round of 311 for a 1,012 total while David Hicks shot 76 and Joey Gassie 79 for Lee for a 332-1,034.



Midland High Bulldog James Pitts safely steals third base ahead of the tag by Midland Lee's Darrell Holmes during Tuesday's District 4-5A's cross-town battle at Memorial Stadium Field.

Bulldogs 'cool' off Rebels

By ROBERT BRUNDAGE Sports Writer

The Midland High Bulldogs took advantage of a cold Midland Lee baseball team Tuesday - cold physically, at the plate, on the mound and in the field - enroute to a 14-2 District 4-5A victory at Memorial Stadium Field.

With a wind blowing in from center field, there were few places to hide from its chilling effects - on the field, in the dugouts or in the stands - though the Bulldogs didn't seem to notice the cold conditions it created.

"It [the cold] evidently affected Midland High good and us bad, but I don't think it had anything to do with [the game's outcome]," said Lee coach Ernie Johnson. "It made everybody uncomfortable but the outcome of the game, I don't think it affected it any. Both teams were playing in it. I blame the score on our poor playing. Midland High got ahead and took advantage of it."

MIDLAND HIGH pitcher Jose Carrasco, who went 6 2/3 innings before being relieved by John Couvarrubias, felt the cold finally got to his pitching.

"I was getting pretty tired," he said. "I think it was the cold more than anything. Most of the time when it's cold, my hand stiffens up and I can't throw the curve balls but I was running between innings and that helped."

During his time on the mound, Carrasco gave up only five hits and three walks while striking out nine Rebel batters.

"I thought he did a heck of a job for 6 2/3 innings," said Midland High coach Tim Whalen. "His arm got tight in the last inning but he said he wanted to try and finish and I said okay."

With a 14-1 lead, the decision wasn't too hard to make. But when Carrasco gave up a run, a hit and walked two back-to-back, Whalen decided it was time for the change.

"I thought he pitched real steady," said Johnson. "We just didn't do anything at the plate. We swung at a lot of bad ones to help him out. I don't want to take anything away from him, he did fine, a really good job. He's a pretty good pitcher when he puts it together like that."

WHERE THE Bulldogs did most of the damage was at the plate, coming up with 10 hits and eight walks off a previously sound Lee pitching staff.

Walks and wild pitches did in Rebel starter John Denton. After striking out the first batter he faced, he put the next three Bulldogs on the base paths with two walks and one hit batsman.

One strikeout later he looked to be out of the inning unscathed, but shortstop Barry Blackwell's throw on Jeff Magness' grounder fell short of first and the Bulldogs were about to explode. Mike Timlin followed with a walk to bring up the second run and catcher Tom Davis drilled a shot to the right field line for a three RBI double and a 5-0 lead.

Midland High didn't treat third inning reliever Kerry Robertson any better as the Bulldogs tagged him for nine hits and seven walks before

the game came to an end.

"We had a lot of help," said Whalen. "A couple of their pitchers were a little erratic. We got a couple of hits when we needed them. This was not a characteristic Lee performance today."

"I was happy we were finally able to get some hits, some timely hits," continued Whalen. "I was glad to see James Pitts hit the ball loud, something he hasn't done since the tournament and Keith Clay got some big hits."

Everybody in the Midland High batting lineup ended up scoring for the Bulldogs while the hitting was led by Clay with two doubles for four RBI in three at bats, Pitts, 2 for 4 for two RBI and Darren Thorpe, 2 for 5 and two RBI.

For the Rebels, Blackwell continued his hot hitting ways with a pair of singles in three attempts and increased his league-leading average to .650.

THE WORST part of the game for Lee was not the cold conditions or the defeat, but rather the probable loss of starting catcher Sergio Ochoa in the third inning.

Standing on second base after a throwing error on Bulldog shortstop Chris Herbert, Ochoa tagged up on Blackwell's fly to center field and, as soon as the ball was caught, broke for third. Halfway to the bag he stumbled forward, went down and struggled to his feet only to be thrown out on the play.

"The really bad thing about today's game is we lost our catcher, probably for the season, with a torn hamstring," said Johnson. "It's kind

of like someone shooting you and you go down. He was scrambling to get back up because you don't know what hit you but you'll know soon enough."

The loss snapped Lee's 4-5A unbeaten streak at six games for a 6-1 record (137 overall) and a one-game lead over second place San Angelo, 5-2. Midland High improved to 2-5 in league play and 9-11 on the year.

On Saturday Lee and MHS will begin the second half of the season. The Rebels will travel to Odessa to take on the improved Bronchos, 4-3, while the Bulldogs host Odessa Permian, 2-5. Both games are scheduled for 2 p.m.

Table with columns: Midland Lee, ab, r, h, bi, Midland High, ab, r, h, bi. Lists player stats for various players.

Score by innings table showing runs, hits, errors for both teams across 9 innings.

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By TED BATTLES Sports Editor

Carlos Gil probably will be Midland's starting pitcher Friday night when the Cubs launch the Texas League season against El Paso in the Border City.

A year ago at this time, the 23-year-old from Venezuela was lucky to make the club. Carlos had been on the Midland roster throughout the 1981 season and still hadn't won a game.

And last year, he was to struggle half the season before winning six games down the stretch to help propel the Cubs into the Texas League West playoffs.

His performance earned him a spring trip to Mesa, Ariz., where Chicago Manager Lee Elia gave him a long look before returning him to the AA roster.

this year. Last year, four of us lived in one motel room all summer.

It was the only lodging Gil, Mike Diaz, Carmello Martinez and Henry Cotto could find.

Gil managed an 0-5 record at Midland in 1981 in only 16 innings. He bled by arm miseries all year and most of last year. In 1980 his statistics at Quad City were 15-2 a 3.60 ERA, but best of all he had 128 strikeouts and only 66 walks in 140 innings. With that kind of sophomore year in pro ball, most folks thought he might be in Chicago by the time his fifth season rolled around.

So what happened? "Well, we had several teeth extracted while he was in Fall Instructional League last year," says Chicago Farm Director Gordon Goldsberry. "And that seems to have helped."

Adds Goldsberry, "He's definitely one of our futures for 84-85."

BRUIN BREWIN'S—Rob Schilling, being groomed for a relief role with Midland, went to the Mets organization in the Tom Verzyer trade over the weekend. Terry Austin, seeking to make it with Midland was all-45A at Abilene High back in the late 1970s before going to Central Arizona

College in Coolidge. Chicago's roving infield coach is Tony Franklin, who played for the Cubs in 1976 and then went on to the Expo and Oriole organizations before coming back to the Cubs last year. Midland Manager Tom Harmon, questioning one of the umpire's ball-strike calls against his pitcher, asked "What was it?" The ump replied, "A knuckleball." When informed that El Paso's roster lacked few returnees and was composed of prospects up from Class A, Harmon observed, "That's the sign of a good organization."

Randall Hartsfield collects second no-hitter for Kenedy

KENEDY, Texas (AP)—Randall Hartsfield tossed his second no-hitter of the season Tuesday night to lead the Kenedy High School Lions to their third no-hitter in three state district baseball games.

Hartsfield, who pitched a perfect game March 21, held Floresville hitless and led Kenedy to a 12-1 win.

NTSU narrows search for head basketball coach

By CHAD PUERLING Sports Writer

While North Texas State University officials pour over numerous resumes and conduct extensive interviews in an attempt to find a new head basketball coach, fans from Midland to Kentucky wait to find out if their coach or assistant will get the job.

The perspective is different for the respective fans. In the case of Midlanders, it would mean a loss of Midland College's winningest coach, Jerry Stone.

At Kentucky it's an assistant, so there is no loss compared to losing a Joe B. Hall) but rather a promotion to a man who well deserves his chance.

who wishes to apply goes through them," Parker said.

"After weighing all the factors they pick out two or three people, then the AD makes a recommendation to me and its on. My approval is just a formality. Believe me, whatever McCain decides will go."

Early last week Parker didn't know how many applicants there were but added, "McCain told me he has received 92 calls in relation to the job. I would say we got 20 to 25 applications in the first week."

"We'll get in the neighborhood of 50 applications," NTSU Sports Information Director Doug Ray said. "We will fill the job as quickly as we can."

"TO BE honest I don't think I'm in it anymore," Stone said. "They're thinking big time now. You know, coaches that have been sitting on the bench for the last few years."

Among those bench-sitters are impressive array of assistant coaches.

Bill Brown of Arkansas and Joe Dean of Kentucky pack a lot of credentials with the success their respective schools have had over the past few years. And they have apparently received the support of their present employers and head coaches.

"We've had a lot of response," Ray said. "I've received calls from Joe B. Hall (Kentucky head coach), Dale Brown (LSU head coach) and Eddie Sutton

(Arkansas head coach). They called in to make recommendations, usually for their assistants. But some coaches have called themselves looking for a job."

BUT ACCORDING to a story in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, those assistants are out of the running and the leading contenders include two Texas junior college coaches, a former head coach who is between jobs, a high school principal and NTSU assistant, Jimmy Gates.

Ken Hayes, who was recently released from his duties at Oral Roberts, might resurrect the Mean Green at NTSU if he is chosen.

Other names being tossed around the Metroplex media include SMU assistant John Underwood and Midland's own Jerry Stone.

"BET ON Stone," sports reporter Susan Woodhams said. Woodhams, who has been covering the story for the Dallas Times-Herald talked to Stone while he was in Dallas.

"I know he wants the job and I got the impression he would like to get Spud (Webb) and Chester (Smith) if

he gets it," she said. "I would be surprised if he wasn't a leading candidate."

"I would be talking to three or four of our players," Stone admitted. "But since I haven't interviewed it would be inappropriate to say anything now."

Making a decision soon is critical to recruiting since the national signing date is April 15.

WELL, JUST who would want to hire?

1. A coach who would send players off a national championship team that he would have the inside track on garnering?

2. A man with one of the best JC records in the nation over the past three years?

3. A veteran of the Texas recruiting wars?

4. A coach with a national championship under his belt?

Apparently not NTSU.

"The list was narrowed to six late Monday afternoon," Ray said. "I can't tell you who is on it, but Stone is not in the group."

So much for success being a criterion.

Maybe next year Stone should skip the JC playoffs and hold out for an NIT bid.

Today's mid-morning market report

NEW YORK (AP) — 11 a.m. Special prices for New York Stock exchange issues. The table lists various stock symbols and their corresponding prices and changes.

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Stock market losses

By STEVEN P. ROSENFIELD AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices fell for the third straight session Tuesday, reversing early gains, as traders appeared to shrug off a central banker's assessment that long-term interest rates are ripe for further declines.

Analysts said a setback among technology issues spilled over to other stocks amid lingering uncertainty about the course of an economic recovery. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial, down 15.68 points in the previous two sessions, dropped another 7.45 points to close at 1,210.16.

More than eight issues fell in price for every seven that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. A big loser was Prime Computer, which topped the active list as of the 4 p.m. EST close of the day.

Technology issues, an early leader of the massive rally that propelled the Dow Jones industrial from a two-year low of 776.92 last August, have been very sloppy lately, said Paul Mangles, an analyst at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

Hewlett-Packard fell 2% to 76 1/2. International Business Machines slipped 3/4 to 102. Texas Instruments dropped 2 1/2 to 161 1/4 and Teledyne shed 3/4 to 144.

But the investment philosophy paid off. The club had established positions when prices began rising again. Through the next few years members were able to "grow" their shares while also withdrawing \$12,000 to \$38,000 a year.

BUSINESS MIRROR Club reaps what it sowed

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

GROSSE POINTE, Mich. — Back in 1940, when the Great Depression was a recent memory and the post-war boom a dream, a group of amateur investors began contributing \$10 to \$20 a month each and investing it in stocks.

A few nights ago, the Mutual Investment Club of Detroit, now 19 members strong, held a dual celebration: its 43rd anniversary, and its new status as a millionaire, its assets having reached \$1,288,000.

Following dinner at the Country Club of Detroit, retreat of the Fords and other great industrial families, it was also revealed that deposits totaled \$145,716 over the years, and withdrawals were \$319,229.

The latter sum, explained Thomas O'Hara, a member from the first year, was used to found private businesses and careers, finance educations, buy houses, finance vacations and assure financial security in retirement.

"The financial record is an amazing indication of what amateur investors can accumulate at the rate of \$10 to \$20 a month," said O'Hara, who now serves as chairman of the National Association of Investment Clubs (NAIC).

At the end of the first year, the young club showed a liquidating value of just \$812, an amount whose size was offset by monumental — and some felt, unwarranted — hopes.

The hopes were justified. By the end of 1946, club members had deposited \$5,080, withdrawn \$2,519, and still had a liquidating value of \$15,347. After a post-war slump, the value rose to \$27,471 in 1951, and to \$33,222 by 1952.

Despite repeated withdrawals, the club's value doubled again by 1955, once more by 1959, and again by 1965, when the portfolio's liquidating value was put at \$246,738.

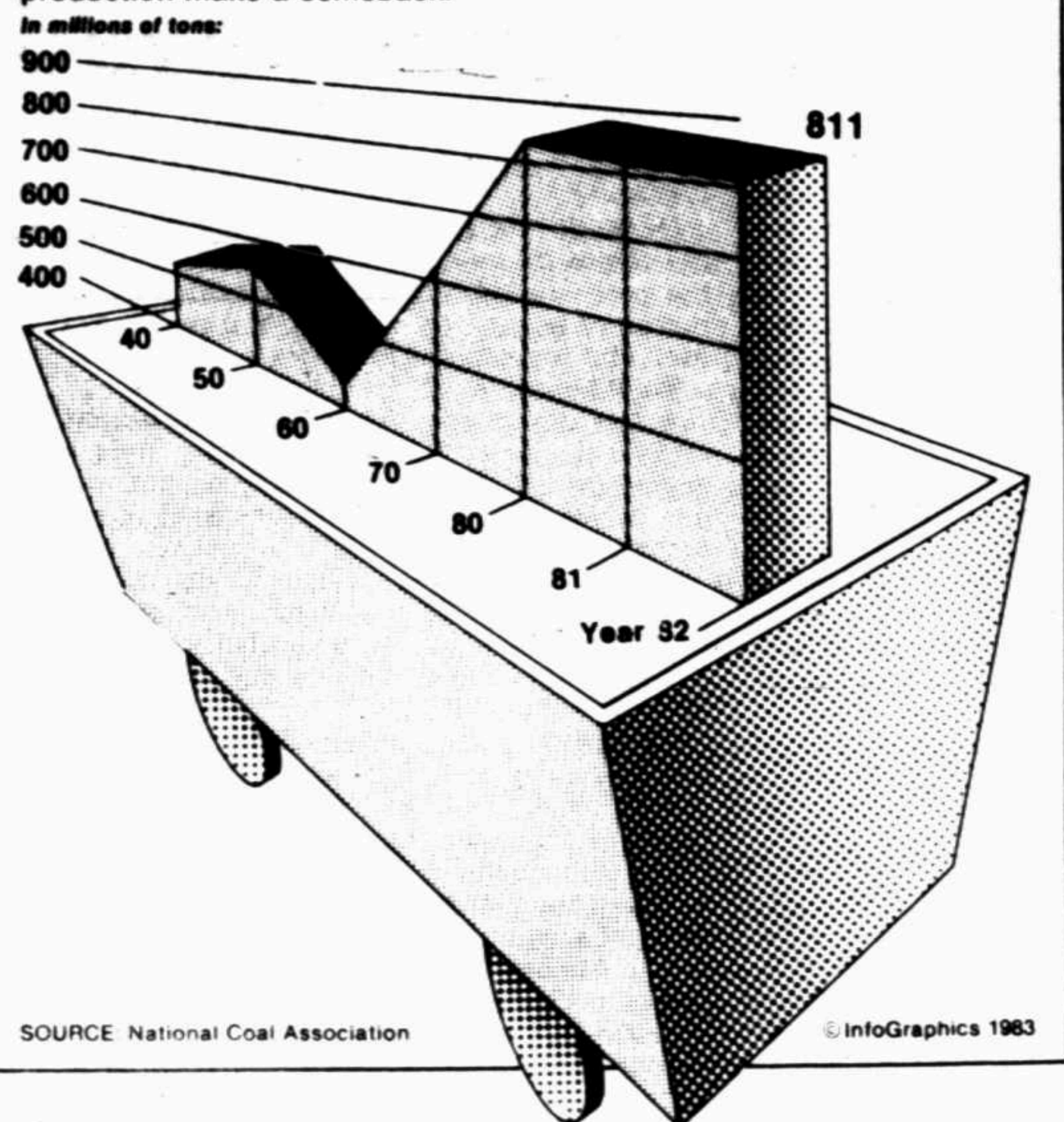
By 1969, after having deposited \$75,327 over the years, the portfolio was worth \$535,604. A catalytic mass had been established; the dividends — always reinvested — now totaled more each year than members' contributions.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include 'Answer to today's Crossword Puzzle' and various words related to the puzzle.

Large vertical advertisement on the left side of the page, featuring a woman's face and text for 'Carte Blanche' and 'Express'.

Coal -- king once more?

Coal, once the most important energy source in the country, went into decline in the 1950s as oil and natural gas took over. Rising oil and gas prices and a growing population have combined to help coal production make a comeback.



Cibola Energy reports loses

ALBUQUERQUE (SWN) — Cibola Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: CBLA) Tuesday announced operating and financial results for the year ended December 31, 1982. The company reported a net loss for the year of \$2,060,154 or \$4.42 per share, the first year the company has reported a loss since its inception. This compares with a profit of \$217,199 or \$0.05 per share for the year ended 1981. The loss for 1982 was primarily the result of four factors: an increase in the depletion, depreciation and amortization provision, a full cost pool valuation allowance, a decrease in the price received for oil sold, and a reduction in the volume of gas sold.

The higher charge for depletion, depreciation, and amortization in 1982 was due in part to the drilling of four costly medium to deep wells in which the company had an unusually large interest. Two of these wells were dry holes and one is a shut-in gas well waiting on a pipeline. The fourth was a producer which was recently plugged. All of the costs of these wells are included in the amounts amortized.

The full cost pool valuation allowance was mostly due to the amortization of Cibola's large investment in undeveloped acreage. During the year the company continued its program of acquiring large blocks of undeveloped acreage, increasing its net undeveloped acreage to 319,936 from 234,965 net acres at the end of 1981. This large base of presently unproductive assets are included in the full cost pool and must be amor-

alized by the revenues forthcoming from the productive assets in the pool. In spite of the valuation allowance, the company believes that its investment in undeveloped acreage will provide future opportunities for profitability either through discoveries of oil and gas on the acreage or through the sale of acreage.

The average price the company received for oil sold in 1982 was 16 percent lower than the average price received for oil sold in 1981. This decrease was caused by the fact that the world demand for oil is less than the world's capacity for oil production.

The company's volume of gas sold declined due to market conditions in the industry. Gas purchasers reduced purchases from several of our producing wells and delayed hooking up new gas wells. The company believes that the price of oil will stabilize and the sales of gas will return to last year's level as the economy of this country improves.

Regardless of the loss the company is in sound financial condition. It has the income to continue its drilling program, service its debt, and pay its overhead. Furthermore, in 1983, the company plans to concentrate on drilling in-fill and development wells in its Racetrack Field. These wells are shallow, inexpensive, and have little geologic risk associated with them. The result of this effort will be to increase the company's cash flow to be used for the drilling of exploratory wells in an attempt to discover new fields.

GM quite about loans

From Wire Reports

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. is not advertising the fact, but the company is continuing to offer cut-rate loans on all its cars and trucks. Although GM did not mention it last week when it publicly announced a 9.9 percent interest-rate program on its smallest cars, the company's financing unit has told GM dealers they could offer 11.9 percent and 12.9 percent loans on the rest of GM's vehicles for all loans up to 48 months, according to several dealers.

GM is keeping it quiet, according to a Detroit dealer, because it does not want to sell any more 11.9 percent and 12.9 percent loan contracts than it has to.

Dollar down

LONDON (AP) — Expectations of lower U.S. interest rates sent the dollar downward on world currency markets today. Gold was little changed.

The expectations on interest rates were fueled Tuesday by a survey from Money Market Services Inc. of Belmont, Calif., that found most experts looking for a decline in short-term rates by about a third of a point over the next three months.

Also contributing to the dollar's decline was the rebound of the British pound.

After reaching an all-time low March 28 amid threats of an oil price war — falling oil prices would cut into Britain's North Sea revenue — it began climbing when the state oil trading corporation announced a new price in line with OPEC's.

Today in London, sterling was quoted at \$1.5065, compared with \$1.5040 late Tuesday.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day gets under way, the dollar fell to a closing 237.25 yen from 238.60 Tuesday. Later in London, the dollar was quoted at 237.13 yen.

DOE hires former EPA head

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Energy has hired the former acting head of the Environmental Protection Agency, a Republican congressman who was defeated for re-election in November and the brother of Budget Director David A. Stockman, the Los Angeles Times has learned.

Another former top EPA official is working temporarily at the Department of Energy while he remains on the EPA's payroll.

The hirings were coincidental and did not reflect any department policy or White House orders, department spokesman Phil Keif said Tuesday. "These things just happened," he said.

All of the appointments have been made within the last month. They are not covered by regular civil ser-

vice hiring procedures. John Hernandez, was asked by President Reagan to resign as acting administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during the continuing controversy over the agency's effectiveness in regulating industry, is working as a \$245-a-day consultant in the Department of Energy's policy office. The appointment is for 90 days.

Hernandez is an acquaintance of Hunter Chiles, the department's director of policy analysis, and contacted him about a job, according to Keif.

Matthew Novick, who was asked to resign by the White House in February as inspector general at the EPA, remains on the agency's payroll but is working in the office of James R. Richards, inspector general of the Department of Energy. He is assigned to Richards' office for 120 days and will then work else-

where in the government, Keif said. Novick is a friend of Richards and inquired about working temporarily at the department, Keif said.

Cleve Benedict, a former Republican congressman from West Virginia, was named last week as deputy assistant secretary for fossil energy, a post that pays \$63,800 a year. He will oversee research and development in oil and gas "and help us" in the legislative effort to remove federal price controls from natural gas, Keif said.

Steven Stockman was appointed last month as a special assistant to George Bradley, assistant secretary for international affairs. Stockman was placed in a GS-14 job rating, which carries a salary of \$40,000 a year and up. He will work on issues involving natural gas imports. Stockman formerly worked for a Washington career counseling firm. He decided he wanted to work for

the government and contacted some people he knew in the Department of Energy, Keif said. David Stockman, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, was not involved in his brother's hiring, Keif said.

Secretary of Energy Don Hodel personally approved the selection of Benedict, who will hold a high-ranking post. The other appointments were not cleared in advance with Hodel.

The secretary "lets his managers run their own shops as much as possible," Keif said. "I'm sure the secretary would be told of these appointments, but he does not need to approve them in advance."

"It might seem there are connections in these cases," he said, "but that is not correct."

Slots could be free by autumn

EULESS, Texas (AP) — Takeoff and landing slots that have been denied airlines across the country since the traffic controllers' strike in 1981 could be freed up again by fall, a Georgia congressman says.

U.S. Rep. Elliot Levitas, D-Ga., made the statement Tuesday after he toured the Federal Aviation Administration's Air Route Traffic Control Center here and gave the facility a clean bill of health.

"The ballpark figure is before the end of the year" on removing restrictions on airline takeoffs and

landings, said Levitas, head of a Congressional subcommittee monitoring air safety.

"But my estimate, based on the figures that I was hearing today from the people who operated D-FW and this inroute air traffic control center, I would say it could probably be as early as the fall of this year," said Levitas.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport is near the Euless center.

The slot restriction system, designed to restrict the number of

airline flights during peak hours, was established after the 1981 strike by the Professional Air Traffic Controllers union. President Reagan fired all striking controllers.

"The main factor is the rebuilding of the air traffic control system itself, and bringing in qualified, trained people to handle the traffic," said Levitas.

Levitas next plans to tour an air traffic controllers' training facility in Oklahoma City.

"There's been substantial progress made here in the Dallas area," said

Levitas. "In fact, we heard today that there are many of the slots which are presently available which are not being used. That, coupled with the increase in trained controllers, suggests to me that the removal of all restrictions should occur much earlier than had been anticipated."

Levitas warned that no slot restrictions will be removed until subcommittee members are satisfied that there has been a "total rebuilding of the system in terms of safety."

Ford cars burn; No cause found

DETROIT (AP) — At least 160 fires have been reported in Ford Motor Co.'s 1981 and 1982-model Escort and Lynx subcompact cars, but investigators have found no common cause for the fires, according to government and company documents.

The cars and their sport derivatives, EXP and LN7 models, have been recalled nine times in the past three years, with four of the recalls related to fire potential in air conditioning fan blowers, underhood electrical wiring, fuel filler pipes or fuel tank holes.

While no fire-related accidents or injuries have been reported, Ford has been sued at least three times following fires in Escorts or Lynxes, according to Ford's letters to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Washington.

Copies of the letters were released in response to requests by The Associated Press.

NHTSA is continuing to look into the subject of fires in the cars, an agency spokesman said last week. Spokesman Bob Boaz said it is uncertain when NHTSA will finish its engineering analysis on the subject.

The No.2 U.S. automaker told NHTSA in letters last August and December that it knew of 160 reports of fires in the cars.

In an Aug. 4 letter to the agency, Ford said the reports of fires do not "present any significant pattern of malfunction from which it might be predicted that a pattern of fires will be likely to occur in the future."

NHTSA asked Ford for information on possible causes for the fires and inquired about electrical grounding of the rear window defogger, the power steering pump tube assembly, the relative positions of the power steering hoses and catalytic converter and the fuel line between the fuel pump and carburetor, according to a government letter to Ford.

Ford responded to all NHTSA questions and has heard nothing more about the matter, Ford spokesman Dick Judy said last week.

He said that "we consider it no longer a problem and we told them (NHTSA officials) that in May of 1982," when Ford recalled 125,000 1982-model Escorts, Lynxes, EXPs and LN7s for the potential of fire from air conditioner fan blowers.

It was the last of the fire-related recalls on the cars.

Ford produced more than 800,000 of the cars in the 1981 and 1982 model years, the automaker told NHTSA.

Besides looking into the question of fires in the cars, NHTSA is conducting an engineering analysis on the cars' front-door windows that can shatter "spontaneously," Boaz said.

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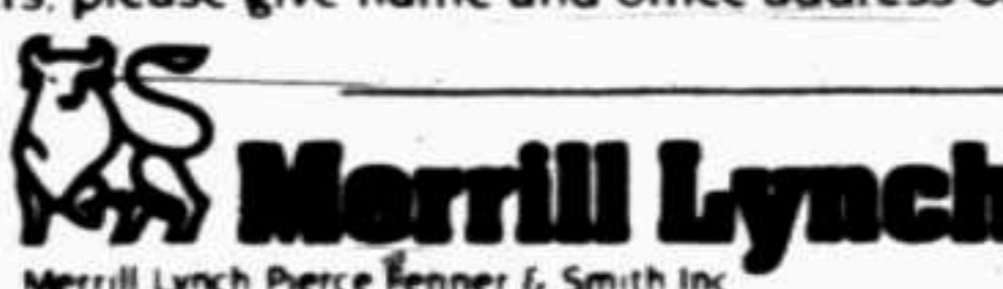
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More foreigners buying Texas acreage

By ED TODD
Staff Writer



"They'll buy into acreage and pay premium prices and jack up the other land prices around." Dick Hagelstein

Blackland Prairies and bottom lands of Red, Brazos and Trinity rivers. In Bowie County in North Central Texas and in Delta County in Northeast Texas, foreign ownership has risen to about 10 percent of the agricultural land, Hightower reported.

In Hidalgo County in the Rio Grande Valley, foreign ownership of land is more than 15 percent of the total agricultural land.

"It's important to realize that these acquisitions are a recent phenomenon," said Hightower, who noted that foreign investors, particularly the Swiss, in 1982 purchased 137,000 acres in Texas.

"You don't have to be xenophobic (contemptuous of foreigners or strangers) to be concerned about this ownership pattern," Hightower said.

"These are not simple immigrants coming to Texas to try to make a living farming," said the commissioner. "These are absentee investors — foreign corporations and cash-rich speculators with no common interest to share with a Texas farm family."

Last year, investors from Switzerland bought 20,120 acres in Culberson County; 24,996 acres in Reeves County; 9,666 acres in Val Verde County; 133 acres in Crane County, and 4,000 acres elsewhere.

In addition, Swiss investors already had 40,000 acres under their control. British investors in 1982 purchased 1,420 acres in Culberson County, and Mexican investors bought 5,899.6 acres in Pecos County.

Currently, several bills are in the Texas Legislature to limit foreign ownership of land.

In Midland County, Hightower cited 232.8 acres under French control in 1982. However, that acreage, which Michelin Tire Co. bought in 1979 for a rubber-mixing plant for about \$1.4 million from the Midland Industrial Foundation, last year was bought back by the Foundation after the French-owned Michelin opted not to locate its plant in Midland. That acreage was in southwest Midland.

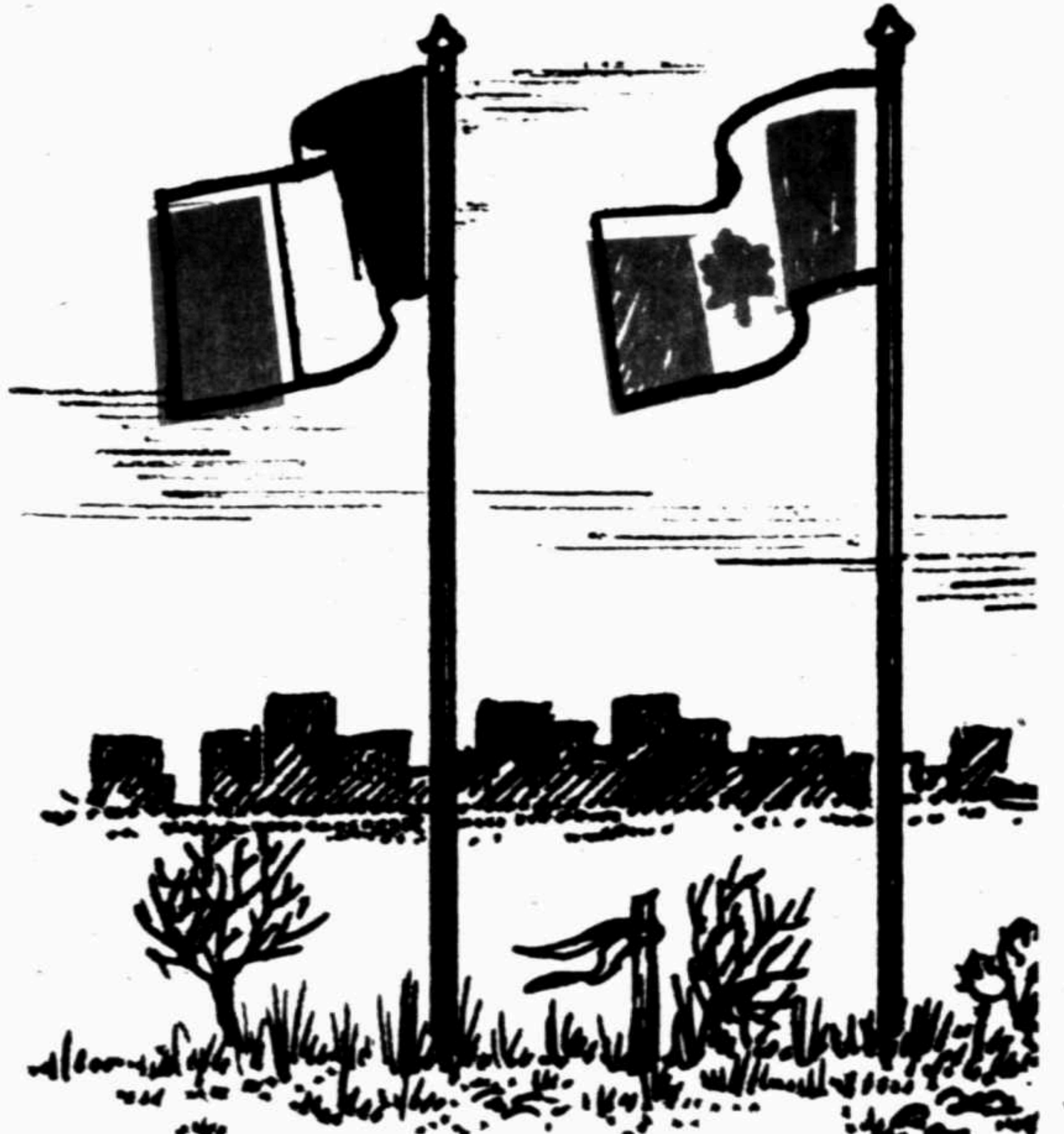
In addition to that acreage, the ASCS office in Midland lists 651 acres — somewhat more than a 640-acre section — northeast of the Green Tree Country Club area as under Canadian ownership. That section of range and pasture land sold for slightly more than \$2 million in 1981, according to ASCS records.

That tract has been planned as a subdivision that includes a lake and housing. The area was annexed recently into the city limits.

In addition to driving up land prices, foreign investors will buy the land on speculation tend to neglect it until they're ready to develop it, noted Hagelstein. Meanwhile, the land "washes and blows away."

"That's what has happened in the past," he said. "Of course, that's no different from a lot of local landowners. They let their land blow."

"Whoever owns the land can do what they want to with it," he said.



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Technique changes way X-rays are used

System diagnoses heart, circulation problems



Staff Photos by Ron Jaap

Computerized diagnosis

Douglas May, a radiologic technician at Midland Memorial Hospital, left, uses a penlight to view arteries on the hospital's new \$400,000 computerized X-ray system. Dr. James McGee, a Midland radiologist, points out the advantages of taking X-rays with Midland Memorial Hospital's new digital radiography system.

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Midland Memorial Hospital's radiology department has swung open its doors to the future with the purchase of a new medical diagnostic method — digital radiography.

The computerized technique — used in detecting heart and circulatory problems — almost eliminates the use of conventional X-ray film.

According to Dr. James McGee, a Midland radiologist, the \$400,000 computerized system has been merged with MMH's existing X-ray unit, allowing images to be shown on a video display while an X-ray is being taken.

"With this new system, the surgeon now knows where he must go in and what he has to do," McGee said, referring to diagnosing diseases of the heart, kidneys, vascular system and other organs.

Prior to the computerized system, detection of any narrowings or closures in the arteries or veins were obtained through an angiogram — an injection of a liquid substance (dye) through a (catheter) small tube inserted in an artery.

McGee said the angiogram is complicated and often requires a hospital stay before and after the exam. Moreover, it involves some risk and is costly.

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Crisis relocation gives most protection, officials say

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer



Bob Ewing

Two nuclear civil protection planners from the Texas Department of Public Safety visited Midland Tuesday to suggest that when it comes to preparing for a nuclear attack, half a plan is better than none.

Bill Dourte and Bob Ewing, with the DPS's emergency management division, made the point during a 7 p.m. City Hall meeting attended by local civil defense officials and a small contingent from the League of Women Voters of Midland.

They also took time to review the theory behind crisis relocation planning, which calls for the evacuation of populous, strategic "risk areas" in the event of an impending nuclear confrontation.

The LWV of Midland has been conducting a year-long study of the city's disaster preparedness, during

which the question has arisen whether Midland should participate in crisis relocation. Results of the LWV study should be released soon.

Bob Edgerton, Midland's civil defense coordinator, opened Tuesday's meeting by noting that the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 makes such planning mandatory for all cities and counties.

"I want to assure you that there is going to be a crisis relocation plan for Midland," Edgerton said. "The choice is yours, however, whether you want to take part in it."

Dourte explained that crisis relocation was chosen as a key part of the nation's civil defense after three options — relocation, fallout shelters and blast shelters — were studied for both cost and effectiveness.

Crisis relocation, according to the study, offers the greatest degree of protection for the dollar. Dourte

said relocation planning has thus been coupled with already existing fallout shelters to form the basis for U.S. civil defense.

Dourte said risk areas, or likely targets, are determined by such factors as population concentration, industrial centers and defense facility locations. He said Texas has 36 risk areas, and Midland is one.

Once risk areas are determined, surrounding host counties are chosen to support people evacuated from a risk area. Planners, like Dourte and Ewing, then survey host areas and work with officials there to develop plans to shelter, feed and provide other necessities for the evacuated people.

With host county planning complete, the planners then work with risk area officials to develop both evacuation plans and procedures for keeping basic services operating within the risk area.

Ewing said host county planning is complete throughout Texas. He said Midland's relocation plans are in "scratch form," awaiting further refinements and printing.

He stressed that even when the plan is complete, it remains the responsibility of city and county officials to develop specific procedures for accomplishing both relocation and continuation of essential activity within the Midland risk area.

Both Dourte and Ewing conceded that crisis relocation planning is not complete, and cannot account for all possible contingencies that might arise during a nuclear attack.

Dourte said the United States is lagging behind the Soviet Union in its civil defense planning, especially in the area of crisis relocation. He said planning at the national level among agencies of the federal gov-

ernment has only begun during the past year.

"We don't have all the answers to your questions. We haven't had all the questions yet," Dourte said.

But he added that crisis relocation can save lives during a nuclear attack, and could give provide U.S. officials with a better bargaining position from which to negotiate during a period of international tension.

Ewing said those who argue that crisis relocation won't work ignore the fact that should a crisis occur, people are likely to evacuate a risk area, with or without plans. He said crisis relocation is "a management tool" to help cope with the evacuation.

"It would be better to have such a plan and not need it, than to need the plan and not have it," said Dourte, quoting the mayor of one U.S. risk area.

Teacher chosen to sit on jury in murder trial

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Ten prospective jurors were interviewed Tuesday but only one — a former elementary school teacher — was selected to serve on the capital murder trial of 28-year-old Clarence Allen Lackey of Lubbock.

secretary, 23-year-old Toni Diane Kumpf, on July 31, 1977, after he allegedly broke into her apartment near the Tech campus in Lubbock.

He was convicted of capital murder in a 1978 trial in San Angelo and was sentenced to death by lethal injection. But the conviction was overturned due to a technicality in jury selection. The second trial, like the first, was moved out of Lubbock on a change of venue due to widespread publicity in Lubbock and to the public outrage which stemmed from the 1977 murder.

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Rugged terrain aids in alien apprehension

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

MARFA — Where men and machinery yield, mountains and desert prevail.

Up and down the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Del Rio, as well as in El Paso, the U.S. Border Patrol is facing the greatest influx of illegal aliens in history. In the Del Rio sector alone, apprehensions in March skyrocketed to 10,206 from only 5,470 in March 1982. Ninety-three smugglers were hauled in, compared to 87 in the same period a year ago. Only 10 percent of the illegal aliens were from neighboring Coahuila, while 36 percent were from the deep interior state of Guanajuato and 30 individuals

were from countries other than Mexico.

But in the desert crags and gutting canyons of the Marfa sector — which extends to Midland and beyond — nature continued to assume the role of monarch.

"(The terrain) is a tremendous factor," said Marfa sector chief Hugh Rushton. "The other factor is simply there's no large urban area on the other side of the border from us. Ojinaga is a city of 30,000 and it is the only town of any size in our 365 miles of border responsibility...We have had an increase over the past few months. However, it's not a significant increase over last year or prior years. We have traditionally been one of the last sectors to be

affected by any change of aliens coming into the country because of the geography."

One indication of the influx problems plaguing the Del Rio sector, however, is the increase in apprehensions along the eastern fringe of the Marfa sector.

"The Sanderson base is up probably from 50 to 65 percent in apprehensions, and Fort Stockton is up probably 40 percent, over last year at this time," said Rushton. "I don't think Big Spring is running ahead of last year, however."

Overall, the Marfa sector agents apprehended only 2,000 illegal aliens in March. "It's a little bit less than last year but not a significant amount considering the manpower shortage we

have," said the chief. "Out of an officer corps of 115, we have 20 on detail to California...We think we would have had an apprehension increase had everyone been in place but it would not have matched the increase we've had in El Paso, Del Rio and Laredo."

While Marfa sector officials have not compiled extensive statistics regarding the origin of apprehended aliens, Rushton said that most "are still coming from traditional areas of Chihuahua, though there has been a slight increase in interior aliens. But this is still too early to tell if this is a usual time of year for them to enter or whether it is an actual influx related to economic conditions there."

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DEATHS

N. McCluskey

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. E.H. (Nadene) McCluskey, 79, of Big Spring, will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Nalley-Pickle Rosewood chapel with the Rev. Logan Peterson officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. McCluskey was born June 20, 1904, in Floydada. She lived in Howard County most of her life. She married E.H. McCluskey Aug. 7, 1922, in Big Spring. He died Dec. 13, 1967. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include four daughters, Jessie Minter and Faye Koonce, both of Midland, Blanche Becker of Big Spring and Ruby Wood of Zephyr; two sons, C.H. McCluskey of Friona and Neal McCluskey of Big Spring; a brother, L.T. Shoultz of Fordson; a sister, Verna Bryant of Midland; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Tilda Jones

Services for Tilda Jones, 92, of 2000 N. Main St., were Tuesday today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Owen, associate minister of First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones died early Sunday morning in a Midland nursing home. Pallbearers were Dale Truelove, Dozier Truelove, Dub Lynch, R.C. Cauble, Thomas Wright and Lewis Way.

Sue H. Koen

GRAND PRAIRIE — Sue Harry Koen, 45, of Grand Prairie and formerly of Midland, died Saturday at her home.

Services were Monday in Grand Prairie.

She graduated from Midland High

School and was a secretary and a member of the Primitive Baptist church. One son, Chuck Koen, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie; two sons, Rayce Koen and Steve Koen, both of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Brenda Kay Koen of Midland; a half-brother, G.W. Hines of Midland; and two sisters.

Louise Wilkinson

KERMIT — Services for Louise M. Wilkinson, 72, of Kermit, sister of Raymond Mitchell and Joe Mitchell, both of Midland, were to be at 10 a.m. today in Eastside Church of Christ with Lloyd Shirley officiating. Burial was to follow at Kermit Cemetery, directed by Cooper Funeral Home.

She died Monday at her home. Mrs. Wilkinson was born April 23, 1910, in Huntsville, Ala. She married Orba Henry Wilkinson June 16, 1931, in Post. She lived in Kermit for 23

years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Other survivors include two sons, a daughter, three brothers, three sisters, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Delphia Battiest

Mrs. Delphia Battiest, 75, of 1615 Ventura Drive died Sunday morning at her home.

Services were Tuesday in Glass Chapel of First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Bales, associate minister, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park, directed by Newnie Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Dr. Steve Betton, Keith Hoelscher, Craig Campbell, Lance Campbell, Bill Ortloff and Tommy Ortloff.

Computer technique changes use of X-ray

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By using the digital radiography method, there is less risk and the test is almost as simple as drawing a sample of blood.

The new equipment provides several advantages over previous techniques, including less risk, cost and comfort. Formerly, a large amount of "contrast media" (dye) was injected into an artery, causing discomfort.

"Now a patient is placed on the table and an IV is started," McGee said. "Then we use Novocain, or more accurately Xylocain, and replace the IV with a catheter into the patient's vein as opposed to the artery."

McGee said digital radiographic processing of the X-rays allows rapid and full view of the cardiovascular system without relying on conventional X-ray film. Using the system's built-in electronics, the radiologist can subtract unwanted information,

including bone and surrounding tissue.

Because the images are seen while the X-rays are being taken, the physician can pinpoint specific areas. After the exam, the entire procedure can be stored on magnetic discs.

McGee said part of the equipment began arriving at MMH "before Christmas, but we weren't actually all set up until Feb. 25." Since then, about 55 studies, or tests have been done. McGee said one procedure takes about 30 minutes and costs about 25 percent less than the conventional angiogram.

"A standard test would cost about \$600, not including the hospital room," McGee said. "The new system reduces the cost to about \$450 and is done on an outpatient basis. The patient is awake. We can talk with the patient while the test is being done and then he can sit up and leave."

Teacher next juror chosen in murder trial

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In Texas, punishment for capital murder is either life imprisonment or death.

In Tuesday's jury selection before Judge Robert Wright of Lubbock's 137th State District Court, the ninth juror said she favored capital punishment.

"I just feel that there are probably some cases that would be so terrible that you could justify the death penalty," she said.

Texas law allows five categories of murder to which the death penalty may be applied, and those include murder committed in the act of a burglary, rape, robbery, kidnapping, or arson. In itself, pre-meditated mass killings is not a capital offense, and the prosecutor, Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney Jim Bob Darnell, asked the juror if she had "any problem with that."

"I don't know," she replied. "It seems like it's almost unfair."

In the seven days of jury selection, the state has used eight of its

allotted 15 "strikes" in rejecting otherwise qualified jurors; the three-man defense team has turned aside six qualified prospective jurors. Twelve jurors and two alternate jurors are to be selected before the trial begins in Midland's 238th State District Court.

Among those prospective jurors dismissed Tuesday were a 23-year-old Midland woman who said she was raped last year but who said she thought she could be a fair and impartial juror; a man who said he had "trouble" with Texas parole laws; a businessman who said that he could not in any case consider voting for a five-year prison term for a "regular" murder, and a woman who said she didn't believe in the death penalty no matter how bizarre the crime.

"I believe that our laws are too lenient," said one of the rejected prospective juror.

Another man, who said Texas parole laws might influence his deliberations and who was subsequently dismissed by the court, said in some cases he favored the death

penalty over life imprisonment. "In some cases, it seems ridiculous to keep a person caged for the rest of his life," he said. In such an instance, life in prison would be inhumane, he suggested.

On the issue of a mercy killing in which a son, daughter or spouse

was indicted for murdering a severely ailing relative who begged for death "by unplugging" a life-support machine, the prospective juror said he could consider the full range of punishment — from five years to 99 years or life in prison — for the murder.

Terrain aids agents in catching aliens

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He added that as aliens and smugglers discover other sectors of the state are inundated with border patrolmen, increased numbers may turn toward the remoteness of the Marfa sector.

"We did recently apprehend a load of El Salvadorans who crossed at Boquillas, Mexico," he noted. "They originally were staged at Matamoros, but it was decided...to have them cross at Boquillas in Big Bend Park. I don't know that this is because of the pressure they're getting in the Rio Grande valley, so we intend to keep a close eye on it. The more efficient they become in other areas at stopping these entries, the more pressure we will get."

Rushton said the Marfa sector will be operating at full strength again by the middle of April, at which time agents "will run details into the Panhandle part of our sector...At that time I think we can assess more accurately the amount of aliens that have been able to come through our territory, as well as the influx from the El Paso and Del Rio territories."

Overall, Rushton said he feels good about his sector's chances of slowing down the deluge.

"I think that we will not have too much trouble controlling our area of responsibility," he said. "We're aided by the geographic terrain and the difficulty in reaching the border from the Mexican side."

LHS senior early winner of Merit Scholarship

A Midlander was among nearly 1,500 winners of corporate-sponsored four-year Merit Scholarships named today in the first of three major announcements to be made this year by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

At the conclusion of the 1983 competition, some 5,300 high school seniors will have been awarded Merit Scholarships totaling \$18 million.

John R. Deuel, of 4107 Crestgate, received a Shell Companies Merit Scholarship.

A senior at Lee High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in the Texas State Mock Trial Competition and the State French Symposium. He works as a sound assistant at Midland Community Theatre and received an award for the highest grade point average in calculus.

Girl's chance is marrow transplant

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Doctors say a bone marrow transplant scheduled for Friday is the only chance a 3-month-old girl has to live past her second birthday.

But they add that her chances are

hurt by the fact that the donor, her father, is not a perfect tissue match.

Stephanie Garcia of Raymondville will receive the transplant at noon Friday, Dr. Lisa Philipovich said Tuesday.

Lions camp film to be shown

Midland Lions Committee for Crippled Children is showing a film about the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, 802 Ventura St.

This program is being presented

primarily for parents of handicapped children between the ages of 7 and 16 who are handicapped, and for diabetics ages 6 through 16 who are potential candidates to attend the camp.

Lions committee members will be available to answer questions.

Senators find peeping not illegal

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators were surprised Tuesday to find out that it is not against the law to peep in the windows of a hotel or a recreational vehicle.

A loophole in the law would be covered by a bill inspired when a peeper looked under the drapes at a

state senator's wife who was staying in a San Angelo Holiday Inn.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Richard Burnett, D-San Angelo, would amend the law. The House Jurisprudence Committee voted 5-0 to send the proposal to the House floor.

Cheese to be given away

Human Relations Council is participating in the federal government's cheese and butter giveaway. The food items will be handed out from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at the HRC office, 410 N. Weatherford St.

The hand-out date had been announced for Saturday, but the distributor in Lubbock was out of cheese.

HRC will take applications for cheese and butter from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday at its office. Further information can be obtained by calling HRC, 684-5866.

The program is designed to aid low income persons, according to HRC Director Gloria Ellis, adding that applicants must meet income guidelines. Under this program, a single person must not make more than \$5,500 a year, and a family of four must make less than \$11,600.

Tennis class to be at MC

Midland Parks and Recreation Department is offering a tennis class that starts Tuesday.

This class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at Midland College. Dates for the class are April 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28. Cost will be \$8 for the course.

These lessons will concentrate on ball placement, position of players, serve, return of serve and volley, all in a playing position. This should be a help to the beginner and intermediate player and also improve league play.

Instructor will be Linda Allee, who also teaches for MC.

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