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Midland deposits surpass \$1 billion

Ever-increasing Midland bank deposits skyrocketed to an all-time record high of \$1,021,101,573 at the end of 1979, breaking the billion-dollar mark for the first time at a scheduled date of reporting.

The year-end figure is up \$196,393,780 from the \$824,707,793 recorded at the end of the previous year, and up \$170,495,822 from the \$654,211,971 reported on Sept. 30, 1979.

Statements of condition of the six Midland banks — Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Metro Bank, Texas National Bank, The First National Bank, The Midland National Bank and Western State Bank — were revealed in line with federal and state policy requiring reports to be issued at the end of each quarter.

Loans and discounts of the banks at the close of business Monday also were at a record high of \$675,150,575 as the curtain fell on the old year.

The figure is up \$143,740,928 from the \$531,409,647 reported at yearend 1978, and up \$77,666,588 from the \$597,483,987 recorded last Sept. 30.

As a matter of comparison, Midland deposits 20 years ago (Dec. 31, 1959)

totalled \$122,474,185, while loans amounted to \$58,665,375. Ten years ago (Dec. 31, 1969), deposits had reached \$260,566,294, and loans \$175,156,318.

The First National Bank reported deposits totaling \$656,873,064, compared with \$527,244,273 at yearend 1978, and \$542,261,789 on Sept. 30, 1979.

The bank's loans and discounts totaled \$459,469,236, compared with \$339,793,403 a year previously, and \$397,755,500 three months ago.

The Midland National Bank had deposits totaling \$241,497,437, compared with \$211,234,284 at the same time last year, and \$208,393,159 at the end of September 1979.

Its loans and discounts amounted to \$147,997,066, compared with \$134,675,010 at the end of 1978, and \$134,409,030 last Sept. 30.

Commercial Bank reported deposits totaling \$79,240,013, compared with \$66,362,417 a year earlier, and \$68,259,174 last Sept. 30.

The bank's loans and discounts totaled \$49,797,653, compared with \$42,248,932 a year previously, and \$46,999,101 three months ago.

Western State Bank revealed deposits amounting to \$22,034,554, compared with \$17,815,519 a year earlier, and \$18,768,850 three months ago.

Its loans and discounts totaled \$11,953,709, compared with \$14,024,898 at the end of 1978, and \$13,174,411 at the end of September 1979.

Metro Bank, which opened for business slightly more than a year ago, reported deposits totaling \$5,378,477, compared with \$2,051,300 at yearend 1978, and \$4,045,025 on Sept. 30, 1979.

Its loans and discounts amounted to \$3,473,589, compared with \$667,404 a year ago, and \$3,040,408 three months ago.

Texas National Bank, which opened for business last March 23, had deposits totaling \$16,078,028, compared with \$8,877,754 at the end of last September.

It had loans and discounts totaling \$2,459,322, compared with \$2,105,537 on Sept. 30, 1979.



U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is hustled to a waiting helicopter after being forced to abandon his planned visit to graves of revolution victims at Tehran cemetery Thursday. Angry demonstrators mobbed his car, and he appeared shaken by the experience, the Associated Press reported. (AP Laserphoto)

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U.S. will seek U.N. censure of Soviet move

By The Associated Press

Soviet invaders were reported to have crushed resistance and occupied Afghanistan's southern provincial capital of Kandahar and the eastern city of Jalalabad today as America and its allies prepared to seek U.N. Security Council condemnation of the Russian sweep into the Central Asian nation.

President Carter also was reported ready to ask the Senate to delay indefinitely its consideration of the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union.

Travelers from Kandahar, 270 miles southwest of the Afghan capital of Kabul and 50 miles from the border with Pakistan's Baluchistan province, told the Pakistani newspaper Jasarat the Soviets occupied Kandahar City Wednesday after two days of clashes with Afghan government forces opposed to the Russians.

They said the Soviets poured into Kandahar City Monday after landing in Soviet military aircraft. They said for the next two days the Russians battled rebellious Afghan government troops, and that when they routed them pro-Soviet Afghan forces hung garlands of flowers around the invaders' necks.

The newspaper also said the Soviets took control of Jalalabad City Sunday. However, diplomats in Kabul said Soviet troops were airlifted Monday to Jalalabad, in eastern Afghanistan about 50 miles from the border and Pakistan's Kyber Pass, to fight Moslem rebels who have been battling the communist Afghan government since the first of three pro-Soviet coups 20 months ago.

The diplomats also said the Soviets used sophisticated attack helicopters and tanks against the Moslem insurgents in rugged Bamian province about 100 miles northwest of the Afghan capital Wednesday, and that casualties were heavy on both sides.

The diplomats said other Soviet troops were flown into Herat, in western Afghanistan about 60 miles from the Iranian border, the day the Russians launched the Dec. 27 coup that put their latest proxy, Babrak Karmal, in power, and toppled President Hafizullah Amin, who was summarily executed.

Afghan guerrilla leaders quoted by Tehran Radio said the Moslem insurgents were in control of Herat province, and that they attacked the prison in Herat City and freed the inmates Wednesday.

The United News of India quoted Western diplomats in Kabul as saying the Soviet Union had sent a team of generals to the Afghan battle fronts to assess the fighting. The diplomats were quoted as saying Soviet forces

"had achieved some success in certain areas" against poorly organized guerrillas, taken by surprise by the invasion. But they said the insurgents were regrouping and more fighting was expected.

UNI quoted the diplomats as saying the Soviets were stockpiling "huge quantities" of weapons and ammunition at a large air base set up at the village of Raffah, near the Afghan border with Iran.

The Indian news agency said "trouble was growing" in the Afghan provinces of Kandahar, Badakshan, Paktia and Nangarhar.

Heavy snow and forbidding mountain terrain complicated the Russian offensive against the Moslems, launched because Moscow feared the Islamic revolution in Iran coupled with Amin's ineffectual handling of the Afghan revolt would allow it to spread to the Soviet Union's burgeoning Moslem population.

Sporadic gunfire was heard in Kabul Tuesday, but the city was reported quiet Wednesday. Most of the Soviet troops stationed around the Afghan capital were deployed at the airport and along the edge of the city.

Soviet tanks guarded the Radio Afghanistan complex, and Soviet sentries were posted in front of the post and telegraph office and the interior ministry.

Karmal, who the Russians flew back to Kabul over the weekend from exile in Czechoslovakia, also appeared for the first time since the coup. He said in a speech on Afghan television that Amin was a U.S. puppet and CIA agent, and that the Soviet troops in Afghanistan will leave as soon as "anti-state elements are wiped out and the independence of Afghanistan has been protected."

But Karmal said if the "activities of anti-state elements continue and the threat of international intervention lasts, we may have to seek help from other valiant nations like Vietnam, Angola, Ethiopia, the Palestinians and Cuba also."

America and its friends also were lining up, however, and sources in Washington said the United States and its allies will ask for a U.N. Security Council meeting shortly to demand the Soviet Union withdraw the 30,000 to 40,000 troops it has poured into Afghanistan.

Waldheim flees mob U.N. official's talks continuing

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An angry mob of fist-waving Iranians sent U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim fleeing in his limousine from a Tehran cemetery today just minutes after he arrived to lay a wreath at the graves of revolutionary dead.

About 500 persons, believed to include relatives of those buried at the sprawling Behesht Zahra Cemetery, converged on the car carrying Waldheim to the cemetery from a pad where his helicopter touched down.

The U.N. chief, in Iran to try to negotiate an end to the crisis over the embassy hostage-holding, was on the ground for only six minutes and never left the car. As the chanting crowd encircled his car, he ordered the driver to return to the helicopter.

"Go! Go!" Waldheim could be seen shouting excitedly to his driver. Once aboard the helicopter, the craft lifted off immediately, flying Waldheim back to the city, where he met with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh for about three hours. Asked how the talks on the American hostages were going, Waldheim, who looked tired, said: "The talks are continuing and it would not be helpful for me to elaborate at this point."

Tehran Radio reported Waldheim later visited a former officers' club that has been converted into a center for people disabled in the anti-shah revolution. The visit had been canceled Wednesday when anti-Waldheim street demonstrations broke out and the government said it had uncovered an assassination plot against Waldheim.

Asked today in an American television interview whether Waldheim might visit Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Ghotbzadeh responded vaguely, "We'll see..."

The foreign minister, speaking on NBC-TV's "Today Show," also played down the angry outburst at the cemetery.

"He (Waldheim) said himself there was not much to it," Ghotbzadeh said.

The sudden rush by the cemetery crowd apparently caught police and revolutionary guardsmen off guard. Only about 20 were stationed at the area where Waldheim landed, and they were unable to hold back the crowd.

The angry demonstrators should demands that "Waldheim be thrown out of Iran." They also

screamed slogans against the United States and the United Nations.

Waldheim flew to the cemetery south of the capital in response to a demand by the militant students holding some 50 Americans hostage in the U.S. Embassy since Nov. 4. It is the burial place of many who died in the revolution that overthrew Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi last February.

The secretary-general arrived Tuesday under orders from the U.N. Security Council to seek the release of the American hostages, whose captivity now is in the 61st day. He met for three hours with Ghotbzadeh Wednesday.

The foreign minister said Wednesday the meeting with the disabled — identified as victims of the shah's secret police — had been canceled because a plot to kill Waldheim was uncovered.

At the old army officers' club in downtown Tehran where the meeting was to take place, more than 1,000 angry Iranians demonstrated, shouting anti-American slogans. There were chants of "Marg Bar Waldheim!" — "Death to Waldheim!"

Judge Pickett to resign

District Judge Perry D. Pickett, who has served the longest tenure of any judge in the history of Midland County, announced Wednesday he will retire after the end of his current term in office.

Pickett, 63, was appointed Sept. 15, 1954, to the bench in 142nd District Court by then Gov. Allan Shivers.

The judge said he announced his retirement at this time to "clear the air for anyone who might want to file for this position."

Pickett said he plans to remain semi-active following his retirement, effective Jan. 1, 1981. He noted that he can accept judicial assignments elsewhere in Texas from time to time and probably will do so.

According to the judge, he also plans to "catch up on some reading and do some fishing."

Currently, Pickett is serving as the presiding administrative judge of the 7th Administrative Judicial District which is comprised of 39 counties and 20 judges. He has held that post since 1976.

He and Texas Supreme Court Justice Charles Barrow are co-authors of two books for Texas trial judges. A native of Smithfield in Tarrant County, Pickett served

as Midland's mayor from 1951 to 1953.

He was graduated from the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth in 1934, after serving as captain of the football team there in 1933. He was chosen outstanding boy of the class of 1934.

Pickett attended the University of Texas Law School at Austin and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree.

He was chosen Outstanding Young Man of Midland in 1950, is a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, past president of the Buffalo Trail Boy Scout Council and a holder of the distinguished Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts.

He is a member of the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

A major in the U.S. Air Force in World War II, he was a prisoner of war for two years.

Pickett and his wife, Valerie, have two sons. Perry Denny Pickett Jr. is a professor at Midland College and Joseph R. Pickett is an Episcopal priest in Christ Episcopal Church at San Antonio. The Picketts also have four grandchildren.

Independent's ire raised by Sun Oil

DALLAS (AP) — What may turn out to be a major rift between major oil companies and small independents has been triggered by a letter from executives of Sun Oil Co. to its shareholders and royalty owners.

Theodore A. Burtis, president of Sun Oil, asked the shareholders to write their congressmen and urge defeat of legislation that would exempt the independents from the proposed windfall profits tax.

The letter, sent from Sun Oil's Texas headquarters in Dallas, said if small independent oil producers are exempted from the tax, the larger producers would have to take up the slack, at the expense of the shareholders and royalty owners of the larger producers.

Consequently, some irate independent oil producers have stopped their sales to Sun Oil, the nation's 10th largest oil company.

"It just doesn't make sense to sell to someone who is out to destroy you," said Lew Ward, president of the 1,300-member Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association.

Ward, an independent oil producer from Enid, Okla., said, "It sure could be the start of a major split between the independents and the majors."

The letter went to Sun Oil's 14,000 shareholders, employees and retirees. Another letter, written Dec. 10 by W.F. Oxford of Sun's Dallas-based production subsidiary, went to the company's 60,000 royalty owners expressing similar sentiments.

The focus of the controversy is an amendment to the windfall tax bill, proposed by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, that would exempt a small oil producer's first 1,000 barrels of oil a day from the tax.

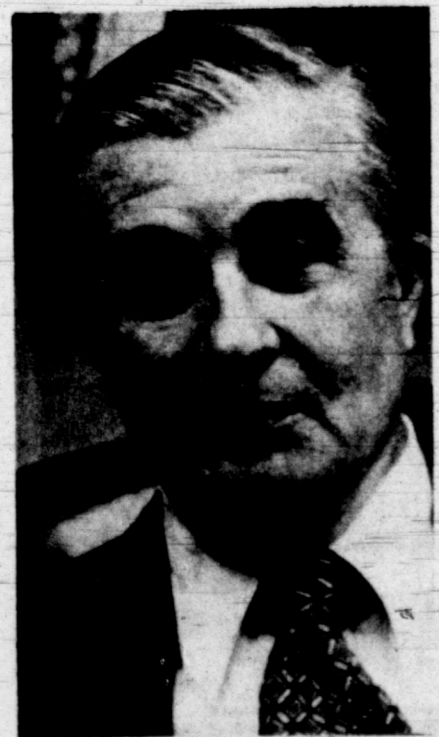
Sun buys so little of its oil from independent producers that a full-scale boycott would not cripple its operation, but company officials were trying this week to defuse the brewing controversy.

Sun spokesman Granville Dutton said, "We're not against an independent exemption. We just want to see it extended to all producers."

John Miller, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, also stepped in trying to calm the situation.

"Our industry has enough political enemies without indulging in intra-industry recriminations over political actions which were beyond our collective influence or control," he said in a Dec. 21 letter.

Independent oilmen say the majors don't care as much about the windfall profits tax because they make money from overseas operations and from refining and marketing as well as from production. The tax is only on domestic production.



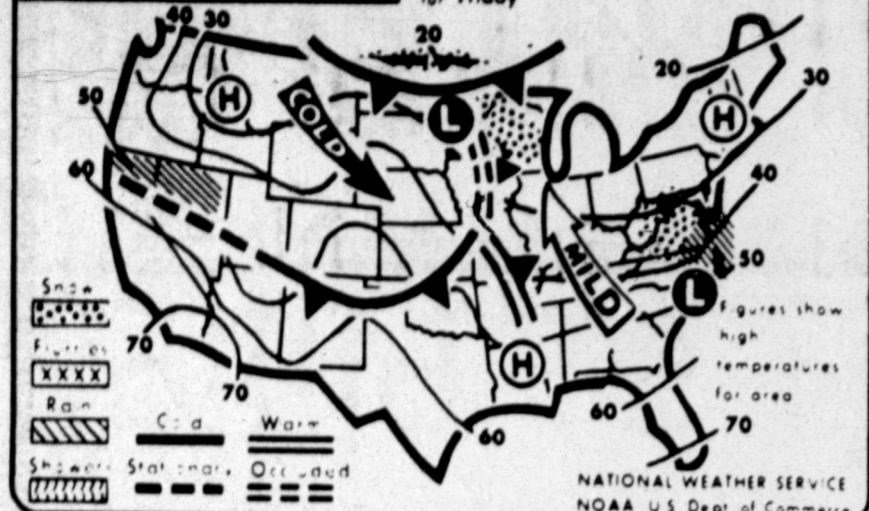
Judge Perry D. Pickett

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Fair through Friday. High expected in the low 60s. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY FORECAST



The National Weather Service forecast for Friday predicts rain for northern California and Nevada, snow in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and snow and rain in West Virginia and Virginia. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair through Friday, colder tonight, warmer Friday. Low tonight near 30, high Friday in the low 60s. Northwesterly winds becoming light and variable tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 58 degrees
 Overnight Low: 38 degrees
 Sunrise today: 7:17 a.m.
 Sunset tomorrow: 7:36 a.m.
 Precipitation: Last 24 hours: 0 inches
 This month to date: 0 inches
 1979 to date: 0 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

4 a.m.	41	8 p.m.	33
7 a.m.	38	7 p.m.	46
8 a.m.	40	8 p.m.	42
9 a.m.	42	9 p.m.	43
10 a.m.	45	10 p.m.	42
11 a.m.	48	11 p.m.	40
noon	52	midnight	35
1 p.m.	55	1 a.m.	37
2 p.m.	58	2 a.m.	38
3 p.m.	58	3 a.m.	39
4 p.m.	58	4 a.m.	37
5 p.m.	57	5 a.m.	32
6 a.m.	31	6 a.m.	31

The weather elsewhere

Wednesday

City	Hi	Lo	Pre	Obs
Albany	32	22	cl	cl
Albuquerque	38	25	cl	cl
Amarillo	48	28	cl	cl
Anchorage	18	-12	cl	cl
Ankeny	30	20	cl	cl
Atlanta	54	39	rs	rs
Atlantic City	42	34	cl	cl
Baltimore	38	28	cl	cl
Birmingham	56	27	cl	cl
Bismarck	14	6	cl	cl
Boise	54	38	cl	cl
Boston	37	26	cl	cl
Brownsville	72	29	cl	cl
Buffalo	32	28	cl	cl
Charlottesville	38	30	cl	cl
Charlottesville	32	28	cl	cl
Cheyanne	38	20	cl	cl
Chicago	30	27	cl	cl
Cincinnati	38	28	cl	cl
Cleveland	30	26	cl	cl
Columbus	31	28	cl	cl
Dallas	60	41	cl	cl
Dallas/Ft. Worth	57	29	cl	cl
Denver	37	29	cl	cl
Des Moines	38	28	cl	cl
Detroit	32	29	cl	cl
Duluth	19	5	cl	cl
Fairbanks	36	30	cl	cl
Hartford	39	24	cl	cl
Helena	32	28	cl	cl
Honolulu	80	81	cl	cl
Houston	68	51	cl	cl
Indianapolis	31	28	cl	cl
Jacksonville	45	34	cl	cl
Juneau	31	28	cl	cl
Kan. City	29	25	cl	cl
Las Vegas	60	33	cl	cl
Little Rock	58	38	cl	cl
Los Angeles	61	54	cl	cl
London	35	31	cl	cl
Memphis	58	36	cl	cl
Miami	66	48	cl	cl
Midwaukee	32	28	cl	cl
Mpls. St. P.	25	20	cl	cl
Nashville	44	34	cl	cl
New Orleans	54	34	cl	cl
New York	44	34	cl	cl
Omaha	46	38	cl	cl
Oklahoma City	53	38	cl	cl
Orlando	62	45	cl	cl
Philadelphia	37	30	cl	cl
Phoenix	78	62	cl	cl
Pittsburgh	28	26	cl	cl
Pittsburgh	38	18	cl	cl
Rapid City	45	27	cl	cl
Richmond	33	30	cl	cl
St. Louis	44	31	cl	cl
St. Louis	61	37	cl	cl
San Antonio	38	31	cl	cl
San Francisco	78	49	cl	cl
Seattle	50	42	cl	cl
Seattle	46	42	cl	cl
Spokane	39	33	cl	cl
St. Paul	19	11	cl	cl
Tulsa	52	38	cl	cl
Washington	42	31	cl	cl

Southwest temperatures

City	Hi	Lo
Abilene	37	15
Albany	37	15
Amarillo	47	27
El Paso	60	29
Fort Worth	60	41
Houston	60	41
Lubbock	53	37
Marfa	50	32
Oklahoma City	53	31
Wichita Falls	57	33

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Decreasing cloudiness, becoming mostly fair tonight and Friday. Highs mid 40s Panhandle to mid 60s Big Bend. Lows low 20s Panhandle and mountains to mid 30s south. Highs Friday 50s and 60s except low 70s Big Bend.

North Texas: Cloudy today with chance of rain east. Decreasing cloudiness tonight, mostly fair Friday. Highs 42 to 58. Lows 27 to 32. Highs Friday 48 to 56.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy and cooler today. Scattered showers or thundershowers Southeast Texas with widely scattered showers coast. Partly cloudy and cold tonight, becoming fair and cool Friday. Highs upper 40s Hill Country to upper 60s extreme south. Lows mid 20s Hill Country to mid 40s south. Highs Friday low 50s to low 60s.

Fort Arthur to Port O'Connor: Winds becoming northerly 15 to 25 knots. Winds tonight and Friday northerly 10 to 15 knots. Seas 5 to 7 feet and choppy. Winds and seas higher in and near scattered thundershowers.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Winds becoming northerly 10 to 15 knots. Winds tonight and Friday easterly 10 to 15 knots. Winds seas higher in and near widely scattered thundershowers.

Extended forecasts

Saturday Through Monday

West Texas: Fair with temperatures above seasonal averages. Increasing cloudiness and turning much colder north and colder south on Monday. Highs on Saturday and Sunday will be in the 50s and 60s except 70s extreme south. Highs Monday will range from the 30s north to the 50s south except 60s Big Bend. Lows in the 20s and 30s on Saturday and Sunday. Lows Monday teens north to 20s and 30s south.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and mild Saturday through Sunday. Cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Lowest daily temperatures will range from the lower 30s to the middle 40s. Highs Saturday and Sunday to upper 40s and the 60s will cool Monday to range from near 40 northwest to lower 60s southeast.

South Texas: Partly cloudy with increasing temperatures Saturday and Sunday. Cooler with a chance of rain Monday. Highs in the 40s Saturday increasing to the 70s Sunday. Highs cooling to the 60s Monday. Lows in the 40s and low 30s Saturday warming to the 50s and low 60s Sunday then lowering to the 40s in the north and the 50s in the south on Monday.

Texas thermometer

City	High	Low	Pre
Abilene	37	19	00
Albany	37	15	00
Alpine	73	45	00
Amarillo	47	27	00
Amarillo	46	29	00
Amarillo	46	29	00
Beaumont	62	35	00
Brownsville	76	55	00
Childress	53	31	00
College Station	60	38	00
Chico	53	31	00
Cotulla	53	31	00
Dalhart	40	29	00
Dallas	60	41	00
Del Rio	63	45	00
El Paso	60	26	00
Fort Worth	60	41	00
Galveston	62	54	00
Houston	60	41	00
Junction	63	35	00
Longview	61	32	00
Lubbock	53	35	00
Lufkin	63	32	00
Marfa	53	32	00
McAllen	60	39	00
Midland	59	37	00
Mineral Wells	60	40	00
Palacios	73	42	00
San Antonio	61	39	00
Shreveport	60	39	00
Stevenville	60	39	00
Texasarkana	59	37	00
Tyler	60	40	00
Victoria	57	38	00
Waco	60	40	00
Wichita Falls	57	38	00
Wink	57	32	00

County workers get pay raises

By BILL MODISETT Staff Writer

Most Midland County officials and employees got a belated Christmas present Wednesday when county commissioners set salaries for 1980.

During the brief, but busy, meeting which started at 10 a.m., commissioners set salaries for all county and precinct officers, approved salaries for all county employees listed in the 1980 budget they had adopted in August and set a pay scale for part-time employees and Vocational Office Education students employed by the county.

The budget, which went into effect Tuesday, incorporated a 10 percent cost-of-living increase for county employees and officials, and provisions for salary changes for county employees and deputies of the Midland County Sheriff's Department.

The new salary structure for county employees will afford them more frequent salary increases.

Man dies following Reno riot

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A 49-year-old man has died of head injuries he suffered in a New Year's Eve riot.

Authorities said the Salt Lake City man, whose name was being withheld until family could be notified, died Wednesday. He had been hit by a flying object — possibly a rock or a bottle — in the melee that erupted after 10,000 revelers poured onto city streets.

An autopsy was being performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Police released nearly all of the more than 100 persons detained after the riot. But at least five persons faced misdemeanor or felony charges ranging from fighting to battery with a deadly weapon, inciting to riot, and possession of stolen property.

Seven officers were hurt, but none was treated. Ten other persons were treated and released from hospitals.

Police Lt. Charles Nearpass said there was some looting and "extensive" property damage caused by as many as 4,000 rioters.

A bonfire was built at a main intersection — fueled partly by New Year's Eve hats, police said.

Tax measure saved Texans \$114 million

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The 1978 Tax Relief Amendment as implemented by the Legislature saved Texans \$114.3 million in 1979 school taxes, says the State Property Tax Board.

Kenneth Graeber, the agency's executive director, certified the saving to the state education commissioner.

Under a 1979 law, the state will reimburse school districts for part of their revenue losses. The Property Tax Board certifies the revenue loss, and the education commissioner calculates the amount a district will receive. No district will receive less than 45 percent of its revenue loss.

Graeber said mandatory home-stead exemptions cut property tax collections by \$107.6 million. Another \$6.7 million was saved in school districts that moved voluntarily to assessment of rural land on its productivity.

School districts are required to tax rural land according to productivity, not market value, starting in the 1980 tax year. But some districts chose to grant the tax break early.

Busing will chase whites to suburbs, says lawyer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An attorney who says he represents some 5,000 Austinites predicts the busing plan being considered by a federal judge will chase whites from the local school district to the suburbs.

"If there is anything that is reasonably foreseeable... it is the virtual certainty that these plans will convert the AISD into a predominantly black and Mexican-American school district in a relatively short time," said William Bednar Jr.

U.S. District Judge Jack Roberts Wednesday received a proposed ruling hammered out by AISD officials and minorities in a 10-year-old desegregation suit. A spokesman for Roberts said the judge planned to rule today on the proposed consent decree.

The case was filed by the U.S. Department of Justice, which was joined by the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund and the NAACP.

The plan includes two schemes for doing away with one-race schools. Plaintiffs said they would be satisfied with either plan.

Both plans include reassignment of some 15,000 students — 13,500 of whom would be bused. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered immediate implementation of a plan,

County workers get pay raises

Deputies in the sheriff's department go on a new pay schedule based on each officer's rank, education and state law enforcement certification.

Additionally, commissioners increased from \$3.70 to \$4.10 per hour the rate of pay for part-time county employees and set the hourly pay scale for Vocational Office Education students employed by the county at \$3.10.

They also determined \$900 per month as the amount the county will contribute toward salaries for two trappers and set \$100 per month as the county's contribution to the law library.

Travel expense accounts were set at \$100 per month for county commissioners, \$25 per month for the county welfare worker and 20 cents per mile for appraisers in the county tax office.

Appointed to the Salary Grievance Committee, subject to their acceptance, were Robert G. Boydston, Mrs. Jesse Price Gilmour and William A. Banks.

If they accept the appointment, the three individuals will serve with the county judge, treasurer, sheriff, county clerk, district clerk, county attorney and tax assessor-collector in reviewing salary complaints this year by county employees.

County Judge Bill Ahders said that during 1979 no salary complaints were lodged.

Dates set for the observance of holidays this year by county workers include April 4, May 26, July 4, Sept. 1, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1-2.



It was back to work for most folks Wednesday, but school was out. And Amy Coates, 10, and Marcie Lewis, 7, of Little Rock, Ark., kept the holidays in perspective by going head under heels on a trampoline. The mild weather ended Wednesday night, when snow covered the ground in northern Arkansas.

Clergymen fail in private hostage release mission

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A private nine-day mission by American clergymen seeking the release of the U.S. hostages in Tehran ended in failure today.

"We leave with the sadness that no progress could be made" toward releasing the Americans, said the Rev. Jimmy Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas. Allen led the group of six clergymen and a professor of Iranian studies who arrived here Christmas Eve without the sanction of the Iranian or the American governments.

"We are gratified by the fact that the language about the hostages has altered from the issue of whether they will be released," said Bishop Dale White of the United Methodist Church of New Jersey, another member of the group.

"We believe our presence has contributed to reaching a climate for further conversations and a chance to alter directions," the delegation said in a joint statement issued before they departed for home by plane.

"We are hopeful that enough restraint can be exercised on the matter of the Americans at the embassy—to work out means of actual acts of good faith which will result in their safe return home," the statement said.

They said they had two long meetings inside the embassy compound with the militant students holding the hostages since Nov. 4, but were not allowed to meet with the captives. They also met Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's revolutionary strongman, and Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh.

"I believe the hostages are safe and well cared for," said the Rev. Charles Caesariotti, assistant to the presiding bishop of the American Episcopal Church in New York. "We came away convinced of the students' commitment to care for their well being."

Four other clergymen, three Americans and a Frenchman, were invited by Iran to conduct Christmas services for the hostages and saw 43 of them.

Asked what message his group would carry back to the American people, Allen told a reporter, "We will say please try to be patient, please try to exercise full restraint. This is a nationalist movement in Iran, a freedom movement."

"We are firmly convinced that no military solution for the crisis should be attempted," the clergymen said in their statement. "This is a religious revolution. We found a willingness to die for the cause everywhere."

"We were appalled by the systematic torture and slaughter endured by the Iranian people for 26 years under a savage dictatorship. We are certain

that no similar kind of government would be tolerated in our own nation for 24 hours" their statement said.

"We in our country are not able to understand the depth of outrage the Iranian people feel about the previous regime," Allen added. "We somehow don't understand that they have a hard time hearing the outrage and anger that we are feeling over the issue of the Americans at the embassy."

Asked when he thought the future might hold, Allen said, "I believe there will be some kind of trial that will evolve from this whole thing. Some kind of world tribunal that will examine the issues of the Iranians before the conscience of the world."

Other members of the delegation were the Revs. William Kirby and John Walsh the Methodist Presbyterian and Baptist chaplains of Princeton University in Princeton, N.J.; Dr. Charles Kimball, a Baptist minister from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.; and Dr. Thomas Ricks, professor of Iranian studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Jury indicts trio of Fem escapees

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Three women escapees from a Texas prison, being held in Pueblo, Colo. pending a removal hearing, have been indicted by a federal grand jury here.

Patricia Ann Watson, 32, Sylvia Jean Brown, 37, and Mary Lou Santellana, 30, had previously been named in a federal complaint, which authorities said was superseded by the indictment.

The defendants also were named in counts alleging kidnapping and interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

The women are accused of kidnapping Regina M. Raymond and her 3-year-old son, Cameron, in Oklahoma City on Dec. 23. Mrs. Raymond and her son were released unharmed in Wichita, Kan., the same day.

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Midlanders will need their blankets tonight

Midlanders may need blankets tonight but only a sweater Friday, according to the weatherman.

Colder tonight, warmer Friday is the forecast from the National Weather Service office at Midland Regional Airport. The weathermen also are calling for fair skies through Friday.

Ex-convict sought in murder case

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — A balding 5-foot-8, 200-pound man, released from prison only last month, has been charged in the murder of a Hereford widow who was strangled with an electrical cord and beaten in the head with a hammer in her home early New Year's Day.

Police issued a warrant for the arrest of John Millard Moon, 38, who was freed from Huntsville in early December after serving a term for burglary and theft over \$200.

Grandchildren of Lillie Mae Walker, 50, went to neighbors about 2 a.m. Tuesday and said they heard quarreling then went into a room of their northeast Hereford home to find Mrs. Walker's body, an electrical cord twisted around her neck.

Moon had been living in the home with Mrs. Walker and her grandchildren the past several weeks, according to Detective Sgt. Vernon Hope.

"He is believed to have fled the house in the victim's 1974 Plymouth station wagon, and he is also believed to be armed with a knife," the officer said. Police recovered a hammer they said was used to hit Mrs. Walker in the head.

An autopsy showed she died of strangulation.

Low tonight should be near 30, while Friday's high is expected to be in the low 60s.

Today's northerly winds should decrease to light and variable by tonight.

Wednesday's high was measured at 59 degrees, far below the record for the date of 75 set in 1964.

Overnight low was a chilly 30 degrees, still not approaching the record of 14 degrees set on this date in 1959.

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DEATHS



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Mrs. John R. (Patsy) Nolen, 33, 1503 W. Pine St., died Tuesday in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nolen was born Jan. 3, 1946, in Garfield, N.M. She was reared in Yuma, Ariz. She attended business college in San Angelo and was married April 1, 1966, to John R. Nolen in San Angelo. They moved to Midland in 1970 from Tyler. Mrs. Nolen was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher and active in church activities.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Craig Nolen of Midland; a daughter, Paige Nolen of Midland; her father, M.R. Haddox of Hatch, N.M.; her mother, Ruby E. Haddox of Midland; a brother, Wayne Haddox of Camarillo, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Henry (Jane) Green and Mrs. Bob (Marion) Huggins, both of Midland, and Mrs. Bob (Shirley) Burton of Roswell, N.M.

Ola C. Green

COLEMAN — Ola C. Green, 76, of Coleman, mother of Charles Wayland Green of Midland, died Monday night in a Coleman nursing home.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Stevens Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Bill Merritt of Denver City and the Rev. Gary Boyd of Coleman officiating. Burial was to be in Coleman City Cemetery.

Mrs. Green was born June 4, 1903, in Wolfe City. She was married to Dewey Green in Coleman on Nov. 22, 1925, and had lived in Coleman for most of her life. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Other survivors include a son, a sister, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Roland Blocker

ANDREWS — Roland L. Blocker, 73, of Andrews died Tuesday in an Andrews hospital after an illness.

Services were to be at 4 p.m. today in Singleton Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes here with the Rev. Keith Wiseman, pastor of Means United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was to be in Andrews Cemetery.

Blocker was born Sept. 25, 1906, in Hill County. He was married to Bess Ferguson in September 1932 in Hugo, Okla. They moved to Midland in 1949 where they lived for five years before moving to Andrews where he founded Blocker Roofing.

Survivors include his wife; two

sons, Roland "Spud" Blocker of Midland and Larry Blocker of Andrews; two daughters, Judy Scarbrough of Andrews and Carol Ducker of Fredricksburg; five brothers, Marshal Blocker and James F. Blocker, both of Midland, A.J. Blocker of Hillsboro, J.W. Blocker of Rockport and George H. Blocker of Dallas; three sisters, Marie Griffin of Whitney, Mary Lou Williams and Margaret Holder, both of Cisco; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Elvira P. Reyes

Elvira P. Reyes, 59, 704 N. Baird St., died Tuesday in a Midland hospital following an illness.

Services were to be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Services were at 10 a.m. today in the church with the Rev. Charles Hassenauer, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reyes was born June 3, 1920, in Toyah. She was reared in Big Spring, moved to Lubbock in 1949 and then to Midland in 1954.

She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Eulalo Reyes of Midland; a son, Manuel Penita of Midland; and two sisters, Lucy Portillo and Alenda Carrillo, both of Midland.

Patsy Ketchum

MADRAS, Ore. — Graveside services for Patsy S. Alford Ketchum, 49, of Paulina, Ore., and a native of Ozona, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Madras, Ore., directed by Madras Funeral Home.

She died Monday at her home. Mrs. Ketchum was born July 4, 1930, in Ozona. She was married April 19, 1957, to Vic Ketchum.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Milton Lee Ketchum of Walla Walla, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Candy) Smith of Pampa; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Alford of Ozona; a sister, Mrs. Al (Billie Rose) Bailey of San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

Dorothy Vroman

Mrs. Harold R. (Dorothy) Vroman, 60, Star Route B, died Tuesday in a Midland hospital after a brief illness.

Services were to be at 4 p.m. today in St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Royce Womack, associate minister, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vroman was born Sept. 6, 1919, in Burton, Kan. She was reared in Haven, Kan., and was graduated in 1940 as a registered nurse in Hutchinson, Kan. She moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., where she worked at a general hospital in surgery. She was married June 9, 1942, to Harold R. Vroman in Cheyenne. They moved to Minnesota where they lived until 1951 when they moved to Midland.

She co-founded and operated Champs Aviation in 1957, which was later known as Vroman Aviation, Inc. After selling that business, she and her husband operated Sky Ranch Airport. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Eddie (Cinda) Shirley of Midland and Mrs. Buddy (Nancy) Hughes of Mesa, Ariz.; her mother, Mrs. Raymond Lyman of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; four brothers, William Lyman and Richard Lyman, both of Medicine Lodge, Kan., Merrick Lyman of Olathe, Kan., and Paul Lyman of Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren.

USSR reports death of top Soviet policeman

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet newspapers reported today the death of a high-ranking police official who traveled to Kabul last month for talks on beefing up Afghanistan's internal security forces.

The Communist Party daily Pravda published an official obituary announcing that Lt. Gen. Viktor S. Paputin, the Soviet Union's first deputy interior minister, died on Dec. 28 at the age of 53.

The obituary, signed by Soviet officials, gave no cause of death or other details.

The date of Paputin's death was one day after the Soviet-backed coup which deposed Afghan President Hafizullah Amin. Soviet troops were reported to have taken part actively in the coup and brief street fighting in Kabul.

According to reports reaching New Delhi from Kabul, Paputin met with Amin on Dec. 3 after arriving in Kabul at the head of a large delegation of Soviet police and intelligence officials.

Sources said Paputin discussed with Amin — who has since been executed — steps to restructure the Afghan police force along Soviet lines, as well as closer links between the Soviet KGB secret police and its Afghan counterpart. Paputin, an alternate member of the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee, was first deputy interior minister since 1974.

Leftists claim responsibility in Israeli death

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A leftist Turkish terrorist group claimed responsibility today for the ambush slaying of Israel's El Al Airlines station manager in Istanbul.

Anonymous callers claiming to represent the Marxist-Leninist Armed Propaganda Unit telephoned newspapers and said the Wednesday night assassination of Abraham Elazar was "designed to retaliate against the Israeli massacre of Palestinians."

They claimed Elazar "was the agent of Mossad," the Israeli secret service.

Police said Elazar was ambushed as he drove to Istanbul from Yesilkoy International Airport on the outskirts of the city. Gunmen peppered his car with automatic weapons fire at an intersection about 12 miles from the city.

Elazar died en route to a hospital, authorities said.

Initial reports said the terrorists used Soviet-made weapons. Police said they found more than 50 spent cartridges at the site of the ambush. They say they have found no witnesses to the shooting but a car believed used by the attackers was found abandoned on the airport highway.

Elazar was the second Israeli slain by political terrorists in Turkey since 1971.

'Shorty' Powers to be buried Friday

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Funeral services are to be held Friday for Lt. Col. John A. "Shorty" Powers, the "voice of the astronauts" who helped make A-OK a common expression in the 1960s.

Powers, 57, died of "gastro-intestinal hemorrhage as the result of chronic alcoholism," according to the Maricopa County medical examiner who performed an autopsy.

Powers had been dead one or two days before his body was found in his home Tuesday by police who were alerted by an artist renting space in the building.

Powers had been hospitalized recently for eight days for anemia and dehydration apparently related to problems with alcohol, police said.

Powers, who moved to Phoenix in 1978, was Air Force public affairs officer for the nation's space program from 1959 to 1964. A phrase he coined, "everything is A-OK," as he described early U.S. space flights over radio and television became a popular comment for any operation that was going smoothly.

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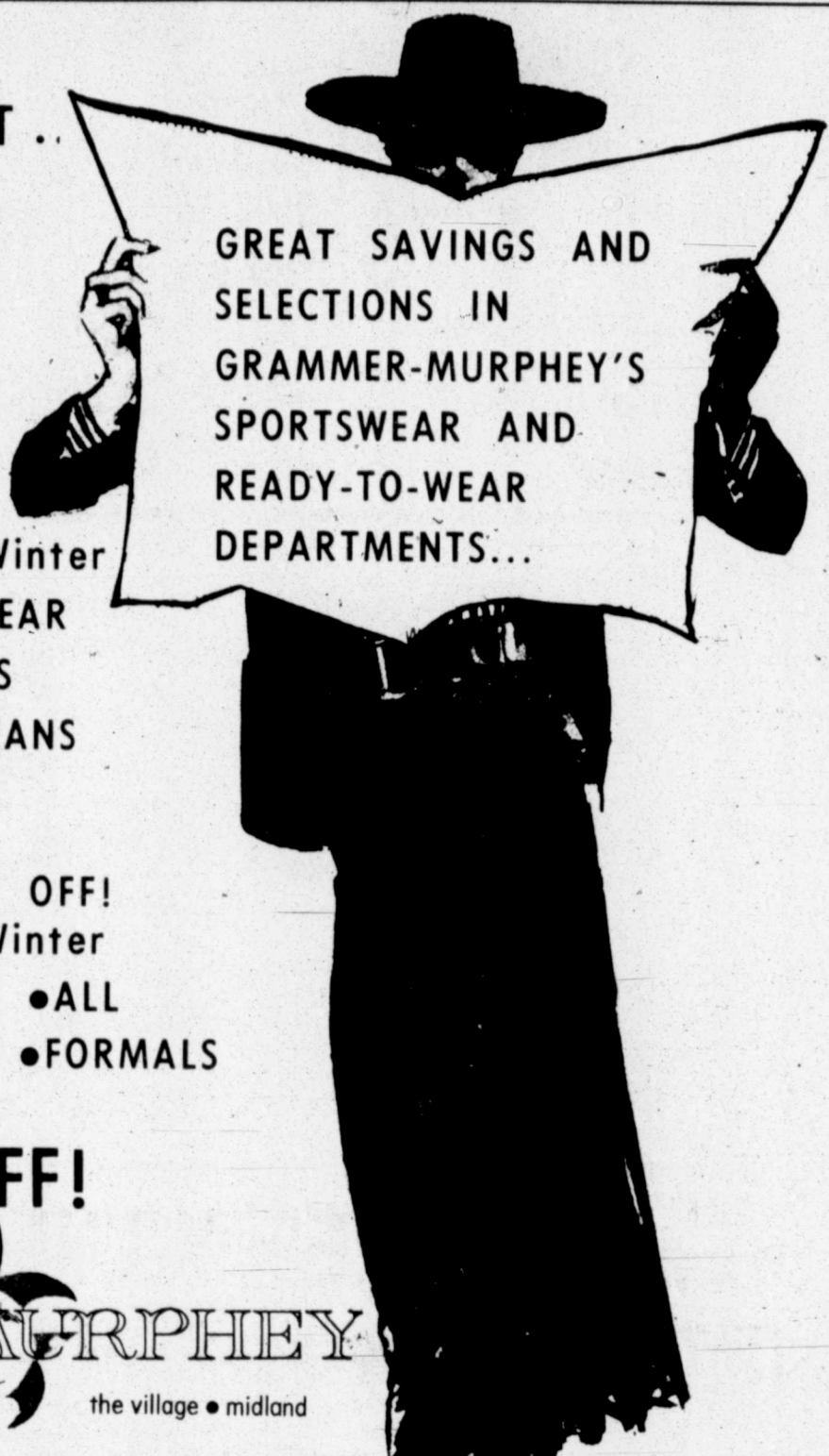
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Holiday traffic mishaps claim 493 in four days

By The Associated Press

There were more traffic-related fatalities over New Year's weekend than during any other four-day observance of the holiday.

Holiday weekend traffic accidents claimed 493 lives, surpassing the 481 recorded over New Year's weekend of 1969-70. The figure fell short, however, of the 564 recorded during a three-day end-of-the-year weekend in 1965.

The National Safety Council had estimated 360 to 440 persons might die on the nation's streets and highways between 6 p.m. EST Friday and midnight PST Tuesday.

A week ago, when there was poor driving weather over much of the nation, the traffic death toll for the Christmas weekend was 713, surpassing the record of 706 for a four-day observance of the holiday, set in 1956.

A year ago, 355 people were killed during a three-day New Year's weekend.

During a non-holiday, four-day weekend at this time of year, 480 persons could be expected to die in traffic, the Safety Council said. This estimate was based on statistics from the last full year — 1978. The holiday estimate of 360-440 deaths was based on the trend during 1979 when there were somewhat fewer deaths than the year before.

Man dies while testifying at his son's divorce trial

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A Tulsa man, testifying in court at his son's divorce trial, suffered an apparent heart attack and died in the courtroom despite efforts by a judge, a lawyer and paramedics to save him.

John Rutledge, 46, was dead on arrival Wednesday at Tulsa Osteopathic Hospital, Dr. Roy Guthrie said.

"He was sitting there testifying and he put his head down," said Bob Brown, bailiff for District Judge Robert Caldwell, who was presiding over the trial. "He didn't look up for a few seconds and then his daughter hollered that he had heart problems."

Brown said he and others helped Rutledge out of the witness stand and onto the floor and loosened his cloth-

ing. District Judge David E. Winslow heard the commotion and rushed into the room and began administering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Attorney Carleton James entered the courtroom and began administering mouth-to-mouth respiration, Winslow said.

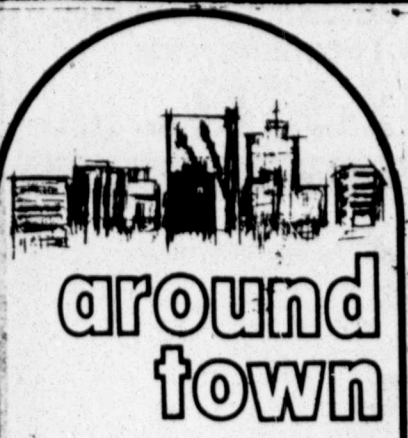
The two were soon joined by sheriff's deputies and paramedics from the sheriff's office.

John Gladd, attorney for Rutledge's son, John Rutledge Jr., said the trial testimony had not been heated.

Gladd said the victim was about to be excused from the stand when he suffered the attack.

The trial will be reset later, court officials said.

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By PATSY GORDON
Lifestyle Writer

...Central YMCA announces registration is now underway for a weight management program entitled "Slim Living, the Y's Way to Weight Control."

This program, for women only, is part of the National YMCA's Cardiovascular Health Program designed to help with the control and prevention of obesity.

Laura Scott, the instructor, has received training from the National YMCA.

The 10-week program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, with prior registration requested.

Classes will meet each Monday night for 1½ hours.

The classes are geared to teach proper nutrition, behavior training techniques and awareness of body movement as it affects expenditure and intake balance. Mrs. Scott reports that YMCAs across the nation are using Slim Living programing with excellent results.

The course is open to YMCA members for a fee of \$30 and \$60 for non-members and will be limited to 15 women.

For additional information, contact the Central Y office, 800 N. Big Spring St., or call 682-2551.

...MICHAEL J. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Route 5, recently completed his Marine Corps flight training at Meridian Naval Air Training Station in Meridian, Miss.

Michael is a graduate of Lee High School, New Mexico Military Institute and Baylor University.

He and his wife, Edna, and daughter will be reassigned to Cherry Point, N.C.

...TWO FORMER MIDLANDERS have been promoted while serving at 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Sammy L. Hunt III, son of Verna L. and Sammy L. Hunt II, 1926 Morgan Way, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant and John E. Hudson, grandson of Millie Gonzales, 1500 E. Willeys, was elevated to lance corporal.

Hunt, a 1972 graduate of Lee High School, joined the U.S. Marine Corps in September of the same year. Hudson, a 1978 graduate of Midland High School, joined the Marine Corps in September 1978.

...PERMIAN BASIN STAMP CLUB will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday in the conference room of the Main Post Office in Midland, according to club president, Kye Miller.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the program will be presented by sectional center manager, Postmaster D.E. Holster.

Holster will present a position paper reviewing the recent accomplishments of the Postal Service and some of the immediate future objectives of the Service. He also will discuss the importance of philately to the Postal Service.

The public is invited and members and guests are urged to bring stamp trading material or items in their collections of particular interest.

...SASH-A-WAY Square Dance Club will sponsor a dance beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday at M-Squarena. David Davis will be the caller. All area square dancers are invited to attend.

David and Julie buy a new home

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower are buying a \$160,000 converted carriage house on an estate in suburban Chester County, the Philadelphia Bulletin said today.

The 100-year-old renovated, three-bedroom house is located on a secluded road in Daylesford, Easttown Township, the paper said.

David is the grandson of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Julie is the daughter of former President Richard M. Nixon.

The couple will be moving from Southern California primarily to be near the Nixon family, which has moved to New York City, and Eisenhower's family, which lives in suburban Devon, an Eisenhower family spokesman said.

Tricia Nixon Cox and her husband, Edward, also live in New York City with their baby son.



Wallene Dockery signs her autograph for Mrs. Harold C. Brasher at a recent autograph party held in The Oak Leaf book store for Mrs. Dockery. She

was brought to Midland by the Twentieth Century Study Club. Her husband, Rex Dockery, is the head football coach at Texas Tech University.

DEAR ABBY

Ex returns as pretty woman

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: At 16 I married a 21 year old man I thought I loved. We had a son a year later, but the marriage didn't work out, so we were divorced when the boy was 6. I'm now married to a wonderful man who adopted my son.

Meanwhile, my ex dropped out of sight for three years. Yesterday, out of the blue, he called saying he had something very important to tell me, and would I meet him downtown—alone.

When I met him, I nearly fainted dead away! He was dressed like a woman. He said he was a transsexual who had been living as a woman for two years and was scheduled for a sex change operation next month! He said his name is "Anita" now, and he's in show business.

Abby, I couldn't believe my eyes. He had electrolysis to remove his facial hair, took hormones to develop a female figure, and was wearing a wig, makeup, and stylish clothes. He looked like a beautiful woman! This was a great shock to me because he was all man when we were married. Our sex life was normal, and I never dreamed he had these tendencies.

My problem is how to tell our son. Or should I tell him at all? (He's 9 now.) My ex lives in another state and has promised not to come near our son without approval. If the boy ever saw his father as "Anita" he would die, and so would I! I am so afraid someone in this little town will find out about this and blab it around. What should I do? —SMALL TOWN MESS

DEAR MESS: A 9-year-old is too young to comprehend what transsexualism is all about, so hold off telling him. But prepare to tell him one day by educating yourself now. Write to The Janus Information Facility, University of Texas Branch, Galveston, Texas 77550 for enlightening, up-to-date literature. They are a legitimate, non-profit facility, dependent on private donations, so send \$5 to cover cost of literature and mailing.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter met a smooth-talking fellow nine months ago and really fell for him. She's 22 and he's 21. He isn't working now and he's not even looking. He keeps saying that the jobs he wants don't pay enough. In the meantime, he borrows from my daughter, drives her car, eats every meal at my table, and his clothes are washed in my machine! He never mentions marriage, but daughter looks at him like he's a god, and she calls this "love."

Would I be wrong to ask this guy what his intentions are? —FED UP

DEAR FED UP: You can ask him but I think I can tell you. His intentions are to eat at your table, drive your daughter's car, get his clothes washed in your machine, and freeload off you and your daughter as long as you let him.

Are you the lonely face in the crowd? Friends make you a winner, and Abby tells you how to win them in her booklet, "How to be Popular; You're Never Too Young or Too Old." Send \$1 with a long, self-addressed, stamped (28 cents) envelope to Abby in care of this newspaper.

SORORITY NEWS

BETA DELTA CHAPTER,
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Beta Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi heard representatives of the Midland Rape Crisis Center speak at a meeting in the home of Susan Farris.

Following the program, the secret sisters exchanged gifts. Each member brought a covered dish and its recipe.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday in the home of Betty Ruth McAnally.

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Children's book author attends autograph party

When she was 15, she no longer was allowed to play tackle football with the boys. So, when she got older, she did the next best thing — she married a football coach.

Wallene T. Dockery of Lubbock now has written two children's books. She was in the Tall City recently for an autograph party at Oak Leaf Book Store in Oakridge Square.

The books are entitled "Gabby's Christmas Wish" and "Weather Or Not."

Mrs. Dockery, wife of Texas Tech University's head football coach, Rex Dockery, used to be the weathercaster for a Lubbock television station. She also had her own talk show, "Wallene's World."

It was while she did the weather

news she noticed there was not a simple, concise explanation of TV weather reports, such as highs, lows, stationary fronts and etc. So she wrote "Weather or Not" for the benefit of children.

"Gabby's Christmas Wish" was inspired by a story Wallene's father used to tell her about the little Evergreen tree that wanted to be a Christmas tree.

The first manuscript she wrote on this book did not meet with her approval. So she took a fiction writing course to improve it.

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Conversing at the holiday tea for members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority are, from left, Mary Lynn Hendricks and Betsy Kellogg, actives at the University of Texas at Austin; LeAnn Binford of Odessa, active at Texas Tech University; Jamie Jones, active at Southwestern University; and Mrs. Clarence Chandler, president of the local alumnae group. The tea was held in the home of Mrs. Harvey Langston, 2400 Metz Court. Honored were actives, pledges and their mothers. (Staff Photo)

Woman's death similar to her husband's

SANDY, Utah (AP) — A mother and her three children have died of carbon monoxide poisoning at their suburban home in a manner gruesomely similar to the way the woman's husband died more than a year ago, police said.

Sandy Police Chief Anton Gustin said Tuesday that Linda Oler, 38, her sons Chris, 12 and Jeff 8, and daughter Tonya, 5, died after the mother left her car running in a closed garage and the fumes seeped into the house above.

Gustin, who described the Olers as "a very fine family," said Mrs. Oler's death was a suicide. He said it could not be determined whether the children participated willingly in the suicide, but added there was no evidence they were forced to breathe the gas.

The chief said Mrs. Oler's husband, whose first name he could not recall, committed suicide more than a year ago by driving to a canyon and running a hose from his car's exhaust to the closed interior of the automobile.

"If you've ever had experience with carbon monoxide, you know it can kill you like a poled ox without you ever being aware of it," he said.

The bodies of Mrs. Oler and Tonya were found Friday in one bedroom of the house in this Salt Lake City suburb. A second child's body was found in a bathroom and the third child's body in a hall, Gustin said.

He said a Christmas tree was up and there were signs the children had opened Christmas gifts. A television set was on in one room.

Gustin said Mrs. Oler left no note. He said a series of "personal problems" led to the suicide, but declined to elaborate.

Couple announces engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Jones, 4608 Erie Drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mathilda Veronique, to Charles Nolan Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, 1100 E. Dormard Ave.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. Saturday in St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

Miss Jones was graduated from Lee High School. She also was graduated from Isle of Wight College of Arts and Technology in England.

Her fiance is a graduate of Midland High School and Texas Tech University at Lubbock with a bachelor of architecture.

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Your horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Friday, January 4, 1980

YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: For those born today parent-child relationships continue to be good. Capricorn women have proven to be especially thoughtful mothers, even when their career have made great demands on them. Capricorn men should enjoy a fair share of success and happiness where business is concerned. Mate, partner provides support when it is needed most. Singles should experience many happy romantic moments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Share a problem with someone close to you and you will realize that things are looking up. You should find special joy working with older individuals today. Emphasize the positive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Career goal comes into view. Moving in new direction could provide handsome payoff in near future. Pursue romance more aggressively. Be sensitive to those around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Time-saving devices may have reduced your appetite for hard work. Indifferent approach will only go against your own interests. Watch your step.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reflect on recent business moves. Plan for the future. Do not scatter your energies or

attention over too broad a plane. Your intuitive response will win approval.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Handle work within your capabilities. When spending on home improvements, luxuries or personal pleasures, consider quality and longevity above temporary self-gratification.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Carefully consider any important business moves today. Make decisions on your own. Going on diet improves your image, bolsters your ego. Your generous spirit can be put to good use.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A great deal depends upon your frame of mind. Expect surprises, sudden breaks in tense situations, unexpected opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will feel especially happy today and experience a tremendous sense of well-being. Enjoy company of an easy-going friend. Avoid becoming involved in financial programs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Life is remarkably smooth when all parties understand each other. Compromise is the key. Social and professional contacts are especially helpful now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slower pace at office or factory affords unique opportunity to catch up on routine. Careful spending or revised budget brings relief from money worries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take care of routine. Personal affairs are apt to take precedence over business. Placate irritated friend—your difficulties will be resolved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Complicated business matter may cause temporary anxiety. Keep busy in order to get your mind off the subject. Willingly accept obligations and responsibility in family matter.

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Texans in House vote strongly against airbags for cars

Here's how Texas members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the days before the adjournment of the First Session of the 96th Congress.

HOUSE AIRBAGS — The House adopted, 320 for and 73 against, an amendment to ease the requirement that U.S.

ROLL CALL REPORT

autos be equipped with airbags beginning with the 1982 model year. The amendment enables car buyers to choose passive-restraint seat belts instead of airbags as mandatory safety equipment. Passive-restraint seat belts are designed to protect the wearer automatically during crashes.

The vote was largely symbolic because it came during debate on an authorization bill covering only fiscal 1980; the airbag rule does not take effect until two years later. Still, the

vote was a significant statement of House opposition to airbags as standard equipment on autos.

Members voting "yea" favored easing the airbag requirement.

Reps. Samuel Hall, D-1, Charles Wilson, D-2; James Collins, R-3, Ray Roberts, D-4, Jim Mattox, D-5, Phil Gramm, D-6, Bill Archer, R-7, Jake Pickle, D-10, J. Marvin Leath, D-11, James Wright, D-12, Jack Hightower, D-13, Joe Wyatt, D-14, Kika de la Garza, D-15, Charles Stenholm, D-17, Mickey Leland, D-18, Kent Hance, D-19, Ron Paul, R-22, Abraham Kazen, D-23, and Martin Frost, D-24, voted "yea."

Reps. Bob Eckhardt, D-8, and Henry Gonzalez, D-20, voted "nay."

Reps. Jack Brooks, D-9, Richard White, D-16, and Tom Loeffler, R-21, did not vote.

AIRPORT NOISE — By a vote of 195 for and 192 against, the House approved a parliamentary shortcut that cleared the way for a final vote on legislation relaxing certain federal noise standards at airports. However, the closeness of this tally prompted supporters of the bill to delay the final vote until the Second Session of the 96th Congress, at which time they hope to have a guaranteed majority.

The language in question would delay the application of noise limits to certain two- and three-engine planes.

Members voting "nay" opposed a relaxation of federal noise standards.

Hall, Wilson, Collins, Roberts, Mattox, Gramm, Archer, Pickle, Leath, Wright, Hightower, Wyatt, De la Garza, Stenholm, Leland, Hance, Gonzalez, Kazen and Frost voted "yea."

Eckhardt and Paul voted "nay." Brooks and White did not vote.

NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER — The House rejected, 139 for and 247 against, a bill to spend \$39 million to complete the conversion of Washington's Union Station into a combination tourist center and train station.

The project was launched by Congress in 1967. Costing more than \$41 million in public money, it has been clouded by massive cost overruns and allegations of illegal contracting procedures. Critics point to an uncompleted parking garage and a pit dug into the train station floor as scars left by the ill-fated project.

This bill (HR 3927) sought to salvage the venture by completing the parking garage and reclaiming much of the Union Station for train purposes, among other projects.

Members voting "yea" favored the bill to salvage the National Visitor Center project that all sides agree has been a boondoggle.

Wilson, Roberts, Mattox, Eckhardt, Pickle, Wright, Hightower, Leland and Gonzalez voted "yea."

Hall, Collins, Gramm, Archer, Leath, Wyatt, De la Garza, Stenholm, Hance, Paul, Kazen and Frost voted "nay."

SENATE JUDGE SENTER — The Senate confirmed, 43 for and 25 against, the nomination of L.T. Senter Jr. as federal judge for the Northern District of Mississippi. The 45-year-old Senter is now a Mississippi state judge.

Senators voting "nay" opposed the Senter nomination. Sen. John Tower, R, voted "yea."

Sen Lloyd Bentsen, D, did not vote.

WASHINGTON SUBWAY — The Senate passed, 66 for and 23 against, a bill that commits Congress to completing Metro, the subway serving metropolitan Washington. Critics say Metro is the most expensive public works project in the history of mankind, but Metro officials say it ranks second, behind the pyramids.

The bill authorizes \$1.7 billion through fiscal 1987 to build the last 40 miles of the 101-mile network. Total federal-state (80-20) costs of the Metro are projected at \$7.2 billion. The bill was sent to the White House. Senators voting "yea" favored completion of the Washington area subway.

Bentsen voted "yea." Tower voted "nay."

Lions see 'Leader Dogs' film

A color film, "Leader Dogs for the Blind," was shown as the program feature during the Wednesday meeting of the Downtown Lions Club in the Midland Hilton.

The film, which was furnished by Lions District Gov. Ben High of Sweetwater, was introduced by Lion George Weis, past president of the club and chairman of Lions Zone 1. The careful training of applicants for leader dogs was depicted in the

film, as was the selection and training of the dogs. Methods of matching and training the blind applicants with their dogs also was presented.

Larry Hunnicutt and Jerry Speck received awards for bringing new members into the club.

President Ray Gwyn announced that the mid-winter conference of District 2-A1 will be held Jan. 25-26 at San Angelo.

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Texaco hikes heating oil price six cents

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Texaco Inc. announced rapidly rising crude oil costs had pushed its wholesale home heating oil prices up 6 cents a gallon, as Mexico declared it was raising the price of its crude 30 percent.

Texaco, the nation's third-largest oil company, raised its price to an average of 73 cents a gallon effective Jan. 1 and announced the move Wednesday.

The increase was the first since last fall, when Texaco's average wholesale price in its 43-state marketing area was 67 cents a gallon. Texaco spokeswoman Marilyn Povotador said the wholesale price increase probably would be passed on to consumers.

Vincent Sgro, editor of the industry newspaper Oil Buyers Guide, said retailers typically mark up wholesale home heating oil prices by 14 to 15 cents a gallon. But with this increase, Texaco is "just catching up to everyone else" in the industry, he said.

Along the East Coast, a major market for home heating oil, wholesale prices for barge-loads of the fuel generally range from 71.5 to 74 cents a gallon. The major exception is Exxon Corp., at 64 cents.

"Several of the leading oil-exporting countries have raised crude oil prices retroactive to Nov. 1," Texaco said, adding, "other increases have been made by various OPEC members either before, during or after" the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' recent meeting in Caracas, Venezuela.

The increases boosted the average price of a 42-gallon barrel of OPEC oil

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from \$22 to \$26 and have resulted in recent gasoline price increases by several companies of 1 cent to 6 cents a gallon.

Texaco's wholesale gasoline prices rose by 3 cents a gallon Dec. 15.

On the spot market, home heating oil sold Wednesday for 80 cents a gallon, down from 85 cents last week and around \$1 last fall when worries over Iranian oil supplies sent buyers scurrying for supplies.

Mexico, meanwhile, announced Wednesday night that it was raising the base price for its crude oil price to \$32 a barrel, up from \$24.60, and said it might raise it again because of the "uncertain situation in the world petroleum market."

Mexico usually raises its prices every three months after negotiating with foreign buyers, mostly Americans.

"Mexico, as a matter of policy, does not sell on the spot market thus it has no mechanism to take advantage of the higher world prices," said an industry analyst who requested anonymity.

"It was clear last October that Mexico saw a world market pushing prices above what Mexico was selling oil for," he said.

"Mexico right now cannot do, or rather cannot be seen to be doing, the developed nations any favors," he said.

Mexico is not a member of OPEC, but traditionally keeps its prices close to those of OPEC members.

Mexico exports about 400,000 barrels of oil a day to the United States, which imports about 8 million barrels daily from all sources.

Japan will become a major customer this year, buying 100,000 barrels of Mexican crude a day.

Opens final, wildcat projects announced in Basin areas

Phillips Petroleum Co. of Odessa will clean up to 13,775 feet the No. 9-CC Texas University, for test as a Montoya wildcat in Andrews County, one location south and east of Magu-tex (Devonian) production, 13 miles northeast of Andrews.

Originally completed in the Magu-tex (Devonian) field, it drilled to 13,862 feet and was plugged back to 12,960 feet.

Wellsite is 660 from north and 1,973 from east lines of section 6, block 8, University Land survey.

HOWARD WILDCAT

The Lovelady Inc. of Midland will drill the No. 1 Read as a 5,000-foot wildcat test, 3/8 mile northeast of Clear Fork production and 7/8 mile northeast of Fusselman production in the Coahoma, North field of Howard County, 5.5 miles northeast of Coahoma.

Location is 1,750 from south and east lines of section 9, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey.

CHAVES RE-ENTRY

Rogers & Bryant Oil Co. of Level-land will re-enter and deepen to 7,600 feet the No. 1 Moats, scheduled wildcat, 3.5 miles northwest of a 7,720-foot failure, 14 miles west of Buffalo Valley (Pennsylvanian) production, 15 miles south of Orchard Park.

Originally drilled by Holes & Ford to 6,627 feet, it was plugged in 1966.

Location is 1,980 from north and west lines of section 4-15s-25e, with kelly bushing elevation of 3,570 feet.

EDDY WILDCATS

Coquina Oil Corp. of Midland will drill the No. 1-A Pure Gold Federal as a 15,000-foot wildcat in Eddy County,

1/4 mile northeast of Sand Dunes, West (Morrow) production, 18 miles east of Loving.

Wellsite is 1,980 from south and west lines of section 21-23s-31e. Ground elevation is 3,355 feet.

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia, N.M., will drill a 10,500-foot wildcat test, three miles southwest of Crooked Creek (Morrow) production in Eddy County, 11 miles northwest of White City.

The No. 1-MT Suburban Federal is located 1,320 from south and 1,600 from east lines of section 24-24s-23e.

LEA VENTURE

Amoco Production Co. announced plans to drill the No. 1-AG Federal Communized as a 13,500-foot Morrow wildcat in Lea County, 12 miles southwest of Monument.

Location is 1,980 from north and west lines of section 14-20s-35e.

EDDY DISCOVERY

Maralo Inc. of Midland has announced the completion of a Morrow gas discovery in Eddy County, 1.5 miles north of an undesignated Morrow producer, 20 miles southwest of Lakewood.

The No. 1 NW Indian Basin Communized finished for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 379,000 cubic feet of gas daily, through Morrow perforations from 8,855 to 8,896 feet, after an acid treatment of 2,000 gallons.

Drilled to 9,302 feet, 5.5-inch casing was landed on bottom.

Location is 2,310 from south and 2,450 from west lines of section 2-18s-22e.

Canyon Reef oil production has been opened in the Raven Creek field of Fisher County with the completion of Hill Production of Dallas No. 1 Touchstone-Mayberry, 10 miles northwest of Noodle.

Operator reported a flowing potential of 288 barrels of 40-gravity oil and no water, through a 14/64-inch choke and perforations between 4,807 and 4,839 feet.

The pay was treated with 1,000 gallons of acid. Gas-liquid ratio is 4,080-1.

Drilled to 5,120 feet, 4.5-inch casing was landed at 5,118 feet.

The following tops were picked on ground elevation of 1,822 feet: Noodle Creek, 2,638 feet; upper Canyon, 4,140 feet; Swastika, 3,202 feet and Canyon Reef, 4,807 feet.

Location is 1,560 feet from north and 3,050 feet from east lines of section 1, block 19, T&P survey.

NOLAN OPENER

Frost Oil Co., Inc. of San Antonio announced completion of a Cisco sand discovery in Nolan County at the No. 1-246 Whitehat (amended from White Hat) Ranch, two miles southwest of the one-well Sweet (Cisco 4035) field, five miles west of Blackwell.

The discovery finished to pump 42 barrels of 44-gravity oil and eight barrels of water, through perforations from 4,062 to 4,078 feet, which was washed with 600 gallons of mud acid.

Total depth was reached at 6,760 feet, with 4.5-inch casing set at 4,132 feet. Plugged back depth is 4,102 feet.

Operator picked the following tops on ground elevation of 2,216 feet: Cisco sand, 4,060 feet; Reef, 5,200

feet; Strawn sand, 6,080 feet and Ellenburger, 6,582 feet.

Location is 660 from south and west lines of section 246, block 1-A, H&TC survey, abstract 1252.

SCHLEICHER WILDCAT

Ike Lovelady, Inc. of Midland will drill the No. 1 POPE as a 5,600-foot wildcat in Schleicher County, four miles southeast of the depleted Page, South (Strawn) field, 3/4 mile east of a 6,486-foot failure, 12 miles southeast of Eldorado.

Wellsite is 660 from north and 1,320 from east lines of section 65, block K, GH&SA survey.

IRION PROSPECTORS

Crain Oil Co. of Midland will attempt to re-open San Angelo oil production in the Christi (8000 Canyon oil) field of Irion County, approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the depleted opener, three miles southwest of Mertzon.

The No. 1 Morehead is scheduled 1,400 from south and 800 from west lines of section 79, block 1, H&TC survey.

Adams Exploration Co. also of Midland will drill the No. 1 DEE as a 7,000-foot wildcat in Irion County, two miles south of the Arden, South (Strawn) field, seven miles northwest of Mertzon.

Wellsite is 1,980 from north and 660 from east lines of section 1, block 17, H&TC survey.

RUNNELS VENTURES SET

Texlark Exploration Co. of Dallas will drill three wildcat test in Runnels County.

The No. 1 W.D. Bales is a 4,400-foot

test, surrounded by production in the Ballinger field, is 1/2 mile southwest of Hatchel, 700 feet from most north-easterly east line and 1,400 feet from north lines of J.J. Eakin survey No. 526, abstract 141.

The No. 1 Henkhaus is a 4,400-foot wildcat, 3/8 mile northwest of the two-well Rowena, North (Gardner lime) field, one and one-eighth mile northeast of the depleted Rowena, Northwest (Jennings gas) field, three miles northeast of Rowena.

Location is 467 from north and 1,633 from east lines of W.P. Jackson survey No. 2, abstract 801.

The No. 1 Charles E. Danforth is a 4,350-foot wildcat, 3/8 mile northwest of a 4,049-foot failure and the same distance west of a 3,850-foot failure, three miles south of Ballinger.

Wellsite is 660 from north and 1,500 from northeast lines of T.P.

Hubbard survey No. 6.

Enrich Oil Corp. of Abilene will drill a 4,000-foot Runnels County wildcat, 3/4 mile northeast of the T.J.C. (Capps lime) field, six miles south-east of Ballinger.

Scheduled as the No. 1 Myrl Simmons, location is 467 from north and west insofar section 515, BBB&C survey.

SCURRY EXPLORER STAKED

Independent Exploration Co. of Houston will drill the No. 1 Zalmon as a 7,650-foot wildcat in Scurry County, 7/8 mile southwest of a 7,610-foot failure and one mile southwest of a 7,550-foot failure, four miles south of Hermleigh.

Location is 2,173 from north and 1,000 from east lines of section 235, block 3, H&TC survey.

Oklahoma posts prices

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Posted prices of crude oil reached a new high Monday in Oklahoma at \$34.50 a barrel.

Cities Service posted the top price per barrel for sweet crude and \$32.50

for sour crude, which has a higher sulfur content. The previous high was \$32.50 for sweet crude.

Cities Service's price is retroactive to Nov. 1 and also applies to portions of Arkansas, Kansas and Texas.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. 209-AK Midland Farms, id 10,800 feet, rigged up service unit.

Amoco No. 1-AW Midland Farms, id 10,350 feet, installing pumping equipment.

San Oil Co. No. 12 Nellie C. Martin, id 5000 feet, pumped 8 barrels of load water, 1 barrel of water and 11 mcg gas through perforations from 6822 to 6888 feet, preparing to move rig.

BORDEN COUNTY
Hanson Corp. No. 1 Good, drilling 8500 feet in lime and shale.

Getty No. 26-J Mexico, drilling 8470 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY
Flag Redfern Oil Co. No. 1 O'Brien, drilling 8672 feet in lime and shale.

Flag Redfern No. 7 Amoco-Federal, id 4150 feet, flowed 16 barrels of oil overnight through perforations from 3972 to 3998 feet and 4006 to 4032 feet, well died.

COKE COUNTY
Sun Oil Co. No. 8 Bloodworth, id 5880 feet, being dropped until further notice.

San Oil Co. 12 Central National Bank, id 5200 feet set 1 1/2 inch casing at total depth, acidized perforations 6196 to 6229 feet with 250 gallons, fractured with 10,000 gallons and 40,000 pounds of sand, initial potential flowed 7 barrels of oil and 2 barrels of water in 24 hours on 12 inch casing, gravity 46.9, gas-liquid ratio 5000 to 1.

Texaco Inc. No. 11 March Ranch, id 6200 feet, pumped 17 hours, no gauges through perforations from 6006 to 6010 feet.

CROCKETT COUNTY
Texaco Inc. No. 8-B Davidson Jr., id 8100 feet, flowed 88 barrels of water and oil died, ran tubing and washing well.

Texaco No. 10 J.H. Scheuber, id 9000 feet, sand and shale, preparing to log.

ECTOR COUNTY
Amoco No. 1-AW David Fasken, id 12,985 feet, testing on pump, no gauges through perforations from 10,272 to 10,276 feet.

Maddox Energy Corp. No. 1-A Ed-wards, id 8224 feet in lime and shale, taking drill stem test in Strawn from 9295 to 9325 feet, took drill stem test from 9746 to 9866 feet in Canyon, open 10 minutes first flow no blow, 30 minute second flow no blow, by passed 10 minutes 10 minutes on second flow, recovered 5 feet of drilling fluid.

Petrus Operating Inc. No. 1 John Hines, id 11,191 feet, rigged down rotary tool.

Sun Oil Co. No. 186 Paul Moss, id 13,857 feet, preparing to move in rig.

EDDY COUNTY
Amoco No. 1-E Federal, id 9910 feet, preparing to swab, perforated 9330 to 9338 feet, acidized perforations with 5000 gallons.

Amoco No. 1-F Gas Federal Communized, drilling 8800 feet.

Amoco No. 1-F Federal Communized, id 9600 feet, plugged and abandoned.

Amoco No. 1-HE State, id 10,370 feet, swabbed 80 barrels of load water in 8 hours through perforations from 10,188 to 10,218 feet.

Amoco No. 1-HJ State, id 11,932 feet, swabbed 20 barrels of load water in 20 hours through perforations not reported.

Amoco No. 1-AE Federal, drilling 12,425 feet.

Amoco No. 1-Carter Gas, id 12,664 feet, set 1 1/2 inch casing on 11/64-inch choke, no gauges through perforations from 11,178 to 11,203 feet.

Amoco No. 1-B Branley Gas, id 10,070 feet, set 7/8 inch casing at 10,065 feet, nipped up.

Amoco No. 1-GG State, id 4357 feet, fishing.

The Superior Oil Co. No. 1 Oscar State, drilling 13,355 feet in lime, shale and sand.

The Superior Oil Co. No. 1 Cavers, id 11,790 feet, preparing to squeeze perforations from 11,333 to 11,300 feet.

Harvey E. Yates No. 1 Last Chance, drilling 5400 feet.

Harvey Yates No. 1-Tarvis, drilling 5845 feet.

GAINES COUNTY
Hanson Corp. & William E. Carl No. 1 Warren, drilling 3122 feet in lime and shale.

Texaco Inc. & Florida Gas Exploration No. 2-10 Cain, drilling 6720 feet in lime and shale.

GARZA COUNTY
Amoco No. 1 Rex Robinson, drilling 7523 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY
South Ranch Oil Co. No. 1 Williams, id 10,115 feet, preparing to perforate.

Amoco Production Co. No. 3-E Davis, drilling 7,552 feet in lime.

HOWARD COUNTY
Texaco No. 3-F Howard Fee, drilling 4,570 feet in lime and shale.

Flag Redfern No. 1 Myers, id 5,124 feet, waiting on completion unit.

IRION COUNTY
Madro Properties No. 1-UT-11, id 7,204 feet, set 4 1/2 inch casing at 7,490 feet, preparing to perforate.

Madro No. 2-19 Ella Sugg, drilling 800 feet in shale, set 6 1/2 inch casing at 712 feet.

LEA COUNTY
The Superior Oil Co. No. 2 Govern-

ment L, drilling 14,185 feet.

Texaco No. 1-DJ New Mexico State, drilling 11,185 feet in lime.

Grace Petroleum Co. No. 2 Felmont Federal, id 14,017 feet, waiting on rotary tools, released rig and moving off.

Amoco No. 1-Andrikopoulos, id 15,800 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Harvey Yates No. 1 Heyco-Goodrich, id 12,800 feet, shut in.

Gifford, Mitchell & Wisenbaker No. 1 White Eagle, drilling 7,600 feet in lime, sand and shale.

Getty Oil Co. No. 2-36 State, drilling 11,282 feet.

Getty No. 26-J Mexico, drilling 8470 feet.

Amoco No. 1-4-F HNG-State, id 18,200 feet, shut in for bottom hole pressure buildup.

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Amoco No. 3-FU State, id 10,800 feet, rigging down drilling rig.

Amoco No. 1-HR State, id 10,975 feet, preparing to plug and abandon.

Amoco No. 1-HL State, id 10,366 feet, fishing.

Amoco No. 1-12-26 Glen Bruner, id 5,150 feet, cut off 1 1/2 inch casing, nipped down blow out preventer, testing blow out preventer and manifold.

Getty Oil Co. No. 1 Malcolm Madera, id 17,832 feet, logging.

LYNN COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. 1 Wilma Lundson, drilling 8,063 feet.

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West Texas regions gain wildcat sites

Walsh & Trant Petroleum Corp. of Tyler will drill two 5,600-foot wildcats in Coke County.

The No. 1 Mary Salvato is in the depleted McCutchen (Cisco) field, 2,200 feet from north and west lines of section 445, block 1-A, H&TC survey, four miles east of Robert Lee.

The same firm's No. 1 J.R. Salmon is 1.5 miles south of the Wendrick (Capps and Cross Cut) field, separated by a 5,690-foot failure, 1,390 feet from northwest and 2,300 from southwest lines of Jacob Lieberman No. 460, six miles southeast of Robert Lee.

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Stocks opening strong, stock market report

Stock market loses

By KRISTIN GOFF AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices dropped sharply Wednesday as gold prices soared and investors worried about Soviet military involvement in Afghanistan.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial fell 14.17 to close at 824.57, its largest decline in a single day since mid-October. Losers outnumbered gainers by a large margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Big Board volume totaled 40.61 billion shares, against 31.53 billion in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index dropped 1.26 to 60.9.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was off 5.66 at 241.41.

Analysts said tension over the latest Soviet moves in Afghanistan compounded continuing investor worries over Iran.

The tension also was aggravated by uncertainty over U.S.-Soviet relations. President Carter called his top diplomatic and military advisors to the White House to discuss a response to the Soviet action.

While the general market sank, gold and silver mining stocks scored big gains as those precious metals rose to new peaks on bullion markets. Gold shot up \$43 to \$567.50 an ounce in London, and silver climbed \$8 to \$40 an ounce.

Grain
NEW YORK (AP) — Wheat futures Wednesday on the Kansas City Board of Trade.

WHEAT
5.00 per bushel, minimum, dollars per bushel

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Wheat 31 cars, 12% lower, No. 2 hard winter wheat 1.82 1/2, No. 3 1.81 1/2, No. 4 1.80 1/2, No. 5 1.79 1/2, No. 6 1.78 1/2, No. 7 1.77 1/2, No. 8 1.76 1/2, No. 9 1.75 1/2, No. 10 1.74 1/2, No. 11 1.73 1/2, No. 12 1.72 1/2, No. 13 1.71 1/2, No. 14 1.70 1/2, No. 15 1.69 1/2, No. 16 1.68 1/2, No. 17 1.67 1/2, No. 18 1.66 1/2, No. 19 1.65 1/2, No. 20 1.64 1/2, No. 21 1.63 1/2, No. 22 1.62 1/2, No. 23 1.61 1/2, No. 24 1.60 1/2, No. 25 1.59 1/2, No. 26 1.58 1/2, No. 27 1.57 1/2, No. 28 1.56 1/2, No. 29 1.55 1/2, No. 30 1.54 1/2, No. 31 1.53 1/2, No. 32 1.52 1/2, No. 33 1.51 1/2, No. 34 1.50 1/2, No. 35 1.49 1/2, No. 36 1.48 1/2, No. 37 1.47 1/2, No. 38 1.46 1/2, No. 39 1.45 1/2, No. 40 1.44 1/2, No. 41 1.43 1/2, No. 42 1.42 1/2, No. 43 1.41 1/2, No. 44 1.40 1/2, No. 45 1.39 1/2, No. 46 1.38 1/2, No. 47 1.37 1/2, No. 48 1.36 1/2, No. 49 1.35 1/2, No. 50 1.34 1/2, No. 51 1.33 1/2, No. 52 1.32 1/2, No. 53 1.31 1/2, No. 54 1.30 1/2, No. 55 1.29 1/2, No. 56 1.28 1/2, No. 57 1.27 1/2, No. 58 1.26 1/2, No. 59 1.25 1/2, No. 60 1.24 1/2, No. 61 1.23 1/2, No. 62 1.22 1/2, No. 63 1.21 1/2, No. 64 1.20 1/2, No. 65 1.19 1/2, No. 66 1.18 1/2, No. 67 1.17 1/2, No. 68 1.16 1/2, No. 69 1.15 1/2, No. 70 1.14 1/2, No. 71 1.13 1/2, No. 72 1.12 1/2, No. 73 1.11 1/2, No. 74 1.10 1/2, No. 75 1.09 1/2, No. 76 1.08 1/2, No. 77 1.07 1/2, No. 78 1.06 1/2, No. 79 1.05 1/2, No. 80 1.04 1/2, No. 81 1.03 1/2, No. 82 1.02 1/2, No. 83 1.01 1/2, No. 84 1.00 1/2, No. 85 99 1/2, No. 86 98 1/2, No. 87 97 1/2, No. 88 96 1/2, No. 89 95 1/2, No. 90 94 1/2, No. 91 93 1/2, No. 92 92 1/2, No. 93 91 1/2, No. 94 90 1/2, No. 95 89 1/2, No. 96 88 1/2, No. 97 87 1/2, No. 98 86 1/2, No. 99 85 1/2, No. 100 84 1/2.

Cotton
NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton No. 2 futures Wednesday on the New York Cotton Exchange.

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Ups & downs
NEW YORK (AP) — The following list shows the most and down the most based on percentage change of volume for the day.

Additional listings
The following lists of New York and American stock exchange listings are not reported in the Reporter-Telegram's regular daily postings for the exchanges.

Stocks in the spotlight
NEW YORK (AP) — Sales, 4 p.m. price and net change of the fifteen most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading nationally at more than \$1 million.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
ANSWER: A WOLF IN THE SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Proxmire assails Army sexual abuse
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire urged strong steps Wednesday "to curtail the growing pattern of sexual abuse of women in the Army."

The Wisconsin Democrat asked Army Secretary Clifford Alexander to send a personal message to all commanders, reaffirming that sexual abuse will not be tolerated and stating that each commander "shall be held responsible for encouraging an atmosphere free of sexual abuse."

Proxmire made his statement in a letter to Alexander. In an accompanying release, the senator said there is evidence that sexual abuse of women is pervasive on some bases.

The pattern of sexual abuse ranges from persistent verbal harassment and sexual comment to explicit threats and coercion to trade sex for promotion or other privileges," Proxmire said. "The problem seems most marked with younger women, new to the Army, who find it difficult to assert their own rights in an environment stressing discipline and adherence to command."

Proxmire cited a recent series of articles on this problem by the Baltimore (Md.) Sun, and said the articles made it clear that "the source of the problem lay in attitudes of officers toward the women under their command."

There was no immediate comment from the Army.

New York Exchange

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Boots billed counterfeit

PORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An unemployed painter with \$45,000 worth of counterfeit \$100 bills in his boot when police arrested him on New Year's Day in a Fort Worth tavern has been charged with conspiring to violate counterfeiting laws.

Police said Urie Vernon Arterburn Jr. told them he was paid by another man to distribute the money, and agents then went to a motel on Fort Worth's south side where they arrested Robert Wesley Lumpkins, whom they described as a professional gambler with a long police record.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Sweeney filed the same counterfeit charge against Lumpkins. A secret service agent in Dallas said the bills are similar to \$105,000 in bogus \$100 bills the Internal Revenue Service seized Dec. 21 when they went to a Dallas motel with a search warrant.

FBI agents said they are trying to determine if the room was used by bookies accepting bets on professional football playoff games and college bowl games.

Lumpkins, a 52-year-old ex-convict, was one of seven men charged in 1973 with stealing a trailer filled with \$90,000 worth of Scotch whisky from a piggyback rail car in Dallas.

Lumpkins was sentenced to 10 years in prison, but the conviction was appealed and the charge dismissed.

War games scenario resembles headlines

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — U.S. military strategists are completing plans for the airlift of American troops and supplies to the oil-rich country of Follar, under attack by its aggressive neighbor, Orga.

That's the \$9.4 million scenario for the annual military winter games, which bear an unexpected resemblance to some of today's international headlines.

The vanguard of some 13,000 U.S. Army and Air Force active personnel and reservists has begun to arrive at Fort Drum near here for "Empire Glacier 80."

The exercise, which runs from Monday to Feb. 1 and includes a five-day battle, is meant to provide training in cold weather and deep snow. So far, Mother Nature has not provided much of a winter in normally frigid northern New York, but officials hope January weather will be tough.

As the troops and planes fight a simulated war, official scorers will tally the number of battalions,

tanks and installations destroyed, and declare a winner.

"We don't know what will happen," said Major Michael Hvezdos, public affairs officer for the U.S. Readiness Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

Here's the scenario for the exercise, drawn up a year ago — long before the Soviet Union sent its troops rolling into Afghanistan:

"Since the mid-1970s, despite attempts to avoid confrontations with Orga, the western-aligned Follar has found itself in an increasingly tenuous strategic position.

"Follar's exploitation of oil and other resources on its continental shelf has been viewed by Orga as a potential threat to its economic interest.... Confrontations, troop buildups, espionage, sabotage, fishing vessel seizures and harassment of oil exploration efforts cleared the way for an Orga military move," the game plan continues.

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58 police on duty at concerts

CINCINNATI (AP) — A minimum of 30 uniformed police officers and another 28 plainclothes officers will be on duty at all Cincinnati rock concerts to prevent a recurrence of the Riverfront Coliseum disaster in which 11 young persons died, city officials say.

Mayor J. Kenneth Blackwell made the announcement Wednesday following a meeting between city officials, police, Coliseum executives and promoters.

The 11 persons were killed Dec. 3 when rock fans trying to get in to see the British rock group The Who stampeded outside the doors of the Coliseum. Only two or three doors were open at the time, witnesses have said. Another rock concert is scheduled there at the end of the month.

Blackwell said he wanted to make it clear he wants police to enforce all laws, including those pertaining to drinking, drugs and disorderly conduct.

"I will not tolerate selective law enforcement," said Blackwell.

Earlier, Police Chief Myron Leistler said enforcement of such laws was difficult for police facing crowds of 18,000 people or more.

Blackwell said he believes that although there were insufficient safety measures at the Who concert, "another contributing factor to the tragedy was the prevailing belief that the area surrounding the Coliseum was a no-man's land where any kind of public comportment would go undressed."

He added, "I think that we should do anything necessary to make it clear to the Cincinnati public that we will not tolerate a risk-free environment for lawlessness."

Rare dense fog closes airports

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A blinding, thick fog — rare even for a city famous for frequent misty shrouds — has wreaked havoc with air traffic here, shutting down airports and leaving thousands stranded.

The fog descended on the San Francisco Bay area and the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys late New Year's Day and persisted Wednesday, with blankets as thick as 1,500 feet in some places. The National Weather Service forecast little improvement for today.

San Francisco and Oakland International airport began accepting air traffic early today after being closed off and on Wednesday, according to Kay Springer, a Federal Aviation Administration supervisor at the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Oakland.

However, San Jose Municipal, which handled much of the traffic diverted from San Francisco and Oakland earlier, was closed Wednesday evening and remained closed today. A traffic controller at the airport said visibility there was zero.

"Lots of times the fog is bad in the morning and again in the evening, but it's rare when it lasts all day," Springer said. "This (Wednesday) was one of the worst days here in a long time — it was very disruptive."

"For example, normally there are 1,200 departures from San Francisco each day. Wednesday, there were about 275."

Missing plane hunt called off

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Civil Air Patrol says a search for a light plane missing on a flight from Jackson, Miss., to Phoenix two weeks ago has been called off.

The Arizona CAP was the last group looking for the single-engine Piper Lance. Its decision to stop the search came one day after the New Mexico CAP decided to call off its phase of the search along the Arizona-New Mexico border.

"If new evidence turns up, the search will be reopened, depending on the kind of information there is," said Arizona CAP spokesman Joseph Kissel. For example, he said, the sighting of plane wreckage would be checked.

The plane was piloted by James Thompson, 46, of Jackson. He flew to San Antonio, Texas, and picked up a passenger, Air Force Maj. Priscilla Beck, a physician from Scottsbluff, Neb.

The plane was last heard from the night of Dec. 20 in a radio transmission picked up in El Paso, Texas, authorities said. They said no flight plan was filed.

Volunteer CAP pilots spent more than 300 hours flying over the sparsely populated Arizona-New Mexico border area. The search had been concentrated over the Graham Mountains, south of Safford, Ariz.

Kissel said one problem in the search was that mountains above 6,000 feet were snow covered and the plane was painted white.

Some plane wreckage was spotted New Year's Day, but was found to be that of a 40-year-old crash, Kissel said.

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