

# Langford resigns at Midland College

Dr. Al G. Langford, president of Midland College since its founding, today announced plans to resign his post to enter private business.

In a letter read to the Board of Trustees during a special board meeting at 10 a.m. today, Dr. Langford said he would leave the office Aug. 31, and asked release from the remainder of his contract, which runs through August, 1986. He said that, after more than 30 years of public service to education in Texas, he wanted to enter a different field.

Langford said he will become an independent oil operator in Midland.

"For the past 30 years, I have devoted my life to public service in the field of education in the state of Texas," Langford said in the letter. "The climax of this career has been the period since I was selected to become president of Midland College at the time of its founding. The past 12 years have been rewarding, exciting and wonderful for a career educator. But I now feel it is time for me to enter new fields.

"I MUST COMMEND the trustees of Midland College, both the current board members and those who served earlier," he

continued. "These trustees have given firm and steady guidance during the emerging years of this institution. They are, I feel, responsible for the creation and design of what has become one of the finest comprehensive community colleges in the state and in the nation."

"When Midland College was created in 1969, as part of Odessa Junior College, Dr. Langford was selected as the ideal person to become president of the school," commented Jack Huff, president of the Board and a former trustee of the joint board. "At that time, there were many people who felt Midland College would not survive its first few years. But, largely due to Al Langford's unflagging enthusiasm and efforts, Midland College did survive. Its stature today is first-rank locally, in the state and in the nation. Midland College has grown tremendously and Dr. Langford has been in the forefront of all the planning and all the effort.

"It's almost needless to say that the Board of Trustees accepts his resignation with the greatest regret. We appreciate his devotion to the task of building Midland College and we will always be grateful to him for his leadership. We wish him great success in the future."

HUFF SAID THAT a search committee would be appointed immediately to begin seeking qualified applicants for the president's position.

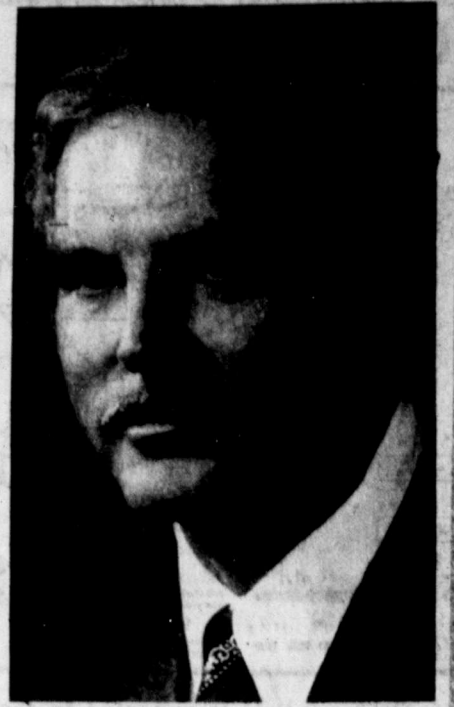
"We anticipate that this will be a difficult task," Huff said, "but the post also should be extremely attractive. The Board would like to have a replacement named well before the beginning of the 1981-82 term."

Langford received his B.S. degree in secondary education from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, where he was a varsity football and basketball player, and named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Following a brief stint in Canadian professional football and service in the U.S. Army, he began 17 years of public school service as a teacher, coach and administrator in Cisco, DeLeon, Gatesville and Lamesa. During this period, he received his master's degree in education from Howard Payne University.

FOR THE 1968-69 school year, he was an instructor at Texas Technological College, which awarded him the Doctor of

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Dr. Al G. Langford

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Sgt. Tommy Jones of the Midland County Sheriff's Department carefully places a sliver of human bone into a plastic bag and brushes

away dirt from another piece of bone found Thursday afternoon on an extension of Industrial Boulevard near Holiday Hill Road. The

discovery of a skull and other bones was made by a county road crew. (Staff Photos by Paul Gilbert)

## County road crew finds human bones

Investigators for the Midland County Sheriff's Department are hoping forensic analysis will reveal more information about a human skull and bones unearthed Thursday afternoon by county road workers.

At the present time, investigators say there isn't too much to go on. They're proceeding on the basis that the bones may have come from a homicide victim. But even that isn't certain.

A county road crew was working on the extension of Industrial Boulevard near Holiday Hill Road when the bones were discovered about 3 p.m. According to Capt. Robert Settles, workers were bringing dirt from about 100 yards away to the site when the bones were found.

The bones and skull were not buried

deeply and were easily unearthed. The road crew had located the skull and one or two other bones when the sheriff's department was notified.

Lt. Pat Fuller and Sgt. Buzz Cupp from the sheriff's department, District Attorney's investigator Jim Atwater, city police officers, Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas Rangers converged on the scene to probe the unusual find.

Their efforts yielded several other bits and pieces of bone over a quarter-mile stretch of road, Capt. Settles noted. But answers were still elusive.

"At the present time," noted the captain, "we are unable to make any determination of whether it's male or

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## Jury tampering suspected in Shanks trial

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

A bizarre murder trial became shrouded in suspicion for the second time this week when Judge Pat Baskin on Thursday afternoon placed lawyers and other court officers under the no-comment "gag rule" and one-by-one queried the 12 jurors to ascertain if they had been tampered with by anyone interested in "the outcome" of the Rex Shanks murder trial in 142nd State District Court.

The court had imposed the "gag rule" on an unspecified "legal technicality" Tuesday on the opening day of testimony in the trial of Shanks, a 27-year-old Abilene man who is charged with slaying 46-year-old James David McPeters of Odessa in a murder-for-hire trial.

Following a meeting in the judge's chambers with state and defense attorneys, Baskin confronted the 10-woman, two-man jury and cautiously explained his reasons for suspecting that one or more persons may have tried to influence a jury in the outcome of the case.

"INFORMATION has come to the attention of the court," Baskin said, "that suggests that there may have been wrongful or unlawful contact or attempt to contact a member of the jury."

The judge was careful not to indicate which side—defendant or prosecution—any alleged and suspected jury tampering may have tried to influence.

Any confirmed jury tampering could result in a mistrial and in the criminal prosecution of anyone trying to influence the outcome of the trial by threats or coercion or by talking to a juror.

But after 35 minutes of questioning each juror in open court, the judge came up with nothing from the jurors to suspect any tampering, directly or indirectly, before or after the jury was selected Monday afternoon.

"IT IS MY INTENT and expectation that this trial will continue to a verdict," Baskin said before he directed Bailiff Roy Merket to lead the jurors to the hallway and then, one by one, to call the jurors into the courtroom and to query them.

Questions the judge asked each juror were essentially the same: Had anyone approached the juror in person, by telephone or letter and "indicated an interest in the outcome" of

the trial or "expressing some interest in the outcome of the trial or indicating anything that would give rise to suspicion," or did anyone contact a juror in "trying to influence your view of this case?"

In each case, the each juror said "no."

Prosecutors David Joers and Jim Rex, defense attorney Michael McLeish of Odessa and other members of the court were expressly placed under the gag rule by Baskin and were told not to talk to anyone, including reporters, about the issue or underlying reasons for imposition of the rule until Baskin cuts them loose of the gag law.

McLeish, for at least the sixth time in the criminal proceedings, moved for a mistrial and apparently had objected to the hearing on any alleged jury tampering.

But much of the court talk between the judge and the attorney was in whispering tones and out of earshot of those, including reporters, behind the bar of the third-floor 142nd State District Court courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse.

Before the trial's spectators, including reporters and the family of the defendant, were made aware of any suspected jury tampering, District Attorney Vern Martin had requested that the press be cautious in its reporting of the suspected jury-tampering for fear either side's case might be jeopardized and a fair trial might be prevented. But an open hearing was conducted and no legal recourse, if any, were made to bar the press from the court's inquiry into suspected jury tampering.

None of the court's officers, including the attorneys for prosecution and defense, indicated what caused the court to suspect any tampering with the jury.

The inquiry came shortly after the state's 15th witness and an eyewitness to the McPeters' stabbing on July 28 had broken into tears under the aggressive and sometimes unrelenting cross-examination by McLeish.

That witness was 22-year-old Tammy Jennings, who has been granted immunity by a Midland County Grand Jury in exchange for her testimony in the case.

She represented herself as a hapless, unbelieving and detached witness—not a party to—the alleged murder plot, which was in the

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## Court rules Pickett qualified to hear Permian case

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

Judge Perry D. Pickett, whom The Permian Corp. of Midland has sought to expel from a multi-million-dollar class-action suit in which Permian is the defendant, was deemed qualified to continue presiding over the case.

"The court finds Judge Pickett qualified...to continue sitting as presiding judge" in the Walter R. Davis vs. Permian Corp. suit, Special Judge Ken Spencer of Crane ruled Thursday in Midland's 238th State District Courtroom.

Permian was contending that Pickett, who recently retired from the 142nd State District judgeship after serving 26 years on the bench, was "acting in excess of his authority" by appointing himself to continue as the authority in the case after his retirement from the bench.

However, Pickett is administrative judge of the 39-county Seventh Judicial District of Texas and as such has authority to make court assignments, including that of special judgeships.

DAVIS' CHIEF attorney, Cecil Munn of Fort Worth, viewed Permian's anti-Pickett stance with contempt.

"It's about the most outrageous thing I've seen in the courtroom in a third of a century," Munn volunteered moments after Spencer had rendered his decision.

Munn said the Permian suit to exclude Pickett from presiding over the case was an affront to the judge.

"Perry Pickett is an outstanding and honorable man in the courtroom or outside the courtroom."

Davis, a Midland oil producer and former owner of Permian, filed the class-action suit in 1979 and alleged

that Permian since Oct. 1, 1973, has "short-changed" thousands of oil operators and producers and has "fraudulently" concealed that it has been "taking from Davis and other sellers more crude oil than it has paid them for."

Permian, which may stand to pay between \$50 million and \$100 million should it lose the case, denies the allegations and says that it has "properly paid" Davis and others "for all oil purchased according to custom and usage in the industry."

PERMIAN FILED a suit to bar Pickett from presiding on grounds that "...there is neither a constitutional provision nor a law of this state which authorizes a retired or former district judge to do so (to preside over a case) when the regular district judge is present."

In this case, the "regular" district

judge is Judge Pat Baskin of the 142nd State District Court. Baskin was sworn into office on Jan. 5 and succeeded the 65-year-old Pickett, who had presided over the judicial district for Midland County since 1954.

Pickett, who has been hearing the Davis vs. Permian suit since it started, on Jan. 9 appointed himself to continue hearing the case. His authority was vested in his duty as administrative judge of the 39-county Seventh Administrative Judicial District. Baskin concurred with Pickett's appointment.

In 1977, then Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed fellow Democrat Pickett to the four-year term as the administrative judge. The term was to have expired last Jan. 5, but since Republican Gov. Bill Clements had not yet named a successor, Pickett remained in the judgeship. Clements did name a successor for Pickett on Thursday,

appointing Judge Ray L. McKim of Odessa for the post.

Permian's spokesman-lawyer Ed Clover of Houston admitted that Pickett is the administrative judge.

"WE SEEK TO restrain (Pickett from serving in the Davis vs. Permian litigation)," Clover said. "We are not saying he is disqualified to act" as the administrative judge but contend that Pickett "acted in excess of his authority" by appointing himself over the case.

"This is not a question of his qualifications of the office," Clover said.

"The suit (to exclude Pickett) does not involve the ouster of any public official," Clover said. "It does not inquire into the motives of Judge Pickett. It is merely a matter of stat-

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Judge Perry D. Pickett







DEATHS

Helens Cozens

CRANE — Services for Helen Cozens, 63, of Crane will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Richard W. Box Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow in Crane County Cemetery.

Mrs. Cozens died Thursday afternoon in an Odessa hospital following a long illness. Born June 6, 1917, in Ada, Okla., she married Ray Cozens in Odessa. She had lived in Crane 28 years.

Maybelle Stump

ODESSA — Services for Maybelle Stump, 70, of Odessa, mother of Jerry R. Stump and Wayne Stump, both of Midland, were Wednesday in the Easterling Funeral Home chapel in Odessa. Burial was in an Odessa cemetery.

Labor leader testifies rackets not involved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of the International Longshoremen's Association, Thomas W. "Teddy" Gleason, swore to a Senate subcommittee today that neither he nor his union has fallen into the hands of organized crime.

The ILA's accusers "have misrepresented the facts, have misled the Congress, and have slandered both the International Longshoremen's Association, myself and the entire shipping industry," the 80-year-old union chief asserted.

"Since some of these tall tales are directed against me, I naturally feel a personal hurt," he continued. "I welcome the opportunity to set the record straight."

Gleason was subpoenaed to testify before the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee on the final day of a series of hearings exploring East Coast waterfront racketeering.

He was to read a written statement submitted to the committee in advance of today's session. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Other witnesses scheduled today included convicted mobsters Russell Bufalino, Tino Fiumara, Michael Clemente and Anthony Scott.

Witnesses in earlier hearings have accused Gleason of tolerating corruption in the ILA and of allowing himself and the union to be controlled by the mob. Former federal prosecutor Robert Fiske, for instance, complained that "the ILA obviously has no intention of cleaning its own house."

Clemente, in a conversation tape-recorded by an FBI informant, said the Mafia helped install Gleason as union president.

In his statement, Gleason called his accusers "persons of low credibility with every motive to distort the facts."

He continued, "Their lies, distortions and innuendos have gone into the record as the gospel truth."

Gleason said the union, representing 110,000 East and Gulf Coast dock workers, has corrected the conditions which resulted in its expulsion from the American Federation of Labor in 1953 after Senate hearings produced evidence of corruption. The AFL-CIO re-admitted the ILA in 1959.

As for the allegation that he himself is controlled by the mob, Gleason asserted, "I am here today to deny that, emphatically, categorically and without any reservation whatsoever. I neither received my office nor do I maintain my office by any means but through right of election by the rank and file of the union."

Subcommittee members and federal prosecutors have particularly criticized the ILA for allowing many of its 52 recently convicted officers to continue in their positions pending appeals to higher courts. Committee investigators say the union has taken no action to suspend or remove the convicted officers.

Scott and Anthony Anastasio were removed from their New York local ILA offices by the New York-New Jersey Waterfront Commission.

Dallas newsman to speak

Dallas television newscaster Michael Brown will appear at the National Engineers Week Banquet and awards ceremony at the Inn of the Golden West in Odessa Saturday.

Sponsored by the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, the dinner begins with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Awards for the Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year and certain scholarships will be presented at the banquet.

Brown, a native of Hugo, Okla., and a graduate of Oklahoma State University, is a 10-year veteran of television, having worked as a newscaster, reporter and talk show host. Having interviewed more than 5,000 people on television, Brown speaks to groups all over the country on behind-the-scenes television happenings and patriotic addresses. He previously wrote an essay entitled "What is an American?" which has won a national award from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

Other groups participating in this year's banquet will be the Permian Basin Section and the Trans Pecos Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of A.I.M.E., the Permian Basin Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and the West Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Last year's winner of the Engineer of the Year Award, begun in 1954, was Ray Finch.

Trinity students take awards

Several Trinity School French students won awards in the eighth annual Foreign Language Quaternion held recently at Odessa High School.

More than 300 students from 16 schools in West Texas competed in French, Spanish, German and Latin.

All seven French students placed first in at least one of the two events entered. Trinity was the only junior high competing in high school French, winning a first place trophy, nine first place ribbons, three second place ribbons and one third place ribbon.

In high school French level I, Trinity winners were sixth grader Amy Black, first place, Dictation I; seventh graders Burton Baldrige, first place, Skit I, and second place, Culture and Civilization; Sharon Graham, first place, Vocabulary I, and second place, Dictation I; and Millard Kimery, first place (tie), Poetry I, and first place, Skit I.

Eighth grade winners were Dean Preston, first place, Sightreading I, and first place, Skit I; Laura Renick, first place (tie), Prepared Speech I, and second place, Vocabulary I; and Holly Williams, first place (tie), Poetry I and third place (tie), Translation I.

The Trinity students were accompanied by Marjorie Kozak, upper school French instructor. Mrs. Kozak is chairman of the department of foreign language at Trinity.

Singer, pianist performing

The First Christian Church is holding the first of a three-part concert series at 8 p.m. today.

The recital will be in the church sanctuary, 1301 W. Louisiana St. It features mezzo-soprano Sue Arnold with Darryl Knapp as accompanist.

Mrs. Arnold, a former soloist with Robert Shaw, has performed under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Pierre Boulez. The concert will feature oratorio arias, spirituals and Appalachian folk songs.

A special workshop will be conducted by Mrs. Arnold from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the church. The workshop fee is \$5.

Knapp is the organist and choirmaster at First Christian.

The public is invited to attend. Ticket donation is \$3 and may be purchased at the door.

The second concert will feature the Jamestown University Chorale, directed by Richard Harrison Smith, on March 19 with the Palm Sunday concert featuring the Chancel Choir on April 12.

Democrats choosing new chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring themselves down but not out, Democrats are choosing a new chairman to start them down the road to recovery from last fall's election disaster.

Charles T. Manatt, a Los Angeles lawyer who has been the party's chief fund-raiser for the past two years, was in line to succeed John C. White, chairman since 1978, in today's election.

White, who was hand-picked for the party post by former President Carter in 1978, did not seek re-election and Joseph Crangle, Manatt's last remaining rival, was prepared to withdraw before the vote in a gesture of unity.

Manatt pledged to pick up the pieces from last year's defeats and rebuild a winning coalition. "Let's do it together," he implored.

Under new rules adopted Thursday, the party will have three vice chairmen.

One of them is expected to be Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, of Gary, Ind., who won endorsement of the party's black caucus.

Hatcher, current chairman of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, defeated party Vice Chairman Coleman Young in a narrow caucus vote. Young, mayor of Detroit and a strong backer of Carter, then withdrew as a candidate for re-election to the party office.

The second vice chairmanship is considered an Hispanic post and was expected to go to Polly Baca Barrigan, a Colorado state senator.

The third vice chairmanship, the preserve of Democratic women, was being fought over by Iowa national committee member Lynn Cotton and Pennsylvania committeewoman Dotty Zug.

The new rule requires that two of the top party officers be men and the other two be women. The other racial and ethnic allocations are unofficial but traditionally honored.

Unopposed for party treasurer was Kansas City businessman Charles E. Curry, who had run briefly for chairman but withdrew in favor of Manatt.

Peter Kelly, a Hartford, Conn., lawyer who has been party treasurer, succeeds Manatt as finance council chairman and Dorothy Bush, a familiar figure because of her televised roll-calls at national conventions, continues as secretary.

The only friction to arise Thursday in the first round of the two-day national committee meeting came over a slate of at-large members proposed by Manatt, endorsed by other party leaders.

Ohio state party chairman Paul Tipps objected to the slate-style printed ballot and insisted on allowing nominations from the floor so a political ally in the running for an at-large seat on the committee.

However, this reflected Ohio politics rather than any serious national party split and the entire slate proposed by Manatt was approved by the national committee.

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**ON THE ROAD**

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By SUE ALFORD  
Traffic Safety Planning  
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Everyday, Midlanders face hazards and emergencies on streets busy with cars, trucks, cabs, pedestrians and, now, buses. Through November of last year, over 2,500 unsuspecting Midland motorists didn't react in time to some emergency or hazard and had accidents.

We drivers have to be aware of potential accidents in order to exercise driving skills for avoiding accidents. Since one-third of all accidents occur at intersections, it is probably ap-

propriate to discuss three points for safely approaching an intersection:

- (1) Never assume the other driver will yield the right-of-way; when in doubt, slow down and tap your horn;
- (2) Before going through an intersection, whether you have the right-of-way or not, look first left, then right, then left again;
- (3) Make a serious check of traffic at your "decision point" ... the point at which you must decide whether to stop or proceed on through the intersection. At 30 mph, your "decision point" is 90 feet from the intersec-

tion, or about the length of one and one-half front yards on a residential street.

On streets in a commercial area, we've all got to remember that hidden intersections exist throughout in the form of parking lot entrances/exits and loading zones. These "intersections" make it especially important we're on our toes because of essence each point we pass on such a street is a "decision point."

As common sense on these pointers may seem, they are not followed by most drivers and, yet, they should be. These pointers can allow

us to detect potential problems and then react with all our driving skills to avoid being that very common intersection accident statistic.

A specific skill I'd like to share is: Don't turn your wheels before you actually start to negotiate a turn at an intersection because if you are struck from the rear and your wheels are turned, you'll be knocked into the path of on-coming traffic or pedestrians.

**JUST FOR THE FUN:** Question — what's a toroidal shaped flexible membrane pressure vessel composed of long-chain macromolecules?

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**TRAFFIC TIPS:** Midkiff, from Illinois to Storey ... if not already open, should be open any day.

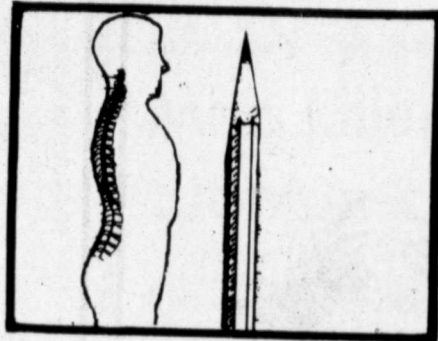
Midkiff, from Andrews Highway to Golf Course ... will close the day the Illinois/Storey section opens. No time table yet for rebuilding this stretch.

Garfield Ditch ... work still progressing well. As you detour through Midland College keep in mind the barricades at Chapparral Center are up to guide traffic along the safest route. As of last week, we taxpayers had lost over \$2,000 in smashed barricades, cones and signs to people who thought these guides were really targets!

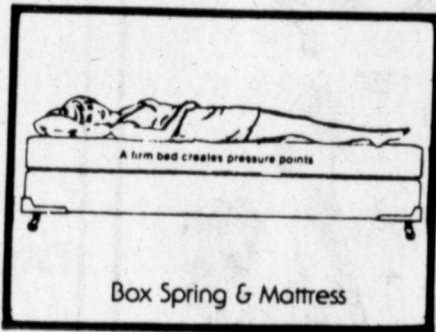
**BELIEVE IT OR NOT:** Drivers of red cars have more accidents than drivers of any other color car. A recent study suggests the reason may lie in common personality traits shared by people who drive red cars — carefree spirit, slightly more risky and reckless.

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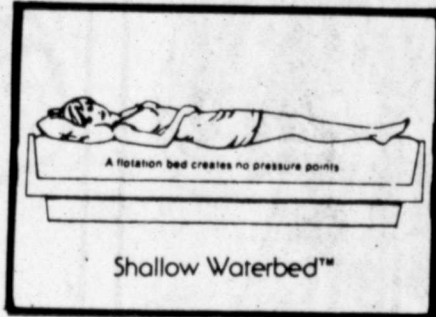


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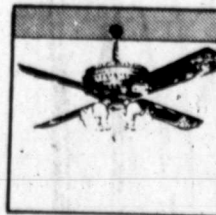
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# Oak Ridge Boys attribute their success to 'longevity and stability' in group

By GEORGIA TEMPLE  
Staff Writer

"She played tambourines with a silver jingle. And she must have known the words to at least a million tunes. But the one most requested by the man she knew as Cowboy was the late night benediction at the Ya'll Come Back Saloon."

— Sharon Vaughn recorded by The Oak Ridge Boys

Zero hour was 4:30 p.m. At 4:10 p.m., I walked into the office and immediately sensed something out of the ordinary. The city editor's mouth was upwardly stretched across his face and, behind his glasses, his eyes were grinning. In fact, he appeared to be glowing all over. Now, this is most definitely not his normal expression.

Before I had a chance to say anything, he said, "I just talked to one of the Oaks. He had a little free time and thought he'd see if he could do the interview early. Don't worry, he's calling back at 4:30 p.m."

Country and pop music lovers know that an oak is not a tree, but rather a member of the popular singing group The Oak Ridge Boys, who have had 12 hits in a row since the release of the song "The Ya'll Come Back Saloon."

The phone interview had been set up days in advance of their 8 p.m. Chaparral Center performance this Sunday.

Tickets, whether purchased in advance or on the day of the concert, are priced at \$7.50 and \$8.50. They are available at area record stores or at Chaparral Center.

The group has been around much longer than most realize because for many years they were strictly gospel singers.

Their crossover to the contemporary country field has resulted in songs that are popular on the pop as well as country charts. And they have experienced a phenomenal rise in popularity since the recording of "The Ya'll Come Back Saloon" and are now holders of five gold albums.

Members of the group include bass singer Richard Sterban of New Jersey, tenor Joe Bonsall of Philadelphia, Penn., lead singer Duane Allen of Paris, Texas, and baritone William Lee Golden of Brewton, Ala. Their producer, whom they credit as being responsible for much of their success, is Ron Chancey.

Sterban's call was right on time. His voice was pleasant and friendly. He explained that he did most of the phoning (telephone interviews) because he likes to talk.

He attributes the Oaks' success to "longevity and stability in our group."

Golden is the oldest Oak in terms of longevity and age. He has been an Oak for 17 years and is the only single member. Allen has been a member for 16 years. The shortest tenure with the group is eight years for Bonsall. Sterban is a nine-year veteran.

"The real reason we crossed over was because we simply wanted to expand our outreach. We were singing to a small market of people, and although they were very loyal, we needed to reach a mass cross section of the population."

"We took what we were doing and expanded on it. Now that we are in country music," Sterban said, "we still all believe like we did when we were in gospel. It's possible to be religious and hold down a secular job."

Today, the Oaks are "not concerned if the song is country, gospel or

popular. The song has to be a good song before we will do it."

For "two or three years after crossing over from gospel, we were floundering, looking for a direction."

Then in the spring of 1977, the Oaks found Sharon Vaughn. Her song, which they recorded, was "the song that made people sit up and take notice."

Thus the "Ya'll Come Back Saloon" was the "turning point in our career."

A few years ago success "seemed a dream." Today it "feels great. It's almost mind boggling."

"We're doing exactly what we'd like to do. It's great to be able to say we enjoy what we are doing for a living."

"People do treat you differently," Sterban said, remembering when the Oaks used to have to "beg radio stations to play their records. We were often the best kept secret in town when we came to town."

Now "it's hard for the four of us to go any place together. We stay to ourselves more."

Although it can "get old, wanting to have some privacy and some peace, it's a good problem to have."

Sterban said he realizes that "the fans are the ones that make success possible."

Records and television have played a large role in spreading the Oaks' popularity and familiarity with audiences, but group members feel their stage shows are "one of the real keys to their success and longevity."

As Sterban explained, "Some entertainers never really have a tour to back up their hits. We spend a lot of money on our shows. When an audience comes to see the Oak Ridge Boys, they get their money's worth."

The show includes quality sound and lighting. The group also uses smoke machines. The

program is "family oriented with no profanity because we want parents to feel free to bring their children. Yet, it is slick and sophisticated." Sterban, who used to be part of the vocal backup for Elvis Presley

and was in the last movie ("Elvis on Tour") Elvis made, said the reason he went with the Oaks was because he believed in the group's "future and potential." And, so far, he hasn't been wrong.

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## Ten arrested during public demonstration

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A confrontation between police and a Roman Catholic priest outside a courtroom led to the arrests of 10 people during a demonstration on behalf of eight anti-nuclear activists, officials say.

Police Chief William Bambi said they were arrested when they didn't move. Several demonstrators were taken into custody after they allegedly grabbed and hit arresting officers, and others were arrested when they lay in front of a police car, Bambi said.

Among those arrested were two of the "Plowshares Eight" defendants, John Schuchardt, 41, of Baltimore and Elmer Maas, 45, of New York City.

All 10 demonstrators were given civil citations charging them with disorderly conduct and then released. They may pay fines of up to \$300 or appeal the summary offenses within 10 days.

A crowd has gathered daily at the courthouse in support of the "Plowshares Eight," a group of anti-nuclear activists accused of breaking into a General Electric Co. plant in nearby King of Prussia and damaging the nose cones of nuclear missiles.

Following the arrests, the Rev. Daniel Berrigan, 60, a Jesuit priest from New York City, asked Judge Samuel Salus II to intervene against the "oppressive police presence" outside the courthouse.

most constant bickering between the defendants and the judge.

The other defendants are the Rev. Carl Kabat, 44, Baltimore; Daniel Berrigan's brother, Philip, 37, a former priest from Baltimore; Molly Rush, 45, a Pittsburgh peace activist; Dean Hammer, 26, a New Haven, Conn., Protestant chaplain, and Sister Anne Montgomery, 54, of New York.

They adopted the

name "Plowshare Eight" from the Old Testament proverb by Isaiah that swords should be turned into plowshares and the world committed to peace.

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# Getty finals Atoka gas opener

Getty Oil Co. announced completion of an Atoka gas discovery in Lea County, N.M., at its No. 1 West Jal Deep "B."

A work-over project, it finalized for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 4,274,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 12,682 to 12,706 feet. The gas-liquid ratio is 2,712-1, with gravity of the liquid 50 degrees.

Total depth is 18,945 feet and five-inch liner is set at 18,930 feet.

The well originally was completed in 1976 by Skelly Oil Co. from Fusselman perforations at 16,411-16,439 feet.

The wellsite is one mile north of Fusselman production in the Jal, West field and four miles north of Pennsylvania gas production in the Jal, Southwest field.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 17-25s-36e and four miles west of Jal.

### LEA RE-ENTRY

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia, N.M., announced plans to re-enter and plug back from 12,135 to 11,884 feet at the former Amerada Petroleum Corp. No. 3 State "EC," former well in the depleted Echols, East (Devonian) field.

Yates will operate the project as No. 1 Lovelady-State "QC." Operator will test the Devonian in an attempt to reopen field.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 16-11s-38e. Ground elevation is 3,910 feet.

### LEA OUTPOST

Elk Oil Co. of Roswell, N.M., staked location for a two-mile southeast outpost to the Hume (Morrow gas) field of Lea County.

The 13,000-foot project is 111 miles northeast of Maljamar and 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 9-16s-34e.

The project will be drilled as No. 6 Northeast Kemnitz.

### LEA FIELD AREAS

Southland Royalty Co., operating from Midland, announced location for a 10,800-foot project in an undesignated area of Lea County, 12 miles northwest of Monument.

It is No. 1-34 Peoples, 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 34-18s-35e.

Elk Oil Co. of Roswell announced location for a 7,100-foot project in an unnamed Drinkard area of Lea County, nine miles southwest of Hobbs.

The project, No. 1 Eggbert, is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 8-20s-38e.

### CHAVES WILDCATS

Liberty Oil & Gas Corp. of Livonia, La., announced location for a 5,000-foot rank wildcat one mile north of Dunken in Chaves County, N.M.

Scheduled as No. 1 T. L. Watts, it is 1,650 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 21-17s-17e. It is 20 miles northwest of Morrow gas production in the Gardner Draw field.

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia, N.M., spotted location for a 4,450-foot Abo wildcat in north Chaves County, 27 miles northwest of Boaz.

It is No. 4 Everette-Federal "OO," 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 25-5s-24e and 3/4 mile southwest of an unnamed Abo gas discovery.

### CHAVES FIELD WORK

Mesa Petroleum Corp. of Midland spotted No. 1 Shannon as a 4,200-foot Abo test in Chaves County, 20 miles northwest of Elkins and one mile northwest of an unnamed Abo gas discovery.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 27-6s-24e.

Western Reserves Oil Co. of Midland staked two 5,400-foot projects 17 miles southeast of High Lonesome in Chaves County.

No. 1-24 Vevmor-Federal is 1,980 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 24-5s-24e.

Western Reserves No. 2-24 Bevmore-Federal is 1,980 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 24-5s-24e.

Yates Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Comanche "PQ" is to be drilled as a 3,500-foot project in an unnamed San

Andres area of Chaves County, eight miles east of Roswell.

Location is 990 feet from north and east lines of section 27-10s-25e. Ground elevation is 3,536 feet.

### EDDY WILDCAT

Celeste C. Grynberg of Denver, Colo., will dig No. 1 S. Cottonwood Draw Unit as a 7,000-foot wildcat in Eddy County, 12 miles northwest of Artesia.

Location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 29-16s-24e and 2 3/4 miles north of an undesignated Atoka and Abo gas field.

### EDDY FIELD WORK

Mesa Petroleum Corp., operating from Midland, spotted No. 2 Sink-Federal as an 8,600-foot project in an undesignated Morrow and Atoka gas area of Eddy County, 19 miles northwest of Loco Hills.

It is 660 feet from south and 2,302 feet from west lines of section 9-16s-27e and one location northwest of Atoka production. It is 2 3/4 miles southwest of Morrow gas production.

Getty Oil Co., operating from Midland, announced location for an 11,900-foot project 2 3/4 miles east of Morrow gas production in the Burton Flat, East field 17 miles northeast of Carlsbad in Eddy County.

Scheduled as No. 1-11 Burton Flat, it is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 11-20s-29e. Ground elevation is 3,315 feet.

Southland Royalty Co. of Midland No. 1-26 Empire-Federal is to be drilled as a 10,750-foot project 1 1/2 miles northeast of Morrow gas production in the Turkey Track, North field of Eddy County.

It is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 26-18s-29e. Ground elevation is 3,434 feet.

Husky Oil Co. of Denver, Colo., staked two projects in the Diamond Mound (Atoka and Morrow gas) field of Eddy County, 18 miles northwest of Loco Hills.

No. 1 Husky-Federal "SCR" is to be drilled 1/2 mile south of production and 550 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 15-16s-27e. Contract depth is 8,600 feet and ground elevation is 3,568 feet.

Husky No. 2 Husky-Federal "SCR" was staked one mile south of production and 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 14-16s-27e. Contract depth is 8,650 feet and ground elevation is 3,581 feet.

Jake L. Hamon of Midland No. 1-32 State Communized is to be drilled as an 11,000-foot Morrow project in an unnamed Morrow area of Eddy County.

The project, 1 1/2 miles southeast of the four-well Bubbling Spring, West (Morrow gas) field, will be drilled 2,090 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 32-20s-26e. Contract depth is 11,000 feet.

### EDDY COMPLETIONS

Amoco Production Co., operating from Midland, has completed No. 1 State Communized "IF" as a shut-in gas well in the Hoag Tank (Morrow) field of Eddy County, 13 miles northwest of Lakewood.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 2,400,000 cubic feet of gas, one barrel of condensate and one barrel of water.

Completion was through Morrow perforations from 8,510 to 8,520 feet.

HNG Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-4 Vasquez Communized is a new well in the Malaga, North (Atoka) field of Eddy County, two miles northwest of Malaga.

The operator reported a 1,500,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through a 14 3/4-inch choke and perforations from 11,644 to 11,653 feet after a 3,000-gallon acid treatment.

Location is 1/2 mile west of Atoka gas production and 1,980 feet from north and 870 feet from east lines of section 4-24s-28e.

### EDDY DISCOVERY

Belco Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 1 Cassidy Communized is an upper Morrow gas discovery in the Loving, North (Morrow) field of Eddy County, one mile southwest of Loving.

It completed for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 4,670,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 12,216 to 12,338 feet.

Total depth is 12,750 feet, and five-inch liner was set at an unreported depth.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 29-23s-28e.

# Three discoveries complete in Permian Basin counties

Discovery Operating, Inc., No. 1 Henderson has been completed as a Pennsylvanian oil discovery in Schleicher County, six miles northwest of Huldale.

Operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 20 barrels of 36.5-gravity oil and five barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 2,000-1.

Completion was through a 14 3/4-inch choke and perforations from 6,122 to 6,177 feet after a 2,000-gallon acid treatment and a 30,000-gallon fracture job.

Total depth is 6,551 feet, 4 1/2-inch casing is cemented at 6,589 feet, and hole is plugged back to 6,230 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 1212, TCRR survey.

### COKE DISCOVERY

Bridwell Oil Co. of Abilene No. 1 King Estate has been completed as an Ellenburger discovery in Coke County, nine miles northeast of Robert Lee.

On 24-hour potential test it flowed 120 barrels of 45-gravity oil, no water, with a gas-oil ratio of 958-1.

Completion was through an 8 3/4-inch choke and perforations from 6,834 to 6,838 feet.

The Ellenburger was topped at 6,834 feet on ground elevation of 2,461 feet. Other tops include the Palo Pinto, 5,505 feet; Capps lime, 5,821 feet; Goen lime, 6,045 feet; Odom lime, 6,499 feet; Caddo lime, 6,614 feet.

Total depth is 6,852 feet, and 5 1/2-inch casing is set on bottom.

Location is 467 feet from south and 2,185 feet from west lines of Hiram P. Norton survey No. 2, abstract 588.

### STONEWALL OPENER

Harvey Heiser of Midland No. 1 Lee Smith has been completed as a Canyon oil discovery in Stonewall County, seven miles south of Aspermont.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 72 barrels of 41-gravity oil and 100 barrels of water, through perforations from 4,774 to 4,776 feet after an 800-gallon acid treatment.

A re-entry project, it was cleaned out to 4,944 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is cemented at that point.

The hole originally was drilled by Fletcher Oil & Gas Drilling Co. as the No. 1 Annie Smith. It was abandoned in April 1960 at 6,154 feet.

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COTTLE WILDCAT Jack F. Grimm of Abilene staked a 6,300-foot wildcat in Cottle County, 3 miles northeast of Delwin.

It is No. 1 Borden, 2,260 feet from south and 1,462 feet from west lines of Isaac M. Lyons survey, abstract 164. Ground elevation is 1,922 feet.

# Gas pricing gains ground in international market

TULSA--Pricing natural gas in parity with crude oil has moved up several notches in importance on the international energy market, Oil & Gas Journal reports in its Feb. 23 issue.

Negotiating teams from the U.S. and France spent long periods last year arguing with Sonatrach, the Algerian state oil company, over the principal of pricing natural gas on a par with crude.

And round seven of the U.S.-Algerian talks, conducted last week in an effort to break an impasse in negotiations on the price of Algerian liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipped to the U.S., were unsuccessful. No other talks have been scheduled.

Parity pricing is one of those political catch phrases that has entered the oil industry vocabulary during the last couple years with no clear definition of the term, the Journal says. Like many well-tuned expressions, it is open to many interpretations.

At stake in separate negotiations that have involved Gaz de France, El Paso Natural Gas Co., the U.S. government, and Sonatrach, is whether Algeria's definition of parity pricing has any validity in the current world energy market. Crude oil supplies

### HOWARD DRILLSITE

McCann Corp. of Big Spring No. 1 Wolf is to be drilled as a 9,000-foot test in the Coahoma, North (Fusselman) field of Howard County, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Coahoma.

Operator spotted the location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 19, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Senators vote crackdown on drug-pushing doctors

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Senate has approved a "war on drugs" bill calling for swift punishment of doctors and other medical professionals who push pills illegally.

Sniper may have seen love notes

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A sniper who opened fire on Lubbock motorists, wounding two, may have picked his targets because of messages from a lost love he "saw" in their license plates, police say.

Seven-year-old murder charge dropped

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Hamilton was arrested more than seven years after his indictment on charges of murder, but it only took a month to have his record cleared.

Court says alien law unconstitutional

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court has granted a "summary affirmance," upholding a ruling that a Texas law excluding alien children from public schools was unconstitutional.

The decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was made last Monday but was not issued publicly. It was simply one line added to the court record, granting a government motion.

Inmate killed, guard hurt at prison

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A fight among three inmates in a corridor of the New Mexico State Penitentiary, site of a bloody riot a year ago, has left one prisoner dead of stab wounds and a guard critically wounded, officials say.

The disturbance Thursday night occurred in Cellblock 3, the maximum security unit at the penitentiary where 33 inmates died during last February's bloody uprising, Department of Corrections officials said.

One of the two inmates who was cleaning was stabbed in a fracas with the other two, he said.

When corrections officers opened the grille to the cellblock and rushed to break up the fight, one guard was stabbed, Ramming said.

The weapon appeared to be a prison-made shive, a round rod sharpened at one end, he said.

Destroyed notes may have provided clues of air crash

CHICAGO (AP) — Notes destroyed by an American Airlines employee may have provided clues to the causes of an O'Hare International Airport crash that was the nation's worst air disaster, says an attorney for McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Jack Barry said Thursday he thinks the notes were important because the man who wrote them was investigating "the facts, circumstances and causes of the accident."

The May 25, 1979, crash of the American Airlines DC-10, manufactured by McDonnell Douglas, took 273 lives. There were no survivors.

American Airlines safety employee Mac Eastburn said in a deposition he shredded the notes, made in preparation for a September 1979 report on the crash, in which one of the jet's engines fell off before the plane plummeted to the ground.

American maintained the jumbo jet after buying it.

Barry said he believed destroying the notes was forbidden by a court order prohibiting destruction of documents relating to the crash. That order was issued by Circuit Judge Louis J. Gilbert four days after the accident.

However, an attorney for American Airlines said he doesn't think the notes were worth saving or were covered by the court order.

"Do you save all your notes? You'd be inundated with paper," Thomas Allen said. "The final article (the report) he didn't destroy."

Allen said he didn't think the notes needed to be saved because they were incorporated into Eastburn's report. The report, he said, was compiled into another report, called "Maintenance and Engineering Action Program," that was made public.

McDonnell Douglas also is seeking a copy of Eastburn's report.

Philip H. Corboy, an attorney for some families of victims of the crash, said he also thought the notes were important and should have been saved under the court order.

Odessa store hit by armed bandit

ODESSA — Odessa police are investigating an armed robbery at Brad's Food Store in the 800 block of S. Crane Street Thursday. The suspects made off with "an undetermined amount of money" at about 2 p.m. Thursday, according to police spokesmen. Additional details on the case were not available.

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Midland Commandery #84. Annual monthly convective at 7:30 p.m. Annual inspection of officers February 17 at 7:00. J. Morrison Brown, Commander; George Medley, Recorder.

Midland Lodge #623 A.F. & A.M., 1600 W. Wall, 682-3292. Next stated meeting Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. All Masons invited. Don McCarthy, W.M.; George Medley, Secretary.

Midland Shrine Club. February meeting will be at the Court House, 1000 W. Wall, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments at 6:30, supper at 7:30. Covered dish. For more information call 697-1755, 682-6214. Gus Hicks, President.

Key Stone Chapter #172 and council #112, 1600 W. Wall regular meeting 3rd March 7:30 p.m. Floor School Wednesday nights 7:00 p.m. All York Rite Masons invited. Jesse Coleman H.P. & T.I.M. George Medley Sec. Rec. A.F. & A.M., 1600 W.

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