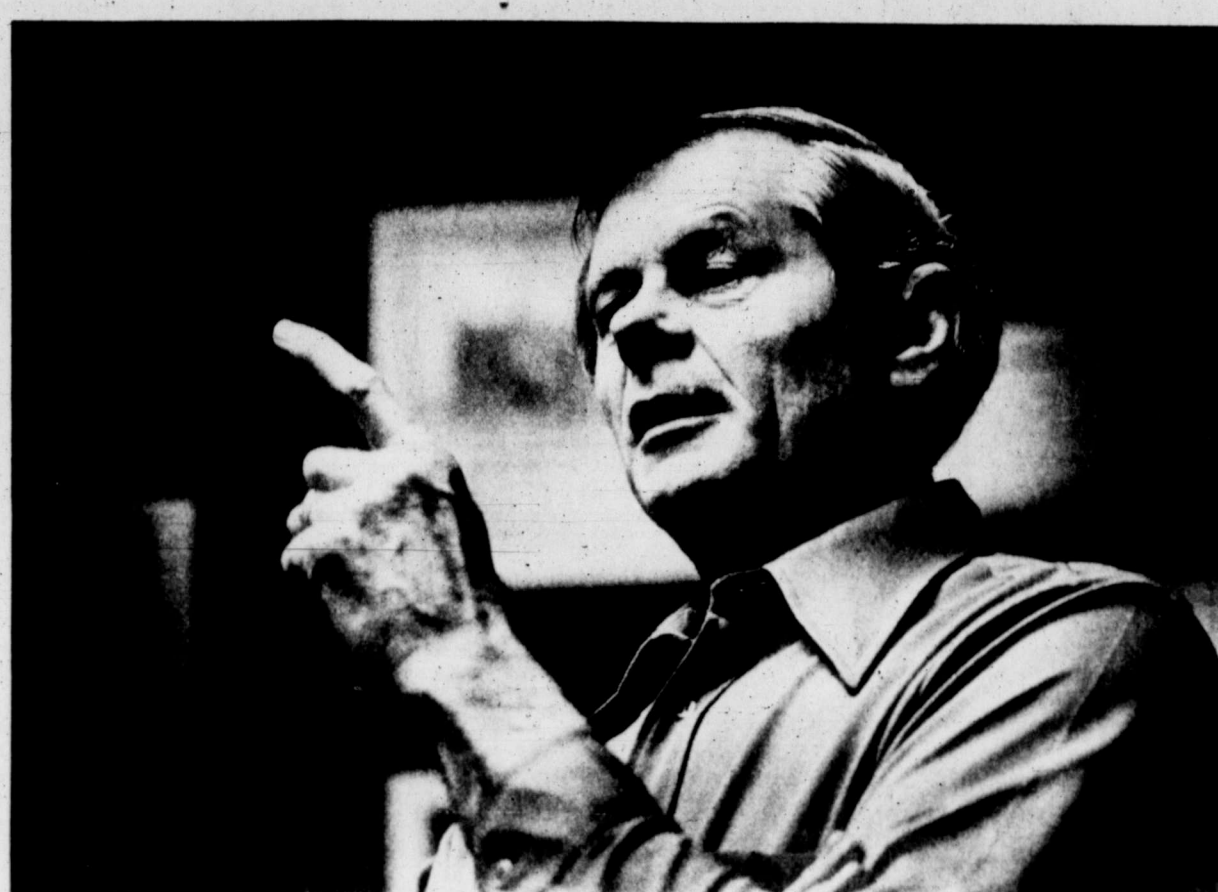


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— County Commissioner Charlie Welch (right)

## Commissioners vote to join in water study

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

Lopsided dissent over Midland Draw once again struck the Midland County Commissioners during their regular meeting Monday.

But they, nevertheless, unanimously agreed to join with the city of Midland in spending \$53,000 on a hydrological study of Midland's underground water and to search for "every possible alternative for temporary relief" of the water problem.

Commissioner Win Brown cast the only negative vote in the commissioners' 3-1 vote to hire an "outside" hydrologist — William F. Guyton & Associates of Austin — to make a \$15,000 study to back up or gainsay

the findings of Midland's hydrology firm, Ed L. Reed & Associates.

A third suggestion on the same problem came during a border-line melee setting. In that portion of the meeting, Commissioner Charlie Welch's motion for a hearing before the Texas Department of Water Resources to get "lifted" Midland's permit to primarily treat sewer water died for lack of a second. Welch contends that the city "can't live" within its permit and never has.

But Welch didn't expect support from his peers.

"I FEEL THAT the court is being very cautious," Welch said in explaining the non-support of his motion. He said the court, including

Commissioners Durward Wright, C. DeWayne Davis and Brown and County Judge Bill Ahders, is striving to "maintain harmony between the two governing bodies (the city and the county)."

"And well they should, but at what cost?" he asked. Welch suggested that it's "possible" that the welfare and health of "the people" might be sacrificed for too much harmony and good will.

In recent weeks, Welch has been outspoken in his criticism of the city's management of its sewage treatment plant and handling of primary-treated effluent and of the city's water-logged sanitary landfill. Since 1979, the city has held a permit to primarily treat sewer water on the

condition that the water — still "filthy," says Welch — is only used for agricultural purposes and is not dumped into Midland Draw.

The controversial Midland Draw flows alongside the sanitary landfill and sewage treatment plant in southeast Midland. Welch is charging that the city's mismanagement is causing water to back up and to endanger the health of "the people."

"WHAT THE CITY needs to do for the people," Welch has repeatedly harangued in recent weeks, "is to clean the water — clean the water up."

He wants the city to immediately "flip a switch" and forthwith to start purifying — but far short of pristine

quality — the sewage waters that are allegedly creating a stench along Midland Draw. That "flip of a switch" supposedly would cause the effluent to be secondarily treated; the water will be cleaner, more free of solids, but still would be "filthy" — not potable, says Welch.

And this time, Welch, who views the draw's problem as "humongous," gathered support from within the crowded Commissioners' Courtroom.

"WE ALL AGREE," said Judge Ahders, "that the people in the draw have some serious problems." And he even conceded that some engineers and geologists familiar with the draw's blight behold the common problem but are not in agreement on

a solution. "None of them agree on anything," said the judge. "Not any two agree on any option."

"I don't know the solution," said Ahders. "I want a solution."

Civil engineer Bill Rapp, another critic of the city's handling of effluent and garbage, said that sewage waters are getting into the draw. Testimony to that are the floatables — condoms — which get into the canals and which, in theory, should have been screened out in the primary-treatment phase of the so-called cleansing sewer waters.

Rapp said effluent is spilling over the embankment of dikes and is per-

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## Further budget cuts proposed

It's now up to Congress, Reagan says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, declaring, "the next steps are up to Congress," today proposed \$48.6 billion in spending cuts for 1982 across the breadth of government, sparing defense and little else from the chopping block.

The \$695.3 billion budget for 1982 would leave a deficit of \$45 billion. It contains newly announced spending reductions of \$13.8 billion in more than 200 areas, including veteran and job programs, water projects and housing.

The budget includes Reagan's call for a three-year tax cut, but the overall theme of the spending document is simple and dramatic: More guns and relatively less butter.

As a result of the military increases and sharp cuts in social programs, the defense share of the federal budget would rise from 24 percent in 1981 to 27 percent next year and 38 percent by 1986.

Payments to individuals, the chief means of federal help to the poor and near poor, would remain roughly steady at about 48 percent. "The social cuts are certain to provoke a fierce battle in Congress."

Reagan is now seeking to double his proposed reduction in welfare spending to more than \$1 billion with a "workfare" requirement that he favored as governor of California.

He wants to build 50,000 fewer units of public housing than he recommended just a month ago, and 85,000 fewer units than proposed by Jimmy Carter in January.

On education, Reagan recommended a 25 percent cutback compared with 20 percent outlined in his February 18 budget message.

His food stamp plan calls for additional cuts of \$500 million to a total reduction of \$2.3 billion.

"The plan I outlined will stop runaway inflation and revitalize our economy if given a chance," Reagan declared in a statement that outlined cuts in more than 300 programs from food stamps to space exploration.

"These are unprecedented cuts to meet an unprecedented situation," the president said as he signed the package in the Rose Garden. "They mark the end of an old era and the beginning of a new one."

In a revamped version of his 1982

spending plans, the president said he is prepared to recommend still deeper spending cuts if necessary to keep federal spending from rising faster. In relaying his plan to Congress, Reagan pointedly reminded lawmakers and special interest groups that he felt he was acting on a "mandate for change" delivered by the voters last fall.

"There is nothing more important than putting America's economic house in order. The next steps are up to Congress," he said.

Reagan submitted his revised 1982 budget in tandem with the details on his proposal for a three-year cut in personal income tax rates of 10 percent a year. Top Republicans on Congress' tax-writing committees were to introduce the administration's tax plan later today.

Reagan's budget makes deep cuts in the spending blueprint President Carter recommended before leaving office.

The more than 200 newly disclosed program cuts included:

— A \$700 million reduction in Veterans Administration spending, forcing deferral or cancellation of hospital

construction; — Cuts in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration (CETA) in addition to the previously announced intention to abolish the \$3.6 billion public service jobs program that employs 310,000 people.

— Sharp reductions in Federal Housing Administration and Government National Mortgage Association mortgage insurance and loan guarantee commitments.

— Cutbacks of scheduled increases in railroad retirement benefits.

— Reduction of about \$180 million in the Corps of Engineers water project program, a politically popular item in Congress.

— Reduced federal subsidies for merchant shipbuilding and a cutback in credit assistance for small businesses.

Reagan also announced further cuts beyond what he specified on Feb. 18 in numerous programs, including food and nutrition, education, scientific research, the space program and the Rural Electrification Administration.

## First foreign trip includes some 'explaining'

By MAREEN SANTINI  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan set out today on his first goodwill trip to another country and already he has some explaining to do.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and other Canadians were not pleased when Reagan withdrew a U.S.-Canada fisheries treaty from Senate consideration four days before today's trip.

The action was greeted in Ottawa with "profound disappointment and regret," and was sure to be high on the agenda when Reagan and Trudeau meet during the 28-hour trip. Reagan's first foreign excursion since taking office.

Canadians are concerned about other issues also and Trudeau, under political pressure to raise the issue, was expected to tell Reagan Canada thinks it is a mistake for the United States to send military aid to the junta in El Salvador.

Reagan's campaign proposal for a loosely defined North American accord also encountered trepidation in Ottawa. Even American officials concede that proposal for cooperation among continental neighbors had been interpreted as an "energy grab" at Canada's resources.

U.S. officials who briefed reporters in advance of Reagan's trip said the main purpose of the journey was for the conservative president to meet Trudeau, a liberal who has led Canada for the last 12 years except for a brief interruption. Reagan is the first U.S. chief executive to visit Canada since Richard M. Nixon's trip in 1972.

White House press secretary James S. Brady said Monday that Reagan was simply being realistic when he withdrew the fisheries treaty from Senate consideration.

"It was obvious to everyone that the fisheries treaty was not going to go anywhere in Congress," Brady said.

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## Hijackers announce new deadline

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Hijackers of a Pakistan airliner set a Wednesday deadline today for fulfilling their demands and the more than 100 hostages aboard the plane at Damascus airport were reported getting increasingly nervous. But a top Syrian official expressed optimism their nine-day-old ordeal "will soon be over."

Brig. Gen. Mohammed Khawli told reporters a message from the Pakistani government included "proposals" and that the three Pakistani hijackers holding the plane had also made new demands. He declined to elaborate.

Syrian sources at the airport said the brigadier was acting as a mediator between the hijackers and Pakistani diplomats in Damascus.

In Islamabad, Pakistan, a ranking defense official said the hijackers had set a new deadline of 7 a.m., EST, Wednesday, for the release of politi-

cal prisoners or they would take "drastic action."

The hijackers shot a Pakistani diplomat when the plane was in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday.

At various times during the nine-day drama, the trio have threatened to shoot all Pakistani government officials aboard, every passenger one by one, and blow up the Boeing 720. Defense Secretary General M. Rahin Khan told a news conference in Islamabad. He said the leader of the hijackers was sometimes "wild and abusive."

During talks today, he said, the hijackers gave a list of political prisoners to be freed, but Pakistani officials noted some of the names had appeared on an earlier list.

A 22-year-old flight attendant released by the hijackers Monday night, Farzana Sharif, told reporters the hostages were being treated well. But "the psychological situation of the

passengers is extremely difficult," she said, "especially since they all know the hijackers will blow up the entire plane."

The hijackers, after they brought the Boeing 720 jetliner from Kabul, Afghanistan, to the Damascus airport early Monday, made new demands for the release of imprisoned opponents of Pakistani President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq's authoritarian military regime. They warned they would take an "extremely drastic measure" if their demands were not met.

The demands were radioed to Pakistan.

Truckloads of Syrian troops armed with automatic rifles moved into the airport Monday night and took up positions around the airliner. Zia was reported to have given the Syrians a free hand in dealing with the hijackers, but there was no evidence of

preparations to rush the plane.

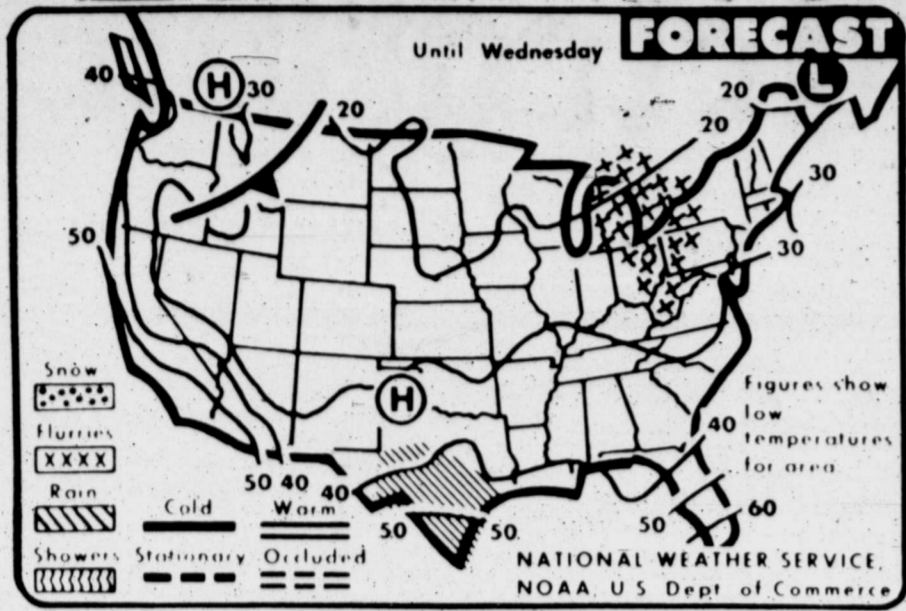
Syrian officials maintained radio contact with the green-and-white airliner parked on an auxiliary runway about half a mile from the control tower of the busy airport. Apparently trying to keep tension down, they advised the hijackers in advance when the guard was changed or when there was to be other movement around the plane.

The airliner was hijacked by three young armed men Sunday, March 1, during a domestic flight from Karachi to Peshawar and diverted to the Afghan capital.

During seven days of negotiations in Kabul, the hijackers threatened to shoot the passengers one-by-one and to blow up the plane. They released 29 hostages Thursday, killed a Pakistani diplomat who was among the passengers on Friday and freed four more people Saturday.



WEATHER SUMMARY



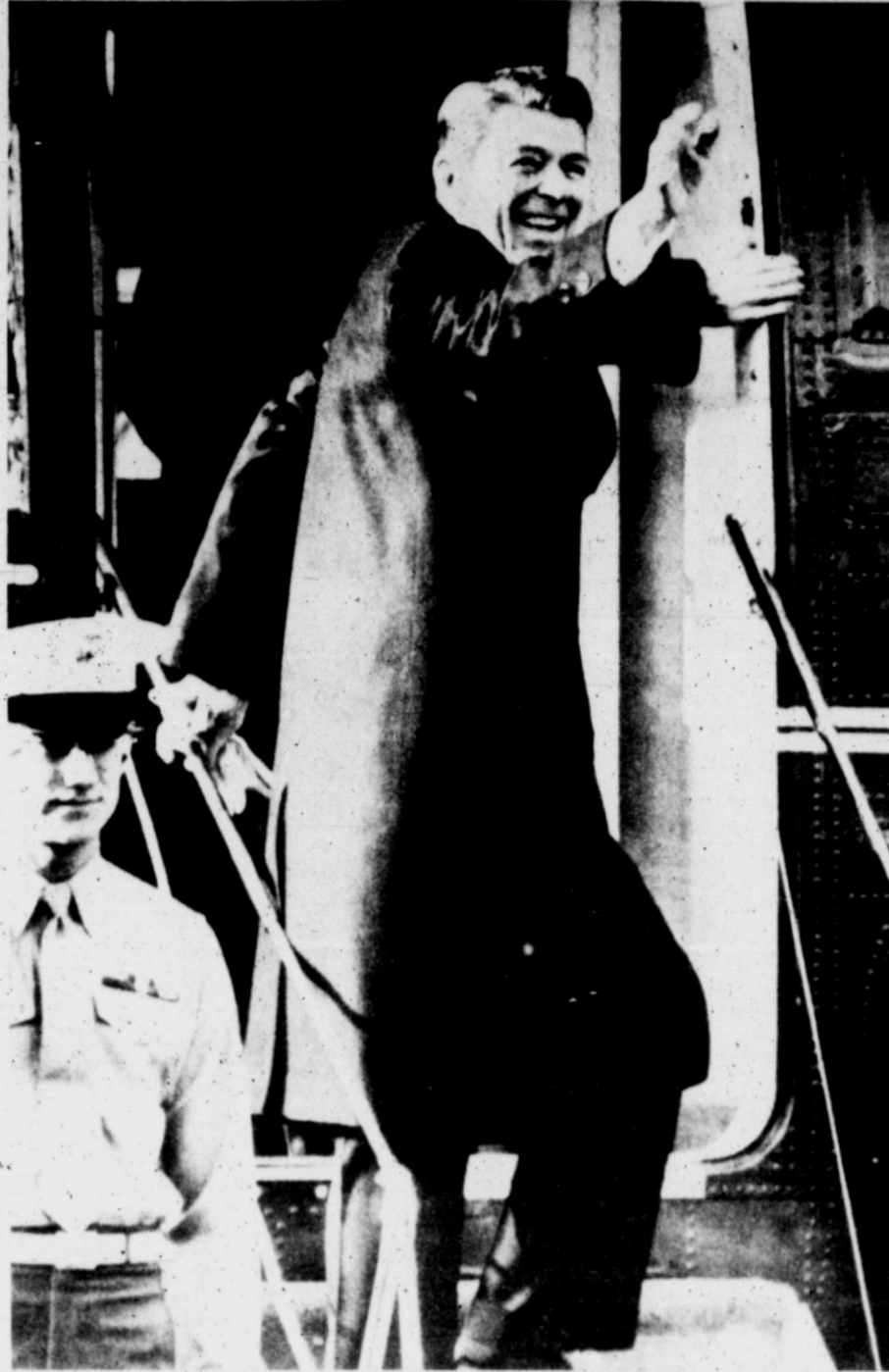
Snow flurries are expected in the forecast period, today until Wednesday, from the Ohio Valley to the Great Lakes. Rain is forecast for the southern half of Texas. Most of the nation will have sunny skies. Cool weather is expected in the northern half of the country and warm weather in the southern half.

Midland statistics

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Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Atlanta-City, Baltimore, Birmingham, Bismarck, Boise, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Charleston, Cheyenne, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Fairbanks, Hartford, Helena, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Reno, Richmond, Salt Lake, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Spokane, and Washington.



President Reagan waves from the steps of Marine One as he departs the South Lawn of the White House today. President and Mrs. Reagan are flying to Ottawa, Canada, for a State Visit, his first trip out of the country since becoming President. (AP Laserphoto)

Defendant can demand jury instruction in case he refuses to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — A defendant who refuses to testify in his own behalf can insist that the jury be told not to draw any inferences from this exercise of his constitutional right, the Supreme Court says. The court, in an 8-1 decision Monday, overturned the conviction of Lonnie Joe Carter, who was charged with the 1978 burglary of a Hopkinsville, Ky., hardware store. Carter also was charged as a repeat offender, a crime carrying a far stiffer penalty under Kentucky law.

—Blocked, pending a lower court decision, the release of 58 government computer tapes which, the Internal Revenue Service says, could be used by statistics-minded taxpayers to avoid IRS audits. —Ordered a halt to a Texas quarantine against California-grown fruit and vegetables, while the high court gives further thought to the constitutionality of one state's blocking shipments by another. Texas, in fact, lifted its week-old quarantine last Saturday, but the order could prevent Texas from reimposing it, for the time being.

The judge refused. Carter was convicted and sentenced to two years for the burglary and 20 years as a repeat offender. The Supreme Court ruled that to function effectively, jurors "must be accurately instructed in the law." "No judge can prevent jurors from speculating about why a defendant stands mute in the face of a criminal accusation," the court said, "but a judge can, and must, if requested to do so, use the unique power of the jury instruction to reduce that speculation to a minimum."

—Backed out of deciding a messy Delaware case involving the state's removal of five children from their natural parents: a woman and her half-brother, a man described by the state as a drinker, frequently unemployed, and with a criminal record. Six justices decided it was a mistake to take the case in the first place because it lacked "a properly presented federal question."

In a busy day of decisions Monday, the high court rejected the claims of drug smugglers that they cannot be punished separately for both importing and distributing marijuana because it was all part of the same operation. The court unanimously told Thomas Albarnaz and Edward Rodriguez must serve sentences for both importing and distributing marijuana, which were imposed after federal drug agents intercepted a cargo of 50,000 pounds of marijuana in Miami in 1977.

—Ruled that a former stewardess who sued Delta Air Lines for alleged racial bias and turned down a settlement offer does not have to pay the company's legal expenses because she lost the case in court. The decision indicated she would have owed the company its expenses had she won a court award no greater than the offered settlement. —Ruled that a railroad cannot be sued under state law for abandoning a track with the approval of the U.S. Interstate Commerce Commission. The Kalo Brick & Tile Co. tried to sue Chicago and North Western Transportation Co. for \$350,000 when the railroad, with ICC approval, abandoned service because of recurring earthslides on the tracks.

Role of CIA may be broadened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is considering a broad expansion of the CIA's authority to use break-ins, physical surveillance and covert infiltration of American groups and businesses, sources say. Sources familiar with the proposal said Monday it was designed as part of an effort to combat terrorists more effectively, but also was intended to improve leak investigations and the CIA's ability to spy on foreign economic developments. But they acknowledged it would eliminate some barriers established to prevent the agency, set up in 1947 to gather foreign intelligence, from reentering the search for alleged domestic subversives. The barriers were established after scandals over the CIA's spying in the 1960s on American anti-Vietnam war activists. The first restrictions were imposed by President Ford in executive order 1975 in 1976 and modified by President Carter in executive order in 1978.

The Reagan administration proposal was drafted by an interagency working group, chaired by CIA general counsel Daniel Silver and composed of U.S. intelligence agencies including the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency, Defense Department and others, according to the sources, who asked not to be named. The proposal was circulated, over the signature of CIA Director William Casey, to other government agencies in February and more recently to selected congressmen, the sources said. The sources said President Reagan had not yet approved the proposal to relax Carter's executive order regulating foreign-intelligence gathering. The sources said the proposal would not so much expand the government's authority to gather information secretly as it would increase the number of agencies that could do so in this country. For instance, they said there is no proposal to end restrictions that have virtually eliminated mail opening as an intelligence-gathering technique. Nor, they said, would the proposal change the government's need for secret curts warrants to use wire-

taps and bugs in foreign intelligence cases. But they said the proposal would allow the CIA to conduct break-ins, known as black bag jobs, physical surveillance and infiltration against American groups and companies in instances in which it formerly was forbidden to do so. The proposals were developed in the context of combating terrorism. But the immediate impetus was to improve the quality of leak investigations and the gathering of foreign positive intelligence, like the enormous amounts of foreign economic data held by U.S. multinational corporations, said one source. "But at the same time, it reduces the barriers against the CIA doing things like Operation Chaos or COINTELPRO." Operation Chaos was a CIA program in the 1960s to watch domestic anti-Vietnam war groups. COINTELPRO was an FBI program to infiltrate and disrupt civil-

rights and antiwar groups and the sources said the proposal would not change the prohibition against the FBI's engaging in that type of activity again. FBI Director William H. Webster and his intelligence chief Edward O'Malley have both said publicly in the past two weeks that the FBI neither wants nor needs expanded authority to investigate terrorists and domestic subversives. Under Carter's order, those investigations are governed by guidelines written by Attorney General Edward Levi during the Ford administration. The guidelines require that the FBI have evidence that a crime has been or is about to be committed before the FBI can open an investigation. However, foreign intelligence investigations can be opened under Carter's order against agents of a foreign power who are not suspected of criminal activity. Under existing rules, the FBI is the only intelligence agency authorized to — Put physical surveillance on Americans who are not agency employees in investigations designed to protect intelligence sources and methods — that is, leak and security investigations. "Under the proposal, the CIA could use its own security personnel to look at potential sources and recipients of leaked information," one source said.

Rain to prevail until Wednesday

April showers have arrived ahead of schedule this year, and the weatherman claims the rainy atmosphere should hang around through Wednesday. The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport is calling for considerable cloudiness through Wednesday. Also persisting through Wednesday is a 30 percent chance for light rain. The light rain that started falling Monday amounted to .03 of an inch of precipitation, the weatherman said. Although just barely into March, the monthly total has risen to .45 of an inch. This puts the yearly total to date at 1.68 inches. After a low tonight in the upper 30s, the mercury should hop into the middle 50s on Wednesday. High on Monday was 47 degrees, a cool comparison to the record high of 85 degrees set on that date in 1955.

Extended forecasts

West Texas: Cloudy Thursday and partly cloudy Friday through Saturday. Chance of rain south Thursday. No important temperature changes. Lows 30s north and mountains to 60s south. Highs 50s north to low 70s Big Bend. North Texas: Partly cloudy and mild with highest daily temperatures in the 60s and lows ranging from the upper 30s to upper 40s. South Texas: Chance of showers Thursday and Friday. Clearing Saturday. Mild temperatures. Daytime highs move to low 70s Thursday and Friday. Warming in the 70s all sections Saturday. Overnight lows 50 to 60.

Rep. Allee says Texans need to carry gun today

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Rep. Henry Allee calls it a "self-help remedy," but to Houston Police Detective David Collier it sounds like a return to the ways of the Wild West. Allee, D-Houston, wants to allow Texans to carry pistols in their vehicles. You need to pack a pistol when you're driving Texas roads, he told the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee on Monday. "We've reached the point in Texas there's no question but that the individual has the need of the right to carry a handgun to protect himself," Allee said. Texas law now allows you to carry a handgun in your car only if it is locked in the trunk. Allee said the weapons should be where they can be used. "I trust the people of Texas to use a weapon rationally. Some individuals have commented, 'Well, they'll have everybody shooting themselves on the freeways.' I don't think that's true," Allee said. But Collier, president of the Hous-

ton Police Officers Association, said highway murders already are out of hand in Houston. "We're going to have an increase in the number of freeway shootings," he predicted. "If this bill were to pass I suspect we'd have to double the size of the homicide division." "We're going back to old Wild West, I'm afraid," he testified. Allee said the bill might increase the number of murders but would cut down on rapes and robberies. The legislator's father was kidnapped last year and released unharmed. "I'm sorry we have to resort to these self-help remedies," he said. Collier was the only witness to speak against the bill. Allee brought several former policemen, gun course teachers and citizens who want to carry handguns in their cars. Some, including Houston engineer Walt Christmas, already pack a pistol in their cars. Christmas said he has never shot at anyone but his pistol has ward off potential attackers.

New voter registrations to be mailed

The Midland County Voter Registration Office will mail out new, corrected voter registration certificates today in accordance with precinct re-districting made effective March 1 by the county commissioners. Voters living north of FM 868, who previously voted in precincts 26 and 28 will be registered in precinct 18. Those living outside city limits who previously voted in precinct 18 will vote in precinct 29. Voters will receive new cards indicating these district changes. Those registered in precinct 18 within the city limits will continue to vote in precinct 18.

County Commissioners vote to join in city water study

(Continued from Page 1A) colating at an alarming rate through the porous earth and into the underground water systems. "When an infraction occurs," Rapp said, "it is to be reported immediately to the state authority." Rapp also accused the city of dumping sludge — sewage solids — onto the banks of Midland Draw and suggested that is being done against the health and welfare of the people of Midland County. "And it's bad news in the raw state," he said of sludge, which, Rapp said, ideally should be thoroughly dried in beds and used as humus and for fertilizer. "That material (sludge) needs to be impounded, and after it's dried, it can be disposed of. But let's get the sludge away from Midland Draw." Rapp also lambasted the city for being too "cost effective" in handling its sewage, effluent and garbage. "What the hell is cost effective?" he asked. "Are we really getting our money's worth?" "We've been 'cost effective' too long," Rapp said, "and we're going to have to pay the piper. We're in trouble now," he said. "We're in dire need. We had better save our money from the hydrologists and put it in the (sewer) plant."

Judge Adhers, who pointed out that the sewage treatment plant and the effluent holding ponds essentially are the city's problems, suggested that Rapp present his viewpoint to the Midland City Council. He agreed to do just that. The Midland Reporter-Telegram (CSPS 461-900). Published by Midland Newspapers, Inc. evenings (except Saturday and Sunday) and Saturday and Sunday morning, 201 E. Illinois Street, P.O. Box 1626, Midland, Texas 79702. Second Class Postage Paid at Midland, Texas. HOME DELIVERY Paid In Advance 1 Yr. 6 Mos. 1 Mo. Evenings and Sunday \$18.00 \$21.00 \$1.00 Evenings Only \$19.00 \$19.50 \$3.25 Sunday Only \$21.00 \$21.50 \$2.50 MAIL RATES IN TEXAS 1 Yr. 6 Mos. 1 Mo. Evenings and Sunday \$22.00 \$26.00 \$6.00 Evening Only \$24.00 \$27.00 \$3.50 Sunday Only \$26.00 \$27.50 \$3.25 MAIL RATES OUTSIDE TEXAS 1 Yr. 6 Mos. 1 Mo. Evenings and Sunday \$25.00 \$30.00 \$7.50 Evening Only \$27.00 \$31.50 \$4.75 Sunday Only \$29.00 \$32.50 \$4.50 Foreign and other rates furnished upon request. All subscriptions payable in advance. All subscription rates revised October 1, 1978.

Police check burglary, theft reports

City police today were investigating a rash of burglary and theft complaints lodged during the past 24 hours. An employee of the Burger King Restaurant, 710 N. Andrews Highway, told officers \$3,000 in cash was missing from a company safe at the establishment. In a delayed report, Mrs. L.M. Short of 1011 W. Louisiana said a ladies Seiko watch and two diamond rings worth a total of \$5,300 were taken in a theft at her residence sometime between Thursday and Friday of last week. An air compressor and a 12-ton jack were reported stolen from Hall's Tire Service at 510 W. Florida, while \$342 in cash was said to be missing by an employee of Basin Aviation at Midland Air Park. An employee of Midland National Bank, 500 W. Texas, told police \$115 was missing from a purse and a 12-gauge shotgun with handmade grips was reported taken from the

Affordable Inn at 3838 W. Wall. No value was listed on the weapon. A 17-jewel gold watch and a gold diamond ring were reported taken in a burglary of the Conrado Molinar residence at 1113 N. Colorado. Entry

Police Roundup

was gained through a rear bedroom window. No value was placed on the jewelry. And an employee of the Sound Machine store in San Miguel Square told officers a man entered the establishment about 5 p.m. Monday and walked off with a stereo cassette player valued at \$199. A 16-year-old Midland youth suffered minor injuries when the car he was driving went out of control and struck a parked vehicle before slamming into a utility pole in the 3300 block of West Neely Monday morning.

Released following treatment at Midland Memorial Hospital for nose and neck injuries was Kenny Joe Gallaher, of 4505 Roosevelt. Police said his 1970 Monte Carlo struck a car owned by Edward Hodges, 3302 W. Neely, then hit a TESCO pole shortly before 11 a.m. Monday. Hodges' car was parked in his driveway at the time. Sheriff's investigators today were looking into two theft complaints that netted thieves more than \$8,000 in tools and construction machinery. In the first complaint, the Odessa firm of Permian Maintenance Systems reported the disappearance of an asphalt recycling machine. The machine was on a trailer parked at the Warfield Truck Stop over the weekend. It was valued at \$7,800. And miscellaneous tools worth \$602 were said to be missing from the George Tope Pipeyard, 510 Cloverdale Road. That theft also occurred over the weekend.

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**DEATHS**

**Gene H. Bills**

ANDREWS — Services for Gene Harold Bills, 50, of Andrews were to be at 2 p.m. today at Wesley Methodist Church with burial in Andrews Cemetery under direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

He died following a March 7 traffic accident in El Paso.

Bills was born Jan. 26, 1931 in Snyder and was a driller for Holiday Drilling Co. in Midland. He was a Korean conflict veteran and was married to Linda June Hardin Oct. 13, 1967 in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Gene Harold Bills Jr.; three daughters, Debbie Jean Williams of Shalwater, Sandra Gayle Lumbard of Elk City, Okla., and Sheila Parker of Lovington, N.M.; his parents, Mrs. Rhoda Bills Bonner and C.S. Bonner of Snyder; four sisters, Beth Adcock of Midland, Lenora Winkler of Odessa, Donna Sullenger of Kermit and Joy Watley of Midland; a brother, Larry Bills of Snyder; and five grandchildren.

**Jesse Crawford**

ODESSA — Services for Jesse Edward Crawford, 53, of Odessa and formerly of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Easterling-Wilson Funeral Home chapel with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Crawford died Sunday at his residence.

He was born Dec. 3, 1927 in Clarksville and lived in Midland prior to moving to Odessa in 1960. He was a mechanic for the City of Odessa, a U.S. Army World War II veteran and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Olive Crawford; a son, Jesse Don Crawford; two daughters, Deborah McLeod of Midland and Lori Crawford of Odessa; a sister, Pearl Burkett of San Francisco, Calif.; two brothers, Harry Lee Crawford of Paris and Charlie Crawford of Denton; and three grandchildren.

**Lillie P. Barnhill**

STANTON — Lillie Pauline Barnhill, 80, of Stanton died Monday morning in a Stanton hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Harold Quarles, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Midland, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 11, 1900, at Cisco, she moved to Stanton in 1928. She married W.S. Barnhill Dec. 13, 1917 at Fort Worth. He died Jan. 14, 1975.

Survivors include three sons, T.D. Barnhill, Roy Lee Barnhill and Billy E. Barnhill, all of Stanton; a daughter, Barbara Blocker of Midland; two sisters, Birtie Travis and Thelma Watson, both of Cisco; a brother, Lawrence Boatman of Cisco; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

**M. Hutschenreuter**

BRADY — Services for Max Weldon Hutschenreuter, 75, of Miami, Fla., brother of Mrs. Henry Probst of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at Wilkerson's Northside Memorial

Chapel with burial in Live Oak Cemetery.

Hutschenreuter was born Jan. 28, 1906 in Brady, where he lived 33 years before moving to Florida. He was an engineer and a member of First Baptist Church.

**Opal Hinkle**

Services for Opal Hinkle, 68, of 1004 Shell, were Monday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hinkle died Saturday in a Midland nursing home following a lengthy illness.

She was born March 29, 1912, in Anson, Texas and spent her adult life in Roswell, N.M. She was preceded in death by her husband, R.R. Hinkle, in 1971. Mrs. Hinkle moved to Midland in 1971.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Carl Lollar, Sr. of Anson; four nephews and three nieces.

Palbearers were Stephen Decovic, Louis Elliot and Wayne Elliot.

**Clifford Waddell**

Services for Clifford E. Waddell, 69, of 100 W. Pecan St., were Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Bill Skaggs officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Sunday morning in a Midland nursing home following a lengthy illness.

Waddell was born Jan. 18, 1912, in Van Zandt County. He grew up in Mills County and was married to Ola Mae Gummelt Oct. 3, 1933, in Star. They came to Midland in 1951 and Waddell operated Waddell Painting Co. until his retirement in 1970. He had been in failing health for several years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Gene E. Waddell of Midland; a daughter, Cindy Thomas of Winfield, Okla.; his father, Albert Waddell of Hamilton; six brothers, Leonard Waddell of Kermit, Bob Waddell of Monahans, H.C. Waddell of De Soto, Wesley Waddell of Belton, John Waddell of Hamilton and F.H. Waddell of Midland; three sisters, Leona Kinchele of Evant and Grace Nickerson and Dorothy Olsen, both of Duncanville; five granddaughters and a grandson.

Palbearers were Larry Waddell of Woodsboro, Mack Kinchele of Fort Worth, Bobby Reed and Sherman Reed, both of Odessa, and Odell Gummelt and Sam Gummelt, both of Midland.

**Barney McCasland**

LUBBOCK — Barney C. McCasland Sr. of Lubbock, father of Barney C. McCasland Jr. of Midland, died March 2 at his home.

Services were March 4 at the First Christian Church. Masonic graveside services also were held at Resthaven Cemetery.

Other survivors include two sons, three daughters, 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

**Verdict returned in favor of author**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A lawyer for the one-time wife and lover of slain Houston plastic surgeon John Hill says his client may have lost her \$3 million libel suit against author Tommy Thompson because she was an admitted adultress.

"It cast a stigma, so to speak," said Bob Gibbens after a federal jury Monday night rejected Ann Kurth's claim that Thompson's bestselling 1976 book "Blood and Money" libeled her and ruined her planned writing career.

"It was a tough case," added Gibbens. "Truth is a defense against libel," Thompson said after the six-hour jury spent only an hour and 40 minutes in deliberations on following the week-long trial.

"I wrote the truth and the jury believed me," Thompson said of his 1976 account of the deaths of Houston socialite Joan Robinson Hill and her husband, Dr. John Hill.

The suit was filed by Ms. Kurth, whom Hill married after Joan Hill's death in 1969, against Thompson and his publishers, Doubleday & Co.

Hill died when he was gunned down in his plush River Oaks home in 1972 while awaiting a second trial after being charged in the death of Joan

Hill. The first trial was declared a mistrial after Mrs. Kurth testified that Hill had tried to kill her.

Ms. Kurth said the trial "didn't set the record straight," but added that an upcoming television version of her book will. "We feel like the truth will be told," she said.

The suit, which initially asked for \$3.75 million in damages, alleged there were 23 inaccuracies in the book, which detail the deaths of Joan and John Hill and the ensuing trials.

Thompson called the book a "metaphor of Texas" because it showed the dark side of money and power in the ultra-rich Houston power structure.

Ms. Kurth and Hill had an affair prior to Joan Hill's death and were married for a brief, stormy period. After the couple divorced, she testified at Hill's trial that he had admitted killing Joan Hill and tried to kill her.

The presiding judge declared a mistrial and Hill was gunned down in front of his family before he could stand trial again.

In "Blood and Money," Thompson described Ms. Kurth's flashy looks; profanity and motivation for testifying against her former husband.

During the drama-filled trial, Ms. Kurth, Thompson, a state district judge who helped prosecute John

Hill and Robert "Boot" Hill, the Hill's only child, took the stand to reveal often steamy, sordid details of the circumstances detailed in the book.

Tape recordings Thompson made during his interview with Ms. Kurth were played and Thompson's attorneys used Ms. Kurth's book to show that "Blood and Money" actually made her book more marketable.

Thompson, who has since written a second best-seller called "Serpentine," said after the verdict that he "didn't ever want to appear in court again. I just want to sit at my typewriter and write," he said.

**Certain jobless benefits denied**

AUSTIN, Texas (A) — Texan who quit a job just because they are "tired of working" would not be able to get jobless benefits if Gov. Bill Clements signs a bill approved by the Senate.

Sen. Roy Blake, the bill sponsor, predicted his proposal would "stabilize the work force and make the Texas (unemployment compensation) law more fairly and evenly administered."

At his urging, the Senate accepted House amendments to a bill that would deny jobless benefits to people who quit their jobs, are fired for misconduct or refuse to accept "suitable" work found for them by the Texas Employment Commission.

They could get future benefits only if they found new jobs, earned the equivalent of six weeks' benefits and then were laid off through no fault of their own.

Currently, workers who quit are denied benefits for one to 25 weeks, with the TEC basing its decision on the facts of each case.

The Senate sent Blake's bill to Clements on 28-1

vote, with Sen. Dee Travis the lone dissenter.

"I'm not as happy with the amendments as you are," said Travis, R-Garland. "Why should the state subsidize a spouse who leaves town?"

He referred to an amendment that would allow a person who quits because a spouse must move to a new city to collect jobless benefits after a disqualification period of six to 26 weeks.

"You do have to compromise from time to time," said Blake, D-Nacogdoches.

Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, asked about the estimate that the bill would cost Texas an extra \$3 million to administer, and Blake responded, "I don't think it will."

The other amendments would: — Guarantee that military men and women who do not re-enlist would not be denied benefits for "quitting" their jobs.

— Prohibit denial of benefits if a person quit because of medically verified illness, injury, disability or pregnancy.

**Customers want water law repealed**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Customers of rural water districts told a Senate committee Monday they want a 1979 law repealed in hopes it will lower their water bills.

A long line of witnesses plus a delegation of about 100 persons from Granbury supported Sen. Bob Glasgow's bill to repeal the 1979 act.

After two and a half hours of testimony, the Senate State Affairs Committee hearing was continued until next Monday.

The Stephenville Democrat said the law was special interest legislation because it ordered the Public Utility Commission to consider contributed capital as well as investment capital in setting rates for water utilities. He said this caused increased water rates for consumers because they had already paid for the utility improvements when they bought the lots.

"There is absolutely nothing illegal about this. There is no subterfuge," said Bil Finck, a former San Antonio legislator representing a number of water utilities. "This is only a question of how the improvements will be handled for tax purposes."

Kenneth Smith, Granbury, who signed in as a representative of citizen groups in Hood, Johnson, Tarrant and Parker counties, said the law "gives a special class of developer-type water utility companies a higher rate of return and profit than any other utility company in this state or any other state."

Marvin Morgan, DeSoto, former PUC employee, said the 1979 bill was

needed to eliminate controversy when the PUC considered the original cost of utility property.



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## Rebuilding the navy

"War, once declared, must be waged offensively, aggressively. The enemy must not be fended off, but smitten down." — Alfred Thayer Mahan.

The Reagan administration's new naval doctrine, announced recently by Navy Secretary John Lehman, is nothing less than a reaffirmation of the wise dictum laid down nearly a century ago by America's foremost seapower theoretician.

The notion that a good offense is the best defense is particularly applicable to a U.S. naval strategy capable of yielding victory over the Soviet Union at sea.

One of the U.S. Navy's overriding responsibilities in any general East-West war would be the protection of thousands of miles of vulnerable sea lanes on five oceans. Should these sea lanes, most especially those in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, be cut by Soviet submarines, aircraft, or surface ships, vital American allies and the United States itself would be isolated.

Japan and Western Europe would be left to face Soviet forces on their own, and the United States would be denied the oil and strategic minerals essential to its economy and to defense production.

The Carter administration, attempting presumably to justify its draconian cuts in Navy shipbuilding programs, seemed prepared to adopt a passive strategy under which the Navy would be compelled to simply await Soviet attacks on the sea lanes.

But that defensive strategy conceded the Soviets the crucial initiative at sea and, worse yet, denied the U.S. Navy a fighting chance to exploit the Soviet

navy's most serious strategic handicap.

In contrast to the U.S. Navy, which enjoys easy access to open seas from numerous warm water ports, Soviet warships are based in the restrictive and often ice-clogged waters of the Arctic Ocean, Baltic and Black Seas, and the Sea of Japan.

Submarines and surface ships leaving any of the four largest Soviet naval bases must pass through narrow choke points vulnerable to attack. And what better way could there be to preclude threats to allied sea lanes than by bottling up the Soviet fleets in their ports?

But, of course, a U.S. Navy capable of blocking the passage of Soviet fleets to deep water must have more and better ships — the kind that can fight and survive in close proximity to the Soviet land mass.

The 450-ship fleet Carter bequeathed the Reagan administration is at least 150 ships short of the total needed to fulfill projected wartime demands, including sustained attacks on Soviet choke points.

Thus, Secretary Lehman and the Reagan administration are proposing to double the Navy's shipbuilding program. Even then, it may be eight years before the Navy has enough ships appropriately armed to carry out an offensive strategy that offers the best hope of protecting allied passage on the world's oceans.

Clearly, then, there is no time to lose in getting on with the job of rebuilding the Navy and, in the process, making it strong enough to preserve the peace or, failing that, to prevail over a larger Soviet fleet in any war at sea.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 10, the 69th day of 1981. There are 295 days left in the year.  
Today's highlight in history:  
On March 10, 1945, American B-29 bombers began the first firebomb raids on Japan in World War II.  
On this date:  
In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was named U.S. minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.  
In 1922, martial law was declared in Johannesburg, South Africa, as strikes broke out.  
In 1963, former French Air Force

officer Jean-Marie Bastien was executed for his attempt to assassinate President Charles de Gaulle.  
In 1972, Premier Lon Nol took over complete control of the Camodian government.  
Ten years ago: Uruguay's attorney general, Guido Berro Oribe, was kidnapped by anti-government guerrillas in Montevideo.  
Five years ago: Former President Richard Nixon said in sworn testimony he had ordered a program of wiretaps in 1969 to investigate news leaks.

## INSIDE REPORT:

### Aides fear El Salvador worries will hurt economic drive

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Although a confidential administration check with 25 Republican senators' offices shows mail running a remarkable 75 percent plus in favor of President Reagan's economic program, some presidential aides are fearful that the El Salvador crisis is hurting Reagan's radical tax and budget cut proposals.

The mail and phone call tally on reaction to the president's program in one state, a liberal Eastern enclave, was 580 for, 12 against. That was typical. Those against listed two major areas of discontent: proposed cuts in higher education subsidies and cuts in the food stamp program.

Despite the overwhelming approval in a survey conducted this past week, political aides of Reagan fear that public preoccupation with events in the Caribbean is becoming an obstacle to the momentum Reagan has built up on his economic proposals starting with his Feb. 18 speech to Congress. They are looking for new ways for Reagan to dramatize his program and keep voters lobbying Congress for it.

**TEDDY-REAGAN CONNECTION**  
While publicly blasting the new president for soaking the poor and helping the rich, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy won private assurance from Ronald Reagan that he would bring up the question of Northern Ireland with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on her visit to Washington.  
Reagan agreed to the unusual request in a telephone call from the



Senator. Kennedy did not ask his fellow Irish-American to prod or criticize Thatcher, but to praise her efforts to achieve a peaceful solution in Northern Ireland, implicitly encouraging more of the same.  
A footnote: When Secretary of State Alexander Haig introduced the Irish question in his talks with Lord Carrington, the British foreign secretary, Carrington responded with stony silence.

**NIXON'S LONELINESS**  
Richard M. Nixon, whose quiet rehabilitation started after the election of Ronald Reagan, lamented to an old friend he had not had a single telephone call or personal message directly from the president since Inauguration Day.

That word, delivered without bitterness, was given to one of the top defense specialists in the Reagan transition period who briefed Nixon on parts of the new military budget and the administration's general defense posture.

Nixon received a somewhat similar briefing — this one on the Reagan economic program — from senior



## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Oil industry wants 'V Factor' eliminated

WASHINGTON — The oil profiteers, their bank accounts already fattened by President Reagan's decontrol of petroleum prices, are now trying to loosen the public purse strings so they can grab a few more billion.

This latest money grab is so complicated that the public has had difficulty following all the ramifications. But essentially, it began with the government's attempt to collect past overcharges and to indemnify the short-changed consumers.

The multibillion-dollar reimbursements were based in part on a 1974 pricing regulation, which the oil lawyers challenged. In 1979, it was struck down by the courts on a technicality.

The Carter administration refined the regulation to meet judicial objections and reissued it just four days before Ronald Reagan was inaugurated. The new president nullified most of the Carter administration's last-minute regulations, but he let this one stand.

The reissued regulation is worded to apply back to its original date of issue in 1974. It could help stick the oil companies with a multibillion-dollar bill which they will have to pay the consumers as restitution for past overcharges.

The oil operators, of course, are busy in the backrooms trying to kill the regulation. They are aware that they may be asking the Reagan administration to pay too steep a political price. The president might appear to be a stooge for the oil industry if he followed up price decontrol with steps limiting the overcharges that could be collected.



Jack Anderson

The oilmen are also hard-pressed to explain the legal and economic justification for escaping the consequences of their greed. So they are willing to settle for a compromise that the public might not understand and, therefore, might not oppose.

The petroleum plutocrats would be quite content if the Reagan administration would simply gut the complicated provision called the "V Factor."

The V stands for volume, and the factor determines how much of the cost of a barrel of crude oil can be passed on to the various products refined from it. If 10 percent of a barrel of crude is refined into gasoline, for example, then only 10 percent of that barrel's cost could be applied to the price the refiner charged for the gasoline.

Eliminating the V Factor wouldn't keep the federal government from filing overcharge suits, or even from winning them. But without the V Factor, the oil companies could claim retroactive cost increases on the products made from the entire barrel of crude. This would diminish or wipe out the amount of refunds the oil companies could be compelled to pay.

White House aide Martin Anderson in mid-February. But what has looked like an administration effort to help rehabilitate the disgraced former president has been done without any direct communication between him and Reagan since Jan. 20.

**CARLUCCI'S TOUGH TALK**  
Defense hard-liners displeased with the selection of career civil servant Frank Carlucci as deputy secretary of defense were heartened when he gave detente-oriented, left-wing members of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) an exceedingly hard time during a closed-door, U.S.-German conference in Munich Feb. 20 and 21.

Carlucci not only insisted that the Germans fulfill their defense spending commitments but hit back at SPD Deputy Chairman Horst Ehmke's soft line. When Ehmke contended that El Salvador was too far away for the Europeans to worry about, Carlucci snapped: "Not too far for the Russians."

The tough U.S. mood toward the Germans at the Munich conference also was reflected by remarks by Sen. William Cohen of Maine. Noting German Foreign Minister Hans Apel's lecture that the U.S. should not depend so much on unreliable sources of Mideast oil, Cohen asked whether the supply of natural gas that the Bonn government is contracting to purchase from the Soviet Union is any more reliable.

**STOCKMAN'S HOLD**  
The long delay in President Reagan's official nomination of Democrat Myer Rashish as assistant secretary of state for economic affairs was not

so much due to Sen. Jesse Helms' widely publicized misgivings but private hostility from budget director David Stockman.

Unlike Helms, Stockman was not upset by Rashish's non-Republican credentials (including long-ago service as a trade negotiator in the Kennedy administration). Stockman complained that Rashish was responsible for leaking to the press those controversial cuts in the foreign aid budget planned by Stockman's Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Stockman quietly put a hold on Rashish's nomination.

Stockman did not relent until Rashish informed him that he had nothing to do with the leak and was certain it had not even come from the State Department. In addition, Stockman found in Rashish, a private international trade consultant before joining the Reagan administration, an ally in fighting a quota on Japanese auto imports.

CHARLEY REESE

## South Africa's racial woes unlike those U.S. endured

Already, the American members of the Hate-South Africa Club are gathering to oppose any effort by the new administration to adopt a rational policy toward the Republic of South Africa. The previous administration's policy was virtually indistinguishable from that of the Soviet Union which is to overthrow the present government.

The South African government, we're so often told, is racist. Yes, it is. It practices segregation similar to that practiced by the United States until 1964. That's where the similarity ends.

The irony of South Africa's condemnation is that any fair-minded person who views the country must conclude that while the white South Africans have made mistakes like every other government they are, unequivocally, exceptionally humane. Black South Africans are measurably better off, both politically and economically, than most Africans.

In the world of leftist mythology, the white South African has become a stereotype villain but the facts simply don't support the allegation. Yet, the South African government is in a no-win situation with American liberalism because it is being condemned by a standard which has no application to its situation.

The typical American these days believes in the principle of equality, that there should be no discrimination based on race in either the private or the public sector. If we're honest



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with ourselves, we must confess that there are two reasons why this principle can be so easily supported. One is that American blacks are a minority of the population (about 13 percent) and the other is that except for skin color they are indistinguishable from whites in terms of language, religion, basic political and moral values. Two, at the risk of sounding cynical, I say frankly that whites in the United States can preach equality with such fervor because it doesn't cost them anything.

The white South African is not so lucky. In 1979, there were 4.7 million whites and 16.3 million blacks. Thus, one-man-one-vote rule advocated by many naive Americans would mean that white South Africans would lose complete control of their government and therefore of their lives and property. The evidence of black rule in the African nations to the north of them is not exactly encouraging. It has been almost without exception brutal, incompetent and dictatorial. Lest you think me a racist for saying that, check Freedom House and Amnesty International reports. What is, is — whether it's fashionable to say it or not.

Furthermore, the 16.3 million South African blacks are not analogous to American blacks. They are tribal. There are Xhosa, Zulu, Swazi, Sepedi, Tswana, Sesweshwe, Shangan, Venda and other tribes. They speak different languages and dialects, have different religions and customs and values. One certain result of one-man-one-vote would be a tribal civil war. If you are going to draw any analogies, South African blacks today are more similar to American Indians of the 18th Century than they are to 20th Century American blacks.

Thus, South Africa faces a different problem in terms of "race relations" than the United States. It has chosen to try a different solution, a program it calls plural democracy in which different groups are granted political and civil rights within their respective groups.

The fact that American liberals and some politically oriented American blacks don't like it is beside the point. I grant you it may not work, but there are only two alternatives: one is continued apartheid and the other is a bloodbath. The white South Africans are not about to commit suicide. They can mobilize an army of 400,000 and if they don't already have atomic weapons they certainly possess both the resources and the capability to produce them.

The way to avoid that tragedy is to treat the South African government honestly. It does some things which go against our grain, so do many governments with which we maintain diplomatic relations. But if we reject the communist line and recognize that white South Africans are trying to resolve their problems on a humane basis even in the face of subversion, terrorism and a world-wide propaganda campaign, we will do black South Africans a better turn than if we join our own enemies in pushing the nation into a catastrophic civil war.

Too many Americans particularly politicians, are so afraid of being called racists that they don't have the guts to tell the truth.

## THE BIBLE CAN YOU QUOTE IT?

By ELIZABETH ROSS WIERSEMA

1. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put ...." Matthew 19:6
2. Is it true that divorce was sanctioned under the Mosaic (of Moses) law? Deuteronomy 24:1-4
3. How did Jesus excuse Moses for his lax divorce laws? Matthew 19:8
4. In which of the following towns did Joseph's brothers sell him to the Ishmeelites: Damascus, Dothan or Dan? Genesis 37:17
5. What recommendation does the apostle Paul give to men for maintaining peace with their wives? Ephesians 5:21-33

Four correct ... excellent Three ... good.

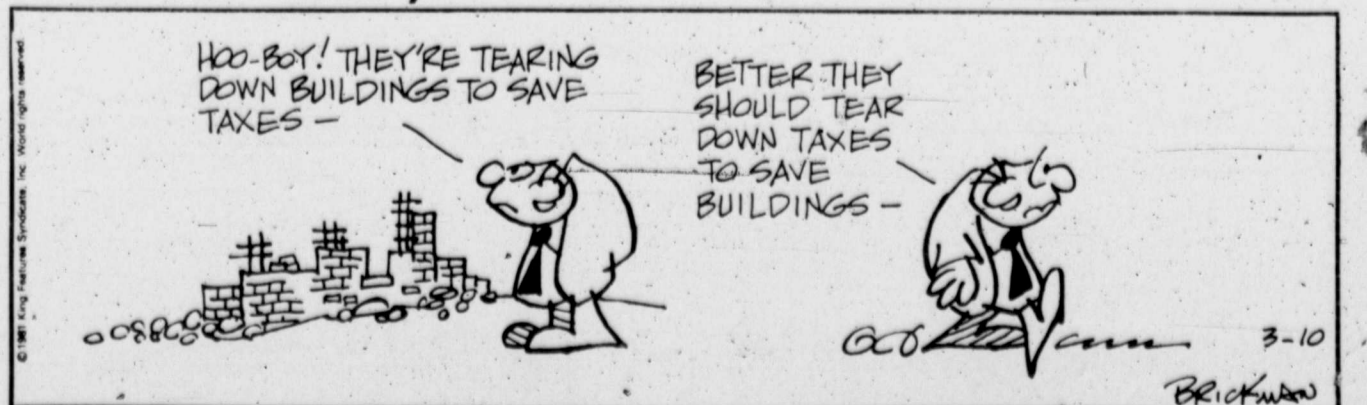
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## Exxon completions among four in Andrews county

### ANDREWS COUNTY

Four completions were reported in Andrews County, two by Exxon Corp. The two Exxon completions were in the Fullerton (Clear Fork) field.

Exxon No. 425 Fullerton Clear Fork Unit, completed at 53 barrels of 42 gravity oil, with 89 barrels of water and a gas-oil ratio of 873-1.

Perforations are at 6,014 to 7,335 feet, with 5 1/2 inch casing sitting at the plug back depth of 7,349 feet. The total depth of the project is 7,405 feet. Perforations were acidized with 31,000 gallons and fractured with 32,000 gallons.

Location of the project is in section 4, block A-32, psl survey, 18 miles northwest of Andrews.

Exxon No. 3,019 Fullerton Clear Fork Unit was completed at 115 barrels of 42 gravity oil, with 65 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio is 498-1.

Perforations were from 6,742 to 7,028 feet, acidized with 18,000 gallons. 5 1/2 inch casing is sitting at the total depth of 7,400 feet.

Location of the project is 6,600 feet south and 9,303 feet from the lines of section 18, block 13, UL survey, 15 miles northwest of Andrews.

MSC No. 6 W.H. Boner, in the Furman-Masho field completed at 68 barrels of 26 gravity oil, with as gas-oil ratio of 30, and 389 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,427 to 4,492 feet, acidized with 3,000 gallons and

fractured with 20,000 gallons and 29,000 pounds. Total depth of the project is 4,600 feet, plugged back to 4,571 feet with 5 1/2 inch casing sitting at the plugged back depth.

Location of the project is 440 feet east and 616 feet north from lines of section 25, block A-43, psl survey, seven miles southwest of Andrews.

MSC No. 2 Nora B Ashton State, completed at 3 barrels of oil, with the gravity not reported. 15 barrels of water were also pumped with the gas-oil ratio too small to count.

Perforations were from 4,244 to 4,434 feet, acidized with 500 gallons and fractured with 30,000 gallons. Location is 2,198 feet north and 2,215 feet west from lines of section 12, block A-42, psl survey, nine miles southwest of Andrews.

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Arco No. 16 W.J. Ford was completed at 68 barrels of 26 gravity oil, with 389 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 30-1, with perforations from 4,427 to 4,492 feet, acidized with 3,000 gallons and fractured with 20,000 gallons and 29,000 pounds. Total depth of the project is 4,600 feet, with a plug back depth of 4,571. Seven inch casing is sitting at the plug back depth.

Location of the project is 440 feet east and 616 feet north from lines of section 25, block A-43 psl survey, seven miles southwest of Andrews.

Elevation of the project from ground level is 3,192 feet.

## Interior secretary filling opponents' 'nightmares'

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary James G. Watt is doing what he was expected to do with 550 million acres of public land, and conservation groups say their worst nightmares are becoming cold reality.

But the country's oil and gas drillers, ranchers and developers say the Reagan administration is just fulfilling the mandate of the 1980 election — to unshackle private enterprise.

Since taking office, Watt has sped

up government leasing of public lands for energy development and called a halt to expansion of the national park system.

To howls of protest, Watt reversed a Carter administration action and made it possible that some of Northern California's most famous coastal areas will be open to oil and gas exploration. Moreover, Watt wants to make other coastal areas available to oil companies on a faster schedule than the one set up by the Carter administration.

In the name of budget austerity, Watt wants to scrap former President Carter's plans to spend \$627 million in 1982 on land for federal parks and help cities and states expand their parks.

He even halted this year's planned park purchases, asking Congress to take back \$293 million already appropriated. Saying the government has been too greedy, snatching up far more land than it could manage, Watt wants to give the National Park Service an additional \$105 million to better manage existing parks.

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## ENERGY OIL & GAS

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To howls of protest, Watt reversed a Carter administration action and made it possible that some of Northern California's most famous coastal areas will be open to oil and gas exploration. Moreover, Watt wants to make other coastal areas available to oil companies on a faster schedule than the one set up by the Carter administration.

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Max Walden, operating out of Post, has reported two projects for Mitchell County in the Dockery (Clear Fork) field. Both projects are planned to 3,300 feet, and are 2 1/2 miles southwest of Westbrook.

No. 1 Barber C, is located 376 feet from south and 1,263 feet west from lines of section 9, block 28, TIS T&P survey.

No. 8 Barber C is 330 feet south and 589 feet east from lines of section 9, block 28, TIS T&P survey. Both wells are scheduled to pump oil.

The JLM (Mississippian) field got its third completion, with the McCormick No. 1 Fred potentiated at 32 barrels of 45 gravity oil, with no reported barrels of water and a gas-oil ratio of 2,186-1.

Perforations were from 10,599 feet to 10,767 feet, acidized with 10,767 gallons and fractured with 10,767 gallons, with 5 1/2 inch casing sitting at the total depth of 10,920 feet. Ground level elevation is 2,627 feet.

Location is 660 feet from the east and south lines of section 66, block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey. The project is nine miles southwest of Ackery.

**WARD COMPLETION**  
Gulf Oil Co. No. 1115 Hutchings

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**COUNTY**

Andrews	17
Bailey	16
Borden	6
Brewster	1
Chaves	9
Coke	4
Concho	4
Crane	8
Crockett	15
Culverson	3
Dawson	8
Donna Anna	1
Ector	12

## DRILLING REPORT

**WILDCATS**  
GLASSCOCK COUNTY  
Adams Exploration Co. No. 1 Curie  
TD 9,460 feet, still prep to frac.

**LEA COUNTY**  
Getty Oil Co. No. 13 Getty Federal, drilling at 266 feet w/cable tool.  
Same No. 1 Getty Riggs Federal, drilling at 10,800 feet.  
Same No. 126 Getty State, drilling at 14,808 feet.

**LOVING COUNTY**  
Getty No. 18-28 Glenn Brunson, TD 13,000 feet, still testing.  
Same No. 1-25-76 Tom Lineberry, logged.  
Same No. 1 Ava Farwell Trust, circ-to-run liner.

**REEVES COUNTY**  
Cities Service Co. No. 1 Matthews, Camp "A", TD 7,800 feet, perforations from 3011 to 3012. Still testing.

**WARD COUNTY**  
Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1 Leiby. Recovering load-lack 330 BBL.

Stock Assoc. reported a completion, the sixth in the Wickett North (Pennsylvania) field, at 156 barrels of 38 gravity oil, 26 barrels of water and a gas-oil ratio of 1,013-1.

Perforations were from 8,279 to 8,308 feet, acidized with 8,000 gallons. Total depth is 9,100 feet, plugged back to 8,320 feet, with 5 1/2 inch casing sitting at the plug back depth. Ground level elevation is 2,644 feet.

Location of the project is 660 feet from north lines and 1,980 feet from the west lines of section 3, block F, G&MMB&A survey, four miles northwest of Wickett.

**PECOS COMPLETION**  
Sohio Petroleum Co., No. 1 Canon 63, has completed at 341 barrels of 38 gravity oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 2,933-1. No barrels of water were reported. Perforation was through a 12/64 inch choke, from 8,231 to 8,235 feet, acidized with 2,800 gallons. The total depth of the project is 10,950 feet, plugged back to 8,320 feet with 5 1/2 inch casing sitting on the bottom.

The producer is the tenth completion in the Yuca Butte, West (Straun) field, and is located at 900 feet south and 1,994 feet east from the lines of section 63, block A-2, HC survey, 12 miles west-northwest of Sheffield.

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Tom Green 5  
Upton 12  
Val Verde 1  
Ward 18  
Winkler 6  
Yoakum 12  
Union 6

## NRC wants to limit emissions from submarine fuel producer

By JOE QUINLAN  
Associated Press Writer

ERWIN, Tenn. (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission wants the nation's only producer of nuclear submarine fuel to cut its radiation emissions in this small Appalachian town by about three-fourths.

Federal regulators say, however, that current emissions from the plant owned by Nuclear Fuel Services Inc. of Rockville, Md., pose no threat to area residents.

NRC officials want to lower the emission level from 109 millirems to 25 millirems per year — a radiation level equivalent to that of a chest X-ray. The Environmental Protection Agency limits many lightwater nuclear reactors to that level.

"This is because of releases that occurred in the plant the past several years," said Gerry Page, NRC chief of uranium fuel licensing in Bethesda, Md., citing an Aug. 7, 1979 accidental release and two releases reported since last September.

"We believed some improvement is

needed there," he said.

Federal officials want to impose the limit this year but are considering an extension request from Nuclear Fuel Services, a subsidiary of Getty Oil Co.

The owners of the facility, which was closed for a time in 1979 because it was unable to account for a supply of uranium large enough to make two nuclear bombs, say they can achieve the lower limit, but not until the end of 1982.

NRC radiologist Albert F. Gibson said Friday that "community unrest certainly has been a factor in our minds. But we do not believe the current release levels are cause for people in the community to be concerned about their health."

The accidental releases and the plant's waste ponds have alarmed many of Erwin's 4,700 residents, some fearing adverse health effects and others fearing economic woes.

The plant, with 500 workers on a \$9 million payroll, plays a significant role in the economy of this Unicoi

County town nestled in mountains near the Tennessee-North Carolina state line, about 100 miles northeast of Knoxville.

NRC officials came to town in December and conducted a public hearing. In January, they met behind closed doors with area physicians.

Three years ago, the national Center for Disease Control in Atlanta found the cancer rate in Unicoi County was higher than in nearby counties. But Unicoi residents were also older, the study found, noting the incidence of cancer increases with age.

Cancer can develop about 20 years after someone is exposed to a large dose of radiation, experts say. Evidence is inconclusive as to how various radiation levels affect health.

Erwin residents are exposed each year to about 100 millirems of background radiation from nature. Emission from the fuel plant, under current limits, adds another 100 millirems. In Denver, Colo., however, background radiation alone averages almost 250 millirems a year.

## Association urges utilization, development of gas supplies

DENVER, Colo. — Rapid development and utilization of the nation's natural gas supplies is a key factor to meeting the nation's goal of reducing costly oil imports, according to American Gas Association President George H. Lawrence.

Speaking here to a meeting of the Midwest Gas Association, Lawrence

told the group that the natural gas industry is now in a better position to meet U.S. energy needs than ever before. He stressed that the gradual deregulation of natural gas wellhead prices, mandated by the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, has provided encouragement to increase exploration and development activities.

Lawrence noted that 1980 was a record year for drilling activity with more than 15,000 gas wells completed.

"We have a running start with this new administration in that it is supportive of expanded exploration and development of our natural gas resources, and for removal of regulatory restraints of its utilization," he continued.

"However, if we are to realize the abundant promise of gas energy for the benefit of our nation," Lawrence said, "some important steps must be taken right away to make the regulatory, legislative and economic climates more favorable to the gas industry."

Lawrence urged repeal of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act ban on the use of natural gas in major fuel-burning installations. Lawrence said this prohibition was passed by Congress in 1978, following the interstate gas shortages of 1976-77, and that it is now unnecessary because of the brighter supply picture.

He also called for the repeal of the incremental pricing provisions of the NGPA which inhibit industrial gas use by placing an unfair economic burden on that group of users.

The Department of Energy's proposed rate design study, mandated by that same law, also unfairly prices gas to all users and must be eliminated, he added. The government must critically examine all federal requirements which place market constraints on the industry's ability to reduce imports of foreign oil, he said.

Mercury Exploration Co. of Fort Worth has announced three additions to their company.

C.F. "Fred" Smith was named manager of operations for the Fort Worth firm. He will be responsible for all of the company's domestic drilling and production operations.

For the past 18 months, Smith has supervised five offshore drilling rigs for Amoco International. Prior to that, he was in charge of drilling and production operations for the West Texas and Rocky Mountain regions of Petro Lewis Corp.

Glenn Darden will be responsible for planning and field supervision of exploration and development drilling programs as geologic coordinator for the firm.

Darden was previously employed in the geologic department of Mitchell Energy in Houston.

J. Kelly McColm was named manager of lands Mercury Exploration. He will be responsible for coordinating the lease acquisition and maintenance program for the company.

## Investment, management guidance offered by firm

A new concept in financial planning and management has been introduced to the Permian Basin by the Mitchell-Edwards investment guidance firm.

Len Mitchell and David Edwards will be offering a variety of investment management programs. Their services include investment counseling and financial estate planning for individuals.

For corporate clients, various other investment services such as pension fund management and financial resource guidance is offered. As Edwards explains, "We hope to provide Midland an investment concept which is specifically customized for each individual client."

## Geological society to meet Tuesday

The West Texas Geological Society will meet Tuesday in the ballroom of the Midland Hilton, to hear Dr. Walter Youngquist of Eugene, Oregon deliver a talk entitled "Through Siberia, Mongolia and a Moscow Jail by Train." Dr. Youngquist has been a professor of geology at the University of Idaho, University of Kansas, and the University of Oregon. He has served as consultant to Exxon, Shell, Sun Energy Development Company and Standard Oil Company (Indiana).

Dr. Youngquist is author of 60 articles and five books including a collection of stories concerning the life of a geologist, entitled, "Over the Hill and Down the Creek."

The meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m. with lunch, followed by the presentation at noon. Reservations should be made before 5:00 p.m. Friday by contacting the West Texas Geological Society office.

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## Oil bank formed

NEW YORK — Heafitz, Widmann, McMahon & Gardner, Ltd., has been formed as an oil and gas industry investment banking firm. The firm, formerly known as Institutional Energy, Ltd., draws together a staff of 14 professionals from financial and operating company backgrounds.

Headquarters are at 375 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, telephone 371-5370, with a branch office in Denver and affiliated offices in Houston and New Orleans. It specializes in brokerage and consulting services to the independent sector of the industry and has underway over \$1-billion of financings and merger and acquisition projects.

At this time, Major said, "it appears that we have made a very significant find in the D-J Basin." Major also noted that the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission has designated the discovery as a new field which has been named the Northeast Riverside II.





...An exhibit of paintings by artist Jean Johnson is featured this month at the Midland Woman's Club.

The exhibit will include oils and watercolors, with considerable variety in subject and media. While originally from Auckland, New Zealand, her work clearly reflects the influence of the Southwest area where she has lived for many years.

She won "Best of Show" in the Midland Art Show in 1969 with her portrait "The Ingenu" and has been the recipient of many other awards since then.

Other art activities include initiating the Fiesta del Arte now in its ninth year. She has also held numerous offices in the Odessa Art Association. She conducts workshops in oils and watercolors and has taught classes at Odessa College.

Paintings are currently on exhibit in Midland at the Hanging Tree Gallery and in El Paso at Dos Pajaros and Casa Adobe.

This show may be seen from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The Woman's Club is located on Wadley in nearby Hogan Park.

Mrs. Johnson was scheduled to conduct a demonstration at the Midland Palette Club today...

...EN AMIE REVIEW CLUB will meet at noon Wednesday in the Midland Woman's Club for a luncheon and book review.

Reviewer is Mrs. Charles Lutrick who will discuss "George Burns...The Third Time Around."

Election of officers will be held. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Jim Waterman, chairman; Mrs. Karl Wilkeski, Mrs. Conran Reaves, Mrs. Reid Collins, Mrs. Jack Nottingham and Mrs. Susie Howell.

...PAINT DAUBERS will have a sale for one day only Saturday at San Miguel Square.

The sale of original and handcrafted art from area artists will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

...PAT FLETCHER, who has hunted for his own Irish ancestors in Ireland and who recently attended an Irish genealogy seminar in Dallas, will be the speaker for the Midland Genealogical Society's meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Commercial Bank and Trust Co.

Plans will be made for Seminar '81 featuring William Miller of Bowie, Maryland.

...TWO MIDLAND COUNTY residents were among the 1,443 students whose 1980 fall semester grades earned them places on the dean's list at Southwest Texas State University.

To qualify for the dean's list, an undergraduate student must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester while taking at least 12 semester hours of course work.

The students were Martha H. Garza, 1111 E. Maple, and Sharon J. Snyder, 2502 Maxwell.

...MARY LOUISE HAWKINS, daughter of Mrs. Morene Odom, 4312 Leddy, has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in educational administration from St. Louis University.

Dr. Hawkins' father, the late Grady H. Odom, was employed by Getty Oil Co. in Midland.

She received a bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree from Southern Illinois University, majoring in guidance and counseling.

Dr. Hawkins is presently a director of curriculum research and development projects for the Ferguson-Florissant School District located in suburban St. Louis County.

She has developed several educational programs of national prominence, including an advisement program for secondary schools and a curriculum management system, both of which are disseminated through Title IV-C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

...EASY WRITER'S CALLIGRAPHY GUILD is set to meet today at 7 p.m. at Paint & Palette, 20 Oak Ridge Square. Members are to bring work materials and ideas to this work session.



Members of the VIPS storytelling troupe are, from left, Gayle Dodson, Ruth Newton, Tommie

McSorley, Betty Edgar, Molly Bedrich and Harriet Horton. Theme of this troupe is "Patriotism." A

second troupe presents skits on nutrition for children in the public schools. (Staff photo)

## VIPS program works due to volunteers

"When Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) became a major project in 1978 of Midland City Council PTA, it became apparent that some schools within our community had an abundance of school volunteers, while other schools had few, if any," said Gayle Dodson, PTA council president.

"To encourage volunteers to work throughout the city, a library enrichment committee was formed. This committee includes two storytelling troupes for kindergarten through fourth grade and a book review for fifth grade," she explained.

This committee of 14 represents a cross section of Midland. The programs are offered to all elementary schools, thus providing volunteers to schools that might not have regular library storytellers.

"The main goal of this committee is to encourage use and appreciation of the school library, and to instill a love of reading for facts and fiction," explained Mrs. Dodson.

This goal has been obtained through use of costumes, stories, puppets, songs, dance and audience participa-

tion. The program was well received by students, teachers and principals last year and all evaluations indicated that the program should be continued each year," she said.

This year's theme for Troupe I is "Patriotism," with emphasis being on favorite American symbols, such as Uncle Sam, the State of Liberty, Betsy Ross, the American Indian, the Pilgrim and the American Clown.

Troupe II features "Nutrition," with emphasis on the four food groups. A PTA member on the committee who has been impressed with the National PTA's effort in educating the public about nutrition wrote this skit. In it, children are encouraged to read more about proper and nutritional foods.

Ann Page, another member of this committee, will offer a book review of "Buttons in the Back" by Elizabeth Kirkland to Midland fifth graders. Many fifth and sixth graders have made requests for library book reviews, according to Mrs. Dodson, and VIPS will be recruiting volunteers next year for this area of service.

Volunteers themselves have been the secret to the program's success, according to Mrs. Dodson.

Volunteers from Troupe I attempt to rekindle patriotism and extend this idea to the school children.

For example, Betty Edgar, PTA

Ruth Newton, a grandmother and first grade teacher in the Midland school district for 35 years before she retired last year said, "I just can't stay away from PTA and children...they are so much a part of my life. I love patriotism and I think children need patriotism!" She also has grandchildren at Burnet Elementary and Alamo Junior High School.

Mary Bright is one volunteer who does not have any children, but enjoys giving her time to children. She moved to Midland recently from Alaska where she was in a puppet storytelling troupe. "Patriotism is a great thing to promote to children," she said.

Harriet Horton, PTA volunteer with children at Fannin Elementary School and Hillander, a private elementary school here, has more than one reason for her work. "To give of my time for the children so as to promote their enthusiasm for reading and patriotism...and understanding the symbols of the United States and how they can become good citizens."

In Troupe II, one of the volunteers, Annalyn Gilbreath who has two chil-

dren at Rusk Elementary, enjoys performing for children. She is interested in nutrition and feels children should become aware of the four food groups. Annalyn wrote one story used in her skit.

Marlyn Butler has two students at Ben Milan and one at Lee Freshman. She enjoys the opportunity to visit various schools in Midland and meet other school volunteers.

While Marjie Lewis has no children in school, she says that she found the troupe to be an opportunity to be with young children. "Having a keen interest in reading, I find this is a way to share," she said.

VIPS is a program of the Midland Independent School District, a major project of the City Council PTA and funded through four Midland banks, including First National Bank, Midland National Bank, Commercial Bank and Trust Co. and Texas National Bank.

The library is just one of many areas in which Midlanders serve as volunteers in the Midland schools. VIPS will continue to spotlight special programs.



volunteer with children at Midland High School and San Jacinto, says "I do this to encourage reading and patriotism."

"I love to act and have extremely strong feeling about patriotism," said Tommie McSorley, PTA volunteer with children at Emerson and Midland High School.



DEAR ABBY

### 'Sensible' choice not always right

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My problem is a conflict between my head and my heart. Two men want to marry me. "A" is successful, attractive, attentive and we share many of the same interests and beliefs. He has loved me for years, and I know he would make a wonderful husband and provider. Everyone thinks I'm crazy for putting him off as I have. My head tells me that marriage with "A" would be very sensible, but, Abby, my heart just isn't in it. I make our good-night kisses as brief as possible.

The other man, "B," is the reason I have been putting off "A." "B" will always make a good living because he's hard-working and industrious, but he will never be rich because he helps so many friends and family members. He's supporting both his parents, and he's helping a nephew

through college. Abby, I really love this man; just holding his hand excites me.

Both men are waiting for my answer. I want to marry before my 30th birthday. What do you say? — A 29-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

DEAR VIRGIN: Use your head, and listen to your heart.

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on your men's underwear debate? We in our brief-type "Fruit-of-the-Looms" remain fruitless, while our brothers in their boxer shorts remain "heir-conditioned." — ROBERT W. IN WALTERBORO, S.C.

DEAR ROBERT: I wish I'd thought of that.

DEAR ABBY: The letters in your column about "the other woman" really hit home because I have been the other woman in a married man's life for six years. He has never told me that his wife was fat, homely, cold, a shrew or that he hasn't slept with her for 10 years.

I know he sleeps with her because she's had four kids in the last six years. After the last one, he told me not to feel bad — that he sleeps with her because he has to, but he sleeps with me because he wants to. I have no complaints. He's man enough for both of us. — HAPPY IN HAGERSTOWN

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# Members of former Girl Scout Troop No. 4 have reunion



Shown in top photo are former members of Girl Scout Troop No. 4 who attended from out-of-town. They are, from left, Debbie Anderson of Houston, Sheri Gaunt of Plano, Helen Eve Lowe of San Antonio, Cindy Lawson of Tahoka, Denise Hale of Odessa and Sandra Sutphen of Dallas. Troop leaders, in left photo, are Mrs. Robert Frazier, left, Mrs. Brent Watson, Mrs. Clifford Anderson of Houston and Mrs. Bob Joseph.

Twenty-one graduating seniors of former Girl Scout Troop No. 4 were recently honored by their original Brownie scout leaders, Mrs. Brent Watson and Mrs. Robert Frazier at a reunion in the home of Mrs. Frazier, No. 7 Auburn Court. Mrs. Frazier's home was the weekly meeting place of the troop when the group was organized in 1970.

Theme for the event was "A Trip Down Memory Lane." Decorations carried out this theme, complete with a cake decorated with a Girl Scout in full uniform. The cake was designed by Eva Dennis.

Serving refreshments were Mrs. Bob Joseph and Mrs. Clifford Anderson, who were the troop's assistant leaders. Mrs. Anderson now lives in Houston.

Other decorations included craft and gift items made by the girls throughout their scout years, pictures of scout activities and functions, Brownie and Girl Scout uniforms and a tree bearing trefoils inscribed with each girl's name decorated the home.

Entertainment for the afternoon consisted of singing songs and playing games that had been a part of

the troop activities in the past. Movies were shown of trips and camping outings.

Each girl related her current activities and told of her plans for the future. Hostesses designed and made double picture frames for each of the girls with pictures from the 1972 mother-daughter tea and a picture from the reunion party.

Scouts present at the reunion included Debbie Anderson of Houston, Sheri Gaunt of Plano, Denise Hale of Odessa, Helen Eve Lowe of San Antonio, Sandra Sutphen of Dallas and Cindy Lawson of Tahoka.

Midland girls attending were Susan Bicknell, Cindy Buresh, Meredi Frazier, Leslie Giffen, Holly Joseph, Elaine Kimbro, Stacy Lewis, Patricia Moreland, Karen Moseley, Lynne Nolen, Jana Prigmore, Tami Spears, Shari Sullivan, Linda Vitrano and Kari Watson.

Mothers attending were Mrs. Billie Hale of Odessa, Mrs. Jim Gaunt of Plano, Mrs. Ted Bicknell, Mrs. Richard Prigmore, Mrs. Scott Lewis, Mrs. Charles Kimbro, Mrs. Louis Moseley, Mrs. Frank Vitrano and Mrs. John Moreland, all of Midland.



## AT WIT'S END

### Commercial cold

By ERMA BOMBECK

Aaaaahoooo!  
What do you mean where did I get this cold? It should be obvious to everyone where I got it. Watching television.

Night after night I sat in front of the tube while one sickie after another peered out at me through red eyes (cleared up only by eyedrops), runny nose (dammed up only by the miracle of an antihistamine), fevered lips (brought down by an aspirin containing extra strength) and irritating coughs. . . I don't want to talk about it.

For awhile, I felt pretty good. Then one night, a tall blonde with a stuffed-up nose was trying to breathe through a balloon, and my husband said, "Can you do that?"

"Why would I want to blow up a balloon with my nose?"  
"I didn't mean that. I just thought that for the last couple of days you've sounded like your head is stopped up."

At the next commercial break, a woman wrapped in a blanket who looked like she was living only for her residuals coughed and said, "My cold capsule lasts for eight hours instead of two."

I said aloud, "Sweetie, it doesn't matter. Your capsule is going to out-live you by two hours."



When I went to bed, I felt a little flushed, but nothing serious. The next night, I counted eight people on commercials who wheezed, sniffed, hacked, snuffled, gargled, moaned and gasped, and still looked better than I did. I wanted to reach over and turn them off or change the channel, but I was afraid to get too close to any of them.

Instead, I crouched on the other side of the room and tried to figure out where they find all these sick people. I've seen one actress on three different cold commercials. It's the biggest thing that has happened to her in her entire career. I never saw her on anything when she was well.

Imagine answering an ad for a "consumptive, feverish actress with a stopped-up nasal passage and shallow breathing" and having to wait in an office of 3,000 unemployed flu victims who are applying for the same job.

I feel lousy as I sit in front of the TV set in my bathrobe. It's like Tom Sawyer watching his own funeral. Last night I was watching a commercial about a man in bed who was coughing so hard he couldn't talk. His wife said she'd get him a cough depressant. At that moment our screen went black.

It was probably a power failure, but frankly, I'm worried.

## Black cowboy seeks stardom

By DENIS SEARLES

Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) —

Charley Sampson wears a big black hat and boots, rides wild bucking bulls for a living on the rodeo circuit and just might qualify for the title "King of the Urban Cowboys."

"I'm strictly from the city. I was born right downtown" in the Watts area of Los Angeles into a family of six brothers and six sisters, the 23-year-old black cowboy said as he loafed in the stall area behind the National Western Rodeo here.

The 5-foot-4 Sampson tips the scales at 134 pounds and has specialized in riding the 1,500- to 1,750-pound bulls for six rodeo seasons, the last three as a card-carrying pro with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He's won 15 times.

"My goal is to be world's champion. Well, with all the injuries I've acquired, I have to take it one day at a time," Sampson said.

His list of rodeo wounds include a knee injury, twice-broken right leg, broken ster-

num, punctured lung, hyper-extended wrist, pulled groin and two broken fingers.

Sampson admits he's a tad small for a bull rider but "a cowboy like me has an advantage because I get less whip from a powerful bull while a cowboy 6 feet tall will get all the whip" from the bucking, plunging critter.

Sampson said his father had wanted him to be a housepainter like his uncles and grandfather. But a Cub Scout field trip when he was 10 years old scotched that.

"We went on a trip to ride some ponies in the summer of '68. I decided to go back and ride a little more. . . and I decided that what I wanted to do was be around horses."

He hung around the El Fig Stables in Gardena so much he finally talked the owners into a job.

"The guys around the stable had been rodeopers and after I started working there I learned roping. That's where I learned to be a cowboy and started going to rodeos."

Sampson said he got started riding rough

stock at team-roping jackpot events.

His first year as a pro, Sampson earned \$22,000 before "I got hurt by a bull that dropped me to 20th." His second season he earned \$7,000 before being sidelined with a broken leg.

He launched this season recently at the National Western by getting bucked off a notorious bull named "Macho Velvet," who only gets ridden two or three times a season.

Sampson plans to enter 115-120 rodeos this season.

"I drive to most

rodeos. We car pool. If my schedule's pretty steep, I'll charter an airplane. I've gone to as many as three in one day."

Has he met racism in rodeoing?

"If it's out there, I never saw it. Most of these guys I associate with just know I'm here for the same reason they are. To compete. I can't say anything bad about rodeoing."

"I like the freedom, the idea I'm my own boss. I don't have to report to anybody. I like the traveling. I've met so many nice people."

## Teen spending sets record

NEW YORK (AP) — With girls outspending boys, U.S. teen-agers' total spending in 1980 reached a record \$39.1 billion, according to the Rand Youth Poll, a market-research firm specializing in the youth field. The previous record was \$36 billion set a year earlier.

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## Ashes disguise water rings

By ANDY LANG  
AP Newsfeatures

Q. — A wet glass was left on our varnished dining room table for several days. A white mark now is there. We have hesitated to do anything about it for fear of ruining the finish altogether. What can we do about it other than refinishing the entire table top? We

have received a number of suggestions, including using cigarette ashes.

A. — Cigarette ashes, mixed with camphorated oil, sometimes work. So does camphorated oil used alone. Denatured alcohol also is good for this purpose, although it might affect the finish if used on a surface that has been coated with shellac. Whichever prod-

uct is used, the area must be rubbed with a clean, soft cloth. If the stain doesn't disappear immediately, keep rubbing. Sometimes it may take as much as 10 minutes of rubbing to get the desired result.

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## Grien exhibited

WASHINGTON (AP) — An exhibition of some 90 prints and drawings by Hans Baldung Grien is being shown at the National Gallery of Art through April 5.

The museum says the artist was one of the least known yet most creative and versatile artists of the German Renaissance and "an expressive and highly spirited draftsman and the most important artist to emerge from the circle of Durer."

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