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House Democrats want DOE explanation

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats, charging that the Reagan administration is gutting government efforts to police the oil industry under the guise of saving money, are demanding that the Energy Department explain itself.

One House subcommittee voted Wednesday to subpoena a high-level administration nominee to justify an 80 percent budget cut for department lawyers who are trying to collect \$7 billion in alleged oil company overcharges.

Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn., said

the decision amounted to "a \$7 billion giveaway to the oil companies."

A second subcommittee planned hearings today on budget cuts in Energy Department efforts to prosecute alleged criminal violations of oil pricing regulations.

"They've gone a long way on some of these criminal cases," said an aide to the House Energy subcommittee on investigations. "They've got a lot of cases that were just about ready to go to Justice (Department prosecutors), and suddenly their staff is gone."

At issue is the administration's proposal to cut the budget of the department's Office of the Special Counsel from \$35 million to \$6 million during the coming fiscal year. The office was set up to investigate oil company violations of price controls.

On Wednesday, the House Government Operations subcommittee on energy voted 6-2 along party lines to order R. Tenney Johnson, now a special consultant to Energy Secretary James B. Edwards, to appear before the panel.

The subpoena may now be issued upon the signature of the full committee chairman, Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas.

Moffett, the subcommittee's chairman, said congressmen want to question Johnson on his role in the budget decision. He had been scheduled to testify Wednesday, but was ordered by Edwards not to appear.

The energy secretary said such an appearance would be inappropriate because of Johnson's pending nomination to become the department's general counsel. Edwards' letter prompted the panel to issue the subpoena.

Paul Bloom, who served as special counsel during the Carter administration, testified last month that a severe budget cut would destroy any effort to prosecute the oil companies.

Bloom said the major oil companies have been eager to settle cases out of court to avoid lengthy and expensive court cases. The budget cuts signal the oil companies they needn't bother settling because the department will not press the civil cases, he argued.

In testimony Wednesday, the acting administrator of the department's

Economic Regulatory Administration argued that the \$6 million in the Reagan budget would be sufficient to pursue a few of the most important cases still pending, while the others could be deferred until later.

"The department has no intention of ignoring violations...and they will be pursued — if not sooner, later," said Barton R. House.

Moffett, however, produced two internal memos written by House last month pleading with his superiors for more money.



Staff Photos by Paul Gilbert



Singing out the prices and trying to get a little more money, auctioneer Blake Moore, above, conducts The University of Texas Lease Auction held Wednesday in The Midland Hilton. Bidders filled the ballroom and watched as a new record of \$52 million for 249 tracts was set. Previous record for leases was \$44 million set during the September bidding.

Lease auction again sets bonus record

By JOHN BANKER
Oil Staff Writer

Nobody probably understood a word the auctioneer said, but everyone knew the numbers, as The University of Texas lease auction held Wednesday in the Midland Hilton rolled up another record in bonus payments of more than \$52 million.

Last September's auction set the previous high mark, with slightly more than \$44 million collected. Only four years ago, when the auction moved to Midland from Austin the record total was a comparatively pale \$17 million.

Deregulation of the oil industry was cited as the factor behind the tripling of bonus payments in the last four years, a fact highlighted by the almost \$9 million increase in bonuses, despite 47,000 less acres being sold.

Seven tracts sold for \$1 million or more, with Supron Oil Co., of Dallas, taking the highest priced tract at \$2.7 million for 320 acres in Winkler County, the western half of section 27, block 20.

Getty Oil Co., of Midland, paid \$1 million or more, per tract, for five leases, the most expensive being the eastern half of the tract bought by Supron. Getty paid \$1.7 million for the drilling rights.

The second most expensive tract was sold to Nortex Gas & Oil and HNG Oil Co., both of Midland, who combined to pay \$2.1 million for 320 acres of land in Ward County, the eastern half of section 4, block 18.

The Supron purchase figured out to \$8,437 per acre.

The total for the sale was 83,328 acres leased for \$52,882,000, an average of \$634 an acre.

For the second auction in a row, every tract was leased. The 249 tracts leased Wednesday, combined with the tracts from the last auction, gives the university auction 590 consecutive tracts leased.

Texas land commissioner Bob Armstrong, who

attended the six-hour auction, said the deregulation of oil prices has affected lease prices in two ways.

"Not only has the value of the land increased with oil prices, but with the higher prices the producers now have more money to re-invest," Armstrong said.

Proceeds from the leases go to the Permanent University Fund which is divided between The University of Texas and Texas A&M University with a two thirds, one third split. The permanent fund is currently worth about \$1.32 billion.

Another major influence on the rising cost of leases, Armstrong said, has been the deregulation of deep gas wells. To encourage drilling, the federal government has exempted from regulation gas produced from wells 15,000 feet or deeper.

Because the price is not regulated, producers can sell gas at prices closer to the international market, rather than the regulated domestic prices.

According to Armstrong, Mexican and Canadian gas imported into the United States sells for \$1.94 per cubic foot, while domestic prices are kept at around \$2.50 a cubic foot.

By being able to price their product closer to international levels, it becomes economically feasible to incur the costs of deep well drilling, which can cost as much as \$10 million a project, Armstrong said.

For the immediate future, Armstrong sees oil, and university lease prices increasing. With \$40 a barrel oil seemingly in the future, the value of the University lands should continue to rise.

Armstrong also noted that if the Reagan administration is successful in its attempt to deregulate all gas prices, domestic gas could conceivably hit the \$5 mark, again, adding to the value of the lease lands.

He admits that there are political problems involved in returning gas prices to the open market. A rise in the gas price would mean substantial increases in utility costs, particularly in the north.

U.S. will bolster interests in Mideast, Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has decided to sell four sophisticated radar planes to Saudi Arabia and to build up an Egyptian air base near the Red Sea to bolster Western security interests in the Middle East and the Persian Gulf, sources say.

The plan, sources said, calls for American civilians and Air Force personnel to be stationed in Saudi Arabia to help maintain, support and operate the complicated jets. And while it is unclear whether Americans would be aboard during flights, that is considered likely in view of the sophisticated equipment involved.

The moves would increase the American military presence in both Arab countries and extend military facilities available in the region to the United States.

They also would strengthen ties with Egypt and Saudi Arabia, considered friendly and pro-Western, and could cause concern in Israel because of a possible impact on the Arab-Israeli military balance.

Sale of the four Airborne Warning and Command System (AWACS) planes to Saudi Arabia, for about \$100 million apiece, could enable the Saudis to monitor Israeli air movement up to 500 miles away.

The presence of American personnel is regarded as a safeguard against use of the planes against Israel, sources say. The theory is the United States

would not allow that because it could expose Americans to Israeli fire.

The sources who asked not to be identified, said the decision was final except that Congress, which could veto the AWACS sales, has yet to be notified.

State Department officials, however, said Wednesday no final decision has been made.

Building up Egypt's Ras Banas base near the Red Sea would make it easier for the United States to use the Rapid Deployment Force created last year to protect the Persian Gulf oil lanes.

While the Ras Banas agreement is secret, it eventually would have to be disclosed publicly to Congress because movement of American forces is involved. Because of that, one U.S. official said, the deal could fall apart.

The official said the Pentagon also has some reservations about the security value of Ras Banas.

Opening it to U.S. forces would extend the web of U.S. military installations formed since the 1978 revolution in Iran and the Soviet intervention into Afghanistan. Others are in Kenya, Oman, Somalia and Diego Garcia Island in the Indian Ocean.

The main purpose is to protect the Persian Gulf oil fields, which provide about 40 per cent of the total petroleum imported by the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

Repeal of Angola amendment sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is signaling Congress it may seek repeal of legislation banning covert U.S. military aid to rebel forces in Marxist Angola.

One Democratic congressman said the administration appears committed to finding the votes for the repeal.

He called it "a screwball idea" which would set back American goals in southern Africa and prolong the presence of Cuban combat troops in Angola. The congressman asked not to be identified.

State Department spokesman William Dyess said no decision has been made on whether to seek to eliminate the 1976 amendment barring aid to Angolan insurgents. He said the eventual thrust of administration policy will emphasize a search for diplomatic rather than military solutions to the region's conflict.

The amendment was sponsored by Sen. Dick Clark, D-Iowa, to head off deeper U.S. involvement in Angola after Cuban soldiers had tipped the balance of power in the country to Marxist forces.

Congressional sources said State Department officials in recent Capitol Hill briefings mentioned repeal of the Clark amendment "as a real possibility and one which State Department bureaucrats have approved."

"Since they are willing to discuss this as a recommendation of the department, it's hard to see how they could go back on it," said one source who asked not to be identified. "It's not set in

concrete, but almost."

An attempt to repeal the Clark amendment succeeded in the Senate last year but failed in the House. It was strongly opposed by Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., who said Wednesday he would offer "vigorous resistance" to any new attempt.

"The administration is about to embark on a course which will undermine the prospects for a negotiated settlement in Namibia, further entrench the Cuban presence in Angola, jeopardize our commercial interests and set back our relations with a number of African states," said Solarz, a former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Africa.

"If this is the first shot in the president's policy toward Africa, it is sure to backfire," Solarz said.

House sources insisted that repeal of the Clark amendment could rapidly lead to covert aid to UNITA, the Angolan guerrilla force headed by Jonas Savimbi, who once had CIA backing.

Dyess, the State Department spokesman, acknowledged that private organizations have invited Savimbi to visit the United States and volunteered that "representatives of this administration would be prepared to meet with Mr. Savimbi if he comes."

Dyess said the administration will be taking its formal proposals to Congress soon. He appeared to be discouraging the idea that it will be seeking a military solution to conflict in southern Africa.

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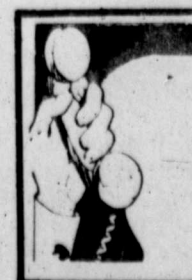
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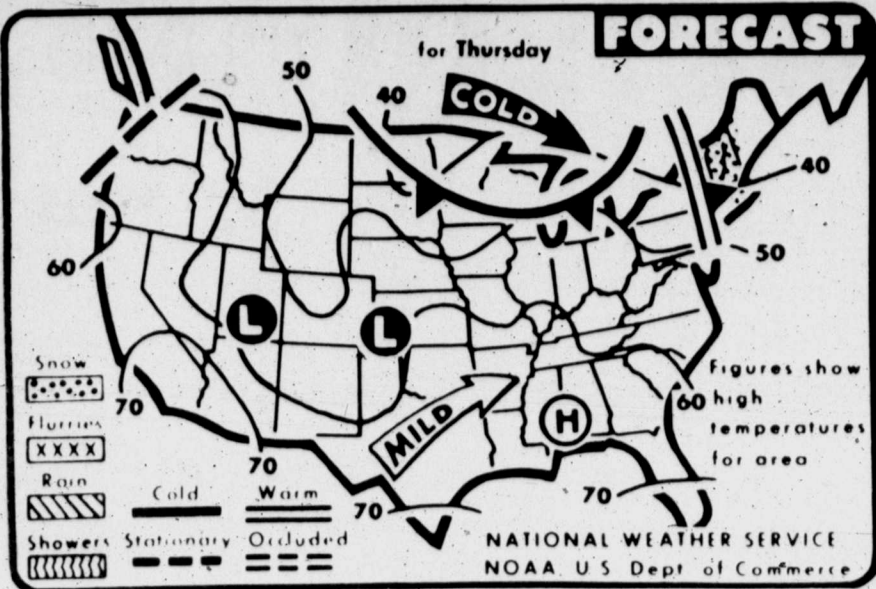
Shooting victim found

A Midland man was found shot to death this morning at Bill's Drive-In Grocery at 1200 N. Lamesa Road.

Identity of the victim is withheld pending notification of relatives.

The body was discovered about 9 a.m. by a customer. Witnesses said the man had been shot in the chest one time. His body was found behind the check-out counter at the store.

WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service forecast for today predicts snow in parts of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Midland statistics

Table with weather forecast and statistics for Midland, including temperature readings and precipitation data.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities across the country, including Albuquerque, Denver, and Houston.

Spring-like days due for weekend

While cloudy, wet skies may have dampened the week, the overhead environment should be clearing by Friday for a spring-like weekend.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: decreasing cloudiness north, mostly cloudy south with chance of drizzle. Warmer today.

Hijackers refuse to extend deadline

DAMASCU, Syria (AP) — Hijackers threatened to kill three American hostages they identified as CIA agents and refused to extend today's deadline for blowing up a Pakistani jetliner.

organization is believed to be made up of supporters of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the prime minister hanged in April 1979 by the current Pakistani regime.

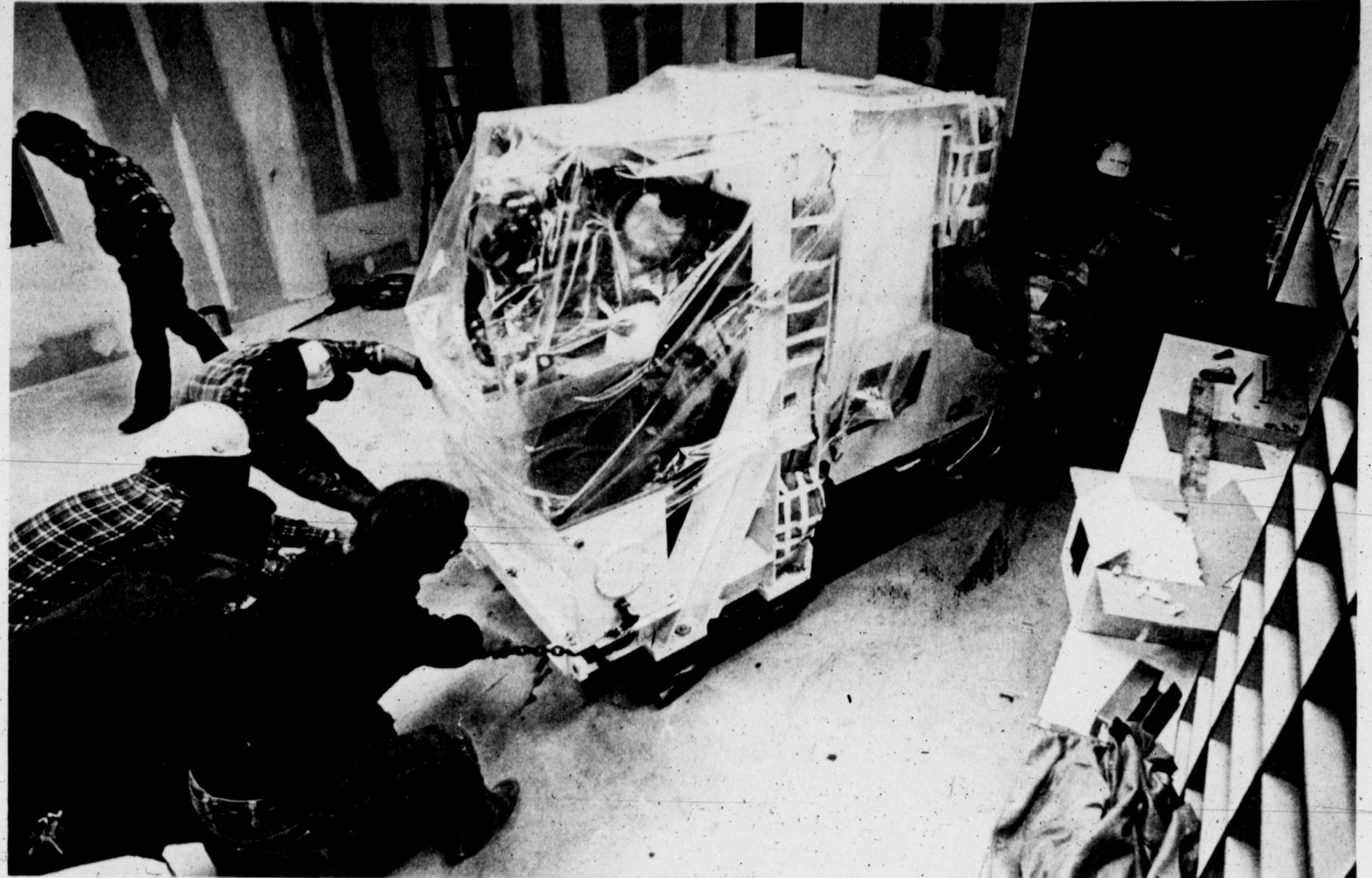
Police seeking bandit of Rainbow Bread Store

Police today were still searching for a man who took \$135 in a holdup of the Rainbow Bread Store at 2401 N. Big Spring St. late Wednesday morning.

ment Co. in Ghils Tower West, and Alvin Shelton of 506 E. Cowden said a color TV set worth \$300 was taken in a burglary of his residence.

Police, Fire Roundup

windbreaker and dark trousers. He was last seen driving north on Big Spring in a large, older model car.



Workmen from Area Builders Inc. give it the "old heave-ho" as installation begins on the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center's 20 Million Electron Volt linear accelerator Wednesday.

Question is how much to cut budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — In less than two months in office, President Reagan has succeeded in enforcing a dramatic change in one of Congress' longest-running debates.

the administration says it has preserved for the needy. Shortly after Domenici spoke, Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia delivered another in a series of ledges of cooperation with the president.

already conceded that the Tennessee Valley Authority should not be saved from at least a nick of the budget tax. In addition, some of Congress' most liberal Democrats have been forced into positions of trying to enact small cuts in their favorite programs.

urgently urge the members of Congress to remember that last November the American people's message was loud and clear, the president said Tuesday as he submitted his revised 1982 budget.

Study says eastern tornadoes more destructive

CHICAGO (AP) — Tornadoes near the Mississippi River and eastward travel farther at ground level and wreak more destruction than twisters to the west, a study of tornado patterns indicates.

And that means more attention should be directed to warning people in the eastern Mississippi and Ohio valleys of the dangers of tornadoes, said Dr. T. Theodore Fujita, a University of Chicago professor of geophysical sciences who headed the study.

The longer a moving tornado remains on the ground, the more damaging to property and deadly to people it can be, Fujita said Wednesday.

found that tornadoes west of a line from eastern Texas to Michigan's Upper Peninsula are more numerous, but the eastern variety travel on average — twice as far on the ground.



Charles Gardner, 38, recently filed for place 5 on the Greenwood School Board. A resident of Greenwood for 4 1/2 years, Gardner is a salesman for Berg Motor Co. in Midland.

Bell workers back on job

By The Associated Press Nearly 250 service representatives for Ohio Bell Telephone Co. in Columbus and Cleveland have agreed to end a two-day wildcat strike and settle a dispute over job duties through grievance procedure, company and union officials said.

reporter Wednesday night: "Well, they have killed once and they can kill again. But the condemnation of the world may deter them, especially when they realize they have not achieved anything."

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HOME DELIVERY

Table showing subscription rates for The Midland Reporter-Telegram, including home delivery and mail rates.

DEATHS



of Oddfellows Lodge. Other survivors include three sisters, two daughters, a brother, 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Nancy E. Hobson

Services for Nancy Elizabeth Hobson, 80, of McCamey, were to be at 11 a.m. today in Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel in DeQueen, Ark., with burial in Gillham Cemetery in Sevier County, Ark., directed by Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hobson died Monday in a Crane Hospital.

She was born Oct. 21, 1900 in Gillham, Ark. She was a member of Gillham Baptist Church and Silver Hill Chapter of Eastern Star Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. E. H. (Norma Jean) Harris of McCamey; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Raley of Gillham, Ark., and Mrs. Boone Hobson of DeQueen, Ark.; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Zonia Harrison

Zonia Harrison, 87, of 914 N. Dallas St., died Sunday while visiting her daughter in California after a brief illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Lee Street Church of Christ with the Rev. L.H. Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Roscoe V. Jackson Mortuary.

She was born Jan. 9, 1894, in Bryan. She moved to Midland in 1941.

Survivors include a son, Bennie Harrison of Midland; two daughters, Elza Mae Gibbs of Pasadena, Calif., and Rhunia Bell Moore of Moore, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Jasper O. Horton

COLEMAN — Jasper Oliver Horton, 77, of Coleman, brother of Dora M. Snodgrass of Midland, died Tuesday in a Coleman hospital.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Walker Funeral Home chapel with burial in Coleman City Cemetery.

Horton was born March 30, 1903, and was married to Ruby Iola Havner July 16, 1925, in Bee Branch. He had lived in Coleman since 1968 and was a retired Superior Oil Company employee. He was a Baptist and member

Bennie Wyatt

Bennie Wyatt, 78, of 1704 Butternut Lane, died Tuesday at his home after a brief illness.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Thomas Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Wyatt was born March 7, 1903, in Texas. He moved to Midland eight years ago from Stamford. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Lee Wyatt of Midland; a daughter, Betty Marsh of Midland; five stepdaughters, Etta Lee Bailey of Midland, Jessie Mae Applin of Abilene, Margo Smith of Denison, Beatrice Ewing of Dimmitt and Johnnie Mae Price of Los Angeles, Calif.; three stepsons, Elbert Curry of Midland, R. B. Hayes of Knox City, Texas, and John Henry Mayes of Clinton, Okla.; two brothers, Walter Polk of Lubbock and Henry Wyatt of Brownfield; three sisters, Salena Williams and Willie Williams, both of Midland, and Mollie Newton of Port Arthur; and four grandchildren.

Workers threaten strike

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Workers in the Radom district south of Warsaw today stepped up their threat to shatter Poland's uneasy labor truce with a strike.

Union delegates from nearly 340 factories were meeting to endorse a list of 17 demands, some of the stemming from grudges left over from the 1976 riots there over government price hikes.

A spokesman for the Solidarity labor federation said its Radom chapter, which has been on strike alert since Monday, would draw up strike plans unless the government negotiated its demands.

Riots ripped through Radom, 50 miles south of Warsaw, five years ago in response to one of the communist government's periodic futile attempts to reduce expenses by raising the

subsidized price of meat. The union is now demanding the firing of local officials it blames for attacks on the workers then, a memorial to workers who were beaten in jail after the riots, the release of political prisoners now in jail, the conversion of police buildings to hospitals and pay increases for local metal workers to compensate for rising food prices.

Tempers were heightened in Radom by the reported beating Wednesday of four high school students by a squad of four anti-unionists who were seen tearing down union posters.

The Solidarity spokesman said the students recognized a local policeman among the four. He said the union appealed to the police to purge their ranks of anti-unionists.

Woman released by terrorists recounts hijacking experience

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Charlotte Hubbell, whose trip to Pakistan became embroiled in an 11-day hijack, says conditions on the plane were "abominable" and she had to be forced to leave her husband behind with three gunmen.

Mrs. Hubbell whose husband, Frederick, is still aboard the plane in Syria along with 10 other passengers, said in a copyright interview with The Des Moines Tribune that one of the hijackers walked to her seat, pointed a gun in her face and said, "You will go."

The couple parted with a kiss and a reassuring glance, Mrs. Hubbell said in a telephone interview from New Delhi, India.

"I refused to go, but Fred said he had to know that somebody out there understands and is working in our interest," she said.

She said she would never forget the ordeal, which included the fatal shooting of another passenger.

The Hubbells, members of a wealthy Des Moines family, were on a vacation when the Pakistan jetliner was hijacked by Pakistan terrorists. Ms. Hubbell was one of two American women to remain aboard the plane when 27 other women and children were evacuated. After six days, Mrs. Hubbell was released.

Mrs. Hubbell, 31, said conditions aboard the foul-smelling airplane were intolerable. Temperatures inside were high in the afternoon.

"We were allowed to mingle periodically. Not too many people did leave their chairs. Occasionally, we would leave our seats to talk to the other Americans," she said. "But there was too much activity on the plane. They (hijackers) would come through the plan and say 'take your seats.'"

Mrs. Hubbell said she and her husband, 30, first got word of the hijacking when the first-class passengers and the crew filed into the coach area and the men followed behind waving guns announcing it was a hijacking.

"And then 15 or 20 minute later, the pilot came over the loudspeaker and said, unfortunately we had gotten ourselves into this situation and were being diverted to Kabul (Afghanistan)," she said.

Meanwhile, Frederick's father, James W. Hubbell Jr. said the pain of waiting for new developments is being eased by an outpouring of public support.

He said he has received messages of support from around the country. "They say they're concerned and they share our concern," he added.

Carlos' secretary charged in coup

MADRID, Spain (AP) — King Juan Carlos' former military instructor and onetime secretary to the royal household, Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada, has been indicted in connection with the abortive military coup against the Spanish government, the Defense Ministry said today.

Neither the ministry nor the army would give details of the indictment as it was not immediately clear when the general would face a court martial.

Armada, 61, is the second senior army officer indicted in the Feb. 23 coup attempt. He was fired as deputy army chief of staff two days after he attempted coup and was arrested pending an investigation by a special army prosecutor.

The Madrid newspaper Dia 16 said Armada was indicted for participating in a military rebellion. It said he was informed of the charge late Wednesday at the Getafe air base outside Madrid where he is in army custody.

The Defense Ministry said it was investigating news leaks of the indictment to Dia 16 and two other newspapers.

Two other generals remain under arrest in connection with the pot but have not been indicted.

Directors to meet

The directors of the Midland County Hospital District will convene in a special meeting Friday at 12:30 p.m. to discuss plans for implementation of the Tribrook study on the governing leadership at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Time is allocated on the special agenda for a long executive session, while action will be taken on the matter after the session.

The Tribrook study was undertaken as a continuation of the overall efficiency study of the hospital at a cost of \$18,500 last fall. The study included examination of the administrative positions, the board of trustees, the board of directors and the board of governors.

Currently the directors are the elected body of decision-makers at the hospital which has a management agreement with the trustees to operate the day-to-day activities at the hospital.

Calf wins prize

A 1,095-pound Shorthorn calf exhibited by Marty Kirby of Midland won the reserve championship in its class and brought the youngster \$20 a pound from the Big Four of Houston at the Houston Livestock Show.

The 10-year-old is a student at Burnett Elementary School and is a member of the Future Farmers of America.

The calf, tabbed "Jim," is a Nebraska-bred steer and was adjudged a winner by Marty's father, Milton, long before the steer filled out.

"He (Milton Kirby) knew we were going to win. He knew it for nine months," his wife, Nancy, said this morning. "I wish I could be that confident."

Mrs. Kirby said that Marty would re-invest some of the \$21,900 in prize money in another calf, pay expenses incurred in raising and showing Jim, and would set aside much of the money in a college fund.

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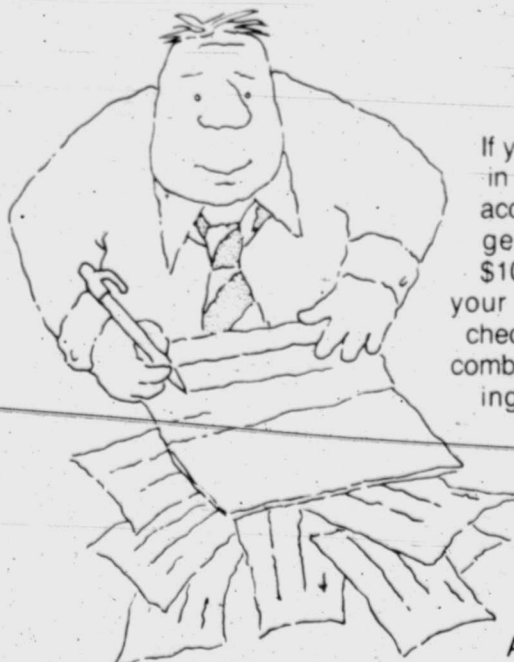
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Governing responsibly

The Public Utility Commission deserves a vote of thanks from every Texan who appreciates responsible governmental action in the public interest.

The PUC evidently had the public interest in mind on Feb. 25 when commissioners ordered a public hearing on Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s proposal to test its "electronic information service" in Austin homes and businesses.

We wouldn't be completely honest if we didn't indicate that most newspapers opposed the Bell test partly because if it were allowed, eventually newspapers could suffer from a loss of advertising revenue and many could even go out of business.

On a broader scope, however, Bell's proposal poses a potential threat to the public's right to know because — if approved — the service could evolve into a system under which the telephone company would become a competing business with the news media. The only difference is that in this case the phone company would be both the carrier of information and the generator of information.

It is in such an arrangement that the danger lies because of the

possibility for manipulation of the news.

All newspapers were seeking on the Bell request was a public hearing before the PUC. We got that and we feel confident that we can now substantiate our claims of the danger that would be posed by the Bell test.

Now Bell has filed for a temporary restraining order on the PUC's orders to conduct a public hearing on the test, to stop operations connected with the test until the hearing and that a new examiner be appointed.

We don't see how any judge could grant Bell's request. After all, justice is contingent on knowledge and all that will be accomplished by the public hearing before the PUC is that commissioners will become more knowledgeable about the potential impact of the test. A ruling against the public hearing, in effect, would be a ruling against knowledge.

The rulings by the PUC were commendable because they truly upheld the responsibility of the commissioners to see that the interests of the public are protected. That is what government is really all about.

The cult of survival

There is something profoundly saddening in the fear of a growing number of persons that society is about to collapse and they must barricade themselves against their neighbors.

The times are uncertain, it is true. Crime is rising, the economy is flagging, the very cement of society seems to be crumbling. Many among us find too little that is familiar and too much that is troubling in the outlines of the future. It is understandable that some should take alarm at these omens and act to protect their families.

It may be prudent to provide food supplies and emergency shelter against nuclear disaster, earthquake and famine, if one's fears dictate this precaution. But the cult of survival foresees not only the worst from nature, but from man, as well. Along with the cult of survival goes the law

of the gun.

The families that lay in an arsenal along with emergency rations and turn their survival shelters into bunkers appear to believe that kindness and decency will be the first casualties of disaster. How Americans would react to nuclear holocaust, great natural calamity, or collapse of the economy cannot be foretold. Most people have responded with courage and fortitude when they have been faced with an emergency. Indeed, adversity has often brought out the best, rather than the worst, in human nature.

Survivalists, however, have refused in advance to share adversity on even terms with their fellow men. By expecting the worst, and arming to repel others seeking help, the survivalists must beware lest their own actions invoke the law of the very jungle against which they have prepared.

'Son of ABM' appears to be looming beyond the horizon

By ERNEST CONINE
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Don't look now, but son of ABM may be just over the horizon.

ABM means anti-ballistic missile. It's the shorthand way of describing weapons that are capable of intercepting and destroying incoming nuclear missiles before they have a chance to hit their targets on terra firma.

Anyone pushing 30 is old enough to recall the bruising, extremely divisive national debate over the ABM that took place during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The Army proved 20 years ago that it was possible to destroy a ballistic missile with another missile. In 1967 the Johnson administration announced plans to build a "light" missile-defense system designed primarily to protect U.S. cities from an irrational Chinese nuclear attack.

But sensible people pointed out that even one big nuclear warhead was enough to destroy a city, and that building a leakproof ABM umbrella was a practical impossibility.

In 1969, the Nixon administration adjusted to this reality by abandoning the city-protection scheme and reorienting the program toward the much easier job of shielding U.S. missile silos from Soviet attack.

Many scientists claimed that ABM technology was not up to even this more-limited task. Besides, they pointed out, the Soviet Union was working on an ABM system of its own. To the degree, that either side developed a missile system in which it had faith, it might come to think that it could launch a nuclear first strike without suffering devastating destruction in return.

In the end, the Senate approved the

so-called Safeguard system by one vote. But neither the United States nor the Soviet Union had the stomach for an ABM race; the 1972 SALT I treaty limited each side to 200 ABM missiles, split between two sites.

Later, Moscow and Washington agreed to permit each other only one site. The Soviets deployed their ABM system near Moscow. The United States chose to defend the Grand Forks, N.D., Minuteman ICBM complex, but even that effort was abandoned five years ago.

Arms-control advocates have generally applauded the anti-ABM agreement as one of the few genuine accomplishments of the SALT process. As long as neither side has an effective defense against nuclear attack, neither can attack the other without committing national suicide in the process. Or so it has been argued until lately.

The U.S. Army, however, has continued to spend about \$250 million a year on ABM research and development. The Soviets, by most accounts, have pursued a much more vigorous program.

In the last two years, more and more strategic analysts have concluded that this country may need an ABM after all — SALT I or no SALT I.

The change of heart is the result of two factors: advances in ABM technology, and the realization that the American Minuteman missile force, the heart of the U.S. nuclear deterrent, is becoming dangerously vulnerable to a massive first strike by the now-superior Soviet missile fleet.

Enter the MX, the proposed big new American missile that would gain survivability by being shuffled around to different launching sites in a kind of giant shell game.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Legislation blocked by conservatives' feud

WASHINGTON — Archaic regulations have generated reams of unnecessary paperwork that have overrun the filing system and piled up in cardboard boxes at the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

But legislation to clear out the tangled red tape got caught in a crossfire between two crusty conservatives during the last session of Congress. They were Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and then-Rep. Robert Bauman, R-Md., both viewers-with-alarm who have loudly decried the soaring public debt. Yet their petty feud blocked critical legislation, which would have saved money and improved governmental efficiency.

The bales of extra paperwork at the Immigration Service have been matched by a similar increase on Capitol Hill. Roughly one private bill out of every five introduced in Congress is a request for special exemption from one or another of Immigration's inflexible regulations.

So House Bill 7273, introduced to take care of this recurring problem and save the taxpayers a few million bucks, was considered uncontroversial and headed for easy passage. In fact, it got through the House on a voice vote.

In the Senate, the legislation had bipartisan support ranging from conservative Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., to liberal Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. It looked like smooth sailing.

Then, like two grumpy bullfrogs, Thurmond and Bauman began quarreling across the marble corridors that separate the Senate and House. Thurmond refused to support the immigration legislation until the House cleared a number of private bills he



Jack Anderson

had sent over for its approval. But a "unanimous consent" was needed in the House.

With equal stubbornness if slightly more rationality, Bauman withheld his consent from the Thurmond bills. He noted with some exasperation that almost all of the private bills involved immigration matters that would be taken care of automatically under the new omnibus legislation.

Neither man would back down, and the immigration bill died with the 96th Congress. Legislative insiders told my reporter Julie Kosterlitz that the legislative squabble will probably delay passage of a similar bill by at least a year — wasting thousands of dollars and uncounted congressional hours.

The feud, meanwhile, was broken up by the November election. Bauman was defeated as a result of his arrest on a morals charge. The Republican takeover of the Senate has elevated Thurmond to the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee.

CONFIDENTIAL FILE: The classified dispatches from embattled El Salvador contain grim news. Here are some excerpts:

— Three weeks ago, the American Embassy warned that the moderate

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'Hush money's' a help for president's program

"Mr. Flick of the 'Support President Reagan or Else' committee wishes to see you, Mr. Ellis."

"Send him in."
"Ellis, the name's Flick, and a few of the boys in the back kitchen have gotten together to put up a little fund for Ronnie to see that he gets his economic program through. We thought since you're the president of Dynamite Aerospace you might put a couple of bucks in the pot."

"What did you say the fund was for?"
"To advertise Ronnie's program to the American people. Congress is starting to give Ronnie a hard time on some of his proposals, so we thought we ought to use a little hard sell with the public."

"How much are you hoping to raise?"
"One or two million dollars. We figure every businessman has a stake in Ronnie's program, particularly those in the defense industry, and they wouldn't want to let Ronnie down."

"Does the president know about the fund?"

"Of course not. He couldn't be a part of anything like this. But there is nothing to stop concerned citizens like you and I from publicizing what he's trying to do."

"I'd be happy to give you \$10,000."
"We had you down for \$100,000. Of course, you know better than we do how much Dynamite can afford. I didn't know the company was doing



Art Buchwald

so poorly."
"We're not doing poorly. As a matter of fact, we're hoping to get a \$500 million contract for our new air-to-air missile."

"Yes, we know about that. Apparently Cheshire Robots is bidding for the same contract. They gave us \$100,000 for our fund and didn't ask any questions."

"I'm not asking any questions! I was just curious how you people have managed to keep this a secret from the president."

"It hasn't been easy. We see him all the time, and we have to be very careful we don't spill the beans, because he'd get very mad if he heard we were soliciting funds from businessmen doing work with the government. But once we put Ronnie in the White House, we made a vow he'd get all the support we could give him. We expect the business community to do more than pay lip service to Ronnie's programs."

"Mr. Flick, I'm writing the check as fast as I can."

"Take your time. There's no rush. I'm on my way to see the Queeg Boat Company. They're hoping to get a big submarine contract from the Navy."

"I'm sure they'll come across."

"I wish you wouldn't put it that way, Mr. Ellis. This is purely a voluntary fund drive. If someone wants to give, fine. If he doesn't, we can always find another boat company to build our submarines."

"Mr. Flick, would you get angry if I gave you \$150,000 instead of \$100,000?"

"I don't think so. But I want it clearly understood that whatever you donate will have no effect on whether you get the \$500 million contract for your superb-air-to-air missile."

"I understand that. This check is only to show my faith in the Reagan administration."

"You're a great American, Mr. Ellis. I wish there were a hundred more like you."

"Aren't there?"

"Yes, but we haven't hit them all up yet."
"Here's your check, Mr. Flick. I have only one request. Please don't tell the president I made this generous contribution to support him, because I want our missile to stand or fall on its merits."

"I assure you my lips are sealed. And my request to you is that the president never finds out what we've been doing. He considers himself a great communicator, and he would never understand why we had to raise a war chest to sell his program."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 12, the 71st day of 1981. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On March 12, 1930, Mahatma Gandhi opened his civil disobedience campaign in India against the British.

On this date: In 1799, Austria declared war on France.

In 1966, General Suharto was sworn in as acting President of Indonesia after President Sukarno was stripped of his authority.

Today's birthday: Entertainer Liza Minnelli is 35.

Thought for today: Make money your God, and it will plague you like the devil. — Henry Fielding, English writer (1707-1754).

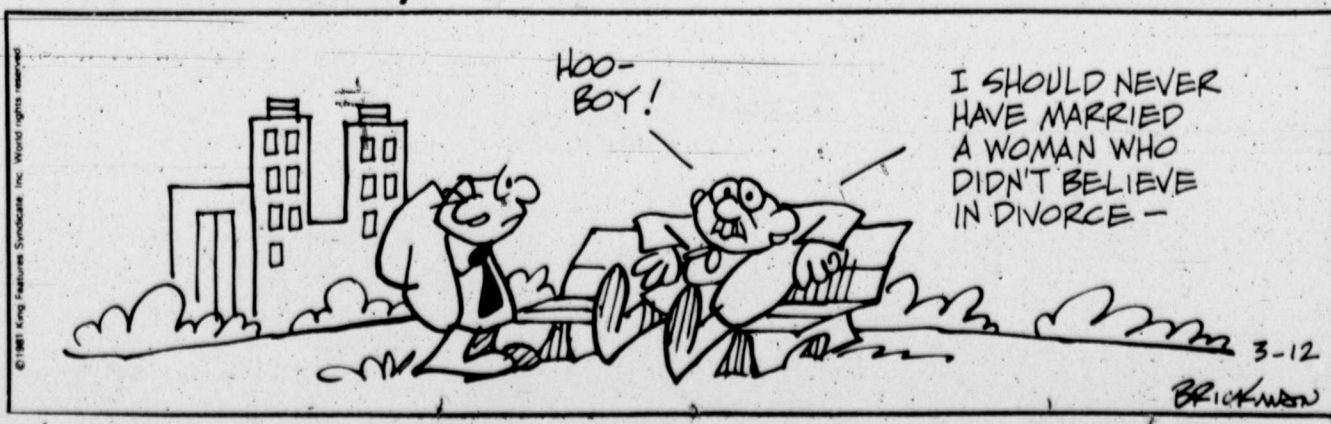
The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"If a preacher really believed folks might do as he says, he probably would choose more carefully what to say."

the small society



Arrest solves unsolved cases

DALLAS (P) — Police here and in San Antonio dusted off their unsolved-murder files today trying to verify statements made by a man who voluntarily implicated himself in seven killings that took place over a seven-year span.

David Villarreal, 26, spent much of Wednesday talking about the deaths — four in Dallas and three in San Antonio — after his Tuesday night arrest for questioning in a pair of deaths, Dallas Detective Gerald Robinson said.

However, Dallas Sgt. Tom Sherman later said there would be no further information "about what he talked about after he was arrested."

Police in both cities

said they would file charges in five of the cases, two in San Antonio and three in Dallas, and would check their files to see if the other two stories Villarreal told could be matched to unsolved killings.

San Antonio police did use Villarreal's information to discover a homicide. Villarreal had told Dallas officers of a man killed Sunday and described a San Antonio residence.

Police checked the place and found Robert Johnson Manley II, 71 sitting on the floor, his head thrown back across the bed and a bloody claw hammer lying beside him.

"I shined a flashlight through the bedroom

window and there he was," said San Antonio homicide detective Billy Hook. "The top of his head had been beaten."

Hook said another of Villarreal's stories matched details in the case of Joe Edward Duque, 18, found beaten to death in a city park March 3. A 3-foot-long cedar post lay next to the body.

Police in San Antonio said they expected to file charges in the Manley and Duque killings today. Dallas officers said they also would work up charges today in three deaths Villarreal discussed, all of them from the spring of 1979.

Charles Edward Moya, 30, and Tony Natal Gutierrez, 32, were found

dead in a Dallas apartment in April of that year. Their throats had been cut, Gutierrez had been stabbed in the eye, chest and throat and a teaspoon had been rammed up his nose, police said.

A small wooden match had been burned on Moya's right eyelid, officers said.

A month earlier, Ernest Garcia was found lying in a pool of blood, his head under a concrete bloc, behind a downtown Dallas building, said homicide detective M.W. Touchton.

Charges would be filed against Villarreal in connection with all three deaths, Dallas officers said, adding they were trying to determine if a

description they received of an alleged fourth murder could be matched to an unsolved case.

That one, police spokeswoman Vicki Eiker said, involved the death of a man in his late 50s or early 60s who was killed in 1978 or early 1979.

San Antonio police were trying to make a similar match between a killing that allegedly happened seven years ago and their file of unsolved deaths.

Prison farm will feel budget ax

EL RENO, Okla. (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Prisons is planning to close the 5,000-acre farm operated at the El Reno Correctional Institution by October in the wake of President Reagan's budget reductions, Warden Tommy Martin has confirmed.

Martin said Wednesday the eight civilian employees who supervise the farming operation will be given other jobs at the institution as will the 30 inmates who work there. Martin said the dairy, beef and swine herds are used to feed the El Reno inmate population and to supply food to several other federal prisons. Although not the largest of the farms operated by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, produc-

tion by the El Reno operation is the largest in the system, Martin said.

Micahel Aun, prison bureau spokesman, said the El Reno farm is one of seven being closed. "Our best analysis is that they are marginal operations at best and may be costing us up to \$200,000 a year more than they bring in," he said.

The other seven farms are operated in conjunction with prisons at Leavenworth, Kan.; Lewisburg, Pa.; Petersburg, Pa.; Terre Haute, Ind.; La Tuna, Texas; Texarkana, Texas; and Lompoc, Calif.

Martin said he received word Tuesday the farms would be closed by the end of the bureau's 1982 budget year, which

starts in October.

The El Reno farm's 80 head of dairy cattle, 700 head of beef cattle and 300 head of swine will be sold at auction, Martin said.

"Then we'll be going out and buying our food just like a restaurant would, by competitive bidding," Martin said.

Except for several hundred acres of land that will be retained as a perimeter or buffer around the prison, the remainder of the 5,000 acres will be turned over to General Services Administration management, Martin said.

He said other federal agencies will have the first opportunity to make use of the land, followed by state and county agencies.

The warden said the

disposal of prison farms has been discussed for about a month as a way of trimming costs from the prison bureau's budget.

"We can probably buy (commercially) cheaper than it costs to pay a civilian staff when that includes having supervisors there at 4 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays," Martin said.

"Farming 5,000 acres also includes a lot of equipment."

Committee decision due on expanding parcel delivery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It will be next week before the Senate State Affairs Committee shows its hand on a bill designed to expand small parcel delivery service in Texas.

A close vote is expected.

The committee postponed a decision Wednesday after hearing more than two hours of testimony, much of it concerning small Texas communities that would be hurt or helped by the alternative to parcel post service.

"If the 'brown giant' is allowed to operate throughout Texas it will cause irreparable damage to our transportation system, particularly in small communities," said Steve Dawkins of Trailways Inc., Dallas.

"The people of Texas have told us they want and need package delivery service that reaches every corner of the state, service that is economical and dependable, service that is not limited to pickup points along major highways," said Tom Hardeman, Dallas district manager of United Parcel Service whose brown trucks serve many larger cities in the state.

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said his bill would make it clear that the Texas Railroad Commission has the authority to license and regulate car-

riers of small parcels within a specific area. The commission has held it can regulate motor carriers only along specified highway routes under specific arrival and departure times. His bill applies only to packages under 50 pounds.

Hardeman said failure to pass the bill would mean "Texas will continue to receive something less than the service available to people in 46 other states."

"This bill would create a special situation in Texas favorable to UPS and unfavorable to regular carriers," said Phil Robinson representing several motor freight lines.

"If this bill is passed motor carriers would have to abandon the concept of serving all the small areas of the state and concentrate on the cream of the business, the urban areas, where UPS operates now," said Johnny B. Rogers, representing TEX-PACK a group of 10 independent express carriers.

Joe Kilgore, Austin, said UPS was not asking the Legislature to grant it the right to operate in Texas "only the right to a hearing before the Railroad Commission as to whether this service is needed by the public in Texas."

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Interior design class to begin soon

If you were a student in Ellen Hinson's beginning course in interior decoration at Midland College, then you'll be pleased to know there is more to come.

The second phase of study, Interior Decorating II, is scheduled to begin March 19 at MC.

"Many of our students are in their mid- to late-30s and already have their homes," Mrs. Hinson noted. "There comes a time when a home not only needs to be freshened, but needs an entirely new outlook."

Mrs. Hinson noted that her course has been designed for that purpose and for the do-it-yourselfer who needs to redecorate within the confines of a budget.

"Students who were in my beginning course now are ready to start their projects," Mrs. Hinson stated. "The advanced course provides the opportunity for them to put their ideas into practice while remaining under the guidance of an instructor."

At press time, guest speakers were being recruited to discuss such things as fabrics, types of furniture, accessories, designs and themes, lighting arrangements and their effects, and the use of color.

Classes are limited to 25 students and meet 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks. The course fee is \$15.

Pre-registration may be completed now in room 156 of the MC Administration Building.

Classical League winners announced

The Midland High School chapter of the Texas State Junior Classical League travelled to Houston recently to compete in the annual state convention of the league.

Winners of awards in academic events from MHS were Melissa Baldrige, seventh place in third-year derivatives; Julie Griffith, sixth place in first-year dramatic interpretation; Craig Harris, seventh place in second-year Latin literature; Gina Wilcox, third place in second-year sight recitation; and Norman Yee, seventh place in second-year vocabulary.

Other MHS students attending were Valton Acree, Jimmie Sue Brusenfan, Dodd Griffith, Doris Nash, Susanne O'Leary, Keith Ralston, David Spough, Rolli Jo Taylor and sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tervooren.

The Junior Classical League is a national organization that promotes the classical language of Latin. The League sponsors annual state and area conventions for member schools.

This year's state convention was held in Rosenberg, where academic and Olympic events were scheduled for more than 2,000 students from across the state of Texas by Lamar Consolidated High School.

Senator wants shoe quotas reinstated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal import quotas have failed to prevent millions of pairs of low-priced foreign shoes from flooding the U.S. market since 1977, but the limits should be renewed and strictly enforced this year, Sen. John Heinz says.

Heinz, R-Pa., said Tuesday that producers in countries like Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines sell tens of millions of shoes in the United States by taking advantage of technicalities in the quota agreement, which expires June 30.

The senator told the International Trade Commission the import system could work if revised to tighten loopholes. "The industry has spent considerable time and effort in the past four years modernizing and finding new markets and marketing techniques. Exports, for example, have nearly tripled," said Heinz, whose state is the nation's top shoe producer.

"But the favorable impact of these efforts has been negated by the incomplete nature of the import relief program. ... The only conclusion, it seems to me, is that the government should continue the program and this time get it right," Heinz said.

The Pennsylvania lawmaker spoke just before critics of the restrictions said consumers would have better, more affordable footwear choices if import quotas are lifted.

John F. Ward, a spokesman for the K Mart Corp., said the current rules make it difficult for buyers to obtain inexpensive shoes to sell.

Eliminating the restrictions would allow consumers a wider choice of both prices and products, said James C. Tuttle, also of K Mart.

The time is right to end the quotas and encourage competition, Tuttle said.

Michael Bradfield, speaking for the Korean Footwear Exporters Association, said the U.S. shoe industry has stabilized under controls. In addition, he argued, Korean manufacturers now concentrate mainly on athletic shoes and are no longer major competition to American firms, which primarily make leather dress and casual footwear.

The domestic shoe industry shares about half its American market with foreign manufacturers.

'Brighter' students use drugs more

CHICAGO (AP) — First-graders judged to be "bright" have a greater tendency to use alcohol and marijuana by the time they enter high school than other students, according to a recent study by the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Meanwhile, a separate study released Tuesday by the City Club of Chicago revealed that alcohol and drug abuse are the chief causes of death among 15- to 18-year-olds.

The study, based on police statistics and surveys of drug treatment centers, also said drug abuse by city teen-agers has climbed 30 percent in five years.

Illinois Institute of Technology sociologist Margaret Ensminger said traits that result in children being judged bright in first grade readiness tests may account for the tendency toward drug use in their teens. She said those traits include a willingness to take risks and an interest in impressing their peers.

She said the results were based on a study of first-graders at a South Side school during the 1966 and 1967 school years who were re-interviewed 12 years later when they turned 17.

The study also found that boys who show signs of aggressiveness in first grade are more likely to use drugs in high school, according to Ms. Ensminger.

The City Club of Chicago study concluded that about 20 percent of all accidental deaths and suicides of adolescents in 1976-1980 resulted from alcohol and drug abuse.

It said about 60,000 Chicago teen-agers — 12 percent of the city's teen population — abuse alcohol and drugs. It cited alcohol and drugs as factors in nearly half of all teen-age arrests in Chicago.

The civic group concluded that drugs or alcohol were involved in 30 percent of teen arrests for murder, 37 percent for rapes and 38 percent for assaults.



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Manda Evans and Lieske Van Kessel

'Aunt Lieske' reunited with Jewish daughter

CHICAGO (AP) — For nearly a year, "Aunt Lieske" shared her home in the Netherlands with 10-year-old Manda Evans, all the while hiding from the Nazis a secret that could have meant death. Thirty-seven years later, they are together again. Mrs. Evans and her "Aunt Lieske" have embarked on a cross-country tour of the United States, with Chicago as their first official stop. The trip actually is a prize for Mrs. Evans, who was selected as the winner in a "dream" contest sponsored by a radio talk show. Mrs. Evans, who lives in South Haven, Mich., wrote in her contest letter to WGN that her dream would be for Lieske Van Kessel to visit and see some of the sights in the United States. It is a tiny repayment for the Dutch woman who kept the secret of Manda's Jewish heritage — a secret that could have cost their lives. Mrs. Van Kessel, said Mrs. Evans, "has never had any kids of her own and always considered me as a daughter."

The women now will have a month to share their memories and renew a friendship that developed in a war-torn Europe.

In 1943, Manda was taken in by Kees Zwaans and his wife, Lieske, members of the underground movement who hid Jews in their houseboat during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

"They treated me like I was their daughter," Mrs. Evans said in a telephone interview. "It was all pure love."

"Aunt Lieske," who became Lieske Van Kessel when she remarried, sewed clothes for Manda, starched her hair ribbons and taught her manners. "She taught me a lot of things during those years that parents would teach you," Mrs. Evans said. Living with the couple was so comforting, Mrs. Evans added, "I sometimes wondered if I ever wanted to go back home."

And all during those months, "Aunt Lieske" and her husband kept Manda's secret. The little girl attended school, using a different name and posing as a Catholic whose parents died in an air raid. "But, Mrs. Evans said, the principal and the priest knew her secret, too."

The couple helped other Jews and aided several American pilots who crashed in the vicinity.

Mrs. Evans said she was forced to find another hiding place in the Netherlands when the Germans raided the houseboat and interrogated her one day in town.

"Aunt Lieske" and her husband had to go underground for three months after they aroused the Germans' suspicions, Mrs. Evans said.

But before the war was over, Kees helped reunite her younger sister with the family. Shortly after, Kees died when he was run over by a tank.

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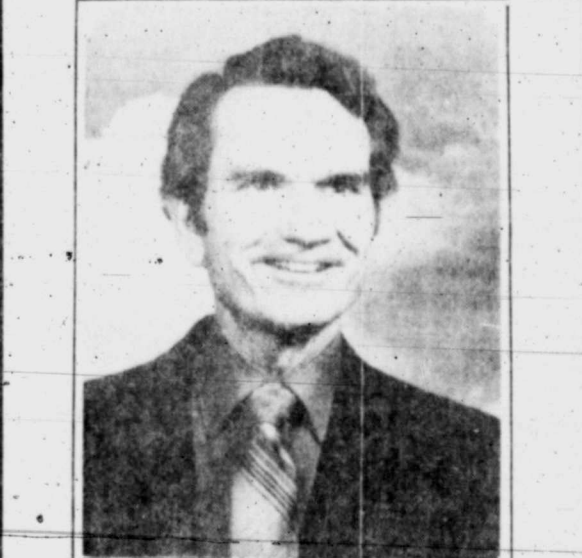
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Libya buys nuclear missiles

RABAT, Morocco (A) — The Libyan government has contracted with a West German firm to buy medium-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads to any target in the Middle East or southern Europe by early 1986, official Moroccan sources said today.

The sources claimed Libya is developing a nuclear weapon in a separate program.

They said the first missile trials were carried out in the Libyan desert recently by the West Germany company Orbital Transport and Raketen Company, or OTRAG, which was involved in an East-West controversy when it conducted similar missile trials in Zaire in 1978.

Moroccan officials are usually well-informed through diplomatic and intelligence sources on events in Libya. The report of the contract was carried by the official Moroccan news agency.

There was no immediate Libyan comment on the Moroccan account.

In Bonn, OTRAG officials announced that the tests conducted

in the Libyan oasis of Sgha, 350 miles south of Tripoli, on March 1 were of a missile intended for "launching communications satellites."

OTRAG as forced to close down its test station in the remote bush of eastern Zaire in 1978 after the Soviet Bloc and a number of African countries accused the United States and West Germany of planning to give Zaire a nuclear potential.

The West German company then moved its operation to Libya under secret agreements signed with Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi. Libya has spent billions of dollars on the purchase of sophisticated weaponry in recent years, most of it from the Soviet Bloc and France.

The Moroccan news agency, citing unidentified "well informed sources" in the Moroccan capital, said Khadafi has launched "a nuclear five-year plan intended to give him possession of a nuclear weapon toward the beginning of 1986."

The missile system, said to be under development by TRAG in Libya, is to give the Libyan armed forces a medium range surface-to-surface missile equipped with a conventional warhead by 1983, the sources said.

Canada visit 'heart-warming'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, describing his first state visit as a "very heart-warming experience," says he and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau established "a basis for further working together" even though differences remain between the two North American neighbors.

The Canadians said Reagan, without giving guarantee, eased their fears that his proposed budget cuts and policy changes would hurt projects important to their country. Friction over U.S. involvement in El Salvador and Reagan's withdrawal of a fishing treaty also seemed to have lessened.

In a televised speech Wednesday to the Canadian Parliament, Reagan pledged to revitalize the U.S. economy and said that would restore the confidence of allies and produce millions of jobs, many of them in Canada.

The speech was repeatedly interrupted by applause, ending Reagan's two-day trip on a high note. He had been dogged by hecklers earlier in Ottawa.

After returning to the White House, Reagan said he and Trudeau had "a very fine meeting, really. I think we established the basis for further working together. We were very pleased and I think they were, too — a very heart-warming experience."

Today, at a meeting with congressional Republicans, Reagan gave the same appraisal of the outcome of his trip, and said: "We all came away feeling very good."

Earlier, on the return flight to Washington, presidential aide Michael Deaver was asked whether the trip had been hampered by several U.S. actions opposed by the Canadians, such as withdrawal of a fishing treaty. He replied: "While some of the rough edges showed, by and large it was a successful trip."



Staff Photo by Chad ...

Maridell Fryar, top left, coordinator of fine arts and speech for the Midland Independent School District, purchases tickets to the Lee and Midland high schools' Band Parents' chili concert from Madalyn Stokes, a Midland High School senior and flute player in the band. Warming up on his

baritone for the Saturday concert is Lee High School junior Kirby Still. Tickets for the concert, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. — and featuring seven school bands in concert at the Midland High School cafeteria, are \$3 apiece. Chili will be served all day during the bands' performances.

Lions nominate new officers

Members of the Downtown Lions Club nominated officers and directors for 1981-82 and witnessed a slide presentation on the construction of Texas Electric Service Co.'s Comanche Peak nuclear plant at their Wednesday noon meeting in Midland Center.

TESCO representative Sara St. Clair remarked briefly about the nuclear power plant at Glen Rose and showed the slide series, "People Working for People." She said the plant, started in 1975, should produce its first electricity in 1982.

Officer and director nominations include Jerry Speck, president; Jack Darden, first vice president; Jim Chapman, second vice president; Tom Blase and George Loudamy, third vice president; Kirby

Dawkins and Tom Sawyer, Lion Tamers; Chris Dellings, secretary-treasurer; and Amy Stewart, club sweetheart.

Five directors will be elected from the following list of nominees: Dick Buckland, Ed Darnell, Copper Daugherty, Bob Faris, Dan Foreman, Jack Hilliard, Wayne Martin, Paul Murray, Bill Shaner and Bill Sherman.

Nominations for tail twisters will come at next week's meeting with the annual election scheduled March 25.

It was announced that receipts from the advance sale of tickets to the club's annual Pancake Jam-boree scheduled Saturday in Dellwood Mall totaled \$14,286 at noon Wednesday.

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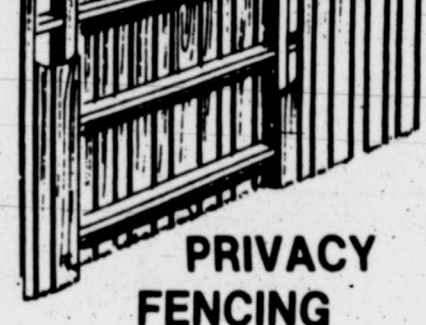


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Pecos County well planned

Lewis B. Burleson, Inc. announced plans to drill the No. 2 Pioneer in the Belding (Yates) field 198 feet from the north line and 1,980 feet from the west line of section 11, block 3, T&P survey. Eight miles southwest of Fort Stockton, the Pecos County well will be explored to a depth of 2,800 feet. A recompletion by Shell Oil Co. in the Andrews, S (Wichita) field will be drilled to a depth of 11,075 feet. The No. 1 University T in Andrews County is located 330 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the west line of section 10, block 1 of the University Lands survey six miles southeast of Andrews. Alan R. McDaniel plans a 17,400 foot gas well in Loving County. The No. 1 Loving "AR" is located 1,980 feet from the south line and 1,980 feet from the west line of section 3, block 35, T&R survey in the Anna K (Atoka) field 12 miles northeast of Mentone.

east line of section 104, block 3, T&P survey, the total depth was 2,695 feet. Perforated at depths of 2,544 feet to 2,533 feet the well was treated with 1,500 gallons of acid. Production was 660 mcf with gravity reported at .650. The Belding (yates) field well is 10 miles southwest of Fort Stockton. A wildcat completion in Glascock County was reported by Adams Exploration Co., Midland. The No. 1 Currie in the Conger (Penn) field is located 1,320 from the east line and 1,980 from the south line of section 46, block 32, T&S T&P survey 12 miles east of Garden City. At total depth of 9,460 feet the well was plugged back to 8,078 feet. Perforation was made at 7,930 feet to 7,981 feet and acidized with 300 gallons. The well flowed 58 barrels of oil, no water on 12/64 inch choke. Gravity was 47.9 with a gas to oil ratio of 250. The site is 1/2 milesouth of the Fools Creek (San Andres) field. Three wildcats have been scheduled for Runnels County. Frost Oil Co. Inc. of San Anto-

nio, has applied to drill No. 1 Fowler Estate, a 4,500-foot wildcat on the southwest edge of the depleted Florence field, 11 miles southeast of Winters. The Florence field was opened in 1949 and produced at 2,350 feet. Location is 1,350 feet from the south and 474 feet from the east lines of T.T. Williamson No. 15 1/2, abstract 857, with a ground elevation of 1,717 feet. Trojan Oil Production and Services Inc., of Irving, is scheduled to drill the No.3 Byron Orand as a 6,000 foot wildcat and to test at 4,100 feet as a 5/8-mile southwest outpost to the current six-well Big Ed (Gardner) field and three miles southwest of Ballinger. The Location is 2,500 feet from the southwest and 200 feet from the northwest lines of Johann Heil No. 419, abstract No. 251. W.W. West, Midland, will drill the No. 2 A.B. Gray as a 5,100 foot wildcat and as a 3/8 mile east and slightly north offset to the Goen opener and current lone producer from that pay and attempt to re-open the 3,000 foot sand pay, 1/2 miles north-west of Winters. Location is 467 feet from the north and west lines of section 80, block 63, HT&B survey

Nuclear power escapes Reagan's budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — David Stockman once ridiculed a huge atomic project as "totally incompatible with our free-market approach to energy policy." But when the budget director unveiled President Reagan's 1982 budget, there was the project — all \$1.4 billion of it. The Clinch River Breeder Reactor seemed like a prime candidate for extinction in Reagan's assault on government spending. But the reactor, like Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, is from Tennessee. And Reagan heeded strong lobbying from Baker in overruling Stockman on a project both Stockman and former President Carter long opposed. Carter's opposition stemmed from concerns about nuclear weapons proliferation. The breeder, in addition to producing electricity, also makes more weapons-grade plutonium fuel than it consumes. Stockman's opposition was on economic grounds. In a letter to House colleagues in 1977, he provided 15 pages of arguments on why the Clinch River project would be a drain on the Treasury and "a large uneconomic subsidy" to the electric power industry. But the Reagan budget unveiled Tuesday would reverse Carter's four-year refusal to spend money to build the plant. Reagan asks Congress for \$1.4 billion over the next five years.

The project is expected to cost \$3 billion with the government picking up 91 percent of the total. Asked about the inconsistency of Reagan's budget and his earlier stand, Stockman said: "I am not running this government singlehandedly. There were disagreements but overall we came to agreement." Overall, spending for nuclear energy would rise to \$1.25 billion, 7 percent above what Carter sought in the 1982 budget. But Reagan would eliminate billions of dollars of government subsidies to other energy sources. Spending to promote solar power would be cut 79 percent from the Carter request, conservation efforts would be slashed 65 percent and DOE's subsidy program for synthetic fuels would be reduced by 72 percent. Overall, the government's energy efforts would be scaled back almost one-third, to a level of \$8.7 billion. The only two energy programs to escape sharp cutbacks were nuclear power and efforts to fill the emergency oil stockpile located in Texas and Louisiana. Included in the nuclear increases would be \$27 million for cleanup of the damaged Three Mile Island reactor in Pennsylvania. DOE aides justified the payment to a private utility by saying the government would learn valuable lessons about nuclear waste disposal problems. They said government support would be limited to 5 percent of the total costs of cleaning up the plant, which the owners, Metropolitan Edison Co., have put out \$1.5 billion. Spending for the government's efforts to locate an underground storage site for high-level nuclear wastes would be increased by 20 percent over the 1981 budget with \$42 million earmarked for early construction of a prototype facility. Energy Secretary James Edwards did not get all he wanted. He had sought \$35 million to begin government acquisition of a nuclear reprocessing plant in his home state of South Carolina but Reagan's budget includes no money for the Barnwell, S.C., facility. Environmentalists won a small victory in the budget cuts announced Tuesday. Reagan had been considering total elimination of the Council on Environmental Quality, the 10-year-old White House agency set up to advise the president on environmental matters. Reagan decided to keep the council alive but proposed cutting spending by 72 percent. CEQ officials said the drop to a \$1 million budget would require reducing the staff from 32 to 16. For the overall environmental budget, Reagan is seeking cuts of \$2 billion including a moratorium on spending any more money to purchase park land or supply matching grants to states and cities for such purchases.

South Africa needs met, despite OPEC embargo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Despite an embargo by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, South Africa appears to be able to import all the crude oil it needs, a Dutch investigating group said in a report issued here today. The Shipping Research Bureau in Amsterdam said analysis of movements of the world's tanker fleet shows that 150 tankers sailed to South Africa in 1979 and the first quarter of 1980 and 23 of them were "the most likely to have delivered crude oil" there. The oil cartel imposed an embargo on supplying crude to South Africa two years ago to protest its apartheid, or racial segregation, policies. Fifteen of the 23 tankers, the Dutch report says, "sailed to South Africa directly from countries which embargo South Africa." It listed five from Oman, two each from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran, and one each from Indonesia, Iraq, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — all OPEC members but Oman. Of the other eight tankers in the 23, the report says, five sailed to South Africa from Brunei and three from the Netherlands Antilles — autonomous colonies of Britain and the Netherlands, respectively, and non-members of OPEC. The report said a "fair proportion" of the other 127 tankers "will have been calling at South Africa simply for repairs, bunkers or other supplies," and some will have been empty. The Shipping Research Bureau, a foundation established in 1980 by the Holland Committee on Southern Africa and the Working Group Kairos, concluded: "There seems little doubt that South Africa is obtaining much of its crude oil from the major oil-exporting countries, most of which have placed an embargo on supplies to South Africa. One oil company, Shell, seems to be particularly involved in supplies to South Africa. It is not clear whether the governments of the oil-exporting countries from which oil is apparently going to South Africa are aware that this is happening," the report concluded. In distributing the report here, the U.N. Center Against Apartheid also made public letters that some countries named in it had sent to B. Akporode Clark of Nigeria, chairman of the U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid, after he questioned them about the report. Most countries said they had launched investigations and said they were observing the embargo. Some said the report erred in listing some vessels' shipping logs. Saudi Arabia stressed that carriers loading oil at Saudi ports were required to certify later that the shipments had reached their stated destinations, and added that its Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources checked the certificates to make sure no oil had been diverted to South Africa.

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Oil scam arrests planned

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in Texas and Louisiana today planned arrests in at least 10 counties in connection with an alleged multimillion dollar oil price fixing scheme in the East Texas oilfield. A Gregg County grand jury delivered two sealed indictments earlier this week naming "a large number" of individuals with ties to the purported price swindle, Sheriff Bob Weaver said. County officials Tuesday obtained certified copies of the indictments to speed extradition proceedings in Louisiana and possibly one other state where those involved in the scheme are believed to be residing, he said. One of the principals in the case is believed to be in South America, assistant state Attorney General Chuck Campbell said. District Attorney Rob Foster said the identities and the number of people named in the indictments will not be released until after arrests are made. Weaver said the first of those arrests would come today when he and sheriffs in at least 10 other counties in Texas and Louisiana served the warrants. The grand jury met for two hours Monday before returning the indictments. The sealed charges followed an investigation by state and local authorities that began in August when authorities caught a truck operator pumping old oil into a new well in East Texas. Under federal price restrictions then in effect, old oil such as crude obtained from wells drilled before the 1973 Arab oil embargo was priced less than oil obtained from subsequent drillings. Authorities say the alleged price-fixing scheme operated out of two states and involved moving crude between Texas and Louisiana to take advantage of the price disparities between old and new oil.

Conoco Inc. acquires Grand Saline oil field

HOUSTON (AP) — Conoco Inc. announced today it is acquiring controlling interest in the Grand Saline oil field in Van Zandt County. No purchase price was disclosed but Conoco said it is adding to its current 25 percent working interest by acquiring the 45 percent interest held by Cans Petroleum Inc. and Varez Exploration Co. The field has current daily production of 450 barrels of oil, 145 barrels of natural gas liquids and 1.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Four of the seven producing wells are dual completions. Conoco expects to assume operation of the field from Canus on April 1.

Crude oil producers expect \$2 billion in tax refunds

More than \$2 billion from federal funds will be owed to the nation's crude oil producers this year, estimates Price-Waterhouse & Co., an international accounting firm. The Windfall Profits Tax of 1980 required federal withholding of huge sums of money to cover the so-called windfall profits that owners of working interests and royalties may have received during the year, due to the price deregulation of crude oil prices by the Carter administration. Refunds will be paid to those producers that are able to compute how much tax is actually due and how much they are entitled to in refunds. But the complex IRS rules for computing the refund may discourage many producers from even filing for such refunds. John H. Weimer, chairman of the Petroleum Industry Services Group of Price Waterhouse, with headquarters in Dallas, says, however, "producers that do not file for the refund or do not preform all the calculations could be losing hundreds of thousands of dollars — perhaps even millions." Because the rules are so new, Weimer says most companies have not had time to develop computer programs to take full advantage of the refund possibilities. As a result, Price Waterhouse has developed a computer-based system to help producers with domestic crude oil production comply with the maze of rules and to assemble the data from various sources. Known as the WPT/80, the systems general function is to help comply with reporting requirements while maximizing opportunities for refunds due to overpayment. Weimer says he has seen refunds ranging from 20 percent to 40 percent.

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Wildcat set near Lubbock

The No. 1 Frances Maddox, a 5,400-foot wildcat will be drilled by Triax Oil & Gas Inc., Midland, 3/4 miles southwest of the Lee Harrison (Clearfork) field, 3/4-mile northeast of a re-entry operation and one mile east of Lubbock. Located 2,173 feet from the south and 467 feet from the east lines of 6-0-TTRR, the Lee Harrison field produces at 4,870 feet. W.A.G. Oil and Gas Co., Inc. No. 1 Holleman was abandoned July 8, 1980, a failure at 4,155 feet, and is being re-entered by Triax to deepen to 5,400 feet. A Cochran County wildcat has been announced by Woods Petroleum Corp., Oklahoma City. The No. 1-60 Blake is one mile west of the depleted opener and lone producer of the Bledsoe, East (San Andres) field, and 1 1/2 miles northeast of its No. 1 Slaughter Trust, recent San Andres oil discover.

The 5,500 foot San Andres wildcat is 4 1/4 miles east of the opener and lone producer of the Bonanza, East (San Andres) field and 4 miles east of Bledsoe. Location is 660 feet from the north and east lines of 60-149-Randall CSL. PCI to welcome Oil Engineers An evening welcome session for the Permian Basin and Trans-Pecos sections of the Society of Petroleum Engineers is planned today at 6:30 p.m. by Pressure Coring, Inc. A tour of PCI's new plant in the Midland Industrial Park and hands-on discussion of the tools and procedures used in pressure coring will comprise the session.

Probe of oil trading practices recommended

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Department investigators are recommending a grand jury investigation of the crude oil trading practices of some of the nation's largest oil companies, it was reported today. The Washington Post said the case represents the first official allegation that the oil companies have recently been engaged in criminal conduct. The proposal for grand jury action, made by investigators in the department's Houston office, follows a two-year investigation of alleged fraudulent practices on the nation's crude oil pipelines, the newspaper said. The investigation calls into question hundreds of transactions in which large quantities of crude oil have been sold to middlemen and then purchased by the major refiners, the Post said. Major oil companies, including Exxon Corp., Mobil Corp., Shell Oil Co., Gulf Oil Corp., Atlantic Richfield Co., Tenneco and American Petroleum, reaped various benefits from the transactions under complex federal regulations, according to the newspaper. The Post said the case faces major

Natural gas filibuster threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate opponents are threatening a filibuster if the Reagan administration follows through on its stated intention to press for removal of price controls from natural gas. "This body (Senate) will be in session a long time if they try to decontrol natural gas," Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said Tuesday. Sen. Don Riegle, D-Mich., and Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., who joined Metzenbaum in an effort to restore controls on oil, also joined him in warning that a bill to decontrol natural gas would bring a filibuster. Metzenbaum's amendment, which would have restored the oil price controls President Reagan lifted Jan. 28, was defeated 68-24 Tuesday. It was Metzenbaum's second attempt at "recontrol." Last month, he filed a court suit to try to void Reagan's decontrol order. A federal judge refused to grant the temporary order Metzenbaum and other parties to the suit sought. In the Senate debate, Metzenbaum said Reagan's order ending oil controls eight months before they were scheduled to die had given inflation an upward kick and would cost consumers \$10 billion in higher fuel prices. He said the Congressional Research Service estimated the impact of higher fuel costs on basic commodities would boost inflation 1.1 percent to 1.4 percent. Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said the Defense Department has estimated early decontrol added \$256 million to the department's fuel costs — "enough to re-

commission the battleship New Jersey." Metzenbaum said the administration was wrong in its claim that removing the controls in January, instead of waiting for the Sept. 30 phase-out, would encourage exploration and production and would promote conservation. Bumpers noted that crude oil prices jumped from \$10.71 to \$23.90 a barrel between May 1979 and May 1980. Instead of increasing, domestic oil production declined 25,000 barrels a day during that period, Bumpers said.

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DRILLING REPORT

WILDCATS	recovered 120 lbs water, trace of oil, shut in overnight
BORDEN COUNTY	Robert E. Landreth No. 1 Daugherty, id 8,277 feet, logging
EDDY COUNTY	Perry R. Bass No. 36 Piker Lake Unit, id 15,356, no additional report
GAINES COUNTY	Arao Oil & Gas No. 1 Jones Ranch, id 11,420, ran dst #2, pka 3-9-81, Final report
GAINES COUNTY	Forest #1-B Barron, drilling 10,640 feet in lime and shale
GLASCOCK COUNTY	Adams Exploration Co. No. 1 Currie, id 9,496
HOCKLEY COUNTY	Reed USA, Inc. No. 1 Reed Estate, no report
HOWARD COUNTY	De Lovelady No. 1 Wagner, drilling at 8,385 feet in lime and shale
LOVING COUNTY	Border Exploration Co. No. 1 Johnson TXL Unit 1, shut in
PECOS COUNTY	GMW Corp No 1 Satana, id 11,318, still testing
PECOS COUNTY	Adams Exploration Co. No. 1 McIntyre, id 10,884 in lime and shale
REEVES COUNTY	Jack N. Blair No. 1 Campbell Estate, drilling at 12,420
ROOSEVELT COUNTY	Energy Reserves No. 1 Miller, drilling 7,975 feet in dolomite and shale, prep to log
STERLING COUNTY	Enserch Exploration Inc. No. 11 lambric, drilling 6,010 in shale
STERLING COUNTY	Same No. 1 Radcliff, drilling 8,036 feet in lime and shale
STERLING COUNTY	Coastal Oil & Gas Corp. No. 140 Reed Trust, plug and abandoned
STERLING COUNTY	Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1 Leiby, id 6,330 feet, perf 4,894 feet to 1,702 feet, swabbed, recovered load, flowed 280 bbl in 7 hrs, no show oil, gas increasing, fip 50", 135 blw
FIELD TESTS	
CHAVES COUNTY	Grela Petco, Inc. No. 1 Barnes State, undrilled, waiting on pumping unit, id 2,117
EDDY COUNTY	Anadarko Production Co. No. 1 Glass Boyd (Morrow), id 9,080, waiting on completion unit
EDDY COUNTY	Perry R. Bass No. 83 Big Eddy Unit, Sand Point (Morrow), drilling at 9,402, trip in hole in Bone Springs
GARZA COUNTY	Belco Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Cavalier, Loving, N (Morrow), no report
GARZA COUNTY	Curtis R. Inman No. 1 Sims "S", Sims (giorietta), id 3,700, waiting on pulling unit
LEA COUNTY	Cotton Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Schaubert Estate, Spencer (San Andres), id 5,140, swabbed 10 hrs

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