

# She wanted to look after her cats and dogs

By GREG THOMPSON

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Mamma Lena spent Christmas 1977 alone, weeping under the trees near the still-smoking rubble of her fire-gutted house. Nobody noticed.

The indigent, gritty 72-year-old widow no longer cries. But she continues to live among the charred ruins in the rugged Southwest San Antonio neighborhood. And still practically nobody noticed — until last week.

The plight of Lena Webb,

known to everyone as Mamma Lena, has finally come to the attention of volunteers and authorities, who are joining together to rebuild her home.

City council members cleared a legal path for the San Antonio Development Agency to do the work and volunteers are collecting donations for the \$1,000 in back taxes that must be paid before it can begin.

"Mamma Lena's got a spirit you just can't break," said Ruth Mahl, president of the Lackland Chaplain's Assistance Committee. "We just wish we'd known

about her trouble sooner."

"This is all just wonderful," said Mamma Lena. "I didn't ask anybody for help before because I didn't know where to go or what to do."

It was early last Dec. 22 when a short circuit ignited flames that roared from the ceiling and engulfed her shabby, small stucco house. Mamma Lena barely escaped, leaving behind even her false teeth and eyeglasses.

She refused to move in with a neighbor — "I wanted to stay on my property and watch after my

dogs and cats" — and moved back into the tiny enclosed porch, the only portion of her house left intact.

"How'd I spend that Christmas? I spent it cryin' right there under those trees," she said Monday.

Neighbors donated clothes and some other items, but Mamma Lena does without water, plumbing or electricity and sleeps on a stack of old clothes.

She cooks over wood in a converted oil drum in the yard and has even had to buy the wood.

"Don't call that an oil drum, young man, that's my cookstove," she scolded in mock anger.

Rain regularly pours through the charred ceiling in the porch. "I'd just pile old clothes on me, cuddle up and pray to my Jesus for it to stop rainin'! That's all I could do," she said. "And I've been afraid that roof is gonna cave in on me."

In winter's sub-freezing temperatures, Mamma Lena huddled around a fire in her yard or pile on all of her blankets and

clothes. She lights a campfire now to chase off mosquitoes.

Her only income is \$177 per month in Social Security and the few dollars she can scrape together from pre-dawn searches for aluminum cans.

Mrs. Mahl hopes to quickly secure a mobile home until Mamma Lena's house is rebuilt. Meanwhile, Mrs. Mahl's husband and State Rep. Don Cartwright have temporarily set up a tent in the yard.

"That tent sure is lovely when it rains," said Mamma Lena.

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## Money, money, all around

By MARK VOGLER  
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Midland County has \$230,000 in Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development funds to spend — but can't necessarily spend it where it's needed most.

And the county may lose the funds entirely unless it agrees to spend still more money.

That's the scenario that County Judge Blake Hansen likens to "a Catch-22 situation."

County commissioners learned at Monday's session HUD Community Development monies designated for paving and street improvements in the east and southeast section of the city and county have been frozen until the county complies with certain conditions set by the federal government.

Jerry Tschauner of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission told the court none of the money can be used for paving streets or other improvements inside the Midland city limits because of a ruling of which the commission just recently became aware.

Hansen said the funds are currently "in jeopardy" because about 70 percent of the streets to be paved fall within city limits.

Midland can use the funds elsewhere, but there are a few catch clauses:

Midland County must apply for federal funding and initiate a housing assistance program.

Ironically, housing assistance can be administered within the city limits, providing that the county has the permission of the city.

The city of Midland did grant Midland County permission for paving projects within the city limits (a use now ruled improper). But, some members of the court believe it is

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Disaster workers carry a body on a stretcher from the only discernible remnants of a Pacific Southwest Airways 727 jetliner in San Diego Monday. The death toll from the two-plane collision is at 147 and climbing, making it the worst aviation disaster in U.S. history. (AP Laserphoto)

## Crash toll at 147, climbing

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Investigators want to know why two planes — a Boeing 727 passenger trijet and a tiny Cessna — collided in clear skies over San Diego after both pilots had radioed they could see the other plane.

With the death toll at 147 and climbing, it was the worst disaster in U.S. aviation history.

A Pacific Southwest Airlines jet with 135 persons aboard and a rented Cessna 172 with a student pilot and instructor aboard collided at 9:03 a.m. Monday, killing everyone on both planes.

At least 10 more persons died on the ground when bits of bodies and burning wreckage tore into homes in the

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North Park neighborhood about three miles northeast of Lindbergh Airport.

"Both planes were given air traffic advisories that they were in the same area and both aircraft acknowledged that they had the other plane in sight," said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Bruce Chambers in Los Angeles.

Officials had no immediate explanation for the cause. Visibility at the time of the crash was 10 miles.

Tape recordings from the airliner cockpit and the airport control tower were given to the National Transportation Safety Board for analysis.

In Washington, meanwhile, John O'Donnell, president of the Air Line

Pilots Association, criticized the Federal Aviation Administration for not pushing development of warning equipment designed to prevent an aerial collision such as this.

The technology has been available for many years, O'Donnell said in written congressional testimony prepared before Monday's collision. He was scheduled to testify today at a House subcommittee hearing that has been scheduled for some time.

He said ALPA wants a collision avoidance system, known as CAS, installed in aircraft to give pilots direct, immediate knowledge of any impending threat.

"There were pieces of body everywhere," said W.T. Bradbury, a police officer at the crash site. "Parts of bodies were sticking into a wall. I hope I never see anything like it again."

Emergency crews worked through the night, separating corpses from the still smoldering wreckage in the streets.

"I think we have all the major portions of bodies picked up," said Warren Chambers of the San Diego County coroner's office. "I know the death toll is upwards of 150."

Priests worked alongside emergency crews as they put dozens of corpses into yellow body bags and stacked them in refrigerated vans in 100-degree heat.

"I annotated at least 50 bodies myself," said the Rev. Thomas Bonica of St. Augustine High School.

North Park residents, many of

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## Law threatens north loop

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
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A federal law may interfere with the city of Midland's plan to avoid a bond issue to finance the north loop around the city by getting land donated.

And cost for purchasing rights-of-way for the North Loop Road has skyrocketed since the city and county originally estimated the price on purchasing land along the proposed route.

While the city had planned for much of the land to be acquired through donations, a federal law enacted in 1970 makes that less likely.

That law requires the city to advise the land owner, before he donates the land, that he can receive full fair market value for it, according to Charles Muery.

That would prohibit the city from requiring developers to donate land

as a condition for the City Council's approval of plats for subdivisions along the route.

Muery is right-of-way supervisor and public affairs officer with the district office of the state Department of Highways and Transportation in Odessa. His district covers West Texas counties.

"The city council and staff were naive and gullible with respect to requirements of the federal government in acquiring right-of-ways," Mayor Angelo said. "We felt some of the property could be gotten through donations and platting (requirements). The city's share in purchasing land at the price then would be maybe less than \$500,000."

With the probability of having to purchase most of the land and the increasing cost of that land, the cost to the city now will be about \$1 million, Angelo added.

Several people have donated "large

tracts of land" anyway, he said.

The problem in the delay of buying land possibly could "lay on both sides of the road," so to speak, with the State Department of Highways on one side and the city government on the other.

Angelo said the city of Midland and the county had been working on the idea of a North Loop Road since the 1960s. It was not until 1975 that they began making any progress.

Muery said the department first conducted a study on the idea to see if it was justified. A public hearing on the project was held Sept. 15, 1976. From that meeting, the district office recommended the Loop be constructed. This also included the sister project of a proposed north route between Midland and Odessa, he said.

Angelo said normally the Department

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## Terry Sundkvist got their attention

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — All Terry Sundkvist wanted was his \$50 cleaning deposit refunded. Now he "owns" the \$1.5 million apartment complex where he once lived.

Using his knowledge of small claims court and a corporation's unwitting cooperation, the attorney was able to pay \$449.31 at a county marshal's auction and receive a certificate of sale for the 95-unit Laura Dawn Manor.

The former owners, Sacland Investors, are trying to settle with Sundkvist so they can sell the complex. Sundkvist, now an attorney in Portland, Ore., says he has refused an offer of \$10,000.

The firm also is disputing his claim in Sacramento Superior Court, calling the acquisition an "extraordinary windfall."

It all began in 1973, when the then 23-year-old McGeorge Law School student and his wife moved from their apartment.

Sundkvist says that when the manager said the cleaning deposit would not be returned although the apartment had been left clean, he wrote to the firm's legal agent, Patricia Lapan of San Leandro.

He says he received no reply. She claims she vaguely remembers instructing the manager he was not entitled to a refund.

On March 13, 1975, Sundkvist filed suit in small claims court, seeking \$50 plus costs and \$200 in punitive damages.

Mrs. Lapan was served with a summons May 4, 1976, but she ignored it, and on June 1, 1976, a default judgment of \$312 was awarded to Sundkvist.

When he could not get Sacland to pay the judgment, Sundkvist requested that the county marshal's office auction off the complex to meet the court's judgment.

The sale was scheduled for Sept. 17, 1976, at the county courthouse and notices were sent to the parties involved. Only Sundkvist showed up and he was advised by marshals to bid for the property at \$449.31, the amount of his judgment plus marshal's fees and interest. He got a certificate of sale of real estate.

Sacland had a year to pay the judgment and redeem title to the property, but the notice of the marshal's sale was returned unopened.

But Sacland took notice in August 1977, when it attempted to sell the property for \$1.5 million and a title search turned up Sundkvist's claim.

Mrs. Lapan and the firm's other lawyers first offered Sundkvist \$1,000 to clear the title, but Sundkvist ignored the letters until the time for redemption ran out.

The firm's lawyers offered Sundkvist more money to extend the redemption period, but his Sacramento lawyer, Clarence Brown, told them, "You're too late."

"Anyone could have done the same thing," Sundkvist said. "It might have taken longer for someone not familiar with the procedures, but the avenues are there."

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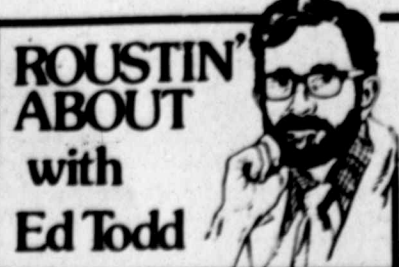
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ROUSTIN ABOUT with Ed Todd

Back in the olden days, whenever that was, the civilized world paid homage only to three professions: law, medicine and the ministry.

Those were the professions. Other labors were trades, skills, common work, selling and buying, bartering, tilling the soil, shepherding, advertising by land or sea, and later by air, bumming around, and a thousand and one jobs and chores.

Too, there were those scholarly pursuits in those so-called ivory towers in academe.

The word "profession" meant something. It evoked clear images.

Nowadays, for good or ill, it doesn't.

There are (shudder) a thousand and one professions. And physicians, lawyers and ministers are just among the lot.

The word profession is bogged down in a murky maze.

Even the mundane task of cart-and-broom street-sweeping can sweep its way into the hallowed lineup if it's done in a "professional" manner. And all that seems to mean is, simply, doing a good job.

Perhaps the sports world has abet-

ted the further prostitution of the word. A professional player draws pay or wins the pot and pays taxes.

You're goaded to be professional in your work. The idea is good, but maybe the word is improper.

And who's to say what's fitting and proper in word usages? There are a zillion reference books, including the exhaustive, multi-volume Oxford Dictionary of the English Language to the compact but powerful Strunk and White "Elements of Style."

Some say proper word usage isn't all that important. It's nit-picking. What's important is getting the meaning across.

And that's the very reason for being persnickety in word choice: clarity. It ought to be done professionally.





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## Mexico's oil reserves

Large headlines ordinarily would herald the news that oil reserves equaling or surpassing those in Saudi Arabia have been discovered at America's doorstep in Mexico.

As it was, President Jose Lopez Portillo's announcement a couple of weeks or so ago of potential petroleum reserves of 200 billion barrels and unknown trillions of cubic feet of natural gas created a surprisingly modest stir in this country and abroad.

One reason perhaps is because the Mexicans conditioned the world to these great expectations by cautious degree. Before Pemex, Mexico's state-owned oil company, began exploring its Southeast oil fields in 1972, the reserves were set at only 3.5 billion barrels. Subsequently, Pemex increased the figure to 16 billion barrels of "proved" reserves with expected revision to 20 billion barrels within a few months, plus "probable" reserves of about 30 billion barrels, or 50 billion barrels.

But United States officials at the Treasury, Department of Energy and State have confirmed that Mexican reserves equal those of Saudi Arabia's reserves of 150 billion barrels. Some U.S. oil experts estimate Mexico's potential may run as high as 300 billion barrels.

That's a lot of oil, and now that President Portillo has confirmed his nation's astounding energy potential, what does it mean for the United States? What does it mean for Mexico?

Well, first of all, it does not mean this country can ease off on its conservationist energy policies or its efforts to become more self-sufficient through expanded U.S. oil exploration and production.

Even though enhanced supplies would tend to moderate world oil prices, and even though Mexico steadfastly has refused to join the 13-nation OPEC group, it is anticipated the price of Mexican oil will be in the neighborhood of today's OPEC price of \$12.70 per barrel.

It will matter little whether we purchase oil from the Mexicans or the Arabs: importing about 45 percent of U.S. energy needs still will represent a vast amount of wealth which tilts the balance of trade against the U.S. and floods the world with cheapened dollars. The big need is to minimize oil imports in every way possible.

Moreover, while the huge oil reserves of our southern neighbor inevitably will lessen U.S.

reliance on Arabian oil sources, an uncomfortable dependency on them will remain. Authoritative U.S. officials question Pemex's ability to produce more than about half of Saudi Arabia's 7.5 million barrels a day by 1985 because of significant technical problems.

But the U.S. no longer should discount passively Mexican oil in its energy and foreign policy. It would seem that the Carter administration should give special attention and encouragement to Mexico in a manner it has not done. The U.S. should strive for workable energy arrangements in contrast to Department of Energy's veto of a deal worked out between U.S. companies and Pemex last year to move Mexican natural gas into the United States. This turnaround, offensive to the Mexicans, reportedly was based on price differential with U.S. and Canadian producers.

Aside from these overall considerations, Mexico's oil offers vast new opportunities — but no magic panaceas — for new industries and some improvement in living standards.

At the same time, the United States, in its own best interest, should magnify the opportunities and minimize the dangers through a working economic and technical partnership and through renewed efforts for a mutually beneficial relationship.

### IT HAPPENED HERE

— 30 YEARS AGO (Sept. 26, 1948):  
 Western Clinic Hospital of Midland announced Saturday the association of Thomas J. Melton Jr., M.D., who will engage in the general practice of surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebin Holiman and daughter, Sylvia, are spending the weekend visiting in Alpine.

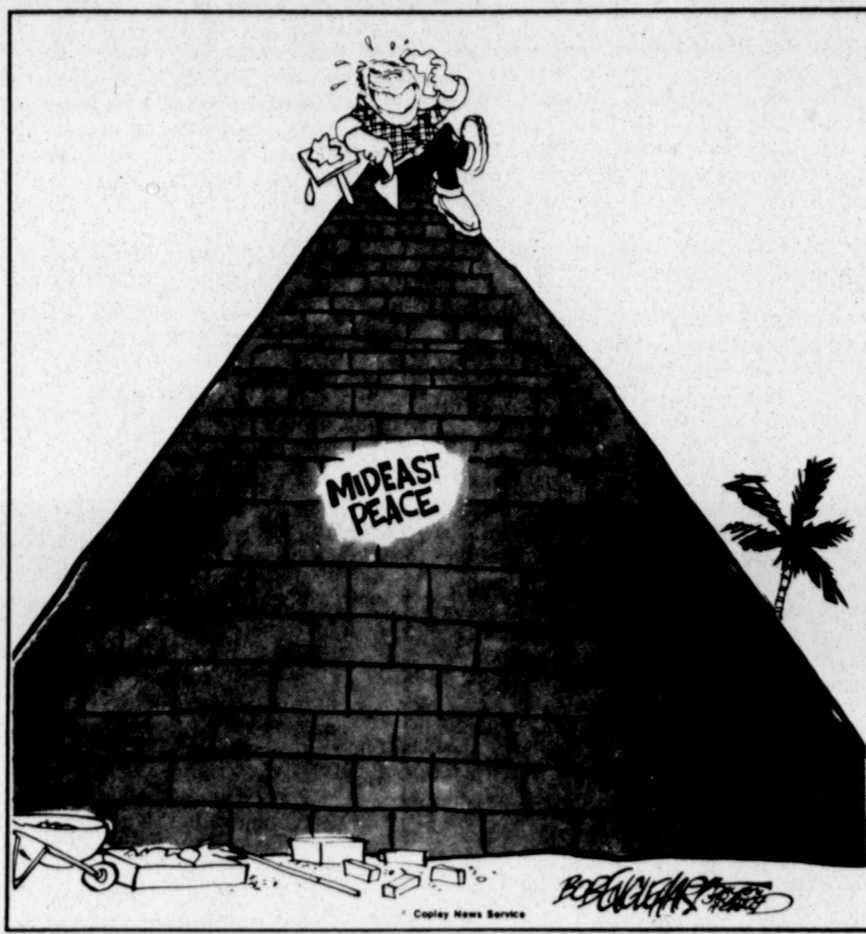
Frank Cowden Jr. said the M-Bar Ranch, north of Goldsmith, has greened up again as a result of recent rains.

### The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"In most cases it would be less painful to lose an argument than a friend."



### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Drug industry deceptions noted

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — A batch of secret documents which reveal widespread deception by the drug industry has precipitated another bitter confrontation between the Carter administration and Congress.

Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano has refused to release some of the material on the grounds that it would compromise industry trade secrets. But a House subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John Moss, D-Calif., reacted angrily by voting to hold Califano in contempt of Congress. The full committee must now decide whether to uphold the contempt citation.

At issue are government documents alleging that many large drug companies actually don't manufacture some of their highly advertised products. Usually, officials from a big drug company will hire a smaller firm to manufacture a product for them. Then the big firm will stamp its brand name on the product, jack up the price and sell the drug as its own.

The big-name firm is required only to send someone to the factory to watch over the manufacturing process. The ruse is known as "man in the plant."

Thus, the industry giants are able to charge consumers millions of dollars more than generic firms for products that are essentially the same. We have been looking into companies that play this elaborate shell game. For example:

— The Parke-Davis drug firm has hired the John D. Copanos Company to make a penicillin compound. When Parke-Davis officials asked the government for permission to market the drug, in fact, they said their product was identical to the one made by Copanos. But Parke-Davis changed the color, added fancy new packaging and charges a higher price.

— Parke-Davis also contracted with Cord Laboratories to make certain drugs. The company then asked the Food and Drug Administration if it could strike the phrase "manufactured

for Parke-Davis" from the label. "The rationale for this deletion," explains an internal Food and Drug memo, "is that Parke-Davis will lease the manufacturing facilities from Cord Laboratories." The memo opposed the plan, saying: "Such labelling is misleading... (and) is at variance with the administration's full disclosure policy." But other bureaucrats said the idea was permissible "under our man-in-the-plant policy." A Parke-Davis spokesman stressed: "We supervise them and it must meet our high quality control standards."

— Cord Laboratories, incidentally also sells its drugs under the brand name of Tutag. And it peddles the same products for an even cheaper price through a company called Geneva Generics. Neither firm lists Cord as the real manufacturer. A spokesman told us there is no deception because all three firms are related. He said the prices vary because of marketing expenses.

— Rexall Drug Co. makes products for many big firms, as well as its own national chain of drug stores. One of Rexall's drugs is sold at a discount by a subsidiary called Carnegie Laboratories. But the cozy arrangement backfired when Carnegie started underselling Rexall. "Pharmacists refuse to buy Rexall's own products," one memo explained, "since they have already bought products with the Rexall name on the label for (a cheaper) price by buying from the distributors."

Rexall pleaded with the government, therefore, to leave its name off the drugs it sells through Carnegie. But another memo noted: "The Carnegie tablets are produced by the same personnel, the same machinery and equipment as the Rexall product. In fact, the bulk tablets are interchangeable." A Rexall spokesman said "there was no attempt to misrepresent. We just did this as a favor to some companies and it backfired on us."

— The subcommittee found that some products marketed by the Wyeth firm are actually produced by

WRITE ON:

## Gen. Taylor: 'We are no longer a global power ..'

By VIRGIL PINKLEY  
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Virgil Pinkley

Soviet attacks through propaganda and psychological warfare against the United States continue unabated. Recently the Soviet Embassy in Washington distributed copies of Pravda which is owned and operated by the Kremlin and serves as its official mouthpiece.

Pravda criticized vehemently what it characterizes as "charges dangerous to the cause of peace which are now taking place in the policy of the U.S.A." Then, it continues, "There are more and more signs that the representatives of groups that would like to undermine detente and return the world to the cold war, to new confrontations and unrestrained military rivalries are beginning to take the upper hand." What sheer nonsense!

Pravda doesn't mention the President and his administration are more friendly and have acted in more

good faith with Russia than any administration in recent times. Our government has accepted promises from the Kremlin which, over the past 50 years, the Russians have seldom kept.

Further, they virtually told us to discontinue our B-1 bomber program which we immediately did. Then the Soviets insisted that we defer the development of the neutron warhead, which we did. After that the Kremlin opened up on our cruise missile programs, which are so eagerly desired by our partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, but which we have now agreed to put on the back burner, too.

Certainly we have gone the extra mile and have done almost everything possible to meet Soviet demands, threats or wishes, despite the dangers to which we are exposing ourselves and the Free World.

The Russians are insisting that we withdraw our small forces from Western Europe. Further they want us to sign a treaty to ban all underground nuclear tests, the effect of which will freeze the existing overwhelming Soviet advantage in nuclear superiority. This applies equally to warhead throw weight and the numbers of Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile launchers.

According to the best, latest, available figures in Washington, the Soviets have 300 heavy ICBMs. These are foreclosed to the United States both by SALT I and by the proposed SALT II treaty. The Soviets have more total nuclear throw weight than our land-based nuclear missiles and our 656 sea-based missiles combined.

Additionally, the Russians have at least 2,400 more missile launchers of which about 1,400 are land-based and 1,000 sea-based, apart from any nuclear bombs carried by their long-range bombers.

Repeatedly, warnings of our growing weakness and corresponding Soviet strength are being made by top, dedicated Americans with vast military experience based on worldwide needs and commitments.

Many of them are agreed that today the Russians have developed the most modern war-fighting machine — land, sea and air — that can be built.

Recently Gen. George S. Brown, a soldier who has known war in the field, upon his retirement as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the American people:

"The United States will not have the fundamental military strength necessary to meet our security requirements for the future ... unless we recognize now the imperative need to strengthen our defenses."

Gen. Maxwell Taylor, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and our military governor in Germany after World War II, had this to say about our military posture:

"The ability of our armed forces to support American policy effectively is subject to severe limitations ... their overall adequacy in most cases is very doubtful ... we are no longer a global power able to project and maintain military power wherever in the world we choose."

The American people have been sold down the river far too long by the White House about our military needs and what could happen to us if the masters of the Kremlin decide to push the button.

### BROADSIDES



by Brickman

### INSIDE REPORT:

## Carter 'indispensable' in 'framework' for peace

By ROWLAND EVANS  
 AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — The success or failure of President Carter's skillful mediation at Camp David in building a "framework" for peace now depends not on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat or Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin but squarely on Jimmy Carter himself.

The "framework" will not stand alone; it must be fleshed out with the help of moderate, pro-Western Arab powers. Only the president has the political clout to expand the promise of Camp David — a dramatic display of U.S. mediation unprecedented in American history — into the Mideast peace Mr. Carter has worked so hard for.

The president's clever handling of Sadat's demand for eventual Arab sovereignty on the West Bank shows how indispensable his role was at the summit. Without eventual self-determination for West Bank Palestinians, Sadat insisted, there could be no separate Egyptian-Israeli peace.

Nothing in the documents signed by Sadat and Begin delivers such guarantees. Behind the cold print, return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt and eventual return of most of the West Bank to Arab sovereignty were linked together.

"You made a commitment to be a full partner in the peace talks," Sadat said in his solemn, restrained statement Sunday night sitting in the East



Room with Begin and Mr. Carter. "The continuation of your active role is indispensable."

That was Sadat's veiled warning: Only you, Mr. President, can make these peace talks successful; if they fail on the West Bank, success between Egypt and Israel is not guaranteed.

Behind Sadat's pointed reminder that Mr. Carter continues as a "full partner" were hours of private talks in which the president pledged that if Sadat would sign with Begin, the U.S. would bring about an end of Israeli rule over 1.5 million Arabs on the West Bank and Gaza.

As former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who was kept informed of developments throughout the secret talks at the 13-day summit, told us: "The only possibility now is that most of the West Bank will revert to Arab sovereignty."

Begin himself set the stage for this

probable outcome. Last winter he promised autonomy, or self-rule, to West Bank Arabs with Israel retaining authority over military security. He conceded nothing on Israel's own claim to West Bank sovereignty, a claim backed only by alleged biblical revelations.

But Carter persuaded Begin at Camp David to base a West Bank settlement on United Nations Resolution 242 "in all its parts," with Palestinian autonomy guaranteed. That virtually resolves the sovereignty question.

The ingenious route Mr. Carter chose to arrive at this result was persuading Sadat to accept an indirect link between a speedy Egyptian-Israeli peace, to be followed by an Arab-Israeli deal on the West Bank tied directly to Begin's self-rule offer.

Some skeptical administration Mideast specialists suspect that Begin's strategy on the West Bank will be to "screw up" the process of West Bank self-rule, since each step of progress there depends on specific Israeli approval. Likewise, cynical Begin-watchers worry that he will deliberately but secretly plot to have the Israeli parliament vote against Begin's no-new-settlements pledge. That pledge is conditioned on the Knesset's approval.

Cooler heads here dispute such concerns. While cautioning that nothing at all is guaranteed, they do not believe Begin or his government would

deliberately undermine Begin's own agreement on new Jewish settlements — an essential element of Mr. Carter's mediation.

Also essential is help from King Hussein of Jordan, who has no desire to play any role at all on the West Bank. But it would be surprising if he did not come along under pressure. Only Mr. Carter can exert it.

The president came down from the Camp David summit with no more than advertised — a "framework" for Mideast peace that can be filled in only if Mr. Carter continues what Sadat calls his "indispensable" role as a full partner. Further success will lead not only to a profound change in the bloody Middle East; it will also confirm Jimmy Carter as a leader to be reckoned with.

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**DEATHS**

**Corinne Cowden**

ABILENE — Services for Corinne C. Cowden, 77, of Abilene, formerly of Midland and Stanton, were Monday in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene with burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.  
She died Saturday in an Abilene nursing home after a long illness.  
Mrs. Cowden was born Jan. 27, 1901, in Taylor County. She was raised in Stanton and later moved to Midland where her father, W.N. Connell, was a prominent rancher. She attended Mary Harden Baylor College and Hardin-Simmons University and taught school in Monahans and Kermit.  
She was married to Clarence C. Cowden June 30, 1933.  
Survivors include a son, Calvin C. Cowden of El Paso; three daughters, Mrs. Bill Chaney of Abilene, Mrs. Larry Fauber of Arlington and Mrs. Jim Law of Dallas and six grandchildren.

**Mrs. Ford Pierce**

Mrs. Ford (Gussie) Pierce, 67, of Stanton died Sunday in a Midland hospital after an illness.  
Services were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home in Big Spring. Burial was to be in Trinity Memorial Park.  
She was born Feb. 27, 1911, in Big Spring. She was married to Ford Pierce Aug. 31, 1927, in Big Spring. The couple moved to Martin County in 1941 and lived there for 23 years. Mr. Pierce died July 12, 1973. Mrs. Pierce had lived in Stanton the past five years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton.  
Survivors include two sons, Robert Pierce of Midland and Lonnie Pierce of Lufkin; three daughters, Mrs. Jesse Stewart of Whitney, Mrs. Clinton Eastman of Sterling City and Linda Osborne of Lubbock, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Ruby Snyder**

CRANE — Services for Ruby Dell Snyder, 70, of Crane were to be at 5 p.m. today in First Baptist Church in Roscoe, with burial in Roscoe Cemetery. Local arrangements were handled by the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.  
Mrs. Snyder, who had been in failing health three months, died Sunday in a Midland hospital.  
Born March 13, 1908, in Mansfield, Mrs. Snyder grew up in the Champion community near Roscoe. She was married to the late Joe Weldon Snyder in Lovington, N.M., Aug. 2, 1930. The couple lived in Roscoe until 1953, when they moved to Crane. Mrs. Snyder was a member of the First Baptist Church.  
Survivors include a son, Don Snyder of Coynosa; a daughter, Lynna Dell Gaston of Midland; three brothers, Robert Wright, Luther Ray Wright, and Morgan Wright, all of Roscoe; three sisters, Mrs. Foy Daley of Roscoe, Edythe Pior of Phoenix, Ariz., and Bertha Smith of Amarillo, and five grandchildren.

**John Ward**

ASPERMONT — Services for John Phillip Ward, 82, of Aspermont, father of Preston Ward of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church in Aspermont.  
Officiating will be the Rev. Clyde Cook, former pastor, assisted by the Rev. Bill Stockton, pastor, and the Rev. James Woods of Central Baptist

Church. Burial will be in Aspermont Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home here.  
Ward, formerly of San Angelo, died Monday at a nursing home in Aspermont.

He was born March 18, 1896, in Swenson. He was married to Irene Hoy Jan. 1, 1917, in Aspermont. She died in 1935. He was married to Marie Barber April 21, 1938, in Abilene.  
He was a retired rancher and farmer in Stonewall County. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Masonic Lodge. He served as a school trustee several years and was active in school projects.  
Other survivors include his wife, six sons, three daughters, two sisters, two brothers, 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**William Davis**

HOUSTON — William S. "Bill" Davis, 51, of Houston, formerly of Midland, died Sunday night in a Houston hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Earthman's Funeral Home in Bellaire with the Rev. B. Knowles, pastor of the Unity Church of Christianity, officiating.  
Graveside services and burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Seaside Memorial Cemetery in Corpus Christi.  
Davis was born in Alvin Oct. 30, 1926. He moved to Midland in the mid-1950s.  
He was the first Republican elected to the Texas Legislature in modern times. He served the old 77th District from 1962 to 1964, when he was transferred to Houston.  
He was past chairman of the Permian Basin Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME and served as regional AIME representative for the southwest section of the United States.  
A native Texan, he was a graduate of the University of Texas and a veteran of World War II.  
He was a former member of the executive committee of the Midland Republican Party. He served on the governing boards of the Midland Jaycees, Midland Community Theatre, Midland Symphony Association, Midland Civic Concerts and the Permian Basin Chapter of the University of Texas Ex-Students' Association.  
He was the author of several Summer Mummies melodramas and a member of the Midland-Odessa Chorale. While in Midland, he was employed as a petroleum engineer with Exxon Corp. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Midland.  
Survivors include his sister, Mary K. Burke, two nieces, a nephew and two grand-nephews.  
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**Mabel Harper**

SWEETWATER — Services for Mabel Harper, 77, of Sweetwater, sister of Vida Friese of Lamesa, were Monday at Cate-Spencher Funeral Home. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery.  
Mrs. Harper died Sunday in a Sweetwater hospital.  
She was born Sept. 14, 1901, in Kerrville. She was married to Rainy Harper on Oct. 19, 1933, in Albuquerque, N.M. They had lived in Sweetwater since 1966.  
Other survivors include her husband, a daughter, a brother, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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**Ruby Snyder**

SWEETWATER — Services for Ruby Snyder, 70, of Crane were to be at 5 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Roscoe. Burial was to be in Roscoe Cemetery directed by McCoy Funeral Home.  
Mrs. Snyder died Sunday in Midland.

She was born March 4, 1908, in Mansfield. She was married to Joe Snyder Aug. 21, 1930, in Lovington, N.M. They moved to Crane in 1953 from Roscoe. Her husband preceded her in death.  
Survivors include a daughter, Lynna Dell Gaston of Midland; a son, Don Snyder of Coynosa; three sisters, Mrs. A. Dooley of Roscoe, Edith Prior of Phoenix, Ariz., and Bertha Smith of Amarillo; three brothers, Robert Wright, Luther Wright and Morgan Wright, all of Roscoe, and five grandchildren.

Other survivors include two sons, Doc Young of Odessa and Roy Lee Young of Big Spring, a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

**Mrs. E.W. Jones**

SAN ANGELO — Mrs. E.W. (Maudie) Jones, 57, of San Angelo died Monday in a San Angelo hospital. She was the sister of R.C. Seal of Andrews, Rachel Seal of Odessa, W.C. Seal of Lamesa and Bobby Seal of Hobbs, N.M.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Johnson's Funeral Home with the Rev. Bryan Ross, area Baptist missionary, and the Rev. David Womack, associate pastor of Harris Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Jones was born March 13, 1921, in Eola. She was married to E.W. Jones Sept. 14, 1940, in San Angelo. She was a member of the Harris Avenue Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, a son, a daughter, three brothers, and a sister.

**Mrs. A. Fenwick**

WINTERS — Services for Mrs. Alfred Fenwick, 67, of Winters, sister of R.C. Horton of Andrews, will be at 2

**Retirement announced**

LUBBOCK — Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lubbock, has announced he will retire Oct. 1.

The former president of the Southern Baptist Convention announced his retirement Sunday night. Weber had suffered three severe coronaries 15 months ago and is taking the retirement on the advice of his physician, the pastor said.

Before coming to Lubbock, Weber was pastor of churches in Alabama, east Texas and Louisiana. He also served as evangelism secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

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p.m. Wednesday in Winters Funeral Home. Burial will be in Wilmeth Cemetery.

Mrs. Fenwick died Monday at the home of a granddaughter in Houston.

She was born Eva Savage Feb. 4, 1911, at Norton. She had lived in the Norton and Winters area all her life. She was married to Alfred Fenwick Sept. 10, 1927. He died in May 1960. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Other survivors include two sons, a daughter, two brothers, a sister, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Mary Ann Young**

ODESSA — Mary Ann Young, 86, died Sunday in an Odessa hospital after a short illness.

Services were to be at 3 p.m. today in Killingsworth Funeral Home in Ranger. Burial was to be in Evergreen Cemetery there. Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home handled Odessa arrangements.

She was born Nov. 13, 1891, in Rising Star. She moved to Odessa in 1973 from Ranger. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Ranger.

Survivors include two sons, Doc Young of Odessa and Roy Lee Young of Big Spring, a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

**Luther Johnson**

BROWNFIELD — Luther R. Johnson, 77, stepfather of Mrs. Hershel Davis of Lamesa, died Monday afternoon in a Brownfield hospital after a long illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Buford Batton, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Brownfield Cemetery directed by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, a stepson, a brother, a sister, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Grief-stricken Majors takes gift to injured champion rider**

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — "I just did something everybody else would like to do," said actor Lee Majors after delivering an inscribed football to Caroline Treviranus.

The 24-year-old Berryville, Va., woman has been unconscious in the University of Kentucky Medical Center since Sept. 16 when she suffered a head injury in the World Championship Three-Day Equestrian Event.

Majors visited her Sunday and left the football, which had been used in Kentucky's 25-21 victory over Baylor the day before.

"She tried to concentrate very hard," Majors said. "When I talked to her, she looked at me and a tear came out of her eye."

Members of her family said Miss Treviranus has opened her eyes in recent days and occasionally sheds tears. However, she still is listed as unconscious and in fair condition.

She was injured when her horse, Comic Relief, fell during the stadium jumping phase of the equestrian championships. A heavy wooden rail apparently struck her head.

The ball was presented to Majors by Lexington horseman Tom Gentry, who paid \$7,700 for it at an annual charity auction for Cardinal Hill Hospital after the football game.

Gentry said he was giving the ball to Majors "because he has had some sorrow in the past few days."

He was referring to the death Friday of stuntman A.J. Bakunas, who suffered massive internal injuries Thursday in a 323-foot fall for the movie, "Steel," in which Majors stars.

Bakunas' air bag, designed to cushion his fall from the top of Kincaid Tower, ruptured on impact.

"I know that A.J. would want me to kind of pass the ball," Majors said.

**Innocence claimed**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Charles Diggs, D-Mich., going on trial for allegedly padding his congressional payroll and then using the extra money for his own purposes, has said he is innocent.

Diggs, a 12-term congressman from Detroit, was named last March in a 35-count indictment charging him with mail fraud and lying to a grand jury.

The prosecution in the trial scheduled to begin today alleges he received more than \$101,000 in kickbacks.

The congressman's innocent plea came at his arraignment last April.

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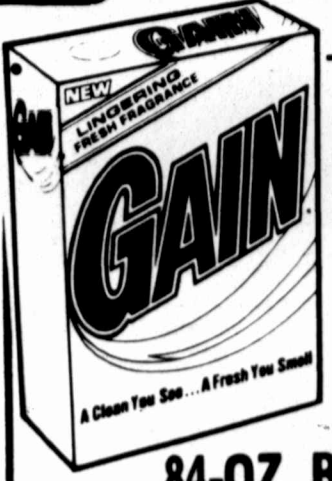
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