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This photo, from a German news agency, shows a Chinese soldier captured by the Vietnamese on the battlefield near Lao Cai. Together with other pris-

oners, he was presented recently to foreign journalists. (AP Laserphoto)

China offers to withdraw if Viets leave Cambodia

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — China said today it would withdraw from Vietnam if the Vietnamese would quit Cambodia. But the Chinese said they were sure the Vietnamese would not accept the challenge.

"The main trend of world public opinion is that Vietnam should withdraw from Kampuchea (Cambodia) and China from Vietnam," Peking's Hsinhua news agency said.

"Although the Chinese frontier troops' counter-attack in self-defense against the Vietnamese aggressors is entirely different in nature from Vietnam's aggression against Kampuchea by armed force," it continued, the concept of a mutual withdrawal "is fair and is also a key to resolving the current tension in Southeast Asia."

But Hsinhua told Hanoi: "We do not think you dare." It said if the Viet-

namese left Cambodia, "the puppet regime they have just propped up in Phnom Penh would swiftly collapse, ... and their ambition to dominate Southeast Asia with Soviet backing would not materialize."

The Vietnamese invaded Cambodia Dec. 25, ousted the pro-Peking government of Premier Pol Pot Jan. 7 and replaced it with a pro-Hanoi regime of Cambodian Communists who opposed Pol Pot. Cambodian army units loyal to Pol Pot have been waging guerrilla war against the Vietnamese ever since.

The Chinese invaded Vietnam Feb. 17 with the declared aim of punishing Hanoi for border provocations, but analysts believe Peking also wanted to draw Vietnamese troops away from the Cambodian fighting to relieve the pressure on Pol Pot's guerrillas.

Hanoi Radio claimed Wednesday that Vietnamese forces wiped out 1,600 Chinese troops in Lang Son province, where analysts believe the

major battle of the Vietnam-China war is shaping up.

Japan's Kyodo news service quoted sources in Hanoi as saying fierce fighting was going on in the Lang Son area, just below the border some 80 miles northeast of Hanoi, with the Chinese launching human-wave assaults urged on by bugs. But analysts in Bangkok said the Chinese had not taken the city of Lang Son.

Hanoi Radio also reported battles in coastal Quang Ninh province and north-central Cao Bang province and claimed more than 700 Chinese casualties.

The claims are impossible to verify. Western correspondents have been barred by China and Vietnam from the war front except for one brief visit to Lang Son during a recent U.S. congressional visit to Hanoi.

Most of the reports about the hostilities comes from official Chinese and Vietnamese broadcasts, intelligence analysts in Bangkok, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Washington, or from officials in Peking and Hanoi.

More oil companies begin limiting sales

By the Associated Press

Several of the nation's major oil companies today began reacting to the "Iranian squeeze" as they limited oil supplies to their dealers.

The move by Texaco, Standard Oil of Indiana (Amoco) and Cities Service to deal with the current cutoff of Iranian oil matched a policy previously announced by Mobil, Atlantic Richfield and Continental Oil Co. Meanwhile, Mobil, the nation's No. 2 oil company, followed No. 1 Exxon Wednesday in limiting the amount of crude oil it sells to refineries. Mobil said it would cut sales by 9 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1. It did not say when the limits would be lifted.

In Washington, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger predicted \$1-a-gallon unleaded gasoline "within a year or so."

Schlesinger had predicted on Tuesday that gasoline prices could rise by 10 cents a gallon before the end of the year. But on Wednesday he told the Senate Government Operations Committee that unleaded fuel prices would rise even faster because demand for that type of fuel is high and supplies are short.

Schlesinger also told the Senate Energy Committee that if Congress approves the standby energy-conservation measures submitted by President Carter "it is possible that at some time we may have to invoke temperature controls" or weekend closings of service stations before summer.

But he said there is "no immediate need" to do so unless the supply squeeze caused by the Iranian shutdown becomes more serious.

In other oil-related developments Wednesday:

—The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said that recent crude oil price increases by Qatar, Oman, Venezuela, Libya, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates were not in violation of OPEC policy. Those OPEC members have raised prices above the cartel's base price of \$13.35 a barrel to take advantage of the supply squeeze.

—Iran said it would sell its oil to the highest bidder when it resumes exports, rather than to a consortium of middlemen who marketed most of its oil. Analysts said, however, that Iran would probably have to deal with the consortium because it's unlikely to sell all its oil on the open market.

—Alice Rivlin, director of the Congressional Budget Office, told a Senate hearing that the Iranian crisis could trigger a major round of price increases by oil-exporting nations, raising the possibility of a worldwide recession in 1980.

She predicted an increase of 0.2 percent in the unemployment rate — or 200,000 jobs — and of 0.4 percent in the inflation rate if the current 500,000 barrel-a-day impact on U.S. oil supplies continues for a year.

—Oil companies paid \$41.7 million for 44 more drilling sites in the Baltimore Canyon area off New Jersey. The area's first lease sale in 1976 brought a total of \$1.1 billion. The bids were lower this time because the first

tracts have not measured up to their promise.

—The National Energy Board of Canada said Wednesday that Canada

could afford to increase exports of natural gas to the United States by about 25 percent even while supplying new markets in eastern Canada.

Registration deadline looms for local election on April 7

Midlanders who wish to cast a ballot in the April 7 local elections must be registered by March 8, county Voter Registration Deputy Janece Buita said today.

On April 7, Midland City Council, Midland and Greenwood school boards and Midland County Hospital District will hold a joint election to fill positions on their governing bodies.

Mrs. Buita said anyone who is not registered — that is, does not have a gold voter registration card — in Midland County, or who has moved but not filed a change of address, must do so by March 8 in order to be eligible to vote April 7.

A person can register by going to the basement of the Midland County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or by getting in touch with a "roving deputy."

An individual may register for himself, his spouse, his children or his parents. Mrs. Buita requested persons registering to have Social Security numbers and date of birth for each individual to be registered.

Airport head sees end of terminal construction

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

The past 1½ years have put more gray into what hair remains on Col. Wilson Banks' head.

Despite all the problems in the past, the Director of Aviation for the city of Midland told the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday he expects the expansion and renovation work at Midland Regional Airport will be completed by this summer.

Banks outlined construction at the airport, told what stages it was in and indicated some of the problems encountered.

The concourse has been in use since the middle of December, but there still are "bugs to be worked out in the heating and cooling system," Banks said. The jetways have not given much trouble with the exception of one instance.

That came when a jetway collapsed shortly after passengers had boarded a plane and was pulling away from the aircraft. The manufacturer was called, and the jetway was replaced with another one, Banks said.

A lot of work is needed on the inside but "should be completed quite rapidly," he noted. The ticket counters and walls facing those counters are the project in line for current work.

The parking garage should be com-

pleted by the first or middle of April, and it should handle 750 cars, said Banks.

The dirt lot being used now will be converted into the long-term parking area, relieving some of the pressure already expected on the two-story facility, he said.

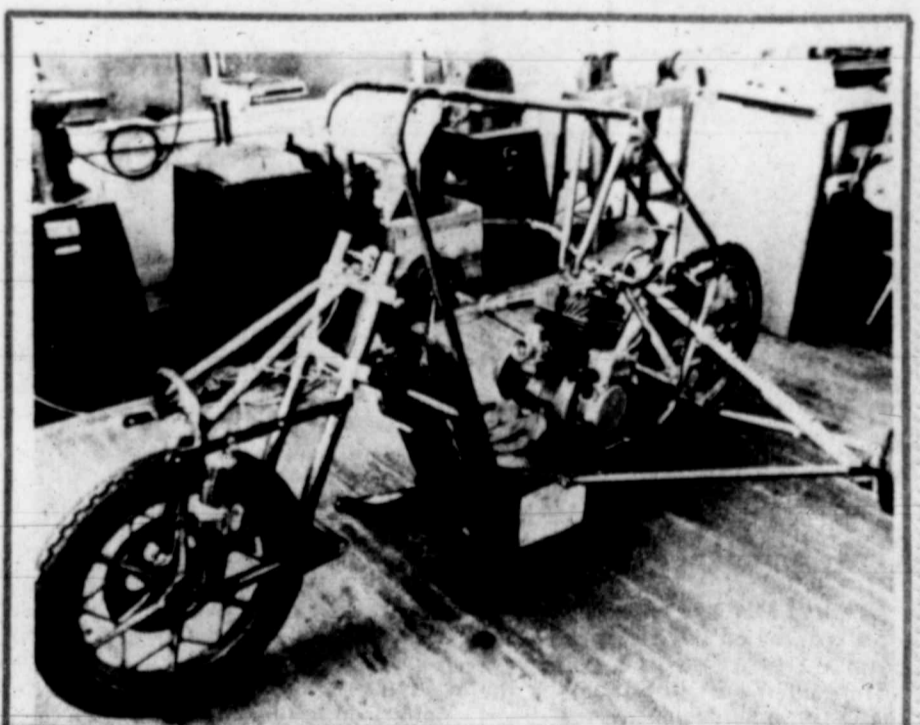
The chamber also was told a ceremony is being planned for 1:40 p.m. March 15 to get Braniff Airline "off the ground" at the airport on its opening day.

Winston Barclay reviewed progress of the Industrial Foundation, saying it was beginning development of another 300 acres west of the current industrial park. One large tract already has been sold to Worthington Corp., and another sale is being negotiated.

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass factory site will be west of the foundation's acreage, he said.

A third annual job-matching fair sponsored by the chamber will be held in March. Grant Billingsley of the chamber announced. Last year saw 1,800 job applicants attend the event held in the Aquila hangar at Midland Regional Airport.

A computer show will be held in October in Chaparral Center, with the main thrust being to educate the public and business community. Seminars are being planned in conjunction with the show, it was noted.



Fleece this month awarded to \$100,000 backward bike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department says it was justified in spending \$120,126 to develop an experimental, backward-steering motorcycle.

Department spokesman Hal Paris says the experiment was designed to examine problems "inherent in motorcycle design," such as braking and maneuverability. "We believe the study is justified," he said.

Sen. William Proxmire disapproved. On Wednesday he awarded the department his monthly "Golden Fleece" award for wasteful federal spending.

The Wisconsin Democrat said the Transportation Department awarded the contract despite a report from the National Highway Safety Administration that the motorcycle "would be difficult if not impossible to steer."

He said that after 19 months of testing, the contractor was able to produce a motorcycle whose record run was 2.5 seconds — and with training wheels at that.

Proxmire said government officials insisted the testing continue despite objections from the contractor. He said the final results of the "Advanced Concept Motorcycle" will be submitted in the near future.

Midland County narcotics officer has one of area's toughest jobs

By GUY SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

He's 30 years old and not getting any younger.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office narcotics officer prefers his name not be publicized and his photo not be taken.

His "owns" one of law enforcement's most dangerous jobs.

Most Midlanders may not realize the risks officers take in their efforts to keep illegal drugs out of circulation.

Because Midland County's relative proximity to the Mexican border, the officer said, drug enforcement is a never-ending effort here.

And the stakes are high — sometimes a matter of life or death.

He started his law enforcement career with the San Angelo Police Department as a jailer. He later worked for the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy.

His next job was with the Midland Police Department. And during the summer of 1978, he became a Midland County Sheriff's Office narcotics officer.

"I heard they had an opening and I always wanted to work this detail," he said.

The deputy said he has to be capable of changing his appearance from week to week. When he works under-

cover, disguises are vital, he explained.

The deputy doesn't work anything like "banker's hours." Instead, he's on call 24 hours a day as concerns listening and evaluating information provided by informants.

"It's just interacting," he said. "We don't have any set hours. We may start a surveillance which could last a while. I've been on one which lasted 72 hours straight."

Of the hours, he said, "You just get used to it. You're really never off."

He said he has no social life to speak of. "You've just got to be ready when informants call you," he said.

He's been involved in substantial "busts," or arrests, in Midland County. The arrests ranged from those involving "vice" offenses — liquor law violations, illegal drug possession, prostitution, and lately even cruelty to animals in the form of an allegedly illegal cockfight.

About drugs, the deputy said, "I think Midland County has major drug problem. Our close proximity to the Mexican border makes the availability of drugs easier here."

He said that "one of our biggest problems is so many kids smoke marijuana because it's easier for them to just go down somewhere and get it."

Asked about his job's obvious dan-

ger, he replied, "It does get dangerous. One time we went to this guy's apartment and caught him shooting up on an illegal drug. He ran for a back room and grabbed a pistol. I came around the corner and he put the pistol to my chest."

"Then my partners came around the corner and they convinced the man to put the gun down — because he didn't have a chance."

He said he recalled as much as two kilos (4.4 pounds) of cocaine passing through Midland County.

He proudly said another out-of-state agency was notified of those carrying the cocaine, and people were arrested as a direct result of work on the part of the Midland County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division.

"I feel that this job is something that needs to be done," he said. "It isn't necessarily the most wonderful job in law enforcement, though."

"...people should realize we're human, too," he asserted. "We're out here trying to do the job. It's not the most pleasant job. We have to go into people's homes with search warrants. We're trying to control the drug problem and at the same time see that no one is hurt."

He puffed on a cigarette and added, "Actually we're not as mean and vicious as some people think we are. We're just trying to do the job."

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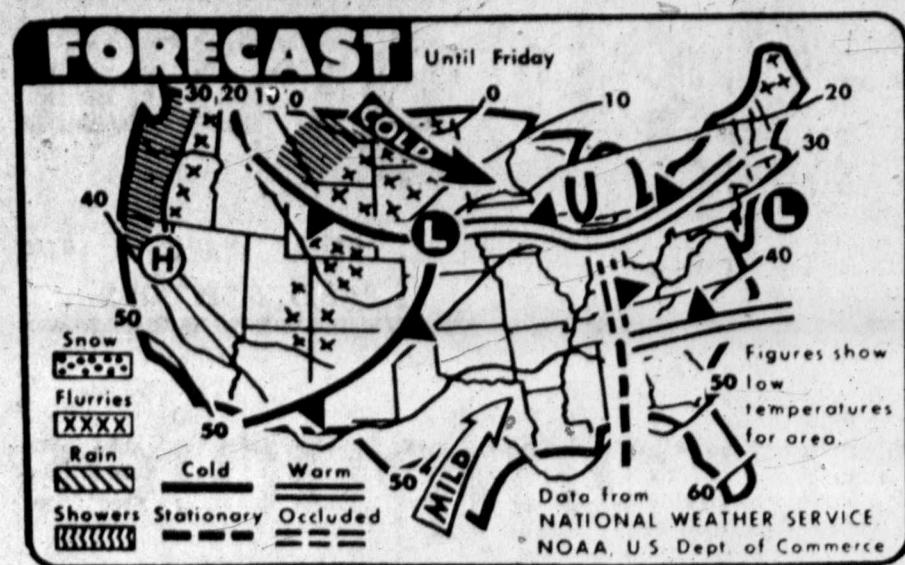
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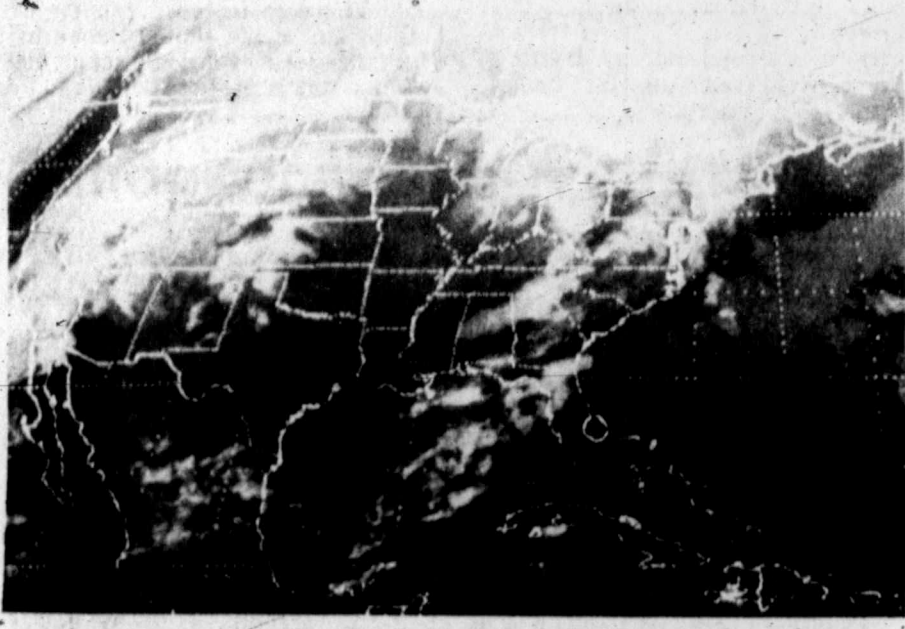
Partly cloudy tonight. Slight chance of thunderstorms Friday. Low tonight low 40s. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected until Friday morning for the northern Pacific coast, while snow flurries are predicted over higher elevations.



Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a.m., shows heavy cloudiness extending from California northward to the northern Rockies.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for Midland, Odessa, Rankin, Big Lake, Garden City, and various weather statistics like high, low, and precipitation.

Table titled 'SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES' listing temperatures for various cities like Abilene, Amarillo, and El Paso.

Table titled 'Texas thermometer' listing temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, and Austin.

Table titled 'Texas area forecasts' providing weather outlooks for West Texas, North Texas, and South Texas.

Dr. Mast files for position on County Hospital Board

A retired Midland surgeon has filed for a position on the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Worker killed in oil tank blaze

LA VERNIA, Texas (AP) — A 24-year-old Luling man was killed near here Wednesday when a metal utensil he was using to clean the top of a full 10,000-gallon oil storage tank touched a high voltage wire overhead and ignited the oil, authorities said.

Tax credit proposal facing new obstacle

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's proposed wage-insurance tax credit, never popular on Capitol Hill, faces a new obstacle: Congressional economists say it is likely to cost more than twice what the Carter administration predicts.

The credit, a central part of the president's anti-inflation campaign, probably would cost \$6 billion in lost taxes this year, according to James Wetzler, chief economist for the Joint Committee on Taxation.

The reason cited for the big increase is the very inflation that the credit is aimed at halting.

Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee planned a closed caucus today to discuss the wage-insurance plan, which has been dormant for several weeks.

Slight chance of rain seen for Basin

Puffy and brisk "roaring" March winds and blowing dust could ease off a bit Friday as thunderstorms have a chance of entering the Midland area Friday.

The weatherman at the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport today predicted a 20 percent chance for thunder and rain Friday.

If the rain doesn't fall and settle the dust, then the weatherman calls for a dusty Friday, with southwesterly winds at 20 to 30 mph.

Winds were to drop to 15 to 20 mph tonight.

A high temperature reading of 70 is foreseen for Friday.

The low tonight should be in the lower 40s.

Wednesday's high temperature was 64 degrees — 23 degrees below the record high of 87 degrees for a Feb. 28, set in 1940.

Sunset today will be at 6:46 p.m. Sunrise Friday will be at 7:50 a.m.

Rep. Tom Craddick's services sought by two legislative organizations

AUSTIN — State Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland has been asked to serve on committees of two multi-state legislative organizations.

Crew rescued from burning boat

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Only the captain and three crew members remained aboard the St. Chris as they waited for a tugboat to tow the crippled cargo ship to port for repairs.

The Coast Guard said the tug Schmidt Pioneer took up station alongside the St. Chris Wednesday night and today would begin the slow journey to Jacksonville, Fla., where the vessel will be repaired.

One crewman was reported missing, believed thrown overboard in the explosion.



For a given price, Bonnie Schachter will arrange any event that's within the bounds of the law and decency. She's rented everything from \$5,000 Roman orgies to \$1,000 breakfasts complete with Dom Perignon champagne.

For a price, Bonnie will rent any event

By JULES LOH AP Special Correspondent

NEW YORK (AP) — Bonnie Schachter is five-three, black eyes, a face as bubbly as the Dom Perignon champagne she pours for breakfast.

The fee also covers the caviar, strawberries Parisienne, fresh roses and whatever else you might fancy with your cafe au lait not excluding belly dancers.

Ms. Schachter runs an outfit called Rent-An-Event. Any event, any that is, within the bounds of the law and decency but not of extravagance.

"We had a float, jazz band, sword swallowers, fire eaters, a fantastic meal," she bubbled. "We put the whole thing on in a Fifth Avenue apartment. How much? Just \$3,500."

That's nothing. She once rented, for \$5,000, a Roman orgy. It did not overlook togas, fountains, a suckling pig on a spit and a barefoot grape-stomper who sang opera.

A customer scanned his guest list for a small dinner party. It seemed boring. She rented him an intellectual.

A customer needed understanding. She rented a Jewish mother. One needed cheering up. She rented — what else? — a cheerleader.

A group in Queens, angry with a neighbor who wouldn't tidy up his property, summoned Bonnie Schachter. She rented Lady Godiva, in a body stocking, galloping a white horse through the neighborhood shouting, "Mr. Jones is a litterbug."

A Manhattan dame wanted a birthday surprise for her husband, a man who, of course, had everything. She buzzed Ms. Schachter.

When the big day arrived the indulgent wife shook her spouse awake and led him to the window. Across the street, on the broad steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in the first rays of morning, 10 ballerinas danced. "Just for you, dear."

"What I do," Bonnie Schachter said, "is put emotions in motion for people for whom money is no object. There are lots of them.

"I feed egos. People who are too busy or too lazy or too unimaginative to think up ideas themselves call me. It's fun. I've done about 200 events so far."

Ms. Schachter, who is 26, got into the events business last August by way of the tour-guide business.

Oddly, her calling after college was not to indulge the privileged but to help the handicapped. She organized tours for blind tourists — "tactile tours" — and for the deaf.

"I relied on exciting the senses of taste and touch and smell. That's what I do with Rent-An-Event, excite the senses."

She operates a theatrical talent agency for physically disabled actors and actors, Momentum Talent Management, but, at least at this stage, Rent-An-Event is what subsidizes the talent agency.

Expenses, loans bite Davis' income

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Expenses and loan repayment costs will dwarf Cullen Davis' estimated future annual income of \$500,000, said the millionaire's lawyers during proceedings in his bitter divorce case.

Lawyers Donn Fullinwider, Jack Wesler and Cecil Munn continued to paint a bleak portrait of the industrialist's finances Wednesday.

They maintained Davis "lived too high" during his stormy 10-year marriage with his estranged wife Priscilla, piling up bank debts as high as \$15.2 million. And they say his projected expenses and loan repayments will exceed his income by \$1.1 million a year.

Opposing attorneys' bickering during the morning session Wednesday drew a reprimand from District Judge John Barron.



The Midland Downtown Lions Club elected its queen and princesses for 1979 during a Wednesday luncheon. From left, Amy Davenport was elected first runner-up, while Sarah Fullinwider was elected queen and Shelley Paxton was elected second runner-up.

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American Cancer Society



Visiting with Lee Meriwether, center, during the recent American Cancer Society National Crusade kickoff in Atlanta, Ga., are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lacy of Midland. Ms. Meriwether emceed the national meeting, which featured workshops with special

speakers. Mrs. Lacy is a member of the state executive committee and a director of the American Cancer Society state board. The Midland chapter is gearing up now for a door-to-door campaign planned for April.

Rites set for library in Midkiff

MIDKIFF — Upton County Judge Peggy Garner will be the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Midkiff Public Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, said Marilyn Midkiff, chairman of the library committee.

Also speaking at the ceremony will be Upton County Commissioner Doc Adams of Rankin and Midland County Commissioner Jack Leonard of Midland.

The 1,500-volume library was organized by and is being sponsored by the 15-member Midkiff Study Club. The library, which is in the Midkiff Community Center, was opened on March 8, 1976, and open house was held on May 2, 1976, Mrs. Midkiff said.

State Rep. Tom Craddock of Midland was featured speaker then, she said.

Ann Clark of Rankin, chairman of the Upton County Historical Commission, assisted the study club in setting up the library, Mrs. Midkiff said. Mrs. Clark is librarian for the Upton County Library in Rankin.

The ceremony is open to the public, she said.

Begin meeting starts today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, frustrated, impatient and already supporting key Egyptian demands, opens new Mideast peace talks tonight with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The outlook for wrapping up a treaty did not appear bright as Carter prepared for what he says will be "a frank discussion of the issues."

Before flying here, Begin criticized the United States for supporting Egyptian proposals he said "were totally unacceptable to Israel."

He did not elaborate, but diplomatic sources in Washington told The Associated Press the specifics of U.S. support for Egypt's stand on the three major unresolved issues. The sources insisted on anonymity.

First, the sources said, the administration agrees a one-year timetable for establishing Palestinian autonomy in Israeli-held territory should be included in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty.

The United States is proposing that Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat exchange letters providing that a Palestinian authority be set up on the west bank of the Jordan River and in the Gaza district within a year of a treaty signing.

Begin has insisted that Palestinian autonomy be negotiated separately and that the treaty be completed on its own.

Sadat, not wanting to be accused by other Arab countries of making a separate peace with Israel or of forsaking the Palestinians, has long demanded a timetable.

Second, the sources said, the administration backs the Egyptian position that the treaty not take priority over Egypt's military ties with other Arab countries.

Sadat has insisted on revising a treaty provision that gives peace with Israel precedence over Egypt's promises to aid other Arab countries under an attack by Israel.

The U.S. formula, pre-

sented to the two sides by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance last week at Camp David, Md., provides that Egypt and Israel reserve their rights to act in collective self-defense. This would be stated in a protocol accompanying the treaty and would follow United Nations provisions on rights of regional self-defense.

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Key economic indicator plunges to signify possible slowdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key government indicator of future economic trends plunged by the sharpest margin in four years last month, providing a strong sign of an economic slowdown, it was disclosed today.

A steep decline in building permits and the average work week caused the index of leading economic indicators to drop 1.2 percent in January, the Commerce Department said.

The dropoff followed declines of 0.4 percent in November and 0.1 percent in December.

In summer of 1977, however, the index also declined for three consecutive months but the economy kept on growing.

This time the government wants economic growth to slow somewhat as it tries to dampen inflationary pressures. It was not clear from the latest report whether the nation faces an orderly slowdown or a recession, as anticipated by some private economists.

Besides building permits and the

work week, there were sharp declines in the money supply, which is considered bad for economic growth but an encouraging sign in fighting inflation.

Five of the indicators actually increased, including stock prices, factory orders, plant and equipment spending, vendor deliveries and a smaller layoff rate. The January decline was the biggest since a 3 percent drop in January 1975.

The figures are adjusted for seasonal variations. The index has declined in five of the last six months of January.

The decline in building permits was important because the housing industry often feels the brunt of a slowdown first. New housing construction already has begun to drop sharply.

The economic indicators were combined with two other reports Wednesday showing continued inflation and a mounting trade deficit.

The Agriculture Department reported Wednesday that prices farm-

ers received for all products rose by 3 percent in February. That followed jumps of 3 percent in December and 5 percent in January.

Overall, farm prices in February were 24 percent higher than a year ago.

Beef prices went up 7.2 percent in February alone and vegetable prices rose by 7 percent.

Higher prices for cattle, soybeans, hogs, calves, oranges and broiler chickens contributed most to the increase.

However, lower prices were reported for cotton, potatoes, turkey and barley.

Some of the increases have already shown up on supermarket shelves, and consumers will see many others later.

About 60 cents of every grocery dollar is paid to process, transport and sell food after it leaves the farm. Thus, inflation will be a major factor in pushing up grocery costs regardless of what happens to farm prices.

Midland home broken into

The burglary of a Midland home sometime between 7 and 10 p.m. Wednesday resulted in the loss of an estimated \$730 worth of possessions, Midland police were told late Wednesday night.

Ozie Hall of 1300 block of Jax Avenue told police a .22-caliber pistol and color television set were removed by someone who entered the house through a kitchen window.

Gunshot damages Midland center

An estimated \$200 in damage was done to a Dellwood Mall Shopping Center business late Wednesday afternoon by someone driving a brown pickup truck, according to Midland police.

W.F. Miller of the 400 block of North Carrizo Street told police at 5:33 p.m. Wednesday that someone drove up a few minutes earlier and fired a weapon at a large plate glass window in the front of a Baskin-Robbins ice cream store, shattering the window.

Police said they were told the window would cost at least \$200 to replace.

House nixes raise in U.S. debt limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, ignoring warnings of financial crisis, is again demonstrating its disdain for deficit spending by defeating a bill to raise the federal debt limit.

By a 222-194 vote Wednesday, the House rejected legislation to hike the debt ceiling to \$836 billion and sent the bill back to the House Ways and Means Committee for redrafting.

Rep. Richard Bolling, D-Mo., denounced the vote as a "charade," noting that the higher debt limit is needed to pay for programs already enacted by Congress.

"The House, to be responsible, has to pass this increase," Bolling said. "We only deceive the public by playing around with the debt limit."

In recent years, the House has regularly defeated the debt limit bill initially as a protest against red-ink budgets, only to pass it later.

The Carter administration says a new debt limit must be approved by March 9 or the government will exceed its borrowing authority and be unable to pay its bills.

However, opponents defended the vote against the debt limit as necessary to increase pressure for a balanced budget.

"We have a fire engine coming down upon us," said Rep. Delbert L.

Latta, R-Ohio, referring to the drive for a constitutional amendment barring federal budget deficits.

Latta noted that financing the federal debt is now the third largest item in the budget and that interest on the debt costs an average tax-paying family \$842 a year.

However, an effort by Latta to directly link increasing the debt ceiling to requiring Congress to balance the budget was defeated 222-197.

Currently, the permanent debt limit is \$400 billion and the temporary limit, which expires March 31, adds \$398 billion to bring the total to \$798 billion.

However, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal says the debt is expected to exceed \$798 billion by March 9. The House bill, defeated Wednesday, would have increased the debt ceiling to \$836 billion through Sept. 30.

The House Ways and Means Committee is expected to report out a new debt limit bill within a few days.

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Turn 'em loose NOW!

President Carter on Tuesday proposed a standby gasoline rationing plan, and on the same day Texas Gov. Bill Clements declared, "There must be no energy rationing in the United States without an all-out production effort."

We most certainly will go along with Gov. Clements, as undoubtedly will many other citizens across the width and breadth of the land.

Why in the world the Carter administration and the Department of Energy will not turn loose the oil and gas producers of America to get the job done in taking care of America's energy needs, we will never know. But now is the time to do just that.

There is no doubt that we are in an energy crisis and, as the governor said, "it can be described in no other way."

He went on to say, however, that Carter's gas rationing proposal "is a clear indictment of the administration and the administration's energy policies. It's deplorable."

The governor then presented to the National Governors Association a national energy plan, which, he said, has the endorsement of a nonpartisan coalition of Texas legislative leaders, most of whom are Democrats.

The Texas plan includes the following major elements:

- The petroleum industry would be allowed to produce energy under a free enterprise system.

- It would "unfetter" the coal industry to develop coal reserves, whether through gasification, liquefaction or pipeline slurries.

- It would "remove barriers" to the development, siting and construction of nuclear power plants and encourage research and development of "exotic" energy sources, including solar, fusion, wind, geothermal and gasohol.

- Federal land now withdrawn from energy use would be freed for development.

- The United States would pursue Mexican oil and gas.

Regional energy development banks also are urged in the plan to provide financing to the private sector for energy development projects, and to offer incentives for secondary and tertiary recovery techniques.

The program also would promote "a sensible conservation program." It also would moderate environmental restrictions. Windfall profits

would be plowed back into energy development.

It appears to be a reasonable, sound energy plan. It merits careful study by the powers that be in Washington.

The oil, gas and coal industries certainly should be "unfettered," as the governor said, to permit them to do what they are capable of doing — produce energy.

Everyone surely must agree with the governor in his warning that, "We in the United States are overly dependent on imported oil from some of the most politically unstable and unpredictable parts of the world."

He said the last major oil crisis in the United States was five years ago and the nation yet has not developed a rational energy policy that addresses the problem of an over-dependence on imported oil.

"Instead," he emphasized, "we are awash in a sea of excessive and unreasonable government regulations and we have a so-called energy policy that places an undue dependence on conservation as the answer to the energy problem."

The governor tells it like it is, but this just may be the problem — too "Texas-oriented" for some of the Washington crowd. It also may be too practical for them.

But again, the overall Texas plan would, if adopted, go a long way in easing the energy crisis.

Conservation measures certainly are important, but conservation alone will not get the job done.

President Carter said he has no immediate plans for ordering the mandatory measures included in his program, and that he only is asking for the power to put them into effect.

But before anything else, he should turn the petroleum industry loose to do the job it is capable of doing.

IT HAPPENED HERE

30 YEARS AGO (Mar. 1, 1949):

The Kate Oates Circle was selected Monday night as the name for a newly organized circle of young matrons in the Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Frank Blackwell was elected as the first chairman of the group.

North Texas State College exes have scheduled a party for Thursday night in the Officers Club at Midland Airpark. DeWayne Davis, chairman of the group, is in charge of arrangements.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Fraud is in eye of the beholder

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — Justice Department prosecution of a "phantom" native Alaskan village corporation, indicted for allegedly trying to euche Uncle Sam out of 69,120 acres of valuable land, was quietly — and reluctantly — dropped after a government lawyer's affidavit knocked the bottom out of the case.

The lawyer, former Bureau of Indian Affairs official Robert E. Bruce, insisted that the Shuyak Village corporation was entitled to land it claimed at Port Williams.

More crucially, Bruce stated he saw "no evidence of fraud" in the enrollment figures for the village, on which the land claim was based. They were the fault of the BIA and the "complexity of the concepts ... particularly as applied to an unsophisticated and uneducated people."

This cast doubt on the fraudulent intent necessary for criminal prosecution of the village corporation, and the case was dropped.

The Shuyak Village corporation is a subsidiary of Koniag Inc., a regional native corporation. Koniag submitted 16 villages for certification that would give them over a million acres of federal land in Alaska. But FBI and Interior Department investigators checked out Koniag's villages on the scene and came to the conclusion that seven of them — including Shuyak — were phantom settlements created by Koniag to gain title to more than 600,000 acres of public land.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs initially approved all 16 of Koniag's village certification applications. But one federal investigator labeled the certification reports "absolutely fraudulent," noting that there were cases where "the bulk of the supposed villagers were living in Los Angeles."

Doubts about the authenticity of Koniag's villages led Interior Department officials to call in the FBI for a thorough investigation.

The years-long probe of Koniag's operations got no cooperation from the native corporation. Quite the

contrary, Karl Armstrong, Koniag's executive vice president and Washington lobbyist, made this astonishingly self-incriminating admission to our associate Hal Bernton: "I sent word out to the villagers not to discuss their affairs with any strangers ... especially not any officials of the U.S. government."

Undeterred by this self-proclaimed attempt to obstruct their investigation, FBI agents methodically tracked down and interviewed the natives listed as residents on the Shuyak Village application. They concluded that 90 percent of the enrollment was fraudulent. This led to the indictment that was eventually shot down by Bruce's affidavit.

The roots of the Alaska land-grab — described by some officials as the biggest attempted public-land swindle of the century — can be traced to the incredibly lax regulations which implemented the 1971 law. "Native villages" were defined in terms so loose as to invite fraud. The regulations permitted native "residents" to be enrolled by the very corporations which had the most to gain by padding the figures, since the land was awarded in proportion to the village population.

These vague regulations were enthusiastically lobbied for by Koniag's Washington lawyer, Edward Weinberg, a former solicitor in the Interior Department under the Johnson administration. They were opposed by some Interior Department officials who recognized the potential for fraud.

Interestingly, our sources report that these same officials have had little better luck with Jimmy Carter's appointees in the Interior Department. Indeed, instead of pressing for vigorous prosecution of Koniag Inc., the department brass has come out in favor of a special congressionally sanctioned conveyance of 115,000 acres of prime timberland to one of Koniag's phantom villages.

JUNKETING JUNKMEN: The Pentagon's junk dealers apparently

ART BUCHWALD

Fuel gouging as observed by columnist 'on tour'

WASHINGTON — The president of the American Assn. of Fuel Gougers, Siddley Fiddler, was ecstatic about recent events in Iran. "It's been a long drought between gougings," he said. "We haven't been able to diddle the public royally since 1974."

"It seems like only yesterday," I said. "You're really going to give it to us this time?"

"What choice do we have? We haven't gouged the country since 1974 and the Arab oil embargo. Since then we've barely made expenses."

"But doesn't the government have laws about oil gouging?" I asked.

Fiddler roared with laughter. "The Department of Energy has 20,000 employees, of which 1,400 are supposed to keep up on gouging. Of these 1,400, two understand what they're supposed to do, and they're still trying to figure out what happened in 1974."

"You read a lot about oil gouging in the business, but no one knows how it



Art Buchwald

really works on a large scale. How does it?"

"Okay, it's simple," Fiddler said. "Come upstairs with me." We went up to the next floor where there was a series of offices with names of different oil companies on the doors. Fiddler went into one of them, the Prairie Dog Oil Co., and he introduced me to Hart Heggler. "Hart, my friend here has never seen a daisy chain. How about setting one up for him?"

"No problem, I was about to do the 2 o'clock one anyway," Hart said. "Now, the first thing you have to keep in mind is that there's a bunch of oil tanks in Galveston loaded with 100,000 tons of old fuel oil which I own and which should sell for \$5 a barrel. I pick up the phone and call the Rattlesnake Petroleum Co., which is in the next office." Fiddler and I went into the next office which, sure enough, had "Rattlesnake Petroleum Co." on the door. The man sitting at the desk was an exact replica of Hart.

"That's Hubbard," Fiddler whispered to me. "He's Hart's twin brother." The phone rang and Hubbard picked it up.

"Hart, well I'll be damned. I haven't heard from you in a long time. Whatcha got on your mind? You wanta sell me 100,000 barrels of new crude at \$16 a barrel? Isn't that a might high? No, no, I'll take it, just send over the voucher and I'll give you a check, you lowdown thief."

"He called his brother a thief," I whispered to Fiddler.

"That's just in case anyone's tapped the line," Fiddler explained. "Now let's go to the next office of the Wildcat Crude Oil and Gas Bros."

There was a fellow sitting on a sofa with a girl next to him and a gold phone cradled in his chin. He dialed a number. "Hubbard, you got any new crude to spare? I'll pay you \$20 a barrel."

Fiddler said, "That's the Heggler's nephew. He's part of the daisy chain. In 12 minutes the Hegglers have sold the oil three times and each has made a profit. The only thing about it is they're all the same company with different names. Now, the nephew will sell the oil to his brother for \$22 a barrel, and that brother will sell it to his eight-year-old son for \$24 a barrel. The umbrella-company that owns all the oil companies is called All in the Family."

"So that's why they call it daisy chaining. Doesn't the government know what's going on?"

"Well, they have oil tasters who can tell the difference between old oil and new oil."

"Where do they find them?" Fiddler smiled. "They're on loan from the major oil companies."

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"Life, like an interstate highway, has many signs that tell you how to get where you don't want to go."

Mark Russell says

According to my sources the CIA in Tehran will make the following report to the President: There's absolutely no truth to the rumor that the shah plans to leave the country.

The report further states that the shah has been named Man of the Year by the Tehran Jay-Cees and will be honored at a banquet at the Hilton.

The CIA dismisses the importance of the Ayatollah Khomeini, calling him a mystic who sits all day in the lotus position and hallucinates about ruling Iran.

The agency seems to be going out on a limb on this one since Andrew Young has a little statue of the Ayatollah on his dashboard.

CIA announces upcoming plans at the American Embassy — in order to foster community relations — to have an open house.

BIBLE VERSE

But if any man love God, — 1 Cor. 8:3.

NICK THIMMESCH

President Carter's soft approach: Is it working?

WASHINGTON — The world appears to be erupting a bit, but it doesn't seem to disturb our President. Jimmy Carter is almost benign about the danger spots and could almost be saying, "Everything's all right. The world leaders are a good group of men, and have good intentions."

He is confident that the Chinese won't overdo it in Vietnam. After all, they have a reputation in diplomatic circles for not lying, and going further than most large nations to cooperate. Besides, some think they are quite reasonable about Taiwan.

The Soviets, as far as the President is concerned, are different. They could, indeed, equivocate if it served their interests. But he feels they are serious about wanting a good SALT agreement, and that for us to link that agreement to other U.S.-Soviet issues wouldn't be productive.

While shocked by the killing of Ambassador Adolph Dubs in Afghanistan, the President wouldn't personally accuse the Afghans or Soviets of culpability in this tragedy. They were following an anti-terrorist procedure, one our government has grave doubts about, and it didn't work.

He stresses how determined the U.S. is not to interfere in the current Indo-China War, letting our involvement only be technological. He is disappointed that cloud cover has prevented our intelligence system from getting a quality monitoring. We had to make do with radio devices.

Still, it is man who decides, and good works can result when good men



Nick Thimmesch

are in charge. The President is impressed with the current lot of leaders. Teng is charmingly effective. Sadat is inscrutable, a mystic, a totally assured man. In his heart of hearts, Begin is a peacemaker. Mexico's President Jose Lopez Portillo is dynamic and fascinating, an anomaly in that he comes from the rich aristocracy but is outraged over exploitation of Mexico and its people.

Carter is disappointed that Sadat isn't more of a team player in that Sadat is so critical of the Saudis whose support is needed for a Middle East peace settlement. After all, good will is needed from whatever quarter. The Saudis have helped, he says, by privately conceding that the Camp David agreement should be consummated — with conditions — while publicly denouncing it.

If Carter ever becomes passionate, it is over the Middle East. He says that he has spent more time on this question than any other, and has endured fierce attacks by the U.S. Jewish community. But he bears it just as he bore the gibes in Mexico last week

— for the national interest. He told Vice President Mondale that his Middle East effort will be so good for Israel in the long run that he is willing to risk his Presidency for it in the 1980 election.

It is unfortunate, he observes, that Israel's list of nation-friends is down to the U.S., England, and the Pariahs — Nicaragua, South Africa, and Taiwan. French President Giscard d'Estaing has become so pro-Arab that he is close to becoming anti-Israeli, alas.

Patience, a low, soft voice, and belief in others characterize Carter's approach. If the Iranians gave notice they were going to execute Marine Sgt. Kenneth Kraus, Carter would have had a problem deciding whether sending in 10,000 Marines — and losing 1,000 — was worth one life.

His hopes for improvement in Mexican-U.S. relations (and future oil for us) are based partly on what he sees as improved relations with Portillo, exchange of technology, and a new study of "undocumented workers," the euphemism for illegal aliens whom Mexico regards as "slaves."

He says he welcomes Henry Kissinger to the White House for heady consultation, but that has happened only twice. He similarly welcomes former President Ford. He keeps in touch with former President Nixon's thinking through his National Security Council director, Zbigniew Brzezinski, but he doesn't talk directly with Nixon.

Carter seems to enjoy the White

House he lives and works in. He likes to spend some evening time in the Second Floor Treaty Room (sometimes called the General Grant Room) because he feels it is solid and masculine. He has an aversion for the Lincoln Sitting Room, with its dark browns, the site of that celebrated session where Nixon and Kissinger knelt down and prayed for the good of the republic.

He seems fatalistic about his future. A recent visitor asked if he might visit China in the fall of the election year, 1980. He replied, smiling, that he might be packing to leave for Plains.

Carter is casual, assured and religiously sure that all will be well. His critics claim he is oblivious to the world's real dangers, but who knows, perhaps the soft approach is working.

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Minister conducts church from back of 18-wheeler

CARLSLE, Pa. (AP) — Not unlike the old-time circuit preacher, the Rev. Sam Rust holds church services from the back of his 18-wheeler at truck stops, loading terminals and even roadside rests.

The mobile minister's sprawling pastorate, which includes much of the eastern half of the country, is specially designed for the truckers who roll down the endless miles of white-lined concrete and asphalt.

"There's a feeling that most truck-

ers more or less put on a hard front. But deep down inside is a warm spot and a place where the Lord can reach," said the 45-year-old Rust, who calls his truck a rolling tabernacle.

"We put their hand in the hand of The Man."

Since he started in November, Rust's traveling ministry has logged 10,000 miles. His \$35,000 carpeted trailer, complete with polished pews and an altar, has room for 27. On one

paneled wall is a plain wooden cross. "It's rewarding to see hard-core truckers come into the presence of the Lord. They come into this chapel and they speak softly and take off their hats. They know they are in a church," said the soft-spoken Rust, an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God Church based in Springfield, Mo.

Rust, a trucker himself for 22 years, served several pastorates in Maryland and Virginia where the churches

didn't have axles. In April, Rust will be commissioned as a trucking chaplain.

"I'll be the first one ever. It's quite an honor. It's like being an Army chaplain or prison chaplain," said Rust in a telephone interview.

Rust, who said donations from truckers help keep him rolling, said he got a calling during the independent trucker strike in late 1973 when the industry suffered through vio-

lence and turmoil.

"There was a lot of material and even men destroyed. I asked the Lord what I should do and He opened the door for me," said Rust, known as "Chaplain Sam" over the CB radio network.

And how do the gruff men of the highways accept him?

"It's fantastic. They want us out there. They often raise me on the CB and say, 'Chaplain, we're glad you're rolling with us.' It's always better to

know there's someone else out there with you," Rust said.

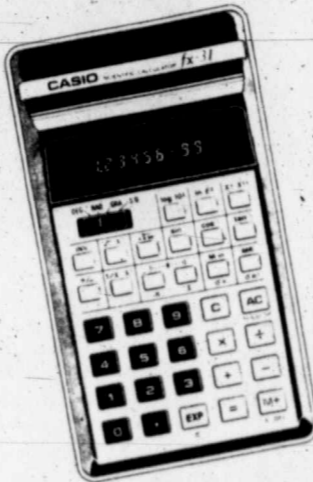
At one service recently near the Interstate 81 interchange here in south-central Pennsylvania, Rust gave an example of why he does it.

"A man stood there after everybody left. He bared his heart and his problems. I was really touched. Those big ol' tears hitting that coat. It's the most rewarding thing that can happen in life — reaching another human being," he said.

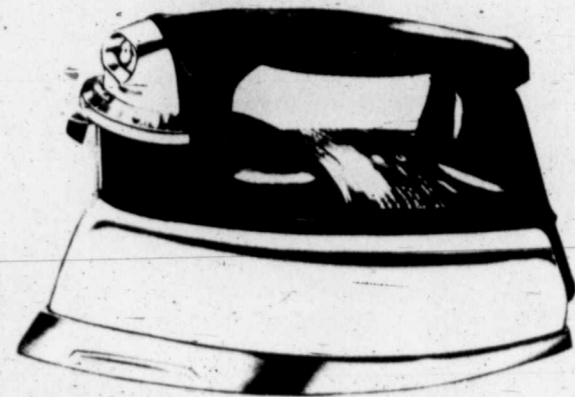
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'Sonic Ear' enables deaf persons to enjoy music

By DAVID HOCHMAN

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — People who are hard of hearing may be able to enjoy symphonies and rock concerts, if an experiment being conducted here is successful. Using a device called the "Phonic Ear," the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is challenging "the basic assumption that the hearing impaired cannot enjoy music," says Ruth

Spero, the orchestra's co-manager. And the 25 or so smiling faces at each concert in which the program is being tried testify to its success in defying this long-held belief. Already, other major orchestras are asking about the program, says Mrs. Spero, a former music therapist whose frustrations in working with the hearing impaired inspired her to develop the program. Launched with \$12,000 in "seed

money" from the National Endowment for the Arts and an equal amount from the Gebbie Foundation, the orchestra began this season to operate 25 Phonic Ears — sophisticated hearing aids built by a California firm. In the experiment, a centrally located microphone picks up the music from the orchestra. Then it broadcasts the music over a low-powered FM frequency to those in the audience

carrying the Phonic Ears, who listen through earpieces. The Phonic Ear is about the size of a transistor radio, and current units sell for about \$300. The Ear is not any more powerful than a standard hearing aid, but the use of the centrally located microphone and its wide frequency range make it particularly well-suited for listening to music. At each children's concert in the orchestra's current season — and at

some pops and classical concerts as well — 25 of the devices are made available to groups of students from area schools for the deaf and to a small test group of adults that is invited back repeatedly for detailed study. Since hearing problems run a wide range of severity, to avoid disappointing those with high but unattainable hopes joining or rejoining the

ranks of concert-goers, Mrs. Spero cautions that "there are some people we know cannot be helped." But she also notes that since no such research has ever been done before, "One of the things we're testing is what they're actually hearing." And whatever it is they're hearing, their reactions say they're enjoying it, says the program's director, Buck Burdette.



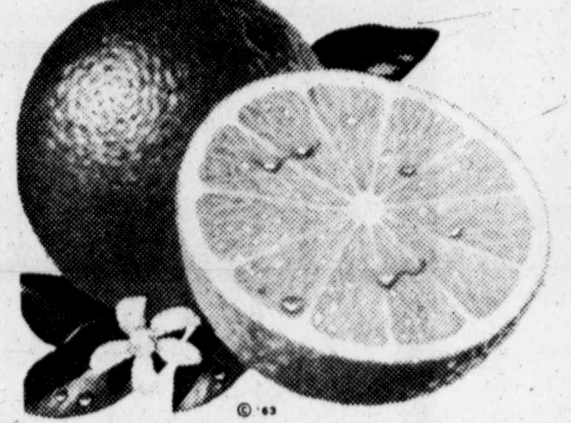
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Carter approves reorganization



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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — Science-fiction writer Isaac Asimov would rather make a fast buck than take a fast trip into outer space.

Asimov, asked Wednesday if he would accept a ticket on a space shuttle, replied: "If they offered me a ticket, sure I'd take it — and sell it for whatever I could get."

"Not in a million years would I go to space. Look at me as a signpost, I point the way, I don't go."

Asimov, who was attending a party honoring two new books he has written, added that he doesn't even like to get into airplanes. "I'm scared," said the 59-year-old author.

DENVER (AP) — Linda Kelsey, who plays reporter Billie Newman on the "Lou Grant Show," says she'd be in big trouble if she really had to write the stories she covers on the television series.

Miss Kelsey, who visited a number of newsrooms to prepare for her role on the program, said she actually tried to write an article based on a story she covered on the show and it took her three days.

"I never could have gotten the first paragraph done before a deadline," she said.

Based on her newsroom visits, Miss Kelsey said, she discovered that journalism, like acting, is a "rough" profession.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Actor Robert Redford is again taking sides in an environmental dispute.

Redford, who has supported environmentalists in several battles in the West, has entered the fight against the Norden Dam in Nebraska, opponents of the dam report.

Leaders of the Save the Niobrara River Association said Tuesday that Redford's support for their cause will spread the word "nationwide that Nebraska has a free-flowing river worth preserving," and perhaps attract new contributions.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Singer Connie Francis has spoken out publicly for the first time on her 1974 rape, saying it destroyed both her marriage and her career.

Miss Francis, appearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Wednesday that her husband left her in 1977 because of the depression she suffered after the attack. She said they will soon be divorced.

The committee is considering a bill to funnel federal funds to local police and prosecutors to assist rape victims.

"The rights of victims of violent crime should be at least equal in importance to the rights of the criminals who commit those acts," Miss Francis said.

HOUSTON (AP) — Actress Sophia Loren has reported some missing jewelry to Houston police, but they say the jewelry may have been stolen in another city.

Miss Loren, who was in Houston last Thursday and Friday to appear on a television talk show, said she discovered jewelry valued between \$8,000 and \$10,000 missing after returning to Los Angeles.

She stayed at the Galleria Plaza Hotel. Liz Carpenter, former press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, and Stephanie Phillips, producer of the musical, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," were staying at the hotel Feb. 17 when jewelry was taken from their rooms.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — "Hustler" magazine publisher Larry Flynt will speak here on press censorship in what is billed as his first public appearance since he was shot.

Flynt, who is still confined to a wheelchair, will appear at the three-day Northwest Libertarian Conference, scheduled to begin March 30.

Flynt was shot and partially paralyzed while returning to a Lawrenceville, Ga., courtroom March 6. He was on trial on charges that he distributed obscene materials.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, yielding to anticipated political opposition, has approved two modest reorganization plans that would consolidate domestic economic development programs in the Commerce Department and turn the Interior Department into a Department of Natural Resources, sources said.

The president's decision, expected to be announced today, caps two years of frequently bitter battles between Cabinet officers and between top White House aides over who would control programs in these areas.

Major lobbying groups and congressional leaders joined the fray to see that their close ties to existing agencies were not disrupted. They may continue the fight when Carter's plans go to Congress for approval; but initial congressional reaction praised the president for dropping more extensive reorganization plans.

While Carter's proposals would shift 42,000 federal workers from one agency to another, plans previously weighed by his staff would have moved far more agencies and renamed both the Commerce and Housing and Urban Development departments.

Administration sources, who declined to be identified, outlined on Wednesday the changes this way: The transformation of Interior into a Natural Resources Department would be accomplished by giving it the Agriculture Department's Forest Service and Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The changes will go to Congress as a reorganization proposal, which means they would take effect automatically 60 days after submission if neither the House nor Senate rejected them.

Carter resolved a bitter turf fight between Housing and Urban Development Secretary Patricia R. Harris and Commerce Secretary Juanita M. Kreps in favor of Commerce.

Federal economic development loan authority of \$5 billion would be gathered in Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA).

This would include one existing EDA loan program, two Small Business Administration loan programs and the Farmers Home Administration's business and industry loan program, from the Agriculture Department. These programs comprise \$1.5 billion in loan authority.

In addition, EDA would function as the national development bank Carter unsuccessfully proposed last March as a major new item in his urban policy. There would be no independent bank, but EDA could guarantee loans and subsidize lower interest rates for businesses that build or expand in distressed urban areas.

The bank functions would have \$3.6 billion in loan authority.

Carter plans to propose legislation to accomplish this when Congress considers reauthorizing EDA later this year. That measure may encounter the same widespread resistance to a bank in any form that led Congress to kill the idea last year.

Controlling the bank was the major goal of both Ms. Harris and Ms. Kreps. Ms. Harris argued that as

they usually "are for short-term and transient labor, such as restaurant workers or carwash employees."

He blamed the problem on employers or the self-employed who filed incomplete or inaccurate tax information. Some 5 percent of the earnings reports submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and then sent to the SSA have an incorrect Social Security number or name, and an additional 1 percent lack a number or name.

But Ross said his agency is able to cut that 6 percent mistake rate down to 2.6 percent with computer techniques, and to 1.4 percent after clerks correct them by hand. Because these unposted earnings are usually small, they make up only 0.7 percent of the total earnings.

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He said that because benefits are figured on average earnings over a long period, and because people's earnings records are scrutinized when they retire, only in a rare instance have the mistakes cost anyone retirement benefits.

Ross, who took office in October, said he already has been able to reduce the Suspense File by \$3 billion with new computer techniques that unraveled one-digit errors in Social Security numbers. He expects to correct \$560 million more by April by correcting surname errors.

There are 142 million incorrect wage reports, averaging \$486, out of a total of 10 billion, Ross said.

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This is a new meeting time for the committee. It will continue holding its meetings on the first Friday of each month for the remainder of 1979, a spokesman said.

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central part of the urban policy it should be in HUD, which manages most federal urban development programs. Ms. Kreps said that because the loans and subsidies would go to businesses it should be in Commerce, which is responsible for dealing with the business community.

Just before the urban policy was unveiled last March, Carter's chief domestic adviser, Stuart E. Eizenstat, and Budget Director James T. McIntyre convinced Carter to defer a decision on the bank's location until public attention on the Harris-Kreps battle subsided.

In a memo obtained by The Associated Press, Eizenstat and McIntyre told Carter they would recommend putting the bank in Commerce but that the issue "is fraught with political difficulties."

Putting it in Commerce, they said, would "significantly increase the criticism which we already expect to receive from these groups (blacks and mayors) when the urban policy is announced."

They recommended it be transferred to Commerce later when reorganization plans were ready. Since then, reorganization planners working for McIntyre came to favor putting such programs in HUD.

The two top aides sent Carter a compromise proposal last weekend and he decided Monday to do what they had recommended last spring.

Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., lauded Carter for backing off an earlier plan for consolidating water resources management.

Johnston, the Senate public works subcommittee chairman, said if Carter had proceeded with plans to move the Army Corps of Engineers planning and budgeting functions into the new Natural Resources Department, "there would have been a tremendous fight in Congress."

The senator and his Capitol Hill allies think Interior or unduly emphasizes environmental concerns in planning new dams, reservoirs and other water projects while they believe the corps gives appropriate weight to economic concerns like developing jobs, agriculture and commerce.

Social Security Administration may wipe off 'Suspense File'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Social Security Administration may wipe off its books \$33 billion in workers' earnings from 1937 to 1955 that were never posted to the correct workers' accounts because of identification problems.

The \$33 billion is part of the nearly \$69 billion in earnings records that the agency revealed Wednesday are in its "Suspense File." The earnings were reported with mistaken or missing Social Security numbers and names.

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Mrs. Joseph H. (Clara) Mims

Mrs. J.H. Mims

Mrs. Joseph H. (Clara) Mims of 2201 Harvard St. died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Services were to be at 4 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mims was born in Anson and reared there. She was graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a degree in music.

After her marriage in 1932 to Joseph H. Mims, they lived in White Deer and she taught school in Lamesa. They later lived in Austin before moving to Midland in 1936.

She was active in music, starting as church accompanist at age 14. Mrs. Mims served as organist for the First Baptist Church from 1942 to 1952. She was a member of the church choir and also served as interim choir director.

Mrs. Mims was one of the early members of the Midland Civic Club, which later became the Midland Music Club.

She was a past president of the Midland Music Club; past president of Twentieth Century Study Club, serving four terms; past president and life member of Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and past president of Midland Lawyers' Wives Club.

She joined the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in 1964 and received her 5,000-hour pin in 1976.

In 1977, Mrs. Mims was named recipient of the Lucy Mashburn Woman of the Year Award, given by the Altrusa Club of Midland.

She also was chosen outstanding club woman of the Western District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in 1973.

Other activities with the First Baptist Church include serving as a teacher in a number of classes during her lifetime.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph H. Mims, a retired district judge; a son, William G. Mims of Midland, and a daughter, Dixie Carol Mims of Midland.

The family has requested memorials be directed to the Women's Auxiliary at Midland Memorial Hospital, the church of one's choice or a favorite charity.

Pallbearers were to be Charles Ervin, John E. Reid, Perry Pickett, Herb Harris, Johnny Mills and Bill Smith.

Tina Marie Craig

DALLAS — Services for Tina Marie Craig, 5, of Farmers Branch, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Hayes of Midland, were to be at 1 p.m. today in Restland Funeral Home. Burial was to follow in Restland Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday in a Dallas hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 22, 1973 in Dallas. She was the daughter of Barbara Ann Craig of Dallas and Joe L. Craig of Farmers Branch.

Other survivors include her stepmother, her grandparents, two sisters and four brothers.

Billy R. Robinson

BIG SPRING — Services for Billy Ray Robinson, 43, of Christoval and formerly of Garden City will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here. Officiating will be the Rev. Fred Witta, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Loraine, assisted by the Rev. David Pohl, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

Burial will follow in Garden City Cemetery.

Robinson died Sunday in Christoval after a brief illness.

Born March 12, 1935, in Howard County, he grew up in Garden City. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Robinson, a service station operator in Christoval, had previously lived in Amarillo and Alaska. He owned the Anchorage, Alaska, Optician, an eye-glass business. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Andrew Robinson of the home; a daughter, Gay Robinson of Anchorage, his mother, Bertie Mae Robinson of Garden City; eight brothers, John Robinson and Jerry Don Robinson, both of Garden City, Loren Robinson of Midland, James W. Robinson of Eldorado, Kenneth W. Robinson of Odessa, Melvin Robinson of the Philippine Islands, Richard Robinson of Eunice, N.M., and Gary Robinson of Japan; and seven sisters, Mrs. Ervin Wooten, Mrs. James Craft, Mrs. Marlon Hale and Mrs. Glen Hillger, all of Garden City, Mrs. Wayne Davis of Coahoma, Mrs. George Hilger of Midland and Mrs. Willie Sandoval of Fort Worth.

N. McClanahan

BIG SPRING — Services for Naoma "Oma" McClanahan, 84, of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home here. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. McClanahan died Tuesday in a Midland nursing home after a lengthy illness.

She was born Aug. 8, 1894, in Mount Ida, Ark. She was married to Joe McClanahan on Nov. 9, 1912, in Tulla. She moved to Big Spring with her husband in 1939. He died in June 1956.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and had been a member of the Royal Neighbors for 39 years.

Survivors include three sons; Weldon N. McClanahan of Big Spring, Harold H. McClanahan of Tulla and Jack J. McClanahan of Kerrville; and a daughter, Dana Worley of Fort Worth.

Leslie P. Lindley

BIG LAKE — Services for Leslie Pittman Lindley, 58, of Stiles will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church in Big Lake with the Rev. Joe Scott, minister, officiating.

Burial will be in the Stiles Cemetery directed by Robert Massie Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Lindley died Tuesday in a one-vehicle accident north of Big Lake.

He was born Sept. 2, 1920, in San Angelo. He served in World War II as a Navy aviation machinist.

He retired as a police officer in Detroit, Mich., and had lived at Stiles for 1 1/2 years. He was an oil field pumpjack.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two sons, Robert F. Lindley of Stiles and David L. Lindley, both of Stiles; three brothers, Victor Lindley of Merton, Harold Ray Lindley of Midland and Buster Lindley of Silver City, N.M., and a sister, Lou Ann Bearden of Midland.

Willie R. Rodgers

LAMESA — Services for Willie Ruth Rodgers, 64, of Lamesa will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Bill Hardage, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rodgers died Tuesday in a Lamesa hospital after a brief illness. She was a native of Rannels County and had lived in Dawson County for 60 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Zona Buswell of Lovington, N.M., and Shirley Kruz of Concord, Calif.; a son, Earnest Rodgers of Levelland; four sisters, Johnnie Moore of Seminole, Nora Ray, Helen Spurrier and Dean Mackin, all of Fort Worth; two brothers, Richard Scott of Trent and Tony Scott of Del Rio, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sue M. Sax

EL PASO — Graveside services for Sue McCamant Sax, 58, a retired Midland elementary school teacher, will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Fort Bliss National Cemetery directed by Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Sax died Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz.

Potholes plague U.S. drivers again

WASHINGTON (AP) — American motorists will swerve around and bounce through an estimated 93 million potholes this winter and spring — encountering an average of about 49 each mile.

The curse of late-winter driving is back, according to the nation's highway construction industry.

The industry says it has surveyed 20 states and projects that "freeze-thaw cycles of the current winter will have caused at least 93 million potholes in the nation's roads and streets by spring. That averages 49 potholes per mile for all paved roads in the country."

Chagra's Midland trial scheduled for April 2

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Three sealed indictments have been returned by a federal grand jury investigating allegations of wide-spread drug trafficking, prostitution and racketeering.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike MacDonald said two of the defendants named in Wednesday's indictments already are in custody on other charges and he has information on the whereabouts of the third.

U.S. Magistrate Harry Lee Hudspeth, meanwhile, scheduled a bond reduction hearing next Tuesday for Jamiel "Jimmy" Chagra, 34, who was indicted by a federal grand jury in Midland this week on drug conspiracy charges.

Trial of Chagra on the charges in the five-count indictment is scheduled for April 2 in Midland.

Chagra, who remained in jail Wednesday on \$1 million bond, was arraigned Wednesday in El Paso. He is the brother of slain El Paso Attorney Lee Chagra.

Seven boxes of financial records from an El Paso nightclub have been subpoenaed by another federal grand jury in Seattle.

Topless dancers from several El Paso bars, including the one which had its records subpoenaed, testified Wednesday before the federal panel in El Paso.

Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Ronald

El Paso club sends records to grand jury

SEATTLE (AP) — Seven boxes of business records from an El Paso, Texas, nightclub have been sent to a federal grand jury here by the operator of the topless bar.

Steven Fueston, who described himself as a "management consultant" for the Lamplighter cocktail lounge in El Paso, said the records turned over Tuesday included daily receipts for the bar and the corporate ledger of Jedjo Inc., a Texas corporation.

Jedjo President Jeffrey D. Jones of Houston said he had no idea why the records were delivered to Seattle.

Fueston's attorney, Charles L. Roberts of El Paso, said "There were questions about Seattle personalities."

Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Ronald Sim said Tuesday the government was investigating the taxes of Frank Colacurcio of Seattle. He declined comment on a possible Seattle-Texas connection.

Sim has been serving as a special prosecutor in Texas investigating a shooting assault last November on James W. Kerr. Kerr, an assistant U.S. attorney from San Antonio, had been investigating possible violations in El Paso of the Mann Act, prohibiting interstate prostitution.

"So what's new?" Colacurcio said Tuesday when asked about Sim's comment. Colacurcio was reached at the office of Talents West, a topless-dancer placement service. "I've got nothing to say," he added.



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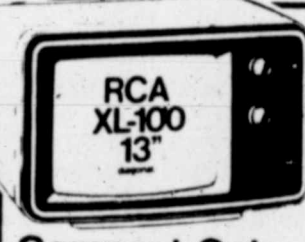
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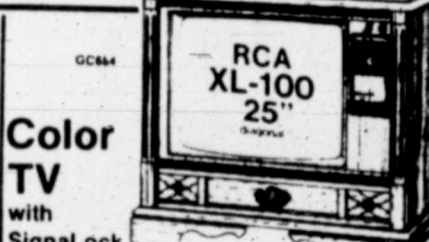
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U.S. keeping track of border war with use of electronic ears, eyes

By FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lacking observers anywhere near the battlefield, the United States is relying on a complicated mosaic of intercepted radio messages and satellite photographs to keep track of the Chinese-Vietnamese war.

The process of patching together the products of such remote intelligence means that assessments available to senior U.S. officials lag at least 12 hours behind actual events on the battlefield.

This is a far cry from what intelligence officials are used to. In the 1973 Mideast war, for example, U.S. military attaches and diplomats were present in the capitals of the warring nations.

At least in the case of Israel, American military officers attached to the embassy were given detailed briefings and access to the fighting fronts. As a result, U.S. officials in Washington received a steady stream of timely tables reflecting the ebb and flow of the battles.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Vietnam and, therefore, has no official representatives in Hanoi in touch with the government there. There is a U.S. diplomatic mission in Peking, but no American military officers are stationed there.

While some information reaches U.S. officials from friendly countries with diplomatic missions in Hanoi, intelligence from such sources is generally of a dubious quality.

Therefore, U.S. intelligence agencies depend principally on what their electronic ears and photographic eyes detect.

The detailed methods by which U.S. intelligence information is gathered are closely guarded secrets.

But it is known that the United States keeps aloft several kinds of reconnaissance satellites traveling in orbits at different altitudes. Some observation satellites are as far out as about 25,000 miles, others pass over the earth in orbits as low as about 135 miles from the surface.

High-resolution cameras, particularly in low-orbit satellites, can easily pick out objects such as tanks, artillery batteries and trucks. Some satellites are able to pierce the cover of night with radar and infra-red heat-detecting sensors.

Photographs are ejected in capsules that parachute toward earth and are plucked out of the air by specially equipped Air Force planes. Television links are used to transmit pictures in black and white, color and infra-red patterns to ground and ship stations.

But a veteran intelligence specialist said "this kind of military action in that kind of territory is hard to keep track of by photography" from satellites.

Vietnam-Chinese fighting so far has been mostly in mountainous terrain. A specialist said the difficulties stem from a "combination of weather and ambiguities on the ground."

Asked what he meant by ambiguities, he said, "You really can't see an infantry line on the ground, but you can see a mass of tanks."

It takes analysis of many photographs, snapped during successive satellite orbits, to determine changes in the battle area, experts said.

They indicated that some of the most valuable information is obtained from constant listening-in on Vietnamese and Chinese military radio communications. This is called signal intelligence.

One expert said forward combat elements probably are using low-power radios that cannot be monitored effectively.

"so we can't keep up with the battle hour by hour."

But, he said, "We can intercept communications with higher headquarters when higher-powered radios are used. That's how the U.S. has identified 17 Chinese divisions deployed in the Vietnamese border area."

This intercepted information is recorded, translated and coordinated with satellite-gathered photography to develop assessments of the war situation.

The location of U.S.-manned land listening stations in the Asian area is one of the most sensitive secrets, partly because of possible diplomatic complications which could lead to their shutdown if a host nation was embarrassed by disclosure of their presence.

U.S. patrol planes and Navy ships operating in international waters also carry on radio intercepts that fit into the mosaic constructed by the intelligence analysts.



Area winners among eighth-grade students in the Texas Conservation Awards Program are, from left, first place winner Cindy Triplitt, second place finisher Mary Kay Lewis and third place winner Kevin MacNeil. E.A. Dwyer, chairman of the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District, left, makes the presentations, while Dick Hagelstein, right, district conservationist, looks on.

Student vanishing act confounds officials

By GREG GROSS
Copley News Service

Each year, hundreds of foreign students enrolled in American colleges do a vanishing act that confounds immigration officials.

They drop out of school, find jobs and melt into U.S. society, living the American Dream in absolute violation of the student visas that admitted them to the United States.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, under criticism for failing to keep a tight rein on young foreigners studying here, estimates that 42,300 students currently are missing from the colleges and universities where they enrolled.

Some have transferred to other schools without notifying INS; others have quit and returned home. But in most cases, once they abandon classes, neither INS nor anyone else knows where they are.

Some knowledgeable sources say 42,300 is far too conservative, and estimate the actual number of missing students at closer to 200,000, or even 300,000.

The ease with which almost anyone can obtain whatever identifying documents they need to get a job, drive a car and establish credit makes the prospect of tracking down vanishing students extremely poor.

It is no more difficult for a person armed with only a command of English to get a birth certificate, driver's license and Social Security card.

"It's completely easy," says Robert Mitton, a deputy district director for INS. "There's really no obstacle to a person doing it." And the means of doing it run "the whole spectrum," he said.

"He may change his identity in many instances, if he can get a phony name with a birth certificate," Mitton said. "And anybody can get a driver's license in this country."

There's always the "early infant death package."

"Let's say you're 23 years old," Mitton said. "You go to the county records section and go back 23 years and look up early infant deaths, children who were born 23 years ago but died after only a few days or a few weeks."

When one is found, he said, a person merely takes down the name, then goes to the Bureau of Vital Statistics and asks for a birth certificate in that name.

"And from that point on," Mitton said, "you're home free."

Foreign students — aliens granted entry to the United States solely to study — are not regulated in the same way as other aliens living and working here.

Unlike the ordinary resident alien, the student is not required to report his address to immigration authorities every year. Diplomats, including embassy officials and United Nations staffs, also are exempt from the reporting rule, as are foreign military members in training here.

The U.S. Attorney General's Office determines who is exempt from the reporting rule, Mitton said.

Current intense interest in tracking the movements of foreign students was sparked by the Jan. 2 melee between Iranian students and police outside the Beverly Hills mansion of the Shah's sister and mother. But the students who so easily disappear from federal recordkeeping come from practically everywhere, Mitton said.

"Iranians do it, Scandinavians do it, Mexicans do it. No one group predominates," he said.

Those who disappear from their campuses tend to fall into two general categories, Mitton said.

"Most of those people who've disappeared into the woodwork never really intended to go to college, but to work," he said.

"Others have an unsuccessful learning experience, but instead of going home, they'd rather stay here and work."

"Either way, the end motivation is usually the same," he said. "This is the land of opportunity; they want to make money."

And once the decision to stay is made, the process of acquiring the necessary documents is fairly simple.

"We don't require proof of citizenship from anybody," said a California Department of Motor Vehicles spokesman. "It would be very simple for a foreign student to obtain a license. You could just give an address near, say, a university that would just about be enough."

Removal of artworks draws protests for Crete's citizens

HERAKLION, Crete (AP) — Some 10,000 residents of this capital city of Crete milled in the streets and barricaded a museum Wednesday to prevent departure of antiquities for exhibit in the United States and Europe.

The Greek government reportedly rushed in riot police and called on opponents to "respect democracy."

The unrest stems from conflicting reports that two pieces were damaged while being moved for shipment.

A first planeload has already arrived in the United States for showing at the New York Metropolitan Museum.

The exhibits range from the 10th century B.C. to the 14th A.D.

Six opposition Socialist Party parliamentary deputies and the mayor and municipal councillors led the occupation of Heraklion Archaeological Museum, police said.

A spokesman for the demonstrators said the protesters mobilized after information was received that five transport planes had arrived during the night from Athens, the Greek capital, carrying 197 riot policemen and 10 teargas-throwing armored trucks.

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Mobil sees hope for lower prices

By LINDA GRANT
The Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — There are strong indications that Iran soon will restore its oil exports to at least half of what they were before the recent revocation, Mobil Corp. chairman Rawleigh Warner Jr. said Wednesday.

If that happens, world supplies could be restored to more reasonable levels, the head of the nation's second-largest oil company said in an interview at his company's headquarters here.

"There is enough of a split among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that if Iran comes back in an orderly way, and the Saudi Arabians produce enough crude at the price set by OPEC at its December meeting, prices will drift back down," Warner said.

"Despite all the chatter and flak," he said, "crude oil is really a commodity that reacts to supply and demand. Unless Iran is subverted by Communists, it will want production back on stream. We ought to come out of this crisis all right."

His view is the most optimistic yet expressed on the current tightness in world oil supplies due to the cutoff of exports from Iran and the recent price increases announced by other oil-exporting nations.

Warner said there is a real incentive for Iran to produce at least 2.5 million barrels a day, because the troubled Middle East nation must pump that much oil to produce the natural gas comingled with oil needed to fill a pipeline that exports gas to the Soviet Union.

"Thus the Iranians have double incentive," he said, "to sell both oil and gas." He believes they can produce at

least that much relatively shortly and without outside help. But there is no way of knowing how much beyond that they can produce without foreign assistance.

The National Iranian Oil Co., Iran's state-owned enterprise, said last week that it wanted back only 120 of the nearly 600 expatriate workers that used to man the oil fields, Warner said. "Whether they can produce as much as 4 million barrels a day without those workers, I just don't know."

He expressed doubt, however, that Iran could succeed in selling as much as 4 million barrels a day at auction prices.

Iranian officials have said they hoped to get at least \$19 a barrel of newly resumed production by selling crude on the spot market. Prices there have soared to nearly double the \$13.30 a barrel set for light Middle Eastern crude by OPEC in December.

"I don't think the major international oil companies want to get into a bidding contest," Warner said. "And the big companies are the ones that have the market."

He pointed out that oil companies such as British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon, Mobil, Standard Oil Co. of California, Texaco, and Gulf are part of the Western consortium that produced and marketed the bulk of Iran's oil.

"All of them would like to see the consortium back in business," he said, "dealing hopefully on much the same basis as they did before December. One doesn't know if that is possible, but I don't see them doing things to undermine their position."

Warner said that Iran recently approached several independent U.S. oil companies to sell crude at prices between \$22 and \$24 a barrel, but the independents turned it down because they didn't believe they could recover that price in the marketplace.

"They decided not to die for glory," Warner said. He refused to name the companies.

Warner added that some major oil companies have redirected crude sold on long term contracts to the spot market in order to capitalize on high prices, but that Mobil is not doing that.

"We are doing nothing but meeting customer needs," he said. "We are selling to our international affiliates and third-party customers, and we're not shirking customers to sell in the spot market. Those doing that are being greedy and creating higher prices for everybody."

He added that some producing nations, including Iraq, also are diverting supplies to that market, but said that the biggest OPEC producer, Saudi Arabia, is not.

Port again delayed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The long-delayed House vote on a \$2.4 billion appropriation to continue state efforts toward construction of a deepwater port for jumbo oil tankers has been postponed again.

Rep. Jerry Benedict, D-Angleton, a sponsor, obtained House permission Wednesday to postpone floor action for a week. The bill was approved by the Senate more than a month ago.

"We need more time to talk to members here on the floor," Benedict told reporters.

The measure has attracted considerable opposition, but Benedict said, "I see a good chance of getting 76 votes" — a House majority.

Benedict said it would be hard to get the 100 votes necessary to put the measure into immediate effect, and this would mean "the latter part of July and all of August are going to be a dry month" for the Texas Deepwater Port Authority.

But, he said, the authority could get by.

The bill would appropriate the money to the authority in stages as it progresses toward getting a federal license and issuing \$1.2 billion in bonds to build the offshore port 26 miles south of Freeport.

The authority would have to repay the state treasury from the first proceeds of its proposed bond issue.

Benedict said 50 representatives have told him they will vote for the bill and added that oil and chemical lobbyists are pursuing votes for it as well.

Texas faces big tax loss

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas will lose \$8.5 million in severance taxes on interstate natural-gas sales under proposed regulations from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attorney General Mark White said Wednesday.

The federal agency wants to prohibit clauses in existing gas sales contracts that allow producers to collect higher prices from purchasers than those established by governmental action.

"This proposal is just another federal regulation which frustrates attempts to increase domestic energy production — one which is blatantly contrary to the intent of Congress under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978," White said.

"The proposal would discriminate against those producers who, in reliance on the representations made by the commission, went ahead with exploration and development activity and the commitment of gas to the interstate market," he added.

The attorney general filed comments on the proposed rules with the agency.

U.S. to ask EA nations to curb petroleum use

By JOHN M. BERRY
and J.P. SMITH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic response to rising oil prices and the threat of worldwide shortages, the United States today will ask the member nations of the International Energy Agency to agree to reduce oil consumption by 3 percent to 5 percent, The Washington Post has learned.

The action is intended in part to try

ENERGY OIL & GAS

to head off another major oil price increase, which could come at a scheduled meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries March 26 in Geneva.

The proposed reduction is expected to trigger a series of mandatory and voluntary conservation measures in this country. They include weekend closings of gasoline stations, restrictions on temperatures in non-residential buildings and stricter enforcement of the 55 mph speed limit, as early as this summer, according to U.S. officials.

Despite this, strict gasoline rationing should not be necessary, officials said.

The proposal to the IEA represents the administration's most significant response to the loss of more than 5 million barrels a day of Iranian oil exports and to a string of price increases announced in recent days by individual members of OPEC.

The main target of the U.S. proposal is prices. Administration officials fear OPEC might raise sharply its official price of \$13.34 a barrel if industrial nations take no action to cut consumption before the March 26 meeting.

In congressional testimony Wednesday, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger warned that OPEC prices easily could rise to \$16 or \$17 a barrel and predicted that the current shortage could push the price of unleaded gasoline to \$1 a gallon "within a year or so."

Full details of the agreement remain to be worked out, but the United States has received assurance from most of the 19 industrial nations in the IEA, including Japan, West Germany and Great Britain, that they will formally accept the proposal during meetings Thursday and Friday.

Other administration officials said the economy should suffer very little if the cut in oil use is properly managed. But the combination of higher oil prices and reduced consumption, whether on a voluntary or a mandatory basis, will tend to generate more inflation and less real economic activity.

The worry of administration economists is that, without some vigorous action, oil prices would shoot up so high that a recession could hardly be avoided.

Officially, the administration predicts the economy will slow later this year, but that there will not be a recession. Many private economists think otherwise.

"The sooner we do something, the less we have to do later," said one official. "The main thing is to get on top of prices."

Alice M. Rivlin, head of the Congressional Budget Office, testified Wednesday that the economic fallout from Iran's oil shutdown "could further weaken the economy and increase the risk of a recession."

If the Iranian oil shutdown continues for the rest of the year, Rivlin said CBO estimates it would result in a loss of half a percentage point in real gross national product, and could increase unemployment by about two-tenths of a percentage point, resulting in the loss of about 200,000 jobs.

President Carter has not decided precisely which mandatory measures to use to achieve the cut in consumption, but all of those being sent to Capitol Hill this week for congressional approval except gasoline rationing probably will be needed. Altogether, oil use would have to be cut by 600,000 to 900,000 barrels a day, administration sources said.

Since the winter heating season is nearing an end, the most significant oil savings this summer would come from closing gasoline stations for part or all of the period from noon Friday until midnight Sunday. The Energy Department estimates such closings could save 246,000 barrels a day, if everyone complied.

Over the course of a full year, the restrictions on non-residential building temperatures would produce greater savings. Winter thermostat settings could be no higher than 65 degrees, and summer setting no lower than 80 degrees. Hot water temperatures generally could be no more than 105 degrees.

The Energy Department estimates these restrictions would save up to 360,000 barrels of oil a day. Summer savings would be lower since most air conditioning units are electrical, and relatively less oil is used nationwide for generating electrical power than for heating buildings.

At the IEA's last meeting in January, member countries expressed the desire to develop a concerted effort to respond to the problem of the Iranian export cutoff. "No one wanted the IEA's a mandatory sharing plan to be used," a Carter official said.

Under a 1974 IEA agreement, members must share available oil supplies if a shortage reaches 7 percent of total consumption.

While Schlesinger and senior State Department officials in recent days have been ruling out a formal triggering of the sharing agreement, they have said some sort of conservation measures might have to be adopted.

"There are differences of view among the IEA, some want prices just to go up — getting all IEA members to agree is not easy," Schlesinger told a Senate panel.

The real question for IEA members has been what should the target be for reducing consumption. Consultations among the members suggest the 3 percent to 5 percent range, which is expected to be pinned down by Friday. Drafting all the details of the agreement could take up to two months, sources said.

The United States apparently would

prefer reductions closer to 5 percent than 3 percent.

Because other OPEC nations have stepped up their output since Iran halted exports, the worldwide drop in production is calculated at 2 million barrels a day, out of worldwide consumption of about 50 million barrels.

However, officials are concerned that extra production might not be continued indefinitely, particularly if Iran resumes some exports, as its new government says it intends to do.

A State Department official said the IEA conservation measures, if adopted, would take place by "late summer — not by early fall." The official also said the U.S. proposal enjoys "wide support" from many of the member nations, including West Germany.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
Florida Gas Exploration No. 1-A
Unconformity No. 25-26, ran 5-1/2 inch casing, cemented with 52 sacks, preparing to rig down and move out rotary.

BORDEN COUNTY
Gulf No. 2-1 Emma Low, drilling
Parker & Parsley No. 1 Stewart
plugged back depth 8,952 feet, moving in service unit to complete. 12,000 feet, Parker & Parsley No. 1-A Powell, idling 9,000 feet, pump testing, no gauges, through perforations from 8,100 to 8,641 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY
Flag-Redfern Oil Co. No. 6 Hahn-Drill; drilling 1,660 feet in anhydrite.
Flag-Redfern Oil Co. No. 3-26 Southard; idling 4,100 feet, released rig, waiting on completion unit.

CRANE COUNTY
Southern Royalty No. 5 Eudaly, idling 5,975 feet, perforated from 5,638 feet to 5,643 feet, swabbed well dry, preparing to rig down and move out rotary.
Southern Royalty No. 1-11 Gulf-Edwards; idling 8,000 feet, ran logs, preparing to drill ahead.

CHOCKETTY COUNTY
Hillard Oil & Gas No. 12 University; drilling 3,900 feet in lime and shale.
Southern Royalty No. 1-36 Todd; idling 8,200 feet, released rig, waiting on completion unit.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY
Discovery Operating, Inc. No. 1 DeLong; idling 1,483 feet, waiting on completion unit.

SCURRY COUNTY
Hanson Corp. No. 1 Walker; idling 6,975 feet, pumping 56 barrels load oil and no water, good show of gas.

STERLING COUNTY
Champion Petroleum No. 1 Terry; idling 8,900 feet, testing, ran BHP, bomb, shot.
HMH Operators No. 1 Price, moving in rotary.

DAWSON COUNTY
Rial Oil No. 1 Green, drilling 8,385 feet, waiting on completion unit.

ECTOR COUNTY
Amoco No. 4-AV Midland Farms, idling 13,200 feet, running 5 1/2-inch casing, waiting on completion unit.

EDDY COUNTY
Amoco No. 1-8 Teledyne, idling 13,264 feet, plugged back depth 12,221 feet, preparing to swab through perforations from 13,054 to 13,964 feet, swabbed 10 hours and recovered 25 barrels of oil.

Amoco No. 1 Williams, side track total depth 13,026 feet, shut in.
Amoco No. 1-2 Federal Gas, drilling 11,349 feet in lime, set 7 1/2-inch casing, waiting on completion unit.

Amoco No. 1-3 Federal Gas, drilling 11,300 to 11,942 feet, 5 minute perforations, recovered 907 feet of water cushion, 1,200 feet formation water, 70 minute initial shut in, 23 minute initial flow 528 to 561 pounds, 23 minute initial flow 578 to 613 pounds, initial hydrostatic 5,719 pounds.

Amoco No. 1-4 State, idling 12,900 feet, 12,300 to 12,333 feet, and 12,618 to 12,623 feet, swabbed 5 hours and recovered 42 barrels of oil.

Amoco No. 1-24 State, idling 11,800 feet, flowed 1,900 mcf gas per day and 2 barrels oil with 2 barrels water on 15-1/4 inch choke, shut in for pressure buildup.

Amoco No. 1-1 Park-way State, idling 9,700 feet in lime and shale, tripping.
Amoco No. 1-23 A State, idling 12,000 feet, preparing to run logs and casing.

Amoco No. 2-GM State, idling 10,921 feet in lime, shale and sand, circulated and pulled out of hole for drillstem test, idling 10,921 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Amoco No. 1-10 State, idling 14,000 feet, waiting on completion unit.
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drilling 3,710 feet.
John L. Cox No. 2 Neal Estate; drilling 2,200 feet.
Gulf No. 1-A Beyer; idling 10,050 feet, open to pit on 3 1/4-inch choke, flowed water with a trace of oil for 45 minutes, made 2 1/2 barrels run, well flower, 885 water and oil after each run.

Parker & Parsley No. 1-A Morgan; drilling 4,001 feet in anhydrite and salt.
John L. Cox No. 1 Anovover; drilling 7,200 feet.
John L. Cox No. 1-B Carlton; drilling 7,200 feet.

VAL VERDE COUNTY
International Oil & Gas, No. 1-28 Alma; drilling 13,723 feet in lime and shale.

WARD COUNTY
Gulf No. 1018 Hutchings Stock Assn; idling 10,300 feet, acidized perforated 6,722 to 6,804 feet, with unreported amount.
Gulf No. 3-A Gunn; idling 6,730 feet, perforated 6,049 gallons and 132,535 pounds, set packer at 5,861 feet, removing out preventer and installed wellhead.

Gulf No. 4 Pruitt; idling 19,255 feet, shut in.
Amoco No. 6-ER University, idling 2,426 feet, testing, flowed 12 barrels of oil and 158 barrels of water, 28 mcf in 24 hours.

Amoco No. 3-Barrow; reversed circulation, 25 hours, milled, pulled 600 feet.
Amoco No. 1-AG State; idling 6,000 feet, pumping 27 barrels of oil and 249 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations 6,042 to 6,202 feet, Union Texas Petroleum No. 1-18-20 University; idling 11,400 feet, rig up well service unit and tubing in hole with bit.

Boyer E. Kimsley Jr. No. 1 Lucia-Harvey State; idling 16,035 feet, cleaning pits.
Gulf No. 1-27-19 University; drilling 11,220 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Gulf No. 1-19N State; idling 12,750 feet in lime and shale, flowing 22 barrels of oil and 122 barrels of water on a 10-1/4-inch choke.
Gulf No. 4-WZ State; idling 6,000 feet, pumping 112 barrels and 165 barrels of water in 48 hours.

Gulf No. 7-B Janelle Edwards; idling 6,750 feet, flowed 6,230 barrels of oil and 65 barrels of water in 24 hours, through wellcap perforation 6,284 to 6,478 feet, workover — re-complete unsuccessful, off report.

WINKLER COUNTY
Gulf No. 1-31-21 University; drilling 12,815 feet.
Hillard Oil & Gas, No. 3-H Sealy; drilling 10,300 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Amoco No. 1-M Ida-Hendrick; idling 7,736 feet, waiting on cement, set 20-inch casing at 1,736 feet.
Atlantic Richfield No. 2 Wolfe; drilling 13,550 feet in sand.

Gifford, Mitchell, & Wisenbaker, No. 2 Roman Nose; idling 18,814 feet, perforating.
Southern Royalty No. 1 Keyslow; idling 11,400 feet, swabbing 23 barrels of oil in 9 hours, gas volume 77 mcf, swabbing.

Rial No. 1-8 Sealy & Smith; drilling 7,900 feet in lime and shale.

TURK COUNTY
NIM GREEN COUNTY
Gulf No. 2-AQZ, idling 3,300 feet, preparing to run drillstem test, waiting on completion unit.

Hytch Energy Corp. No. 1 Ward-law; idling 11,100 feet, attempted to log, ran hole with bit, no apparent bridges, jet pit, built mud, circulated and condition hole, pulled out of hole with bit, ran log tool west to id, o.k., started logging out tool, manufactured.

Amoco No. 1-10 State, idling 14,000 feet, waiting on completion unit.
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Moran sets earnings high

WICHITA FALLS — Moran Bros., Inc., Wednesday reported record earnings for the year ended Dec. 31.

Net earnings increased to \$4,719,000 or \$2.53 per share on revenues of \$28,140,000. For the previous year, ended Dec. 31, 1977, net earnings were \$2,788,000 or \$1.76 per share on revenues of \$31,299,000.

For the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31, the company had net earnings of \$848,000 or 45 cents per share compared to net earnings of \$606,000 or 33 cents per share for the comparable 1977 quarter.

Revenues for the fourth quarter of 1978 were \$6,492,000 compared to revenues of \$7,232,000 for the fourth quarter of 1977.

Fort Worth operator stakes Garza wildcat

Centaur Petroleum Corp. of Fort Worth No. 1 Wayne Williams is a new 8,000-foot wildcat in Garza County, near the Kent County line.

Location is two and one-quarter miles north and slightly west of the Polar (Ellenburger) field and nine miles east of Justiceburg.

Drill site is 980 feet from north and 330 feet from west lines of section 37, block 5, H&G survey. Ground elevation is 2,273 feet.

MARTIN COUNTY
RK Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 2 Ann is a new well in the RK (Devonian) area of Martin County, three miles north of Tarzan.

On 24-hour potential test it flowed 25 barrels of 44.6-gravity oil and no water, through a 6/64-inch choke and perforations from 11,696 to 11,750 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 720-1.

The pay section was acidized with 3,000 gallons.
Total depth is 11,844 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom. The plugged back depth is 11,837 feet.

It is one location south of other Devonian production.

REEVES GASSER
HNG Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-13 Phillips-TXL is a new well in the Aylesworth (Cherry Canyon) field of Reeves County, 20 miles northwest of Pecos.

Operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 707,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 5,052 to 5,288 feet. The pay was fractured with 80,000 gallons.

Hole was drilled to 6,000 feet and 4.5-inch casing was set on bottom.
The well is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 13, block 55, T-4, T&P survey. It is 1,500 feet west of other Cherry Canyon production.

STERLING PRODUCER
Wagner & Brown of Midland No. 28-3 Hildebrand has been finalized in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) pool of Sterling County, 10 miles southwest of Sterling City.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 28 barrels of 47-gravity oil and two barrels of water, through a 14/64-inch choke and three sets of perforations.

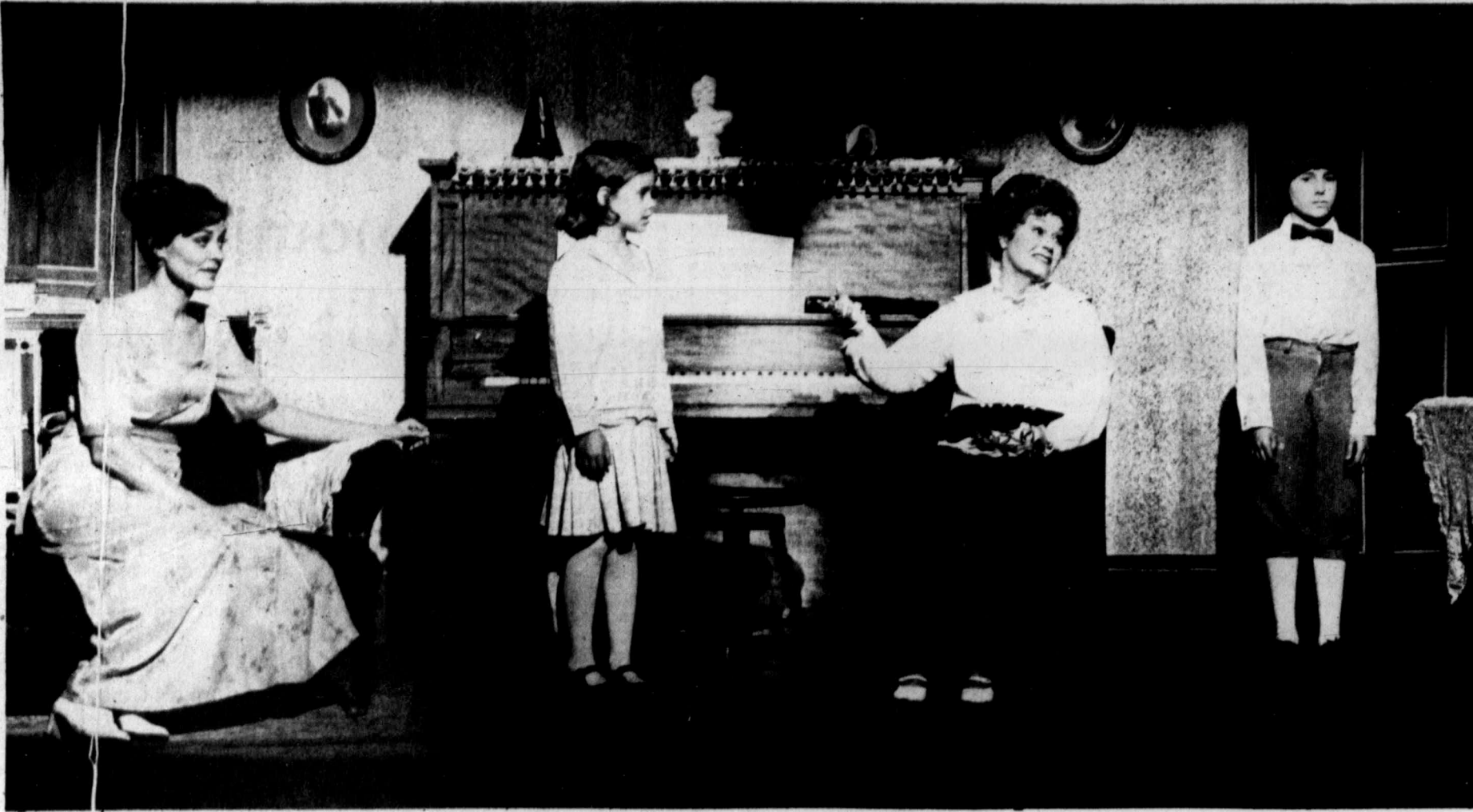
They are from 7,163 to 7,326 feet; 7,495 to 7,739 feet, and 7,965 to 8,066 feet. The upper set was fractured with 20,000 gallons; the middle set with 58,000 gallons, and the lower set with 34,000 gallons.

The gas-oil ratio is 30,357-1.
Total depth is 8,200 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 8,125 feet. Hole is plugged back to 8,083 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 3, block 21, H&TC

survey.

FISHER PROJECT
Hack Drilling Co. of Abilene staked location for a southwest offset to production in the two-well



Several cast members of Midland Community Theatre's "The Music Man" perform the "piano lesson" scene in the acclaimed musical, which has final presentations tonight and

Friday and Saturday nights in Theatre Midland, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Information on availability of seating for the performances may be obtained from the box office, 682-4117.

From left are Paula Cahoon as Marian the Librarian, Caroline Hissom as Amaryllis, Rita Buckley as Mrs. Paroo and J.J. Baskin as Winthrop.

Museum hosts Student Art Festival

The 18th annual Student Art Festival, showcasing the creativity of students in the city's public and private schools, has opened at the Museum of the Southwest.

The festival is actually two separate art exhibitions. Currently on

view in the museum's Turner Memorial Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., are works created by elementary school students in the city; they will remain on view through March 14. Then, beginning March 19 and continuing through March 30 will be an

exhibition of art works created by Midland secondary school students.

The museum is open to the public between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each weekday, and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays. There is never a charge for admission.

The Student Art Festival, annually one of the most popular exhibits at the museum, is sponsored jointly by the museum, the City Council of the Parent-Teacher Association, the Junior League of Midland Inc., and the Midland Independent School District.

Mrs. Don Ferguson is serving as general chairman of the festival.

Western Texas will offer popular comedy

SNYDER — Western Texas College's drama department is in final rehearsals for its annual dinner theater production.

This year's show is a popular Broadway comedy, "Never Too Late," and it will have performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a matinee scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday. Additional presentations will be at 8 p.m. March 9 and 10, and 2 p.m. March 11. Tickets are priced \$8, which includes dinner and show.

"Never Too Late" is being staged and directed by Jeanne Kobuszewski, speech and drama instructor at Western Texas College.

The comedy revolves around a middle-aged couple who find they are about to become parents again, 24 years after their first and only child, a daughter, was born.

The daughter is less than enchanted with the prospect of a new little brother or sister.

The cast includes Rick Mantoosh and Janice Posey of Seminole, David Galvin of Lorane, Darrell Hayes of Caldwell, and John Hopkins, Rex Hopkins, Marca Parham, Robby Moore and Debbie Busciglio, all of Snyder.

Tickets for all performances are now on sale in the Fine Arts Division of Western Texas College. Admissions must be purchased in advance.

Opera network offers 'Rigoletto'

NEW YORK — "Rigoletto," one of Giuseppe Verdi's most powerful — and most popular — operas, will be heard Saturday afternoon over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera Radio Network.

The performance from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York's Lincoln Center will begin at 1 p.m. Central Time.

To be heard in principal roles in the operatic drama are soprano Judith Blegen as Gilda, mezzo-soprano Isola Jones as Maddalena, baritone Cornell MacNeil as Rigoletto, tenor Neil Shieff as the Duke and bass Jerome Hines as Sparafucile. The performance will be conducted by David Staver.

The first intermission will offer one of the popular "Opera News on the Air" features, in which musicologist and Met roving reporter William Weaver will talk on the librettist for Verdi's "Rigoletto." Another of Texaco's "Opera Quiz" features will be offered during the second intermission Saturday afternoon.

Susan Blakely to star in 'House Hunting'

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Susan Blakely's first movie under her three-picture agreement with ABC will be "House Hunting," about the fast-paced world of Beverly Hills real estate.

Miss Blakely first gained fame in "Rich Man, Poor Man," then starred in the TV movie "Secrets."

Globe launches '79 season

ODESSA — The Globe of the Great Southwest launches its 1979 season this weekend.

The season-opening attraction is "Camelot," the colorful and melodic Lerner and Loewe musical that has been enchanting theatergoers throughout the nation and the world following its initial production on Broadway almost 20 years ago.

The Globe's production will have its first performance at 8 p.m. Friday, with additional presentations at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Still other presentations are scheduled for 8 p.m. March 10, 2:30 p.m. March 11, and 8 p.m. March 16 and 17.

Globe season tickets are now on sale at the box office, and single admissions for "Camelot" also have gone on sale, priced \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. Information on ticket availability for a specific performance may be obtained from the Globe box office, 332-1586.

The Globe production of "Camelot" is being staged and directed by Jeryl Hoover who has been active at both the Globe and the Permian Playhouse of Odessa.

Pivotal cast members include Hoover and Suzanne Medlin, and other members of the large cast are from Odessa and surrounding area.

Packed Houston house welcomes musical 'home'

HOUSTON (AP) — Every television and radio station in Houston may be bleeping out the key word in advertisements of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," but that hasn't kept people away.

A packed house Sunday night welcomed the musical home from a successful Broadway run with a big Lone Star howdy, and the cast responded with a rollicking performance.

The Texas company of the comedy, still running in New York, opened to a bit of irony — a benefit performance for Planned Parenthood of Houston.

The musical is built around a tall, but true, Texas tale. It's the story of the very old and very famous house of ill repute that captured the attention of the entire state back in 1973 in the little southeast Texas town of La Grange.

It was a tidy, shuttered farmhouse called the Chicken Ranch because, when pickings were slimmer in earlier times, poultry was taken in return for a little country-fied carnality.

Marvin Zindler, a crusading television reporter from Houston, broadcast the "secret" of the house into every Texas living room, raising such a ruckus that Miss Edna and her girls were forced out. It was rumored that most of the pressure came from a few politicians who were personally acquainted with the ranch.

Larry King, born and bred in Texas, told the story to the world in his "Playboy" article, and later wrote the musical with fellow Texan Pete Masterson. Their effort caught the attention, and the fancy, of Universal Pictures' Stevie Phillips, and the rest is history.

The musical, housed in its very own, newly redecorated theater for an open-ended engagement that producers hope will mean a stay of three to four years, was a big hit with the hometown crowd, who welcomed the local boy made good with open arms.

The bawdy comedy musical came complete with singin', dancin',

cussin', a few Aggies and the slipperiest politicians you'd ever want to avoid.

An equally winning job was turned in by Larry Hovis of "Hogan's Heroes" fame in the role of white-wigged and spangle-suited television reporter Melvin P. Thorpe, patterned after Zindler. Soon, even the mention of his name brought boos and hissing from the audience.

The cast — almost completely Texan either by birth or residence — carried the opening night splendidly, without a hitch.

Bill Hardy stopped the show as the feisty Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd, a good ole' boy who cussed a blue-streak most of the time. He played the character honestly and sympathetically — not as a

caricature — and had the audience laughing and cussing with him.

A veteran Houston actress Marietta Marich did a good job in holding the show together in her role as the madam, Miss Mona Stangley.

A surprise that delighted the audience was the portrayal of the governor turned in by Pat Hamilton. His dancing and singing in "The Side-step" had everyone rolling in the aisles.

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