

Mysterious dying star is baffling scientists

It appears to be coming and going at the same time

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A mysterious dying star is baffling scientists as it whizzes through the universe — seemingly coming and going at the same time at speeds of at least 40,000 miles per second.

"It's like nothing else we've ever seen," said UCLA astronomer Bruce Margon. "Nothing else even comes close."

Margon, who has been watching the object for almost a year, outlined the curious puzzle Monday at a Washington, D.C., meeting of the American Physical Society. Details also were made public here.

Margon and a team of UCLA scientists discovered the mysterious properties while studying a star called SS-433, which, like our sun and 100 billion others, belongs to the Milky Way galaxy.

Initial evidence shows that the object appears to be racing along in two directions.

Because SS-433 is about 10,000 light-years from Earth, it is too dim to be seen with the naked eye. A light-year is 5.9 trillion miles.

A star's speed and direction are detected by measuring changes — called Doppler shifts — in the wavelength of its light. A blue shift means it is coming toward the observer, a red shift means it is receding.

Will mysteries never cease?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Close watchers of the presidency have something new to ponder: Why is President Carter now parting his hair on the left?

Before the president left for an 11-day vacation in Georgia, he parted his hair on the right. Now his part is on the left side of his head.

No official explanation has been given for the leftward shift, and some of his closest aides confessed Monday to not even being aware of the change.

Margon said SS-433 is simultaneously blue- and red-shifted, which means that it is some sort of elongated structure that is rotating like a twirler's baton, with one end moving toward the astronomer's telescopes and the other moving away.

Margon said the changes found in SS-433, were "larger by a huge factor than anything we've ever seen in a star."

Margon said in an interview earlier that a tentative explanation "is that this is some kind of star that's in some terribly weird kind of trouble."

He said the star apparently rotates on a 160-day cycle. As it spins, it is spitting out twin streams of gas, much as a spinning lawn sprinkler shoots water from opposing nozzles.

But Margon says that theory, "is just the wildest of guesses at the moment...We really don't know."

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As the sun filters through the clouds shortly before setting, it highlights them and silhouettes part of the

Midland skyline. Staff photographer Mike Kardos captured this view from a location along Cloverdale Road, on the southeast side of the Tall City.

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Egypt raps Israeli attacks into Lebanon

By The Associated Press

Egypt today condemned Israeli attacks on Palestinian coastal strongholds in Lebanon and said the action could have a negative effect on the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The Israeli army said that all Israeli forces returned safely after two days of pounding targets near the Lebanese port of Tyre that "served as headquarters and departure point for terrorist raids in Israel."

Hundreds of families headed north from southern Lebanon fleeing the shelling, Lebanese officials said.

The Egyptian statement deplored the cycle of violence between Israel and the Palestinians, but did not condemn the Palestinian terror strike that killed four people in Nahariya Sunday and was believed to have sparked the Israeli attack.

"The government of Egypt condemns with all its strength the aggressive Israeli action which contradicts the efforts to establish a comprehensive peace in the Middle East," the statement said.

The actions "also have a negative effect on the implementation of the agreements reached regarding an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the efforts to achieve a just settlement of the Palestinian issue," it added.

The foreign ministry statement also condemned Israel's decision to establish two new settlements in the Occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

As Cairo was condemning Israel, the official Egyptian Mideast News agency said Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman would arrive in Cairo Wednesday for talks on military provisions of the treaty.

Israeli officials said, meanwhile, that Egypt and Israel would exchange ratification documents for their treaty on Wednesday as planned in the Sinai Desert.

These seemingly contradictory developments followed an Egyptian pattern established after President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977, of condemning specific Israeli actions while continuing to seek peace.

Lebanese officials said six people were killed by the Israeli shelling overnight, raising the reported toll to 13 Lebanese and Palestinian dead in northern and southern Lebanon since the guerrilla attacked on an apartment house early Sunday in the Israeli coastal town of Nahariya, five miles south of the Lebanese border.

The Israeli navy shelled a Palestinian base in the northern coastal city of Tripoli Sunday.

Buying time aim of MCAA board

By RICHARD MASON
Staff Writer

The beleaguered Midland Community Action Agency grasped for another six months of life Monday, voting to buy time by reapplying for an administrative grant which would be awarded through West Texas Opportunities Inc. in Lamesa.

The unanimous vote came after nearly two hours of discussion, which ended with the board's announced intent to bring its audited books before the Midland City Council, which previously has expressed a reluctance to participate in sponsoring the agency.

If the grant is approved by the Community Services Agency in Dallas, the organization would be given enough funding to operate another six months, at which time MCAA officials could apply for additional funding.

In the meantime, agency board members agreed Monday, they will approach City Council for sponsorship on the basis of its audited records in an attempt to remain "viable" in Midland.

"There's a possibility something could be arranged with City Council," board President Alfredo Rey said following Monday's meeting.

City representatives were among those who gave unfavorable comment to the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission in connection with MCAA's attempt to gain a \$76,000 administration grant earlier this year.

Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. consistently has declined to lend city support to the agency until two current board members resign. The agency has adopted new bylaws as the mayor's request, however.

In the meantime, a committee is scheduled to meet Thursday to review applications for the executive director's post, vacated recently by virtue of Alexandra Morris' resignation.

The MCAA board voted to apply for funding through Lamesa as a method of avoiding what Rey said he thinks is a certain veto by Texas Gov. Bill Clements if the grant were applied for through the city of Midland.

"I have not heard personally that this (the veto) will be done. These are things I've heard through Community Services Agency," Rey told the board. "They (CSA) said it (a veto) was a possibility."

Board member Charlotte Windecker said Monday she had met with

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Expense reports from candidates both in the red

Both candidates in Saturday's Place 6 school board runoff election are showing minus figures in their campaign chests, according to expense reports filed with the school district office Monday.

The reports covered expenses and contributions from March 29 through last Wednesday.

Incumbent Ed Runyan shows a negative difference of \$1,210 in his total expenses and contributions so far in the campaign, while his opponent, retired teacher Alice Greer, reported a \$136 red ink balance on her summary ledger.

Total contributions since the beginning of the school board race reflect only a \$5 difference between the two candidates, but Mrs. Greer outstripped her opponent in contributions for this reporting period.

Mrs. Greer received \$1,155 in contributions for the period, \$705 of that in amounts of under \$50 each.

Runyan, on the other hand, gathered \$795 in the 20-day span

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Pet shot program passed by county

By RICHARD MASON
Staff Writer

Following almost 60 minutes of debate, Midland County Commissioners approved an ordinance Monday which will require all dogs and cats in the county to be vaccinated once a year.

The new ordinance also gives animal control powers to the county.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on second reading with only a minor change in wording that would grant the impoundment authority to anyone designated as an animal control officer by the county.

Meanwhile, commissioners appointed Midland attorney Ted Kerr to head a committee to study county employee's salaries.

The appointment followed a Monday presentation by Kerr, who contended that county salaries have not kept pace with inflation and increasing job responsibilities over the past several years.

The animal control ordinance, which was heavily backed by local health department officials and veterinarians, was approved despite opposition to the part of the ordinance

requiring yearly vaccination.

Gale Pugh, a Midland County farmer, said the rabies vaccination he obtained for his animals is good for three years. He requested the vaccination requirement be changed from yearly to once every three years.

Pugh's proposal received support from Commissioner Charlie Welch, who said county residents generally "have a greater percentage of their dogs vaccinated."

A county resident, who declined to be identified, questioned whether the ordinance would do any good.

Hudspeth County (which is adjacent to El Paso, site of a number of rabies occurrences this year) has a similar ordinance, he said, and still has a problem with rabies.

"The problem is in wild animals, and we haven't addressed ourselves to that," the man said.

In his presentation on county employee salaries, Kerr suggested the county appoint a panel to survey wages, which he said are inadequate for the county's size.

Kerr pointed to a \$2.9 million surplus, which he said the county showed in its budget, as a resource for raises.

While county salaries had increased 66 percent over the last 10 years, inflation had increased 77 percent, Kerr said.

"We don't pay enough in my opinion," he stated.

Kerr received support from District Attorney Vern Martin, who said his office is having trouble filling a vacancy because the salary offered is lower than other areas in the state.

"I need some help," Martin said. Commissioner Durward Wright dis-

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Congress favoring windfall tax

But President Carter fears 'kickbacks' to oil companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sentiment is building in Congress for a windfall profits tax on oil revenues, but President Carter fears the ultimate beneficiaries will be the oil companies.

Carter said Monday opponents of his proposal to divert additional oil profits to new energy-related programs are trying to pull off a "charade" that will create \$4 billion to \$5 billion in more oil company profits.

The president has announced he will use his administrative authority to decontrol oil prices beginning June 1 and is urging Congress to approve a windfall profits tax to help exploit new energy sources, fund mass transit and help the poor pay rising utility and fuel bills.

His plan would levy a 50 percent tax on new revenues that result from decontrols.

The proposed tax has met with a mixed reception in the House and Senate, but Carter said opponents have begun a campaign "to hoodwink the American people by passing a windfall profits tax that is in fact a charade."

Carefully avoiding any opponents' names, Carter said in a speech before the National Academy of Sciences that he anticipates efforts to pass an amendment that would "kickback" to the companies \$4 billion to \$5 billion on top of the estimated \$6 billion they would realize in extra profits under his plan.

Such a plowback proposal would require companies to turn added profits to discovering new oil fields or developing existing reserves.

Sen. Russell Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a key influence on tax matters, has said he would favor a windfall profits levy, but only after sufficient time elapses to see how oil producers use higher profits from decontrols.

An aide to the Louisiana Democrat said the senator would not comment on Carter's speech.

Connally disagrees

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — President Carter's excess profits tax on petroleum earnings means he "either doesn't know what's going on or doesn't care because he just hates oil companies," according to presidential hopeful John B. Connally.

Connally, in Tucson to address about 600 Tucson Republicans at a Trunk 'N Tusk dinner Monday night defended big business, including the nation's oil companies, which he said are turning their growing profits into a search for more petroleum.

The nation's immediate energy needs, Connally said in a pre-dinner press conference, will still be furnished by gas, oil, coal and nuclear reactors.

In a related development, major oil companies started reporting sharp profit increases for the first three months of the year.

Exxon Corp. led the way with first-quarter earnings of \$955 million, up 37.4 percent over 1978, and Standard Oil of Indiana reported earnings of \$349.1 million, a 27.6 percent increase over last year.

Both said they profited from tight supplies of oil and gasoline, a problem precipitated by the revolution last winter in Iran.

Meanwhile, the idea of a windfall profits tax received a boost from different sides of the aisle — Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker and Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Energy Committee.

Baker said the president "can have the windfall profits tax for the asking...I'm hard-pressed to find anyone who's opposed to it."

Jackson, interpreting Carter's speech as an attack on Congress, said he would strongly support the tax proposal.

"The president should not blame Congress, however, for windfall profits to the oil companies. This is backwards," Jackson said.

If Carter is worried that Congress won't pass a windfall profits tax, Jackson said the president should delay decontrolling oil prices until the levy is approved by the House and Senate.

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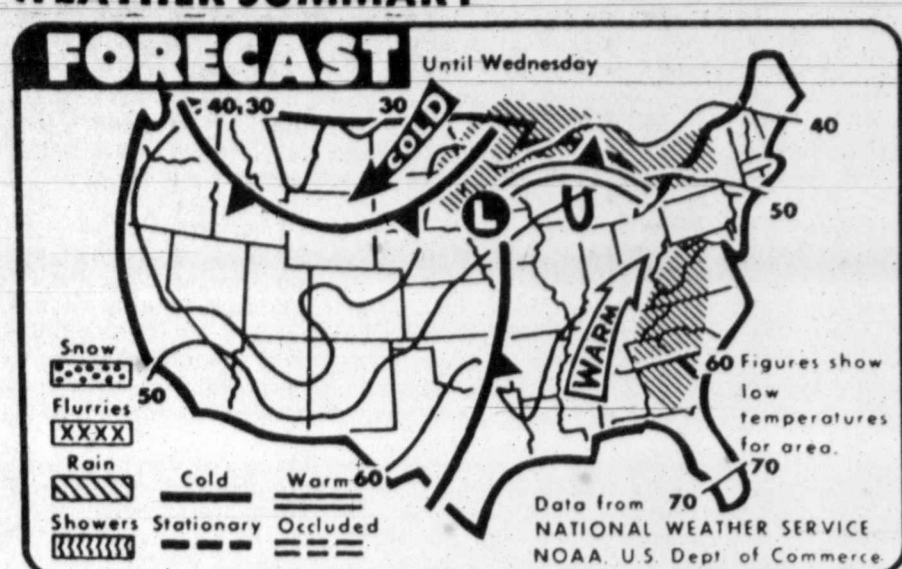
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Rain is expected today through Wednesday morning from the Dakotas across the Great Lakes to northern New York and in the East from Georgia to Maryland. Cold weather is forecast for the northern Plains but most of the nation will be mild. (AP Laser-photo Map)

More pretty weather likely in Basin area

Another beautiful day should be in store for the Permian Basin Wednesday, the weatherman said today. With a high expected in the upper 80s, almost still winds and partly cloudy skies, Wednesday looks like the perfect day to take advantage of the lengthening days to get outside. Overnight low is expected to be in the mid-50s. Tuesday wasn't bad, as spring days go. Recorded high was 75 degrees with the overnight low only 52. Record temperatures for the date are 95 degrees, set in 1965 and 37, set in 1968. No rain is mentioned in the forecast to mar the beautiful day or to top the monthly rainfall total of 1.63 inches or the annual accumulation of 2.86.

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, BIG LAKE, RANKIN, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Low tonight in the mid 50s, high Wednesday in the upper 80s. Southerly winds, 10-15 mph tonight. ANDREWS, LAMESA, BIG SPRING, STANTON FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Wednesday. Low tonight in the mid 50s, high Wednesday in the upper 80s. Southerly winds 10-15 mph tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High 75 degrees, Overnight Low 52 degrees, Sunset today 7:23 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow 6:09 a.m., Precipitation 0.0 inches, Last 24 hours 1.63 inches, 1979 to date 2.86 inches.

Table with columns for High, Low, and Precipitation for various cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Alpine, and others.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy through Wednesday warmer mid sections today. Widely scattered thunderstorms Panhandle late today and tonight. Highs low 80s. Panhandle to low 90s extreme south. Low upper 80s. Panhandle to near 90 southeast except near 80 mountains.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Considerable cloudiness east with some patchy morning fog and drizzle elsewhere partly cloudy and warm today through Wednesday. Scattered thunderstorms southwest and Panhandle this afternoon, becoming statewide Wednesday. Highs mid 70s east to mid 80s west. Lows mostly mid 50s. Highs Wednesday upper 80s southwest to near 90 east.

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The weather elsewhere

Table with columns for Tuesday High, Low, and Precipitation for cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, and others.

Extended forecasts

Thursday through Saturday
West Texas: Partly cloudy Thursday through Saturday with a chance of thunderstorms southeast and low and the weekend. A little cooler north Thursday. Highs 70s north and 80s south except 90s Big Bend. Lows 50s north and 60s south.

Border states forecasts

North Texas: Partly cloudy with occasional showers Thursday through Saturday. Chance of thunderstorms southwest and Panhandle this afternoon, becoming statewide Wednesday. Highs mid 70s east to mid 80s west. Lows mostly mid 50s. Highs Wednesday upper 80s southwest to near 90 east.

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River expected to crest soon

Jefferson County residents along the Neches River have piled more than 55,000 sandbags near their homes hoping to hold back the river's expected record crest of 12 feet today. And south of Sam Houston National Forest the Trinity River, swelling from the overflow of Lake Livingston, was expected to crest at 29 feet today. No rain was forecast until mid-week, but feeder creeks and streams in north Liberty County continued to rise. In Hardin and Jefferson Counties, however, water levels were slowly inching back to riverbeds. Muddy water still swirled through many homes in the Cook's Lake Road area near Pine Island Bayou and residents figure it will be 2 to 3 days before they can return home.

Hosts sought for performers

If you're tired of house guests who stay over for weeks and, to top it off, can't carry a tune while singing in the shower, you're finally in luck. Eighty college-age performers with the "Up With People" show are coming to Midland May 1, and are asking Midlanders to share their homes for five days while the cast and crew is in town.

MCAA applies for new grant

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Angelo, who she said told her that if the MCAA applied through Lamesa for the grant, it would provide a six-month cooling off period "to depoliticize" the agency.

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The Midland County Division of the American Heart Association installed its 1979 officers Monday night, with Patty Steward, left, taking office as president and Gene Abbott, as vice-president. Other officers include Jane Ramsoure, secretary, and Mike Bradford, treasurer. (Staff Photo)

Striking miners stage protests in two states, Washington, D.C.

STEARNS, Ky. (AP) — Stearns Mining Co. strikers protested in Kentucky, Tennessee and Washington, D.C., in opposition to a tentative contract described by some as a sellout and by union leaders as the only way to end a 33-month-old walkout. Pickets shut down at least 10 mines in Kentucky and Tennessee Monday, according to the Bituminous Coal Operators Association. Others carried signs outside United Mine Workers headquarters in Washington. Representatives of Stearns and the UMW agreed to a settlement calling for a May 3 representation election at Stearns' Justus Mine in McCreary County, where miners have been striking since July 1976. Strikers claimed there is no way the union can win a new election, because more non-strikers will be allowed to vote than strikers.

Talks resumed by rubber union

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United Rubber Workers' president is telling President Carter's inflation advisers to "get the hell out of the negotiations" as the union and Uniroyal Inc. try again to agree on a new contract. URW President Peter Bommarito and company officials were to meet here today for their first face-to-face bargaining session since last week when the union canceled indefinitely plans to strike the tire maker.

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Expanded world trade

When the Tokyo Round of international trade negotiations was launched in 1973, the prospects for an extension of free trade policies were not particularly bright.

In the United States, Western Europe and Japan, political support for diminished protectionism was fading at somewhat the same rate of the economic boom of the 1960s was running out of steam.

In the years since, inflation, soaring energy prices, recession, and unstable currency markets have disrupted economies throughout the non-Communist world. Indeed, there were times when negotiators feared they could not preserve the 45 percent tariff reductions brought about by the Kennedy Round of trade talks in 1967.

Viewed against this background, the negotiations which began in Tokyo and concluded recently in Geneva have provided some surprising gains for free trade and expanded world commerce.

Tariffs have been further reduced by an average of approximately 33 percent in the 99 nations participating in the Tokyo Round. Agreements on reducing non-tariff trade barriers may prove even more significant.

During the last decade, governments have erected some 900 different types of non-tariff trade barriers ranging from arbitrary customs valuations to discriminatory technical standards for imported manufacturing products. Many of these barriers now will be removed.

For the American economy, these agreements pose both opportunities and challenges.

The rich bounty of American agriculture will enjoy greater access to Japanese and Western European markets heretofore protected by tariffs and other restrictions which made many U.S. farm exports non-competitive.

Texas, for instance, should benefit from increased exports of its wide variety of agricultural products, including vegetables, citrus fruits, cotton and other farm produce. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown has been working hard to increase farm exports ever since taking office. Hopefully, the new agreements will work to the Lone Star State's advantage.

The agreements also call for the

elimination of government subsidies to encourage exports of manufactured goods, a practice widespread in Japan and in some Western European countries. An end to export subsidies would significantly ease unfair competitive pressures on a number of major U.S. industries.

But of course, lowered trade barriers must be reciprocal to be effective. The agreements mandate a reduction in U.S. trade tariffs of about 30-35 percent. In affected industries, these lower trade barriers will heighten competitive demands on labor and management to increase production through improved efficiency and technological innovation.

There are, to be sure, potential snags in all of this. The agreement initiated in Geneva must win legislative approval in those nations where such ratification is required, including the United States. And even assuming that the world's major trading nations ratify these complex arrangements, much will depend on how well the provisions actually are implemented.

Moreover, protectionist sentiment could compel some governments to search anew for ways to short circuit the agreements through new forms of trade restrictions. This is all part of the ball game, so to speak. World trade negotiations are tricky and unpredictable at best. They always have been.

But despite the potential pitfalls, the Tokyo Round has produced an historic package of trade agreements that promises to extend the gains achieved in the Kennedy Round a decade ago. Based on America's need for expanded world trade, it would appear that these agreements merit the support of Congress and the American people.

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"One kind of coward is the one who keeps quiet when he knows what should be said."

INSIDE REPORT:

Belated U.S. response to Soviets effective in Yemen

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

SAANA, North Yemen — The temporary checkmate of South Yemen, Moscow's client state and its only foothold on the crucially important Arabian peninsula, has placed the Soviet Union in a tight bind for which President Carter can claim some credit.

Carter's dispatch to this country — the most primitive in the Middle East — of costly military equipment was a belated but powerful American response to the Soviet offensive in many regions surrounding Saudi Arabia and its oil treasures. But an equal, possibly superior reason for South Yemen's deceptive new spirit of accommodation with its neighbor to the north, temporarily checkmating its ambitions, is that it fits Soviet grand strategy within the Arab world.

The strange fact here is that the U.S. and militant Arab states have a precisely similar objective: prevent Marxist South Yemen from trying to take over pro-American North Yemen and its capital city here in Saana.

The truce between the two Yemens was strongly urged on South Yemen, the aggressor, by Syria and Iraq, working in tandem with pro-American Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states. Moscow, which has employed Cubans, East Germans and Ethiopians in South Yemen's terror campaign against North Yemen, had an agonizing choice once the Iraqis, Syrians and Saudis joined forces to stop the border war.

That choice: Alienate Saudi Arabia (which has been making faint over-



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tures to Moscow as a result of the changing balance of world power) and Soviet friends Syria and Iraq by continuing the war; or step on the toes of the pro-Soviet Marxists in its client state of South Yemen by ordering the border war ended.

The realists in the Kremlin did not take long over that one. The war stopped dead in its tracks, for the time being, and the American military supplies now piling up near the airport here have not yet been put to any use beyond training.

To avoid its embarrassing choice, Soviet military and political agents had been working overtime for months in this northern capital city with its unpaved roads, trying to persuade the weak government that its future lies with Moscow.

"You cannot understand the pressure we have been under," Yahya Jaghman, ace diplomatic troubleshooter in the North Yemen government, told us in a cool, high-ceilinged room of his new house on the outskirts of the dilapidated capital. "They offered to us that we send our soldiers to Russia where they would

be trained by Arabic-speaking Soviet military experts on how to use Russian weapons. Then our men would return here with their new equipment."

But Jaghman and the North Yemen government turned down all such Soviet overtures. They knew that what Moscow wanted was eventual unification of the two Yemens under Soviet dominance. A united Yemen, far larger in population than Saudi Arabia (and on whose labor force the Saudis depend for workers in their oil fields), would be a dagger pointed at the Saudi heart. With such a threat Saudi Arabia might become amenable to sharing its oil with the Soviet Union in the '80s, when Moscow for the first time will be shopping the world over for crude oil.

The "unification" agreement reached on March 30 by the two Yemens is not worth much more than the paper it is written on. Western authorities here agree with government leaders that it will not last very long.

What happens if and when the agreement collapses is anybody's guess. The significance of the two Yemens is less the unpredictable future than the extraordinary effect that their border war, and the South's failure to quickly win it, has had on the Soviet-master plan for the Middle East.

That plan now points to Moscow playing the lead in exploiting Arab anger at the new U.S.-inspired treaty between Egypt and Israel. Successfully shut out of the fast-moving Middle East political drama ever since Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to

Jerusalem, the Russians are looking for ways to jump back in by widening the division between Egypt and other Arab states.

Promoting what amounts to civil war here between the two Yemens does not at all fit this long-range Soviet plan. Indeed, if the South continued the war — possible only with Soviet approval — Moscow would become dangerously exposed as operating against the interest of the Arab world.

In prospect, then, is a no-peace, no-war situation here. The Russians have once again proved how little value a client state has when it interferes with larger Soviet designs; and the Americans have proved for the first time under Carter that the dispatch of military equipment in a timely manner can have immediate impact on the strength of the American position. For a small border war, those are big lessons to be learned.

CHARLEY REESE

Young soldier wants you to know about your army

By CHARLEY REESE
Sun Belt Syndicate

ORLANDO, Fla. — If you were casting a movie, you would have this young man play the kid in some more famous actor's platoon. He is tall and slender and with the classic American features: the jutting chin, straight nose and clear eyes.

In reality, he is a soldier and typical, I think, of the young Americans who have defended this country since Colonial Days. He is smart, but not academically inclined; idealistic, but not verbal about it; action-oriented, proud and bold.

He is the very type of young American who frustrated British regulars and Hessian mercenaries and who outfought German and Japanese militarists and without whom we shall not survive the age of Russian imperialism.

This boy has a message for you, the American people, and he has asked me to pass it along. I won't tell you his name or his unit but he is real and his message is accurate.

He was home on convalescent leave and he called me because something I had written made him think I would understand what he wanted to say.

"Sir, if the American people knew how bad things are in the army, they'd be scared to death," he said. "We have got to have a draft. The volunteer army's not working."

This young man and his friends had joined the army after high school.



Charley Reese

They chose the airborne. When he was in an airborne division and later a Ranger outfit, he was fairly confident. These are elite units of double-volunteers. They functioned the way he had anticipated the army would. The training was hard and the discipline was tough.

Injuries, however, forced him into a regular infantry division and he discovered "a whole new army." Discipline is poor. Living quarters often look like pig pens. Training is lackadaisical. The attitude of most of the soldiers is to do as little as possible. The unit is 49 percent black and the command structure seems so fearful of being accused of racism that it leans over backwards in the other direction.

"I don't think I'm prejudiced," he said. "There are blacks in the airborne and Rangers and they are good soldiers. I think these guys in this outfit could be good soldiers, too, if they were given the training and the leadership."

"But they're not. I'm in an anti-tank missile unit. Because we are so outnumbered by the Warsaw Pact forces, we're supposed to score almost 100 percent hits if we go into combat. But I've been in this unit for 19 months and we haven't fired one missile. The Army claims they can't afford it, but I think they're spending money on the wrong things."

"At this point, the enlisted men live in what I call condominiums — two guys to a unit with a private bath. I guess they're trying to make it easy to recruit, but they're recruiting the wrong types. I'd be afraid to go into combat with these guys. They're not trained and they're not motivated. I'm getting out as soon as my enlistment is up and a lot of guys are doing the same thing. The army is losing the people who want to soldier and keeping the guys who want a soft life. I call it a welfare army."

What this young man is saying is the same thing I hear from others — retired generals and admirals and officers and non-commissioned officers still on active duty or just released. It coincides with the findings of a study done by Rep. Robin Beard of Tennessee who interviewed over 1,000 officers and enlisted men.

It would be a mistake to see it as a racial problem from either perspective. It is not. No less a liberal than Sen. Ted Kennedy warned that an all volunteer army would end up being a ghetto army and only a fool would imagine that youngsters from the poorest and most alienated segment of society could be easily motivated to make the supreme sacrifice in defense of a nation many of them must view as having rejected them.

In our affluent society, the volunteer concept doesn't work. The job of any army is to kill and destroy the enemy and to be able to do that it must train hard and it must operate under a rigid form of discipline. The army is not the civil service nor a summer job camp nor a cheap way to travel nor a vocational training school and yet the pressure to fill the slots is forcing it to pretend to be and is diverting money which should be spent on training and weapons.

The peacetime desertion rate is at an all-time high. Drug use and disciplinary problems are at record levels. The prospect of combat presents a nightmarish picture of large scale desertion and of death to those who stay and attempt to fight superior forces with inadequate numbers, inadequate training, inadequate equipment and inadequate leadership.

By making the politically easy decisions, we are in effect committing murder in advance and risking the nation's survival. One young American soldier wants you to know that.

IT HAPPENED HERE

— 30 YEARS AGO (Apr. 24, 1949): A.N. Hendrickson, Midland County Savings Bond chairman, Saturday announced the appointment of John P. Butler as chairman of the Treasury Department's "Opportunity Drive," May 16 through June 30.

BIBLE VERSE

But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. — Luke 23:21.

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by Brickman

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DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Acne distresses numerous youths

Dear Reader: Because of the great number of letters I receive from teenagers concerning acne, I will bring you up to date about it.

If an adolescent boy or girl were asked to name the most troublesome physical affliction, chances are good that he or she would point to acne as public enemy number one.

From a narrow medical viewpoint, acne is not a serious disease. No one dies from it and no one gets very sick because of it.

Fortunately, treatment for acne is available, with the specific therapy determined on an individual basis.

Today, if a teen-ager's acne seems to flare up when he or she consumes chocolate or nuts or whatever, the physician may suggest its elimination from the diet.

The most important element of treatment is topical therapy. Soap and water, while not to be minimized, may not be sufficient where acne

already exists. For these patients, the physician may prescribe a lotion, cream, or gel which contains sulphur, salicylic acid, or benzoyl peroxide.

Low doses of antibiotics may also be prescribed. Their use helps control the growth of bacteria in the follicular canals, the tiny tubes that open to the surface of the skin, and reduces the amount of fatty acids in the sebaceous glands.

The treatment of scarring due to acne should be left to a qualified physician; otherwise, additional scarring may result.

While acne may, indeed, improve with the passage of time, its potential for physical and emotional scarring strongly suggests that treatment measures be instituted without delay.

Dear Dr. Solomon: What seasoning can be used while on your diet?—N.S.

Dear N. S.: Almost any seasoning except salt. Spices, herbs, pepper, paprika, garlic, chives, scallions, dry mustard, cinnamon, lemon juice and vinegar are all excellent seasonings.

(If you have a medical problem, see your doctor. If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

BRIDGE

You can't be too cautious in play

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

You can never be too thin, too rich or too cautious in the way you play a slam. Still, even readers of this column might miss the right play today.

South dealer Both sides vulnerable

NORTH ♠ J874 ♥ K98 ♦ 10 ♣ AJ762 WEST ♠ Q10652 ♥ 653 ♦ None ♣ KQ1098 EAST ♠ 93 ♥ 42 ♦ QJ98743 ♣ 43

SOUTH ♠ AK ♥ AQJ107 ♦ AK652 ♣ 5 South West North East 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♦ Pass 5♣ Pass 5♣ Pass 6♥ All Pass Opening lead — ♣ K

The actual declarer took the ace of clubs and led dummy's diamond to the ace. "Where are you going with that trick?" West asked as he ruffed. And West returned a trump.

South makes the slam by refusing to win the first diamond. Even if East returns a trump South has only two losing diamonds and two trumps in the dummy to take care of them.

It takes only a few minutes to learn that you can win a trick with the ace of a suit; and ten years to learn when not to play that ace.

Partner opens with one notrump (16 to 18 points), and the next player passes. You hold: S-93; H-42; D-QJ98743; C-43. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Partner will probably leave you alone to go down quietly. If he bids two notrump, you will bid three diamonds to make your first message even clearer.

Viets shell fleeing Cambodians

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Vietnamese artillery fired into tens of thousands of Cambodians trekking south in long columns along the frontier inside Thailand today, border officials said.

The Thai officials said more than 60 rounds fell into the Cambodians loyal to ousted Premier Pol Pot. They said they believed there were casualties but could not confirm this immediately.

The Cambodians, carrying belongings on their backs or in ox carts, began moving out of Klong Had village on a 10-mile trek to the Thai border village of Tap Prik this morning when the shelling began.

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Rhodesia voting fraud charged by candidate

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — The uneasy alliance of Rhodesia's three moderate black leaders collapsed today under the pressure of election reverses as the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, trailing badly in first returns, charged "gross irregularities" and demanded an investigation.

A few hours after declaring that the five-day election last week expressed the "will of 2 million people," Sithole accused the Internal Affairs Ministry of "stage-managing" the voting. He said his party, the domestic branch of the Zimbabwe African National Union, will not consider the results "the verdict of the people" until his charges are investigated.

He said he had reports "from black and white farmers, black teachers and civil servants" that the department "instructed people what party to vote for at polling booths."

There was no immediate comment from Bishop Abel Muzorewa or Chief Jeremiah Chirau, the other black leaders of the biracial transition government and Sithole's rivals to become Rhodesia's first black prime minister.

The first official election returns were to be announced today, but unofficial results put Muzorewa's United African National Congress ahead in Salisbury, with Chirau's United Zimbabwe People's Organization second and Sithole's party third.

Muzorewa was also reported leading in Bulawayo, Rhodesia's second city.

Migrant plan input sought

The public is being given the opportunity to comment on the 1980 State Plan for Migrant Students for fiscal year 1980.

Two copies of the plan are available now at the Regional Education Service Center at Midland Regional Airport for review and comment.

Interested persons may review the plan at the service center office or make a copy of the plan at their own expense if they so desire.

Comments must be mailed before May 14 to the Texas Education Agency, Frank Contreras, director, Division of Compensatory and Migrant Education, 201 E. 11th St., Austin, 78701.

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By JULIE OCHSNER, ROBIN BENNETT & CINDY CANFIELD

Well, Rebs. Balmey nights, cool hedges, beautiful girls, lots of leg and sand, sand, sand.

describes the fantastic Senior Girl's Party '79! Aside from a few problems (such as palm trees falling over, and tiki torches that would not light) it really went well. The decorations looked great so: Laura Erdmann and Kathleen Gilles—congratulations! (Sorry about your lei!) A big thank you goes to the chaperones who gave their time and patience and who were really cool! Also, a big thanks to Clyde Fisher for the beautiful crepe paper streamers! And to Mrs. Neal and the rest of the Rebel moms—thanks for the "sobering up breakfast!"

Our TERRIFIC TRACKERS are on their way to REGIONALS! It will be next weekend on the Texas Tech track at Lubbock, so come on out and support our Cindermen! We wish them good luck and first at the finish!

Our great REBEL BATMEN took on those crazy, crummy, Cooper Cougars Saturday on the Lee Diamond. Our guys showed those cats who was boss by a 3-2 victory. The next game will be at our diamond once more as they face the Baby Big Spring Steers.

Our jubilant J.V. won the Midland Junior Varsity Baseball Tournament this past weekend by smashing those Pansy Puppies from MHS 11-6. Way to go, J.V.!

Well, as you know, the Senior Women in Junior Council traveled to Padre over our Easter break and we would just like to say "It was an experience we will never forget." A great big "We Love You and Thanks" to Mr. Collins for taking us! See ya there next year?

The Rebelette Banquet has been set. New Officers and honors squad will be announced at Ranchland Hills Country Club at 7 p.m. May 3.

Every Rebellette is urged to be there. Tickets are on sale for \$5 each in Miss Maxson's Room 401 and Miss Turner's Room 475. Get a date (if you want) and come on out. We want you!

The Spring Sports Banquet also has been set. It will be May 10 in the Lee cafeteria. This great banquet will honor those dedicated athletes for our great school as well as two special ones for Boys and Girls Outstanding Athlete.

This Saturday, this year's Varsity Cheerleaders will hold another clinic for interested future cheerleaders. It will be from 9 a.m. to noon in the Lee cafeteria and the cost is \$3. All ages from elementary through high school are invited to come on out and learn cheers, chants jumps and stunts. See ya there!

B.C. COMMENTS: ABOUT PADRE—To sum it up—"Some sunned and funned, while others burned and yearned."

TO THE JUNIOR COUNCIL—there will be a very important meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday. This meeting is to elect officers for next year, so the meeting will include our 100 Club members who have made Junior Council. (Names are posted in the Y.C.) We will have a new work schedule beginning on May 7, so our workers will be picked from those present. It is imperative that ALL BE PRESENT (for obvious reasons) plus we will be getting acquainted with some of the members of the "Up With People" cast. You will enjoy that. Don't miss this very important meeting—7 p.m. Thursday, April 26.

TO THE 100 CLUB: If your name is not on the list for Junior Council, and you think it should be, please come talk to me, because inadvertently, there will be omis-

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