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## Some fires in control; others burn

The Associated Press

Aided by a drop in temperatures, firefighters controlled or contained almost half the fires which have consumed 100,000 acres of California brush and timber land. But U.S. Forest Service officials warn there are weeks of dirty work ahead.

"We'll do whatever we can to help," Vice President Walter Mondale told reporters in Los Angeles after flying over the area while on a speaking tour. However, he was noncommittal about federal disaster relief following the 16 blazes which have destroyed 51 homes.

"It looks like they're getting the fires under control," he said.

Mondale viewed the fires as temperatures dropped and humidity levels rose, welcome signs to firefighters who have been on fire lines for more than a week.

"But a little rest is all we can count on right now," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Dave Davis. "There are weeks of dirty, mile-by-mile work ahead, reseeded and cold-trailing every one of these fires. And of course, there's always the chance of new trouble..."



Exhausted firefighters watch as a C-130 airtanker makes a fire retardant drop on a brushfire which only minutes before burned several thousand feet of their hose. At least 15 firefighters continue to battle the fires. (AP Laserphoto)

## Allison Cancer Center over major hurdle

Spokesman says Odessa hospital no longer opposes facility

By SUSAN TOTH  
Staff Writer

Midland Memorial Hospital officials will have to wait until Monday for the result of their Thursday night hearing before the project review committee of the Health Services Agency, but they already know they've overcome their major obstacle to the construction of the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center.

Sam Glenney, administrator of Odessa's Medical Center Hospital, told members of the committee,

whose findings from the certificate of need hearing Thursday night will be presented to the HSA governing body Monday, that the Odessa facility is no longer directly opposed to the Midland facility.

The Odessa hospital's contention that the center as originally planned merely duplicated facilities already available at Medical Center Hospital was a major stumbling block to granting the certificate.

A certificate of need must be issued by the Texas Health Facilities Commission in Austin before the proposed facility can be built, and the local

HSA findings will carry considerable weight in the state agency's consideration of the matter.

Medical Center went on record as opposed to the facility in June and forced a rehearing of the already-approved application because the project review committee had not followed proper procedures.

The night the matter was to be re-heard, however, Midland hospital officials asked to delay the hearing until they could make "substantial amendments to the application."

THE AMENDMENTS, recom-

mended by nationally known cancer treatment equipment consultant H.O. McKinzie, more than doubled the cost of the proposed facility, but brought it up to true Level II cancer treatment standards.

New equipment asked for in the amended application includes 6 and 20 megavolt linear accelerators — "the state of the art in cancer management at this time," according to MMH officials — a therapy simulator, basically an x-ray machine that delineates the size, shape and location of a tumor so the radiation can be properly aimed; and a treatment plan-

ning computer which will allow the center to house a regional tumor registry and perform a number of other functions, McKinzie noted.

Odessa's cancer treatment facility utilizes a cobalt machine in operation in the city since 1971.

While acknowledging the Midland center as amended will provide more sophisticated treatment than that available in Odessa, Glenney stressed Medical Center has no intention of giving up its facilities and, in fact, plans to update and improve on them

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## Mishap kills Midland man

A 17-year-old Midland man was killed late Thursday afternoon in a unusual accident, according to police.

Police were called to a house at 1210 W. Kentucky Ave. at 4:41 p.m. Thursday in reference to an accident.

When they arrived, they found an ambulance crew attending to Paul S. Wiger, 17, 204 Douglas Ave.

Wiger was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead later.

A witness at the Kentucky Avenue address told police he and Wiger were working on a garage door at the time of the accident.

According to police reports, the witness said Wiger kicked the spring and a piece of angle-iron bar and the bar came loose. Wiger then fell in the upswinging path of the angle iron, according to reports.

Wiger did not regain consciousness or normal breathing after the accident, police said.

Peace Justice Robert Pine was called in connection with the case, but made no ruling.

A physician indicated the blow to Wiger's neck by the angle-iron bar was the cause of death, according to police reports.

## U.S., Mexico agree on sales of gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Mexico, after two years of negotiations, have reached an agreement for the sale of Mexican natural gas to U.S. pipeline firms, State Department officials said today.

The announcement of the agreement was scheduled for this afternoon. The initial price of the gas will be \$3.625 per thousand cubic feet, said the sources, who declined to be identified. The price will rise in the future, based on an index that ties it to the price of fuel oil.

Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher reached the agreement in a trip to Mexico City this week, spurred by Carter administration desire to complete it in time for the visit to Washington next week of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo.

The purchase price of the Mexican gas is well above the current American market price of about \$2.25, but it is also considerably below what Mexico originally wanted.

However, the Mexicans did manage

to peg the price of gas to the ever-rising cost of oil.

Originally, Mexico wanted the price tied to the cost of high-grade heating oil delivered to New York. The equivalence is calculated by determining how much gas would be required to match the potential heating power of a barrel of oil.

Under that formula, officials say, Mexican gas would be priced at about \$4.95 per thousand cubic feet.

## Oil spill agreement due, says consul

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Mexican consul Victor Romero Lopetegui says he believes Mexico and the United States will work out a friendly agreement about the Campeche oil spill, including money from Mexico.

Romero Lopetegui was quoted by the Austin American-Statesman today.

He is assigned as Mexican consul in Austin. The nation also has consulates in other Texas cities.

Romero Lopetegui plans to meet with Gov. Bill Clements after the governor returns from his trade mission to Eastern Europe and Russia.

"By that time, I think the problem will be solved," the consul said, referring to Mexico's efforts to halt the flow of oil from the Ixtoc I well that blew out in June.

As to handling damage from the spill to Texas, "We can solve that problem in a friendly manner," the newly assigned consul said. "I'm sure Mexico will be helping financially."

Other Mexican officials, however, have taken the position that Mexico owes nothing to the United States or Texas.

be less expensive grade called residual oil.

The initial quantities of gas piped in from Mexico will be small. But officials say they view the agreement as important because it establishes the rules for U.S. access to the Mexican gas reserves, which are believed to be potentially among the largest in the world.

Oil spill damage claims against SEDCO Inc., and two Mexican com-

panies now total \$355 million.

Several Padre Island rental property owners filed a \$100 million claim Thursday in a federal class action suit, the third major damage suit to be filed here.

Named as defendants were SEDCO; Pemex, Mexico's national oil company, and Permargo, a Mexican drilling contractor.

Claimants are Troy Giles of Island Services, Paul and Rane Rosamond of Padre Rental and Maintenance, and Randy and Mary Edington of Capri Motel.

A SEDCO drilling rig was being used June 3 when a Pemex oil well blew out in the Bay of Campeche. Oil still is flowing from the well and quantities have washed ashore along Padre Island beaches.

A group of Texas fishermen earlier filed a \$155 million claim and taxing agencies in Hidalgo and Cameron counties filed a \$100 million claim.

U.S. District Judge Robert O'Connor has set an Oct. 23 deadline for filing such claims.

## Texans fear they will be victims of crime

AUSTIN (AP) — A university poll shows that more than half of Texas' residents — "punishment oriented" and dissatisfied with the courts — fear they will be victims of crime within the next year.

Fifty-seven percent of the persons responding to the Texas Crime Poll said they believed they would soon become crime victims. Seventy-three percent of the 1,463 respondents said Texas courts are "too easy" on criminals.

And just about half the respondents said their police and sheriff's departments are doing less-than-good jobs. The other half, however, think they are doing "good" or "excellent" jobs.

The numbers were compiled by the Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Center. Randomly selected Texans answered the questions in autumn 1978, and the results were released this week.

"Respondents hold marked fear for their personal safety outside their homes at night. Many are even afraid to walk alone within one block of their own home at night," according to the poll.

Fifty-four percent said they were afraid to walk alone at night in areas within a mile of their homes. Twenty-six percent said they were afraid to venture out even within a block of their homes.

The recent poll was the third conducted by the center. The results were not

markedly different from the previous studies. Fifty percent continue to believe the crime situation is getting worse.

Questions about the court system showed a "definitive dissatisfaction" with some parts of the process.

The responses showed 73 percent felt the courts are "too easy" on criminals. Eighty-seven percent called for revised laws that would allow jurors to be told about the parole system and how soon a prisoner might be released.

Sixty-two percent called for jurors to decide punishment rather than judges.

Under current law defendants may request the jury to recommend punishment, but Texas judges are not required to follow the recommendation.

A large majority — 72 percent — called for the abolition of insanity pleas in felony cases. Ninety percent said persons convicted of violent crimes should be denied probation.

"The responses of this survey suggest that the residents of Texas continue to be punishment oriented, as opposed to rehabilitation oriented," the researchers stated.

Over four-fifths of the respondents favored capital punishment. Some favored the death penalty for crimes including arson, kidnapping and armed robbery.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected until Saturday morning from northern Alabama and Georgia to southern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and southern New York.

Midland statistics

Fair through Saturday. No important temperature changes. Low tonight in the upper 50s. Winds variable at 15 to 10 mph.

Table with columns for time (6 a.m., 7 a.m., etc.) and temperature (56, 55, 55, etc.).

The weather elsewhere

Table listing cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, etc., with corresponding weather forecasts.

Texas thermometer

Table listing Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, Alpine, etc., with high and low temperature forecasts.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Fair through Saturday except partly cloudy Panhandle today. Cooler north today. Highs in the 80s except near 90 along the Rio Grande.

Extended forecasts

Sunday through Tuesday: West Texas: Generally fair with warm afternoons and mild nights. Highs in the 80s except 90s Big Bend.

Two Midland stations cited for gas pricing violations

By BILL MODISSETT Staff Writer

Two service stations in Midland and two in Odessa have been cited for violations of the retail gasoline pricing regulations, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

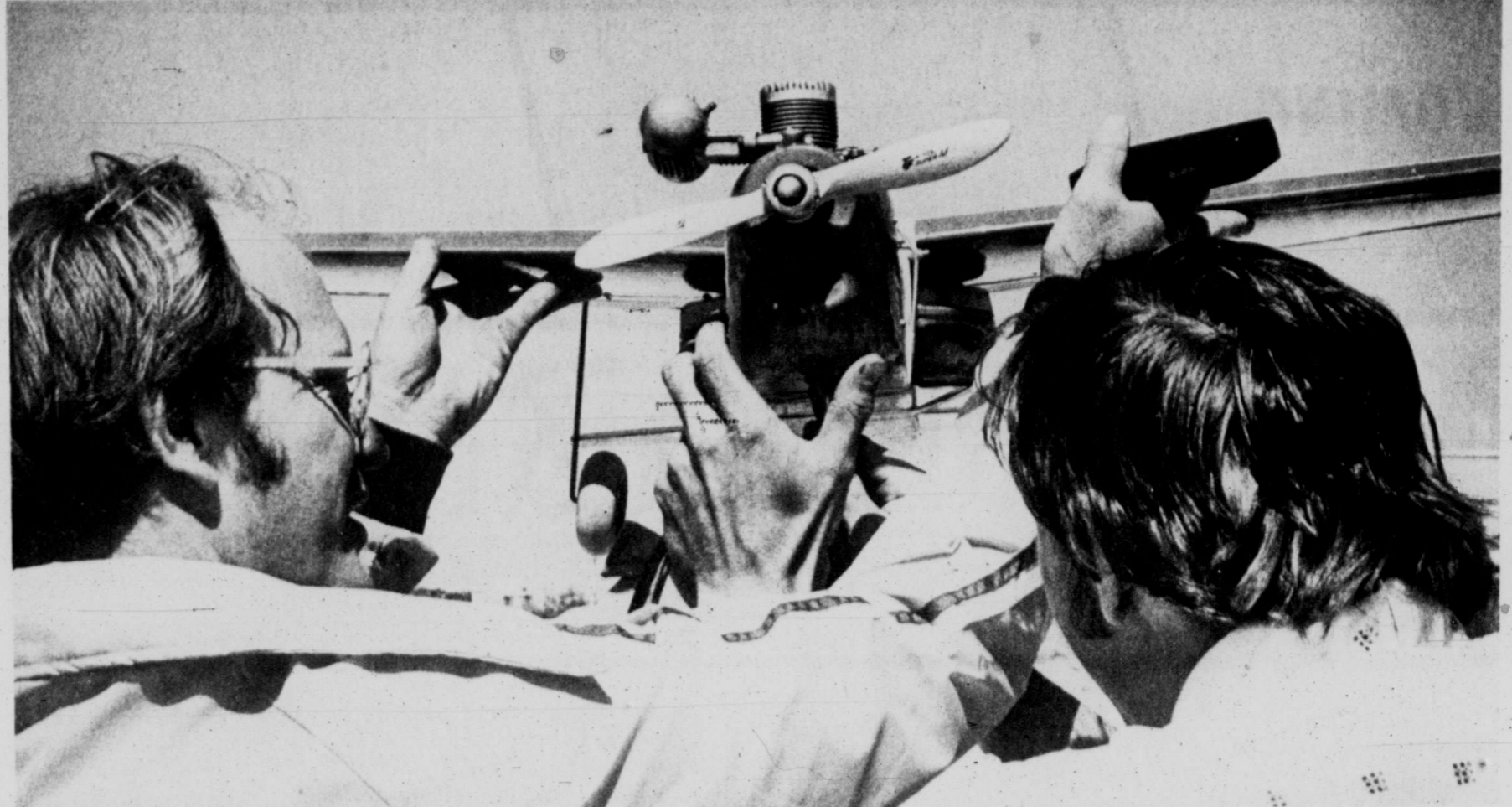
Davis defense opens campaign against Priscilla

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Defense attorneys have opened their campaign to link Priscilla Davis to an elaborate scheme they say was used to frame defendant Cullen Davis.

Lead defense attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes told jurors in opening arguments Thursday he intends to prove Priscilla was unhappy with the way her divorce settlement with Davis was shaping up, and that was her motive for framing him.

Priscilla, 38, responded tersely to Haynes' questions, often pausing before answering. She said she was only vaguely aware of the legal actions in her divorce suit during the summer of 1978.

"Were you aware of a correspondence between your counsel and the counsel for Mr. Davis concerning a possible settlement, at least of the property issues?" Haynes asked.



Robert Mitchell, left, and Buddy Brown of Warfield Truck Stop, west of Midland along Interstate 20. The team placed first in the Fort Worth-Midland leg of the 1979 Trans-Am R/C Relay Race sponsored by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Trans-Am mini-planes make pit stop in Midland

By ED TODD Staff Writer

Like other airplane buffs, Lillian Hood scanned the cloudy blue sky and searched for the sight and sound of airplanes. She spotted a loner. "Is it a real one or is it a little plaything?" she asked as she looked northwesterly.

And so, too, were the "little playthings" that can fly and crash just as well as the big aircraft that carry people. Mrs. Hood was scanning for radio-controlled model airplanes participating in the seventh leg of the cross-continent Trans-Am R/C Relay Race sponsored by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Three high-wing aircraft, each laden with a quart of fuel, were en route from Fort Worth to the Warfield Truck Stop, a few miles west of Midland, at noon Thursday at ground speeds of 55 mph. It was a slow speed for the planes, which normally fly almost half again as fast.

MOST OF THE MODEL airplanes made it in safely. One didn't. Meanwhile, AMA officials and on-lookers such as Mrs. Hood were awaiting the first landing. The landing strip would be on a dusty, rocky area just behind the parking lot at the truck stop.

"IT WAS ONE (airplane)" which made the coast-to-coast flight, he said, "but we had to use parts of two. Part of one is what made it all the way." The airplane's basic engine was a .40-cubic inch prop drive, but Rich switched to a more powerful .6-cubic inch when the aircraft got whipped around by the gusty Southwestern cross-winds.

Southeast Texas residents return to flooded homes

HOUSTON (AP) — Southeast Texas, inundated three times in two months, began drying out today although runoff flooding was reported in several streams.

As residents returned from emergency shelters to their flooded homes, officials began to attempt to estimate the damage from the latest flooding. There were no injuries, but 3,000 persons in Houston alone were evacuated from their homes and many streets and highways were closed.

Widespread flooding was expected to continue along the San Jacinto River north of Houston. Officials predicted the east fork would crest near 20 feet, 7 feet above normal, at Cleveland late today, while the west fork would hit 23 feet, 4 feet over its regular level, near Conroe. The officials said Cypress Creek north of Houston was expected to crest at about 30 feet, 8 feet above its overflow level.

An estimated 15,000 persons were evacuated from their homes when Claudette dumped up to 25 inches of rain on parts of southeast Texas. More evacuations followed Sept. 1 as another storm, Elena, moved ashore with heavy rain and lightning. Gov. Bill Clements estimated Claudette caused damages in southeast Texas totaling \$750 million.

Fair days, cool nights may continue

Tonight will be a repeat of last night as far as the weather goes: Just a tad chilly. And Saturday's weather should imitate today's fair skies and temperature readings in the mid-80s, according to the weatherman.

Committee finding on center to be presented Monday

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whenever possible. He also expressed concern that Medical Center had been cast as a villain because of its earlier opposition to the MMH application.

"UNFORTUNATELY, ... Medical Center Hospital has been cast as obstructionist and as being opposed to improvements in cancer therapy. Much to the contrary, Medical Center Hospital is totally dedicated to improving health care for West Texans whenever and wherever possible," Glenney said.

"In my opinion," he added, "the law of the land, specifically Public Law 93-641, is the culprit in this affair." Public Law 93-641 sets federal guidelines for minimum patient loads in various medical facilities to prevent duplication of services.

Under the provisions of that law, Glenney noted, the HSA could decide later there were not enough cancer patients to warrant two cancer treatment facilities and force one of the two to close.

MMH officials for their part had no intention of seeking an end to the Odessa cobalt treatment facility, according to Mickey Cappadonna, head of a regional task force formed to help amend the application and acquire the certificate of need.

Rather than deleting already existing facilities, Cappadonna said, MMH officials were solely concerned with building the regional facility to provide cancer treatment at home for many of those patients who now must go to Dallas, Houston or San Antonio for advanced therapy.

That need was brought home to him, he said, during a trip to consult with officials at Houston's M.D. Anderson Hospital earlier this year.

"told us to get out there and build that cancer center to get Mom and Pop out of these campers and back home where they belong."

The committee's findings will be presented to the governing body of the HSA at 5 p.m. Monday. The committee report and a recommendation from the governing body will be sent to the Health Facilities Commission in Austin, where the public hearing process will be repeated Nov. 26.

The Texas Health Facilities Commission is charged with preventing duplication of services in the state. Midland hospital officials are asking that a decision be made this year to allow maximum tax advantages to Midlander Helon Y. Allison, who has promised a \$2 million donation to fund the building of the facility.

Part of that gift already has been given to the hospital district and is in the bank drawing interest, district president Ed Magruder noted. The remaining \$500,000 gift is contingent on approval of the certificate of need.

The remaining \$1.49 million to equip the facility is being funded through warrants or 10-year loans from Midland banks. The notes are backed by the district's tax money, Cappadonna said, "but I don't think a penny of tax money will be spent on this."

The board of governors of the Midland Memorial Foundation has said it would raise the money to pay off the notes as they become due or even before they come due, he added.

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# Critical times demand return to fundamentals, says retired admiral

A retired admiral Thursday called for a return to fundamental American values in order to stem what he termed "critical times" facing the United States.

George Anderson, former chief of naval operations and ambassador to Portugal, called upon the American people to elect leaders who "would take measures to see that our ideals are preserved for posterity."

Anderson made his statements during the regular weekly meeting of the Midland Downtown Rotary Club.

The former military man compared the position of the U.S. today to that of Britain following the evacuation of Dunkirk in World War II.

The country has been placed there, he contended, by a series of foreign policy mistakes made by civilian officials in control of the country's military forces.

"While I endorse control of civilians over our military, I abhor the mistakes of our civilian leadership," the political conservative said.

Anderson said those mistakes could be traced from prior to World War II on up through the Carter Administration and the SALT II treaty.

"The record (of foreign policy) is not good. The record is not good in my opinion with reference to SALT," he said.

The former military man lamented the decline in what he termed American values.

"It's a tragedy that a situation has developed in our country where too few people in the United States today recognize the enduring objectives of United States government," he said.

Those objectives are "to provide for a common defense, promote the general welfare and ensure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity," he said.

"We've got to come back to the fundamentals established by our forefathers," he concluded.

Anderson said the way to do that was to elect leaders who would represent the wishes of the American people.

Anderson said the ideal representative would be resistant to "ethnic and foreign policy pressures dominated by sources abroad."

Those leaders would also reduce expenditures on welfare and social security, and abolish government controls over the free enterprise system.

His comments on free enterprise drew applause from the Rotarians.

Anderson is currently chairman of the board for Lamar Outdoor Advertising. The company, which uses billboards to advertise, has offices across the South and in Midland.



"We've got to come back to the fundamentals established by our forefathers." — Adm. (Ret.) George Anderson

# Florence the baby whale improved, but still in trouble

SEATTLE (AP) — The whale, estimated to be about one week old, Florence is gaining strength. Florence the baby whale is still "99 percent in trouble," but it's alive and continues to improve, say veterinary experts who don't know yet if they're dealing with a little he or a little she.

"We may have to change her name to Floyd," said John Nightingale, general curator of the Seattle Aquarium, the baby sperm whale's home since it beached itself Tuesday.

"She's better, a little stronger, and a little more stable," Nightingale said Thursday. "We're hopeful. I don't know if I can say optimistic."

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# Kennedy sees threats increase

### Carter orders Secret Service protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, facing increased threats in the two weeks since he said he might challenge President Carter, is under Secret Service protection ordered by the president.

Neither White House aides nor Kennedy's staff would discuss whether the threats received by the senator's office had increased, but it was learned that the number was sharply higher since Kennedy disclosed he is considering running for president.

Dispatched by Carter, several agents appeared at Kennedy's office on the second floor of the Dirksen Senate Office Building shortly before 6 p.m. Thursday.

They accompanied the senator when he left his office about an hour later, heading down a stairwell and driving off in a three-car caravan.

Carter ordered the protection after receiving what the White House described as a Secret Service analysis of the senator's safety.

"I have accepted President Carter's generous offer of Secret Service protection and my family and I deeply appreciate his action on this matter," Kennedy said in a statement issued by his office.

Asked about the Secret Service analysis and the conversations with the Kennedy staff, White House press secretary Jody Powell said, "I just really don't want to talk about that sort of thing very much."

A Kennedy spokesman acknowledged that the Massachusetts senator regularly receives threats and that an average of one a week is considered serious enough to be referred to authorities.

Tom Southwick, the Kennedy press aide, declined comment when asked whether there has been an increase in the number of threats since Kennedy disclosed Sept. 7 that he is considering challenging Carter for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination.

However, a source who asked not to be identified said the number of threats received by Kennedy's office had increased sharply in the last two weeks.

Powell said the president was acting under authority given him in the Constitution rather than under any specific statutory power—an apparent reference to federal law which authorizes protection for presidential candidates.

That law was passed in 1968, after the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy, the senator's brother. Another brother, President John F. Kennedy, was assassinated in 1963.

In an interview Thursday with The New York Times, Kennedy said he expected to form an exploratory committee for a presidential campaign "sometime in early November." The Times said such action is usually the final step before a candidate formally announces candidacy.

Reporters were in Powell's office when he talked by telephone with Southwick. "We're glad to do it," said Powell. "Tell them the most important thing to say about security is nothing."

Then Powell read the following announcement to reporters: "The president, based on Secret Service reports and on conversations with the Treasury Department by members of Sen. Kennedy's staff, directed the Secretary of the Treasury to contact Sen. Kennedy and take whatever steps are necessary to provide for the senator's protection."

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# Kennedy is criticized as 'known womanizer'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The leader of a national women's political group says Sen. Edward Kennedy is a "known womanizer" whose "private life raises questions" about his possible candidacy for president.

"He is a known womanizer, or has been, and the relationship in his marriage gives me reason for pause," Iris Mitgang, chairwoman of the National Women's Political Caucus, said Thursday after a Sacramento Press Club speech.

Ms. Mitgang, a lawyer from Orinda, was elected to a two-year term recently as head of the 43,000-member group that works to promote female candidates and women's issues. She said Kennedy, despite personal opposition to abortion, had voted for federal abortion funding for poor women, and said his record on issues like health care and judicial appointments is good.

"I worry because he's largely untested," she said. "He's been the most palatable to the women's movement, and I don't want anybody to faint when he announces. I don't think we have to endorse anybody."

Kennedy's wife, Joan, has lived apart from the Massachusetts senator in their Boston apartment since 1977, though they are not legally separated. She is going to school and receiving treatment for what she has described as a problem with alcohol.

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Reporters were in Powell's office when he talked by telephone with Southwick. "We're glad to do it," said Powell. "Tell them the most important thing to say about security is nothing."

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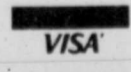
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Administering the oath of office Thursday to new Midland County Hospital District

Director Pat Estes, left, is state District Judge Barbara Culver. (Staff Photo)

## Pat Estes sworn in as new Hospital District director

Pat Estes was sworn in Thursday as a member of the Midland County Hospital District board of directors to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Michael Burleson who resigned last month to move his practice to California.

Mrs. Estes, who ran fourth in the at-large election for three district directors this year, will serve through the April 1980 hospital district elections. The board also signed a resolution expressing its appreciation for the work done by Burleson, an outspoken critic of the hospital's management and board attitudes throughout his term on the board.

## Striking teachers disrupting classes for 700,000 pupils

By The Associated Press

School districts in Ohio and Pennsylvania were the latest to be slapped with strikes, while legions of picketing teachers nationwide kept classes disrupted for nearly 700,000 pupils in 10 states. Striking Spokane, Wash., teachers have appealed a judge's back-to-work order, and classes opened Thursday for elementary pupils in the strike-bound San Francisco district.

## San Antonio courthouse to be named for Wood

WASHINGTON (AP) - House and Senate committees have approved a proposal to name San Antonio's federal courthouse after slain U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed the bill Thursday. The committee counterpart in the House had given its approval in July.

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## Price of gold falls; Slide of dollar slows

LONDON (AP) - Gold prices fell sharply in Europe today after soaring to record peaks the day before, while the slide of the dollar appeared to slow somewhat on European money markets.

Gold opened in London at \$374 an ounce and was trading at \$375 by mid-morning. That was down \$11 dollars from Thursday's all-time closing high of \$386 an ounce. In Zurich, gold opened at \$374.50, down from Thursday's closing record there of \$381.50.

Dealers said the European gold slump mirrored an easing on the New York gold market Thursday and indicated some nervous profit-taking was under way after gold's spectacular \$33 advance earlier this week. Gold prices have climbed \$63 so far this month as investors, worried by continuing world inflation, traded in paper money for the precious metal.

The dollar was mostly lower in early European trading today but dealers said the U.S. currency was under less pressure than it was Thursday when it fell 2.7 cents against the powerful Swiss franc and lost more than 2 cents against the German mark and British pound. In Tokyo, where currency markets close before trading begins in Europe, the dollar lost just under one yen, closing at 221.375 yen, down from Thursday's close of 222.35 yen.

Morning dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Thursday: Frankfurt—1.7620 German marks, down from 1.7680.

Zurich—1.5725 Swiss francs, down from 1.5795.

Paris—4.1475 French francs, down from 4.1620.

Amsterdam—1.9421 Dutch guilders, down from 1.9535.

Milan—803.5 Italian lire, down from 806.5, the dollar's lowest level there since last October.

In London, the pound was worth \$2.1718, compared with \$2.1650 late Thursday. The plight of the American currency was the main story today on the front page of the Financial Times, the big London business daily, which reported rumors that a heavy seller was trying to dispose of \$500 million in U.S. markets late Wednesday.

The Federal Reserve did not want to absorb this amount and the rate began to fall, reported the respected newspaper's economics correspondent Peter Riddell.

European commentators generally have been skeptical about the dollar for some time. They point to United States' inflation, the steadily soaring price of gold bullion — gold usually goes up when the dollar goes down — and apparent decisions by oil-producing countries to switch their surplus revenues into non-dollar assets.

Some analysts speculated that by failing to act to curb the slide, U.S. authorities were signaling that they would not be unhappy to see a further decline in the dollar's value.

But Anthony Solomon, U.S. Treasury under secretary, branded foreign assertions of official indifference to the decline in the dollar as "ridiculous and not correct."

"It is a high priority to maintain stability in the markets. There are times, however, when there are speculative surges," Solomon added. The dollar's fall means American tourists and business people overseas have to dig deeper into their wallets to pay their way. It's a fair estimate that the hotel accommodation for many an ordinary American tourist in Europe will cost this weekend as much as the foreign currency equivalent of \$4 a day more than last weekend.



Larry Provart

## Dallas photographer found shot to death

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas Morning News photographer found shot to death in his car may have been the victim of a would-be robber, homicide investigators say. The body of Larry Provart, 29, who had been sent to an assignment at a hotel Wednesday night, was found Thursday. He had been shot in the chest, police said. Homicide inspectors speculated he may have been killed when he surprised a prowler at his car in the parking lot of the Loew's Anatole. His body was found slumped in the front seat with his hand near the microphone of his shortwave radio.

Police spokesman Bob Shaw said the photographer was sent to the hotel to take pictures of U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland and a civic leader receiving an award. Shaw said officers were not sure of the motive. "It depends on whether he surprised somebody breaking into his car or someone breaking into someone else's car," Shaw said.

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Andy Pace

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Andy Pace, 15, 1901 N. Garfield St., died Wednesday at his home.

Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Mass was to be said at 11 a.m. today in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Clifford Blackburn officiating.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pace was born Dec. 20, 1963, in Midland. He was a sophomore at Midland High School, where he was on the football team. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Survivors include his parents, Gene and Nancy Pace of Midland; a brother, John Pace of Midland; a sister, Raelene Pace of Midland; and paternal grandparents, Floyd and Mary Nelle Pace of Midland.

The family has asked that memorials be directed to the Andy Pace Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Lonnie Bartley, Commercial Bank and Trust, Box 3118, 2301 W. Wall St., Midland, 79702.

Pallbearers were to be Wally Kleine, Joe Goebel, Dondi Dominguez, Peter Hilton, Joe Carrasco and Denny Hays.

Honorary pallbearers were to be the Midland High School junior varsity football team and its coaches, and Doc Dodson, Jessie Hatfield, Phil Ryan, Tommy Davis and Coaches David Watson and Hartwell Martin.

Carole Patton

CASPER, Wyo. — Services for Carole Patton, 48, formerly of Midland, were to be at 9:30 a.m. today in Bustard Funeral Home here. Burial was to be in Highland Cemetery in Casper.

Mrs. Patton died Wednesday in Casper after a long illness.

She was born July 9, 1931, in Arkansas City, Kan. Her family moved to Midland, where she was reared and educated. She attended Stephens College for two years. She also attended The University of Texas.

Mrs. Patton moved to Wyoming in 1956 and lived in Gillette and Riverton prior to moving to Casper in 1959. She was an office manager. She was a member of P.E.O. and Zeta Tau Alpha alumni.

Survivors include three sons, Marshall Patton Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; John Patton of Laramie, Wyo.; and Clay Patton of Midland; a daughter, Elizabeth Patton of Casper, Wyo.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casselman Sr. of Midland, a brother, John Casselman Jr. of Midland, and a sister, Mary McCall of Lafayette, Colo.

Esther L. Tennon

Services for Esther Lean Tennon, 51, 1301 E. California Ave., will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Thomas Funeral Home chapel with Frank Davis conducting the service. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Tennon died Wednesday in a Midland hospital after a short illness.

She was born April 28, 1928, in Waelder. She resided in San Angelo for 12 years, moving to Midland 30 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, L.E. Tennon of Midland; six sons, L.E. Tennon Jr., Glenna Tennon, Bobby R. Tennon, Harold Tennon and Willie D. Tennon, all of Midland, and Alta L. Butler of San Angelo; two daughters, Ester M. Tennon and Brenda A. Tennon, both of Midland; her mother, Iris Pullin of San Angelo; two sisters, Carstella Blalock and Gerelene Rogers, both of Odessa, four grandchildren, three aunts and an uncle.

Pallbearers will be Ivian Logan, Rayford Griffin, Euscel Cockrell, Roy Johnson, Mike McCarthy and Roy Chamberlain Jr.

Famine that is 'terrible beyond imagination' may hit Cambodia

WASHINGTON (AP) — A famine that would be "terrible beyond imagination" seems likely to develop in war-torn Cambodia, State Department officials say.

Moreover, the outlook for a political accommodation opening Cambodia to major food shipments from the United States is "bleak," one official said Thursday.

The Vietnamese-supported government of Heng Samrin has thus far refused to agree on a program of international controls with agencies like the International Red Cross or UNICEF.

Without controls, the United States will not contribute food, say the State Department officials, who asked that they not be named.

In a related development, Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan of Thailand said Thursday he would allow his country to be a "staging area" for humanitarian aid to neighboring Cambodia.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press in Bangkok, Kriangsak said failure of the international community to come to the

Cambodian people's aid would be "cold-blooded murder."

But he said he would withdraw his support for such aid if it was shown any of the relief was going to warring factions.

Without food aid, the remaining population of Cambodia is likely to suffer massive starvation and those who can flee will swell the number of refugees crowded into Southeast Asian camps, the officials believe.

The famine in Cambodia was not caused by natural calamities like drought, but is the product of savage years of war, political upheaval, and repression.

The U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified by name, say that under the previous regime of Pol Pot, agriculture was disrupted completely by the forced relocation of thousands of Cambodian city-dwellers into the country.

The invasion last year by Vietnam capped 10 years of warfare that included secret American bombing in the early 1970s.

Satellite photos supplied to the State Department by American intel-

ligence agencies show the result: Only about 11 per cent of the arable land in Cambodia is under cultivation.

Moreover, the country lacks fertilizer, farm animals, and able-bodied workers. Yields per acre of cultivated land are expected to be low when the main rice harvest comes in December.

Eyewitness accounts reaching Washington say the situation is already desperate. No food is in the markets, and millions are subsisting on rice gruel and tubers. "The population is traumatized and dying," one official said.

The United States does not know precisely how many people will be affected. The official estimate of the Cambodian population is 5.5 million, down from about 8 million a few years ago. But even that, officials say, may not account for all the horrors of the recent years. They say 3 million may be a better estimate of the present population.

The Heng Samrin government, in asking for 100,000 tons of food from the World Food Program in Rome,

said it had to feed 2.2 million people. Other Cambodians are in areas still controlled by Pol Pot.

But the Cambodian government has thus far refused to go along with international agencies which say they must be able to inspect food distribution programs to make sure it is distributed fairly, on a non-political basis and is used to feed civilians, not the army.

Officials speculated that the government intends to launch a new offensive against the Pol Pot forces shortly and does not want international observers in the country.

They said their hands are tied, because U.S. law requires international controls before food aid can be sent.

Thus, only a few plane loads of food from the United States have gone to Cambodia. The major government effort thus far is directed to Thailand, where Cambodian refugees are crossing the border in search of food.

The international relief agencies had representatives in Phnom Penh on Thursday negotiating with the government there. But the reports reaching the State Department were discouraging, the officials said.

Airline says DC-9s landing at Midland airport repaired

Texas International has four flights daily out of Midland Regional Airport — all on DC-9s.

The DC-9 — manufactured by McDonnell Douglas — has come under scrutiny this week after a tail section on one of the aircraft blew off Monday while in flight.

The Air Canada plane was over the North Atlantic when the incident occurred, but the craft landed safely in Boston, Mass.

Scott Bourland, station agent with Texas International at Midland Regional Airport, today said the airline fixed the problems in their DC-9s about three years ago.

"About three years ago, McDonnell Douglas put out a bulletin" concerning the rear bulkhead, said Bourland.

Mechanics put on another layer of metal, he said, which essentially means a second bulkhead.

Inspection of the Air Canada DC-9 revealed that a stress crack in the rear bulkhead caused the 10-foot-long tail section to fall off during flight.

Work on the 17 aircraft — those which came under the manufacturer's bulletin — was completed in May 1976, Bourland said.

A bulletin on the DC-10 also was issued by McDonnell Douglas concerning a problem with engine mounts, he added.

But the problem didn't become public until a DC-10 leaving Chicago's O'Hare Airport crashed last May, killing more than 270 persons on board.

After that, instructions were issued by the Federal Aviation Administration to the effect that all DC-10s were to be taken out of service and checks made of the engine mounts.

Three other airlines — Continental, Braniff and Southwest — service Midland, but spokesmen for each today said they do not use DC-9s.

Court says release publisher, but it's been said before

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — For the second time in 13 months the Argentine Supreme Court has ruled ex-publisher Jacobo Timerman should be set free. But there was no indication the military government would release its most prominent political prisoner, placed under house arrest in April 1977.

Publication of the court's decision Thursday coincided with the end of a two-week inspection by members of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, who say Argentina has reduced but not ended its practice of detaining political prisoners without charge.

The high court unanimously ordered the government to release Timerman, 56, the former publisher of "La Opinion." Some observers say the high court decision might be designed to clear the way for government permission for Timerman to emigrate to Israel with his family.

In July 1978, the court said there was no reason to detain Timerman, and a court martial has found he was not involved with "subversives" opposing the military junta led by President Jorge Videla.

Rische Timerman, now visiting the United States, claims her husband was tortured before he was arrested in his Buenos Aires home.

Members of the human rights commission, who interviewed Timerman last week, said the government told them it was holding a small number of the more than 6,000 people reported to have disappeared during the last four years, but gave no detailed accounting.

"The highest officials in the government say they are doing all they can to put a stop to these violations and restore legal rights," said one commission member, who asked not to be identified.

"The recommendations will serve as a benchmark by which to measure their progress," he said. Other commission members said they published their findings on charges the regime has kidnapped and tortured political prisoners.

Cuban troops in Grenada

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence officers say Cuba's influence is spreading through the Caribbean and that the tiny island-nation of Grenada is the latest convert.

Analysts, who asked not to be named, said about 50 to 60 Cuban military personnel are in Grenada, training soldiers and securing the rule of leftist prime minister Maurice Bishop.

"Havana's efforts to increase its influence in the Eastern Caribbean and establish a base from which to operate apparently have succeeded," said an intelligence report. It said Cuba's influence in that area "is likely to increase in the future."

Intelligence reports say two military camps in Grenada are entirely under Cuban control and that air defense battery sites are nearing completion not far from the capital city of St. Georges.

The reports said the "Peoples' Revolutionary Government," which took control in a coup last March, apparently doesn't intend to hold elections. They said there is evidence of "a further move toward a totalitarian state."

A Defense Intelligence Agency report last April said Cuba "seeks to expand its influence in the newly-independent ex-colonies." It cited St. Lucia, Dominica and Grenada, which has a population of only about 100,000 people.

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Justice, a former racehorse, carries TV's "Circuit Rider," the Rev. William Livermon, into homes throughout the South. Their simple, straight-forward approach to presenting an evening devotional has made them popular on more than 60 commercial and cable stations. (Washington Post Photo)

# 'Circuit Rider' has message to deliver

By BLAINE HARDEN  
The Washington Post

POWHATAN, Va. — In this one-street town west of Richmond, a former traveling salesman and his sad-eyed horse appear on television each week at 1 a.m. — right after NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

"When they see me and that horse coming riding up, they think some spoof is coming on," he says. "You can sneak into a home on a horse. Most anybody will stop and look at a good horse."

For nearly seven years on 12 commercial stations and nearly 50 cable outlets across the South, the sad-eyed horse has held an audience long enough for the Rev. William R. Livermon, the salesman turned preacher, to deliver a low-key message about the Lord.

Livermon, a 62-year-old Methodist minister with a honey-smooth voice and a face like worn leather, calls himself the "Circuit Rider" when he is on television. The horse, a 23-year-old thoroughbred pacer, is called Justice.

At the beginning of each of his more than 60 four-minute "spots" — shown thousands of times to an audience that he says consists mainly of "drunks, dope addicts and college students" — organ music plays and the old chestnut horse walks along a country road beside a white picket fence. The Circuit Rider does a television voice-over:

"Justice is the name of a grand old horse," he says. "Once he paced the race tracks (winning one race 12 years ago in Harrington, N.J.), but now he brings a friend for a visit."

Then, as the organ music fades, the Circuit Rider dismounts Justice, grabs his saddlebags and preaches for precisely three minutes.

The sermons are simple and smoothly delivered. Livermon, before he turned to preaching 37 years ago, was a hard-drinking, poker-playing, dirty-joke-telling man who liked to stay up late. In his television messages on humility and faith, he has not forgotten how to tell a good story.

One of the sermons features a bumblebee tied to the Circuit Rider's saddlebags by a black sewing thread. The camera, which is operated by Livermon's wife, Thelma, zooms in on the bee as the Circuit Rider pets it with his finger.

"Today we picked up a hitchhiker," the Circuit Rider says. "That's a bumblebee. Technically, it's impossible for a bumblebee to fly. Its body is too fat for its wings. Strange thing, though, the bumblebee doesn't know that."

The Circuit Rider then goes on to make the point that if a man has faith that he can manage his problems, he probably can manage.

Every time Livermon gets off Justice, he has something different in his saddlebags. Sermons have been based on a gypsy moth, a sponge, a nut, an oyster, an empty plate, a child's running shoe, a ladybug and a cherry tree.

One sermon had been planned around a parakeet but, halfway through the filming, the bird fell off the Circuit Rider's finger — dead.

"That bird had a heart attack," says Thelma Livermon, who remembers pulling her eye away from the camera and looking at the bird on the ground. "It was sad. We'd borrowed the bird from friends in Cobb's Creek, and we had to take them back a dead bird."

Justice was also borrowed from a friend, and the availability of the animal led Livermon and his wife into the film business. The preacher says he had so much fun riding the horse that "I knew I had to do something worthwhile." Upon learning that it costs about \$50 an hour to hire a cinematographer, Thelma says, she taught herself to be a camera person.

"I read and I studied and my husband told me and then I just did it. I tell you what, I did a lot of praying," Thelma says.

To distribute the films, Livermon takes a direct approach. He packs his favorite sermons into his car and drives around whenever he can get free of his preaching duties at Powhatan Methodist Church.

"I just go into the station, introduce myself to the station manager as a country preacher and ask him if he has four minutes to spare early on Sunday morning," Livermon says.

The preacher says he prefers to be on TV at a time when most church-going people aren't watching so he can reach the people who need to hear him. He doesn't ask for money, name his denomination or even give his own name.

Requests for help, the films say at the end, should be addressed to the Circuit Rider. Livermon has received calls and letters from as far away as Seattle. Many of them seek comfort, some vent bile.

"One guy called me to say he was sitting in his living room, watching his TV and here I come into his house on that damn horse. He wanted to know who I was," Livermon says.

The preacher has made trips north to New York City to try to peddle his films, but has had little luck. He remembers that he took a sample to an advertising man at J. Walter Thompson, the largest advertising agency in the world.

"The man told me the Circuit Rider wouldn't go over that well up East because they are all going to hell, anyhow," Livermon says.

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# WT regions draw wildcat explorers

Operators have announced locations for wildcats in six West Texas counties — Howard, Ward, Pecos, Scurry, Stonewall and McCulloch. Marshall R. Young Oil Co. of Fort Worth spotted location for a 10,500-foot wildcat in Howard County, four miles southwest of Big Spring. It is No. 1 Wilcox and others, 660 feet from south and 2,186 feet from west lines of section 20, block 33, T-1-S, T&P survey. The drillsite is surrounded by production in the Moore field which produces at 3,200 feet.

**WARD EXPLORER**  
Tenneco Oil Co., operating from San Antonio, announced location for a 6,500-foot wildcat in Ward County, eight miles west of Pyote. It is No. 1 O. P. Anderson, 1,980 feet from north and 3,300 feet from east lines of section 37, A. J. Wilson survey. The location is two miles south of the Poquito (Delaware gas) pool which produces at 5,032 feet. The field has three active producers, two shut-in and one temporarily abandoned.

**PECOS TRY**  
PDC Gas Co. of Midland announced location for a 2,000-foot wildcat in Pecos County, three miles south of Bakersville. Scheduled as the No. 6 University, it is one location northeast of the Cardinal (Queen, West oil) pool which produces at 1,578 feet and 3/4 mile east of the field's gas production. Drillsite for the new project is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 3, block 17, University Lands survey.

**SCURRY WILDCAT**  
Terra Resources, Inc., of Houston No. 2 Lloyd Ainsworth is an 8,400-foot wildcat in Scurry County, 2.5 miles southeast of Fluvanna. Location is 2,105 feet from north and 610 feet from west lines of section 429, block 97, H&TC survey and 1/2 mile southeast of the Fluvanna, South (Strawn) pool which produces at 7,863 feet.

**STONEWALL AREA**  
A 6,800-foot wildcat has been spotted in Stonewall County by A. L. Sauder Jr. of Wichita Falls. It is No. 2-A J. D. Patterson, 467 feet from south and 2,213 feet from east lines of section 361, block D, H&TC survey and 2,700 feet southwest of Sauder No. 1-A Patterson, a 3,800-foot Tannehill wildcat failure. The location also is two and three-quarter miles west of the Ben S (Tannehill) pool and 13 miles northwest of Swenson.

**MCCULLOCH TRY**  
West Oil of Amarillo staked No. 1 Hays as a 1,990-foot wildcat in McCulloch County, four miles southeast of Doole. The operation is 1,034 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of H. Schneider survey No. 1, 275, abstract 1,310. Ground elevation is 1,562 feet. The drillsite is one and five-eighths miles southwest of the Walker-Grant (Strawn gas) field and separated from it by a 1,745-foot dry hole.

**ANDREWS PROJECTS**  
Frielmeil & Carpenter, Inc., of Midland announced locations for two 4,500-foot projects in Andrews County. The operator staked each of the projects in the Fuhrman-Mascho (Yates gas, Grayburg-San Andres gas) field. The multiphase field also has 4,700-foot oil production. The No. 14-1-1 University is nine miles southwest of Andrews and 2,234 feet from north and 2,244 feet from east lines of section 14, block 10, University Lands survey. It is five miles south of Yates gas production and five miles southwest of Grayburg-San Andres gas production.

The No. 16-1-1 University is 2,234 feet from north and 1,787 feet from east lines of section 16, block 10, University Lands survey and 11 miles southwest of Andrews. The drillsite is five and seven-eighths miles southwest of Yates gas production and 6.5 miles southwest of Grayburg-San Andres gas production.

Shell Oil Co. announced location for an 11,470-foot project in the Bedford

### Geologists will meet

Judy Washburn, a geologist with Conoco in Midland, will be the speaker for the West Texas Geological Society's Tuesday meeting in the Midland Hilton. The event will start at 11:30 a. m. Ms. Washburn will talk on "Deposition and Diagenesis of Mississippian Pinnacle Reefs, Fort Worth Basin, Texas." She received a B.S. degree in Geology from Louisiana State University and an M.S. degree in Geology from Texas Tech University. She has been associated with Conoco since 1978. Reservations can be made by contacting the West Texas Geological Society office. The society also reports that a photographer will be present Tuesday for the purpose of taking photographs for the 1980 WTGS directory.

(Ellenburger) pool of Andrews County, 23 miles southwest of Andrews. The project, scheduled for tests of the Ellenburger, is one location northwest of one of the pool's three Ellenburger wells and 4,520 feet from south and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 3, block 73, psl survey. It will be drilled as the No. 35 Ratliff & Bedford.

**WINKLER TEST**  
Southland Royalty Co. of Midland No. 1-19 Keystone Cattle Co. is a new Ellenburger test in the Flying W (Ellenburger) pool of Winkler County, 15 miles northeast of Kermit. Scheduled on an 11,800-foot contract, it is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 19, block A-57, psl survey and one location northwest of one of the field's three wells. It also is an east offset to Wolfcamp production.

**WARD FIELD TRY**  
Southland Royalty Co. No. 4 Janelle Edward is a new test in the Crawler (Tubb) pool of Ward County, five miles southeast of Monahans. Contracted to 5,600 feet, it is 467 feet from south and 1,667 feet from west lines of section 3, block B-20, psl survey and one location north offset to Tubb production.

**GAINES AREA**  
J. C. Barnes Oil Co. of Midland No. 2 Sam Jenkins is to be drilled in the two-well Jenkins, North (Devonian) field of Gaines County, one location northwest of production. Scheduled to 9,800 feet, it is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 10, block AX, psl survey.

**GARZA COUNTY**  
Convest Energy Corp. of Houston No. 1-A G. B. Clark Jr. and others is a new test in the Garza County portion of the Poland (Ellenburger) field which also produces in Kent County. The new test, slated on a 7,850-foot contract, is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 65, block 5, H&GN survey. It is one location southeast of production.

**COKE PRODUCER**  
Natamos North America, Inc. of Midland has filed potential test on the No. 4 Higgins, one location northwest and southwest of production in the Higgin Ranch (Canyon oil) field of Coke County. On 24-hour test it pumped 75 barrels of 45-gravity oil and 82 barrels of water, through Canyon perforations from 6,058 to 6,106 feet, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,173-1. The producing zone was acidized with 1,500 gallons. The top of the Cisco was found at 4,870 feet and the Canyon at 6,002 feet on kelly bushing elevation of 2,216 feet. Total depth is 6,000 feet, where 5.5-inch casing is landed, and plugged back depth is 6,118 feet. Wellsite is 2,950 feet from north and 500 feet from east lines of Alex E. Patton survey No. 644.5.

**TOM GREEN EXTENSION**  
The Water Valley (San Angelo) field of Tom Green County gained a well with completion of J.C. Oil Co. No. 8 George Weddell, seven miles west of Water Valley. It is a southwest offset to other San Angelo production. The operator reported a 24-hour pumping potential of 10 barrels of 28-gravity oil and 21 barrels of water and a gas-liquid ratio of 100-1. Production was through perforations from 1,057 to 1,079 feet after being acidized with 3,000 gallons. The well was drilled to 1,170 feet and plugged back to 1,145 feet, with 4.5-inch casing at 1,114 feet. Location is 1,650 feet from north and 1,210 feet from east lines of section 78, block 5, H&TC survey.

**DRY HOLES**  
COKE COUNTY  
Tipperary Oil & Gas Corp. wildcat, No. 1 Carl Mann, 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 61, block 16, TC&RR survey, 19 miles southwest of Robert Lee, 700 feet.  
COTTE COUNTY  
Independent Exploration Co. wildcat, No. 1 Howell, 884 feet from south and 1,434 feet from west lines of T. A. Thompson survey, No. 10, block 4, east of Paducah City limits, 10,735 feet.  
CULBERSON COUNTY  
Atlantic Richfield Co. wildcat, No. 1-9 Montgomery State, 1,203 feet from south and 2,228 feet from west lines of section 9, block 115, PSL survey, 28 miles southwest of Oris, 11,456 feet.  
EDWARDS COUNTY  
Continental Oil Co. wildcat, No. 1 H. B. Doran, 2,202 feet from south and 604 feet from east lines of section 31, block 2, GWT&P survey, abstract 1152, 24 miles southwest of rocksprings, 10,755 feet.  
FISHER COUNTY  
Walsh & Trant Petroleum Corp. Sylvester, South (Noodle Creek), No. 1 C. C. Farmer, 1,333 feet from north and 885 feet from west lines of section 6, block K, T&P survey, three miles northeast of Eskota, 11,383 feet.  
LEA COUNTY  
BTA Oil Producers, Abo undesignated, No. 1 Abo 2903 J-V Parick, 660 feet from south and east lines of section 25-175-356, 11 miles southeast of Lovington, 10,920 feet.  
LUBBOCK COUNTY  
Texas Pacific Oil Co., Inc. wildcat, No. 1 W. A. Stokes, 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 23, block JS, EL&RR survey, 4.5 miles southeast of Shallowater, 10,700 feet.  
PECOS COUNTY  
Texaco, Inc. Gomez (Ellenburger), No. 2 USM Gas Unit, 1,980 feet from north and 1,900 feet from west lines of section 5, block 146, T&SL survey, abandoned location.  
TERRY COUNTY  
Mapco Production Co. wildcat, No. 1-3 Johnson, 1,980 feet from north and 750 feet from east lines of section 3, block 4, EL&RR survey, six miles southeast of Meadows, 11,610 feet.  
TOM GREEN COUNTY  
Duncan Drilling Co. Water Valley (San Angelo), No. 17-B L. T. Clark Estate, 2,978 feet from south and 2,310 feet from west lines of section 84, block 5, H&TC survey, five miles west of Water Valley, 11,480 feet.

# Spill control plan told

RED DEER, Alberta (AP) — An oil recovery system developed by a Red Deer company could be controlling the world's worst oil spill by the end of this week. Bob Sayers said Thursday the \$1-million system designed by his company, Red Flame, is being put into place by Petrolia Mexicana Oil Co., operators of the well that has been spilling oil into the Gulf of Mexico for about two months. The system involves placing a dome over the well, separating the oil and gas and piping it to waiting barges. The gas is then burned and the oil saved. "If they do it the way I designed it for them, it will work," said Sayers. "It should be in place by the end of the week. They should have done it when I was down there in July. They could have saved \$42,790,000." Sayers said his system will allow the company to prevent any more oil from spilling into the Gulf of Mexico until the well can be capped and brought under control. He said another attempt at capping the well won't take place for several weeks. Texas oil well troubleshooter Red Adair has been unable to cap the well and now is preparing directional wells for another attempt. Sayers said Adair is expected to have his first directional well ready by the end of this month and the second one a couple of weeks after that. "I would like to go down and put it out myself," Sayers said. "But the Mexicans have a contract that they can't get out of."

# Nugent says feds make try to control resources

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Railroad Commissioner James Nugent charged two federal agencies today with unleashing a "truly exceptional and precedent-setting attempt" to grab control of Texas' oil and gas resources. Nugent said the attempt also applied to other states with oil and gas production. Nugent criticized the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission after the Texas Railroad Commission had routinely set the statewide oil allowance for October at 100 percent. The allowable has been 100 percent each month, with the exception of three, since April 1972. As usual, however, the commission restricted production in the 11 fields, including the large East Texas Field, to avoid possible waste. The East Texas allowable was again set at 86 percent. Nugent said the federal energy commission has used regulations of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1979 to try to determine Texas proration units, set production allowables and unreasonably limit secondary recovery operations. "They are attempting to do in spite of the fact that Congress has not given them such powers," Nugent told oil and gas executives. He said the Railroad Commission had filed a motion for rehearing. The fiscal impact of the regulations, including paperwork, would cost Texas at least \$2 million more a year, Nugent said. "I recognize there is a growing regional struggle for the available energy within this nation," Nugent said, "but I will not be a party to voluntarily handing one of the greatest Texas assets over to the North-eastern power bloc or to the federal government to control." Nominations by major buyers of Texas crude oil for October totaled 2,698,493 barrels a day, a decrease of 9,773 barrels a day from September. Only Mobil Oil Corp. raised its nomination from September, and a spokesman explained Mobil was doing so only because it had acquired General Crude Corp. and was including General Crude's nomination with its own. It was noted that crude and petroleum products imports into the United States were 8,680,000 barrels per day for the four-week average ending

# Energy committee ready to work on synthetic phase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Energy Committee, voting its approval for one portion of President Carter's energy program, is ready to begin work on a second, a bill to spur development of a synthetic fuels industry. The committee voted 15-3 Thursday in favor of legislation setting up a national Energy Mobilization Board with powers to slice through the red tape that retards development of important energy projects. The board would have authority to set up a strict timetable for federal, state and local agencies to follow in deciding whether to issue permits for an energy project that receives a special high priority. Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., committee chairman, said he expects the measure to come up for debate in the full Senate early next month. In the meantime, he said, the committee will begin work on legislation to promote a synthetic fuels legislation on Monday. Carter has asked Congress to approve legislation for both the Energy Mobilization Board and a synthetic fuels effort as part of his program to reduce American dependence on imported oil. The House already has approved a synthetic fuels bill, and a measure setting up an energy board is awaiting action by the full House. Under the Senate Energy Committee bill, the Energy Mobilization Board would consist of an administrator and a three-member advisory committee. The votes of the administrator and at least two members of the committee would be necessary to place an energy project on the so-called "fast track" that the Carter administration and members of Con-

gress hope will speed construction. If an agency fails to meet the timetable established by the board, the panel itself could step in and make a decision on whether a permit should be granted. The board would not be able to override federal, state or local laws, however. That controversial provision was contained in a bill approved earlier this month by the House Commerce Committee. The issue seems likely to come up on the Senate floor, since Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, told committee members he believes the board must have power to override substantive laws to be effective. Meanwhile, Energy Secretary Charles Duncan was quoted as saying efforts to put new price controls on home heating oil. The House Democratic caucus voted Wednesday in favor of reimpounding controls in a largely symbolic expression that has no force of law. Duncan, who met for over an hour with a group of House and Senate

members from New York and New England, was quoted afterwards as saying he will seek to keep prices down through "jawboning" oil companies. Duncan has held a series of meetings in recent days with oil company executives, discussing Carter's request that they hold the line on home heating oil prices. The cost of heating oil has risen by more than 50 percent since the end of last year and now averages slightly over 80 cents a gallon. While some companies have agreed not to increase prices for the remaining months of 1979, others have refused to offer such assurances. In a related development, Texaco officials told Congress that despite unsolicited praise from the White House they can't promise to freeze heating oil prices for the entire winter. Carter singled out Texaco for praise in asking other companies to hold the line on prices. Texaco's promise not to raise prices covers only the rest of this year, officials told a House energy subcommittee.

# DRILLING REPORT

- ANDREWS COUNTY  
Exxon No. 4 Elizabeth Armstrong, 1,940 feet, pumped 270 barrels of oil and 104 barrels of water in 24 hours through perforations from 8932 to 9437 feet.  
Tucker & Baumgardner No. 1 Mourning Dove, drilling 8362 feet.
- BORDEN COUNTY  
Laguna Petroleum Co. No. 1 Abra Burgess, drilling 6086 feet.
- CHAVES COUNTY  
Meburn Oil Co. No. 25 State, 1d 7010 feet, waiting on completion unit.  
MWJ Producing Co. No. 3-32 State, 1d 4008 feet, plugged back total depth 3855 feet, preparing to complete.
- COKE COUNTY  
Natamos North America No. 7 Higgins, 1d 6450 feet, plugged back total depth 6408 feet, moving in completion unit.
- COTTE COUNTY  
Natamos North America No. 2 Havins, drilling 5996 feet.
- CRANE COUNTY  
Bass No. 16 Moss, 1d 5700 feet, testing, no gauges through perforations not reported.  
Bass No. 22 Moss, 1d 5645 feet, waiting on completion unit.  
Gulf No. 2 P. J. Lea, 1d 4750 feet in line, perforated from 4382 to 4584 feet, going in hole with tubing and packer.  
Gulf No. 121 McKnight, drilling 5215 feet in line and dolomite.  
Gulf No. 1 BZ Weddell, repairing rig and sub-structure.
- CHOCCKETT COUNTY  
Cities Service No. 1 BX University, 1d 9300 feet in sand and shale, logging.  
Southland No. 1 BY University, drilling 80 feet in line and shale, set 13 1/2 inch casing at 52 feet.  
Cities No. 1 BZ University, 1d 9400 feet, ran logs, preparing to run tubing and packer.  
Southland Royalty No. 1-52 Henderson, 1d 590 feet, shut down for repairs.  
Southland No. 1-53 Todd, 1d 1700 feet, waiting on tank battery and electricity.  
Southland No. 1-47 A Todd, 1d 7050 feet, perforated from 6305 to 6884 feet, preparing to acidize.  
Southland No. 1-59 B Todd, drilling 855 feet in line and anhydrite.
- DAWSON COUNTY  
Forest Oil Corp. No. 1 Grissom, 1d 8705 feet, running logs.  
RK Petroleum No. 1 Norris Barron, drilling 556 feet.
- EDDY COUNTY  
Perry Bass No. 76 Big Eddy, drilling 10,743 feet.  
Perry Bass No. 73 Big Eddy, drilling 10,517 feet.  
Cities Service No. 1-AJ Government, 1d 7968 feet in line and shale, circulating.  
Gulf No. 2 Marquardt-Federal, 1d 11,615 feet in line and shale, hung 3 1/2 inch liner from 10,310 to 11,814 feet, going in hole to top of liner.  
Gulf No. 1 D Eddy Federal, 1d 11,795 feet, latched on to retrievable bridge plug, laid down tubing, shut down overnight.  
Monsanto No. 1 Cottonwood Springs State, 1d 11,819 feet, took DST from 11,786 to 11,819 feet no gas to surface, finished circulating and conditioning, pulled out of hole and laid down bottom hole assembly, tripping, set packer at 11,770 feet.  
The Petroleum Corp. of Delaware No. 9 Parkway, 1d 11,872 feet, logging and circulating, waiting on orders.  
Southland Royalty No. 1-22 State Federal, 1d 11,500 feet, shut in for pressure build up.  
Southland No. 1-2 State Communited, 1d 11,127 feet, took 4-points test, shut in calculating absolute open flow.  
Southland No. 1-25 State Communited, 1d 11,370 feet, acidized perforations from 12,178 to 12,212 feet with 2000 gallons, staged down, flow estimated 44 barrels of water and acid water in 2 hours, swabbed 26 barrels of load water with show of gas.
- GAINES COUNTY  
Superior Oil Co. No. 1 Santa Fe, drilling 3310 feet in shale.
- GARZA COUNTY  
Leaf Petroleum Exploration No. 1 McArthur, drilling 5500 feet in shale and lime.  
GLASSCOCK COUNTY  
Tucker & Baumgardner No. 2-36 TXL, 1d 6385 feet, recovering load no gauges through perforations not reported.  
Texas Pacific No. 7 Frank Schwertner, drilling 5555 feet in line and shale.
- HOWARD COUNTY  
Tucker & Baumgardner No. 1 Black Bass, 1d 8300 feet, building tank battery.  
North American Royalties No. 1 Williams, drilling 9,355 feet in line and shale, set 8 1/2 inch casing at total depth, waiting on cement.
- IRION COUNTY  
Moran Exploration Co. No. 3-86 Rucker B, drilling 2,966 feet in line and anhydrite.  
Gulf No. 3-D Winterbottom, 1d 6,000 feet, testing, no gauges, through perforations not reported.
- KENT COUNTY  
Ardren Oil Corp. No. 1 Williams, 1d 7,815 feet, plugged and abandoned.
- LAMB COUNTY  
Cities Service No. 1 Anderson, drilling 6,539 feet in dolomite.
- LEA COUNTY  
David Fasken No. 1-23 Baetz, drilling 11,380 feet in line and shale.  
Gulf No. 1-11 Getty-State, drilling 11,540 feet.  
Gulf No. 1-4-F HNG-State, drilling 15,111 feet.  
Marathon Oil No. 12 Lea Deep Unit, drilling 13,489 feet in shale.  
Moran Exploration No. 1 Gann, drilling 11,832 feet in line and shale.  
Natamos North America No. 2-23 State, 1d 12,867 feet, running pipe.  
Adobe No. 2-16 State, 1d 13,875 feet in shale, flowed 778 mcf gas with 23.82 barrels of condensate in 72 hours, through a 14 1/4 inch choke and perforations from 12,288 to 13,273 feet.  
Adobe No. 1-4 State, drilling 12,941 feet in line and shale.  
Gulf No. 2 YH Lea State, 1d 10,400 feet in line, circulating and conditioning hole.  
Gulf No. 1 Vandervo-Federal, 1d 10,945 feet in shale, ran 4-points test, waiting on results.  
Gulf No. 9 Scharbauer-Estate, 1d 7,866 feet, swabbed well down, flowed back 24 barrels in 10 hours, through perforations from 7,237 to 7,394 feet, recovering kerosene.  
Estorri No. 2 Bowman Federal, drilling 4,015 feet.  
Superior Oil Co. No. 2 Government, drilling 808 feet in redbeds.  
Bass Enterprises No. 1-36 Bass State, 1d 12,307 feet, preparing to log.  
Grace Petroleum No. 2 Falmouth Federal, drilling 9,588 feet in shale.
- LOVING COUNTY  
Forest Oil No. 1-4-K Anna, drilling 4,620 feet in sand and shale, logging.  
Gulf No. 1-18 Malcolm Madera, drilling 5,056 feet.
- MARTIN COUNTY  
RK Petroleum No. 2 Anchor, drilling 8,150 feet.  
Hud No. 1 Buck Baker, 1d 5,530 feet in line and shale, preparing to take drillsite test.
- MIDLAND COUNTY  
John L. Cox No. 1 Scharbauer-Braun, 1d 10,437 feet, fishing for drill-pipe.
- PECOS COUNTY  
Exxon Corp. No. 1 Langfellow Corp., drilling 19,181 feet.  
Gulf No. 1-18 Slaughter-Pik, drilling 11,257 feet.  
Gulf No. 1 Miriam, Ratcliff, drilling 2,300 feet.  
Union Texas No. 1-14 Blackstone Slaughter, drilling 7,010 feet in line and shale.  
William B. Wilson No. 51-1 Wilson Ranch, drilling 705 feet in sand and shale.  
Gulf No. 2 Emma Lou, 1d 29,200 feet in dolomite, circulating and pulling out of hole.  
Gulf No. 18 Millar, 1d 5,390 feet, flowed to test tank for 24 hours on 1 1/4 inch choke, no fluid recovery, through perforations from 5,136 to 5,198 feet, shut in for pressure build-up.  
Hunt Energy No. 1-9 Cerf Ranch, 1d 10,770 feet, testing after setting 13 1/2 inch casing at total depth.  
Monsanto Co. No. 2-47 Brown, drilling 4,243 feet in line.  
Monsanto Co. No. 1-51 Canon, 1d 650 feet, set 15 1/2 inch casing at total depth, waiting on cement.  
Oxy Petroleum No. 1 Sabine, 1d 5,000 feet, flowing well through test separator and making 2.8 million cubic feet of gas per day and 26 barrels of water in 24 hours, through a 36 1/4 inch choke and perforations from 21,928 and 22,870 feet.
- REAGAN COUNTY  
MWJ Producing Co. No. 2-A Rhoda, 1d 2,550 feet, recovering load, no gauges, perforations not reported.  
Hud Energy No. 1-9 Cerf Ranch, 1d 10,800 feet in line and shale.  
John L. Cox No. 1-8 University, drilling 3,615 feet.
- REEVES COUNTY  
Texaco Inc. No. 1-A Cornell Knight, 1d 11,200 feet, laid down drillcollars, running 8 1/2 inch casing.
- STONEWALL COUNTY  
Adobe No. 1 Clements, drilling 1,580 feet in shale.  
TERRY COUNTY  
Union Texas No. 1 O.D.C., drilling 4,398 feet in line and anhydrite.  
Union Texas No. 1 Pippis, drilling 10,360 feet.  
Meburn Oil Co. No. 1 Sawyer, 1d 10,038 feet, acidized opening with 3,500 gallons, preparing to swab.  
UPTON COUNTY  
Gulf No. 1-15 South Velma, 1d 10,494 feet, drilled out cement re-tainer and cement.  
Laguna No. 7 Sheppard, 1d 8,548 feet, recovering load in line.  
Texas Pacific No. 1-A Dameron, 1d 9,500 feet, pumped out 30 barrels of oil and 118 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations at 8,477 to 8,460 feet.
- WARD COUNTY  
Gulf No. 1-4-B University, drilling 9,290 feet.  
Gulf No. 1036 Hutchings Stock Association, drilling 4,770 feet in line and shale.  
Gulf No. 1037 Hutchings Stock Association, 1d 10,878 feet in line and shale, flow test casing at low rate, set packer and made 24 swab runs, swabbed 119 barrels of water to test tank, going in hole.  
Gulf No. 1039 Hutchings Stock Association, 1d 9,500 feet, moving in and rigging up swabbing unit, installed blow out preventer, tag plug at 3,137 feet.  
Gulf No. 1040 Hutchings Stock Association, drilling 3,495 feet in line and anhydrite.  
Gulf No. 1041 Hutchings Stock Association, drilling 6,106 feet in line and sand, roaming, took drillsite test from 6130 to 6245 feet, open with good flow gas to surface in 10 minutes on 15 minute preflow, 60 minute initial shut in, open with good flow and decrease on 60 minute final preflow, flow test casing on 14 1/2 inch choke, made 310 mcf gas in 4 hours, with 4 barrels of load water and 4 barrels of condensate, through perforations at 6015-6023 feet.  
Gulf No. 11 Crawler Field Unit, 1d 3,120 feet in line and dolomite, testing, no gauges, through perforations at 4,808 to 5,047 feet.  
Exxon No. 1-1 East Howe Gas unit, drilling 12,425 feet.  
Exxon No. 1-3 Monroe Gas Unit, 1d 20,190 feet, drilled cement.
- WINKLER COUNTY  
Gulf No. 1-11-17 University, drilling 155 feet.  
Gulf No. 1-32-21 University, drilling 3,235 feet.
- YOAKUM COUNTY  
Mabee Petroleum No. 1 Cone, drilling 12,200 feet in line and shale.  
Tucker & Baumgardner No. 1 Claywater, 1d 5,400 feet, set 4 1/2 inch casing at total depth, waiting on completion unit.  
Tomlinson Oil Co. No. 1 Barnes, 1d 11,100 feet, shut in, waiting on pumping equipment.  
Gulf No. 1-D Webb, drilling 8,900 feet.

# Three tests scheduled

Knox Industries, Inc. of Midland has filed application to drill the No. 2-C Turner one-half mile west of production in the Sprabery Trend Area of Reagan County. Location is 10,680 feet from south and 3,960 feet from west lines of Andrew Roach survey No. 1, 10 miles west-southwest of Stiles. The contracted depth is 8,200 feet on ground elevation of 2,838 feet.

# CHAVES CABLE TOOL

H.W. Pace of Midland spotted location for a 1,000-foot cable tool test in an undesignated area of Chaves County. Scheduled as the No. 1 Pat-State, the site is one-half mile east of an undesignated Queen gas discovery and approximately 1,000 feet southwest of a Queen wildcat. Location is 330 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 30-105-27E, 17 miles northeast of Dexter.

# MARTIN PROJECT

MGF Oil Corp. of Midland will drill No. 1 Hendrick in the Sprabery Trend Area of Martin County. The site for the 8,600-foot operation is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 24, block 36, T-1-S, T&P survey and two miles southeast of Stanton.

# Venezuela to cutback

Venezuela, supplier of 4 percent of U.S. oil imports, has announced it will reduce oil output by 6 percent next year as it returns production to 1978 levels. Canada, meanwhile, plans to reduce its small shipments of easy-to-refine light crude oil to the United States by 75 percent next month. The Venezuelan move was taken to preserve dwindling oil reserves and protect the country's "national interest," Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said Wednesday. But Gary Ross of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation in New York, said the cutback will come just as a slowing world economy cuts oil demand.

The Venezuelan reduction "was pretty much expected by many people" and "will not significantly affect" the United States, the analyst for the industry-supported organization said. Venezuela will cut production 6 percent to 2.2 million 42-gallon barrels a day in January so its proved oil reserves of 18 billion barrels can be stretched out until the end of the century, Calderon said in Caracas. Venezuela's daily production is averaging about 2.35 million barrels a day this year, he said, slightly under the oil industry's maximum capacity of about 2.4 million barrels but 5 percent above last year's output of 2.235 million barrels.

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# Congress facing battle over defense spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Budget Committee says Congress is headed for a major confrontation over the Senate's defense spending hikes and probably will enter the 1980 fiscal year next month without a new budget.

Rep. Robert N. Giaimo, D-Conn., also predicted Thursday that the House will reverse itself next week and approve a spending package nearly the same as the \$548.6 billion measure it defeated Wednesday night.

Reacting to that defeat, the House Budget Committee trimmed \$384 million from its proposed budget Thursday, reducing it to \$548.2 billion and trimming the deficit to \$28.9 billion. A House vote on the revised package is expected Wednesday.

However, Giaimo said gaining House passage of the budget will be easy compared with the "difficult confrontation" ahead with the Senate over its demand for sharply higher defense spending and cuts in social programs.

Higher defense spending has become a politically explosive issue in the Senate, where some senators say their votes for the SALT II treaty hinge on a beefed-up U.S. military. President Carter has endorsed the 1980 defense level approved by the Senate.

Giaimo said he saw no way for a House-Senate conference committee to resolve the "philosophical differences" between the two chambers before Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

However, Giaimo said the government could continue to operate without a budget with normal appropriations bills or under a continuing resolution, which would maintain government spending at current year levels.

Under the 5-year-old congressional budget process, the budget sets binding spending ceilings but is not required for Congress to appropriate money, Giaimo said.

Giaimo said the real issue involved is whether Congress can act responsibly in controlling its spending.

He said if Congress fails to reach agreement on a spending ceiling, "it would be admitting to the American people that it is very good at appropriating money and spending money, but that Congress can't live with budget discipline."

He added that such an impasse would pave the way for proposals for required spending restraints, such as an amendment mandating a balanced federal budget.

The Senate budget bill approved Wednesday stands, at \$546.3 billion and contains 3 percent growth in 1980 defense spending over and above inflation. The House budget would increase 1980 defense spending by about 1 percent after inflation.

In related action Thursday: —The House Appropriations Committee approved a \$129.9 billion defense spending bill that includes \$2.1 billion to build a nuclear aircraft carrier the president has threatened to veto. While the budget bill sets overall ceilings, the defense measure and 12 other major appropriations bills de-

termine how the money is to be spread around within those limits. The defense bill is \$2.4 billion below President Carter's \$132.3 billion request.

—The House narrowly rejected a \$55 billion increase in the government's debt ceiling. The action was regarded as largely symbolic, however, since in recent years the House frequently has allowed the debt authority to lapse briefly before approving higher levels. Many members view it as a way to protest deficit spending.

The bill now goes back to the House Ways and Means Committee, which is expected to make only minor changes before returning it to the floor for another vote.

This week's Pet of the Week is a large, long-haired, neutered male cat about 3 years old. Midlanders wishing to adopt a dog or cat should go by the Animal Control Shelter, 1601 East Orchard Lane. Shelter hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Lane. Shelter hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday. (Staff Photo)

## Kucinich survives Cleveland's continuing debt

By STEVEN P. ROSENFELD

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland is in default and going deeper into debt. Yet Mayor Dennis J. Kucinich — whose two years in office have been marked by controversy and who survived a 1978 recall attempt by a mere 236 votes — is a strong candidate for re-election this fall.

A nonpartisan primary is scheduled Oct. 2, with the top two vote-getters to compete for the \$90,000-a-year post Nov. 6.

Local Republican and Democratic party leaders agree that the young Kucinich has a good chance of surviving the primary.

Making determined challenges are Republican Lt. Gov. George V. Voinovich and Democrats Basil M. Russo, the majority leader of the City Council, and State Sen. Charles L. Butts.

Bread-and-butter issues of neighborhood improvements and safe streets are being raised, but much more frequently there is talk of maturity of leadership, abrasiveness in government and divisiveness.

**KUCINICH, A DEMOCRAT** who won election without party support in 1977, will turn 33 on Oct. 8. His outspoken style of government, running wars with the City Council, skirmishes with big business and constant questions on the integrity of his opponents have led to many of his problems. But they also have been a factor in his success.

"I'd rather be unpopular than unprincipled... I don't look for the easy way to do things," is the way Kucinich sizes himself up.

And Cuyahoga County Republican Party Chairman Robert E. Hughes said "Kucinich makes an appeal that he is a friend of the man in the street and that he is fighting the battle with utilities and banks, and that's got some appeal."

But both Hughes and County Democratic Chairman Timothy F. Hagan say Kucinich has been running a low-key campaign, refraining from bitter forays to present less of a target to his challengers.

"He's gone underground, playing smart politics," said Hagan.



George V. Voinovich



Dennis J. Kucinich

**KUCINICH CLAIMS** HIS accomplishments have been overlooked because of contrived turmoil and inherited fiscal problems. He has been a harsh critic of the local media, saying it, "thrives on confrontation."

Hughes is predicting Voinovich will outpoll Kucinich in the primary, but that both will advance to the general election. Hagan said, "I don't think it will be Butts and Russo in the general election, but I cannot say categorically that it will be Kucinich and Voinovich."

In 1977, incumbent Republican Mayor Ralph J. Perk was eliminated in the primary.

Cleveland, Ohio's largest city, is beset by problems. Its population has dropped to an estimated 600,000 — from 750,000 in 1970 — as many in the middle class fled to the suburbs of the industrialized city.

As the tax base declined, municipal services suffered and many day-to-day expenses of government were met by financial sleight of hand, long before Kucinich took office.

**ON DEC. 15, 1978**, the city defaulted on \$14 million in notes held by six local banks and more than \$1 million in loans from its own coffers when Kucinich and the City Council could not agree on a course for solvency.

In a development this week, the 8th Ohio District Court of Appeals refused to order Kucinich to obey a City Council directive to use city income tax revenues to pay off the defaulted loans.

The default climaxed a year of struggle for Kucinich, whose firing of a popular police chief and his abrasive style led to a bitter recall attempt. He was sidelined for five

weeks last fall because of an ulcer and was ordered to slow down his 18-hour daily pace.

At the same time, a judge stripped the city of its waterworks — Cleveland's largest asset — citing in part the diversion of its funds by Kucinich for other city purposes. The ruling is being appealed.

Kucinich fought pressure from Russo and a majority of the City Council to sell Cleveland's Municipal Electric Light System, even when it appeared he could avert default by doing so. In February, city voters overwhelmingly sided with Kucinich to retain the utility, and also agreed to an increase on the electric system as a campaign issue. The city's school bus plan, implemented earlier this month without incident, has been an issue — though not a major one — with the major candidates opposed to busing.

**CLEVELAND DEFAULTED** in August on \$3.3 million owed its waterworks contingency fund and is faced with a threat of default Oct. 6 on \$14.1 million owed to its waterworks construction fund and airport surplus fund.

Kucinich claims the City Council has blocked his bailout plans in an attempt to embarrass him politically. Council leaders have called his refinancing proposals illegal.

Voinovich, 48, whose slogan is "Together we can do it," has said that the city's survival is at stake in the election and that a united effort is needed to solve its problems.

Kucinich has made Voinovich his main target, claiming the lieutenant governor would use the mayoralty as a stepping stone for higher office and would surrender the city to corporate "fat cats."

Russo, 32, with the support of black leaders like Council President George L. Forbes, is trying to forge a black-Italian alliance. He has attacked Kucinich for "a philosophy of divisiveness and hatred."

Butts, 37, is campaigning on the theme that the city deserves better management. "Let's end the war and clean the streets," he says.

## Ex-Bandido sentenced on firearms charge

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A former member of the Bandidos motorcycle club, considered a "prime suspect" in the Nov. 21 attempted assassination of a federal prosecutor, has been sentenced to three years in prison on an unrelated federal firearms charge.

But Timothy Kenneth Larson, 34, said at his sentencing hearing Thursday that he was innocent of both the gun charge and the attack on Assistant U.S. Attorney James Kerr.

"The only reason the gun charge was brought up is the FBI thinks I had something to do with the Kerr thing. They said they were going to put me away for life," Larson told U.S. District Judge Adrian Spears. "I'm not guilty on the Kerr thing and I'm not guilty on the gun charge."

Kerr, 38, who had spearheaded a massive investigation into a massive narcotics smuggling ring centered in El Paso, escaped with only minor injuries after his car was riddled by a hail of automatic rifle fire outside his home. He has since left the U.S. Attorney's office here.

U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr., known as "Maximum John" for his stiff sentences in drug cases, some of which were prosecuted by Kerr, was assassinated May 29.

The federal investigations into the drug smuggling and the two ambushes have focused on the Bandidos.

Larson was identified by an FBI special agent in a bond hearing as "a prime suspect" in the Kerr attack.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Speck said during Thursday's sentencing hearing that Larson remains a leading suspect in the Kerr attack.

Before passing sentence, Spears said the government's allegations about the Kerr shooting would not influence the punishment he gave. He told Larson, "It goes without saying that if I had any proof in the Kerr case I would give you as much time as I had the power to give. But I am going to give a sentence I believe is appropriate."

Larson, a convicted felon, was convicted July 21 of charges he illegally received and possessed a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol.

Spears sentenced Larson to three years in prison for possessing the gun and two years for receiving it. The judge suspended the two-year term and ordered Larson to remain on probation for five years after the end of the three-year sentence.

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### Bullpups whip Monahans JV to even record

MONAHANS — The Midland High Bullpups bounced back here Thursday night to down the Monahans JV, 20-13 in a junior varsity football game.

Midland had lost to the Midland Lee JV, 35-6 last week, but the Pups, behind the fine running of Wesley Williams and Wayne Sims, downed the Lobos to bring their season record to 2-1 going into next Thursday's action when the Midland sophomores play at Greenwood.

Williams got the Bullpups on the scoreboard first with a 56-yard touchdown scamper. The try for the extra point failed, however.

Midland got its second touchdown from Sims on a six-yard run and once again, the try for the PAT failed.

Williams scored the winning TD in the final period on a four-yard run and this time, the two-point conversion clicked when Richard Magness passed to Barr Bolger for two points and the final 20-13 margin.

Jim Gunnels, Scott Louderback and Joe Goebel stood out along with the entire defense, according to the MHS coaches.



Oklahoma's Billy Sims (20) dives for yardage against Iowa and Sooners will be seeking to add

Tulsa University, last met in 1943, to their list of victims Saturday. (AP Laserphoto).

### Bruce may be best of all

(Continued from 1d)

Sutter ranks as a prime candidate for the Cy Young Award and if they really considered pitchers for Most Valuable Player, he'd have to be just as big a candidate for that, too. On the basis of value to his ball club, no one comes close.

Originally a fast ball pitcher when he joined the Chicago organization from Hippy's Raiders in Lancaster, Bruce hurt his arm and was shown the "Split-finger fastball" by Fred Martin, the late Chicago roving pitching coach.

It's a pitch that dips and darts like a knuckler, only starts out like a fast-

ball. It makes batters like Jim Rice and Fred Lynn look like beginners stepping up to a golf tee for the first time ever.

It's a pitch he throws 80 percent of the time. Everybody knows it is coming, but no one can do anything about it. It even has coaches and managers in the minors trying to figure it out.

A couple of years ago, Midland Manager Jim Saul said he'd move up on the pitch and hit it before it disappears. Someone in the majors had already tried it and Bruce simply snuck his straight fast ball by him.

The oddity about the pitch is that it is seldom a strike, but it comes up to the plate oozing pitch-appeal, a temptation a batter just can't resist.

### Bob Dillon grid picks

(Continued from 4D)

ranked AAAA outfit in the state and now wonder after 50-13 and 48-7 victories over Brownwood and Wichita Falls High, respectively. You think the first two were easy. The Cougars take on Haltom, a team that upset the Key City team last year. Haltom lost 60-12 to Arlington Heights last week and the Cougs are seeking revenge after losing to the Buffaloes last year in Fort Worth. Cooper 55, Haltom 0 and maybe even more.

ODESSA PERMIAN was picked to finish second behind Cooper in the pre-season polls and the Panthers are struggling right now after a 9-0 loss to Amarillo High last weekend in Odessa yet. Mojo got past mid-field only once against the Sandies and had six turnovers. Permian faces Texarkana in Texarkana at 2 p.m. Saturday and the Panthers will get enough offense to take a 21-7 victory over the Tigers. Mojo still plays good defense.

ODESSA HIGH, under new coach Jerry Millsapps is 2-0 and will be 3-0 after an easy time with the lowly Hobbs, N.M. Eagles in W.T. Barrett Stadium tonight. Hobbs has lost to Artesia, N.M. and Big Spring by scores of 7-0 to date and the Eagles will be lucky to score on the Bronchos who have already beaten Amarillo and El Paso Burges. OHS to win, 42-7.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL may be facing the only team it can beat with the exception of one District 5-4A outfit when the Bobcats, 0-2, take on Austin Anderson tonight. The Bobcats are having their problems and they better enjoy tonight's contest since they open 5-4A play with Cooper in two weeks. Central to take a 20-15 victory, maybe.

ABILENE HIGH polished off Stephen F. Austin of Austin, 10-0 last week, but faces the Temple Wildcats in Temple tonight. Last year Temple whipped the Warbirds, 42-7.

BIG SPRING has to be feeling much better after beating Hobbs,

N.M. last week as it goes into tonight's contest with the Snyder Tigers.

OTHER GAMES: Fort Stockton 21, El Paso Address 16; El Paso Austin over my ole high school Roswell, N.M. 33-12; El Paso Bowie over Parkland, 22-0; Eastwood to take care of Burges, 26-6; El Paso Coronado 26, Ysleta High 6; Las Cruces Mayfield 33, El Paso Irvin 19; Alamogordo, N.M. 26, Ysleta Bel Air 20; Pecos 27, Riverside 7; Amarillo High to roll over Lubbock 33-6; Caprock 26, Canyon 12; Clovis, N.M. 13, Palo Duro 10 on Saturday; Dumas 16, Tascosa 13; Pampa 20, Altus, Okla. 17; Hereford 20, Borger 16; Lubbock Estacado over Lubbock Coronado, 20-14; Carrollton Turner over Tyler Lee; Denton to beat Irving; Lewisville over Arlington Bowie; Rider over Hirschi in an intra-city battle in Wichita Falls; Wichita Falls over Vernon; Arlington Heights over Wyatt in a good one; Paschal over Western Hills; Arlington Sam Houston 14, North Mesquite 10; Trinity Eules 20, Richland 14; Duncanville over South Garland; L.D. Bell over Garland; W.T. White over Spruce; Kinball over Madison; South Oak Cliff over North Dallas; Plano in easy win over Sherman, Plano has yet to be scored upon in two games; Lake Highlands over Pearce; Killen to whip Longview; Bryan to defeat Nacogdoches; Tyler over Richfield; Brownwood over Roundrock; Cypress over Westchester; Spring Branch over Lamar Consolidated; Kashmere over Madison Saturday; Port Neches Groves 26, Port Arthur Jefferson 20; Double over Dickinson; Ball over Yates; Seguin to edge past Calhoun; Austin Reagan over Crockett; Alice to beat Beeville; San Antonio Jay over Memorial; Churchill over Highlands; Lee over Jefferson; Roosevelt over Judson and in the state headliner, Houston Startford, defending AAAA state champions to post a 21-17 victory over LaPorte.

## RICHARD VINCENT Lamesa, Andrews, Crane, Stanton get grid nods

By RICHARD VINCENT  
Sports Writer

Each week the teams just seem to be getting better and better. The cream is beginning to rise to the top. In some districts, league play is about to begin. For others, there's still time to tune-up.

What all this means is that area schoolboy football is about to bust loose at the seams.

This week, all seven area teams are engaging in nonconference warfare. Each game appears to be a gem.

District 3-AAA Lamesa will lock horns with Levelland in a contest featuring a pair of hard-luck teams. Meanwhile, District 2-AAA Andrews seeks their third straight triumph when the Mustangs host Seminole.

Crane of District 7-AA guns for their second straight success when the Golden Cranes venture to Coahoma.

Two area outfits butt heads in McCamey as the Badgers of District 6-A meet District 5-A Stanton, unbeaten in two outings.

Rankin of District 6-A opens their home schedule against Imperial while Melvin Burns' brawny Reagan County Owls face a solid Iraan outfit.

The Greenwood Rangers, an area squad not in a district, host Sands.

This week's fearsome forecast:

LAMESA 10, LEVELLAND 9 — Yes, the Golden Tornados should finally do it. Obviously, it won't be easy, but Julian Bush's bunch is do. Lamesa should score their first points of the year and their improving defense should be able to withstand a charge from the Lobos.

ANDREWS 24, SEMINOLE 13 — Prior to the start of the season, Andrews coach Bill Shipman conceded Seminole had the makings of a fine ballclub. But he didn't say much about his own team, which has also been outstanding to date. This could be a dandy but Andrews' high-octane offense and air-tight defense should prevail.

CRANE 17, COAHOMA 6 — Crane's offense will finally figure out a way to paydirt. Meanwhile, their defense, which scored the Golden Crane's only touchdown in last week's victory, should do a number on Coahoma.

STANTON 21, McCAMEY 14 — This might be the best game of all if McCamey coach Larry Nabors has some healthy bodies. On the other hand, Stanton, which seems solid on either side of the scrum, wants momentum for next week's district opener. It's at McCamey, but Craig Eiland and Company are tough.

RANKIN 42, IMPERIAL 7 — Red Devils exploded last week for 58 points enroute to posting a shutout and it should be the same type of

affair tonight. Quarterback Brant Myers and running back Terry Turner are lethal offensive operatives who could have a field day with Imperial. The Red Devil defense, as usual, is rugged.

REAGAN COUNTY 20, IRAAN 17 — Here's one that should be avoided by the weak of heart. Reagan County has size, quickness and talent but Iraan can never be counted out. Reagan County manhandled a depleted McCamey last week and the Owls seem to be coming together. Owls are at home.

ROUND THE REGION — Ft. Stockton 20, Address 0; Canutillo 10, Monahans 8; Odessa Ector 33, Crystal City 14; Pecos 23, El Paso Riverside 12; Brownfield 12, Denver City 11; Dunbar 27, Lake View 14; Snyder 22, Big Spring 16; Sweetwater 19, Stamford 10; Kermit 35, Lovington, N.M. 0; Eldorado 20, Ozona 6; Mason 42, Sonora 37; Anton 14, Sudan 3; Forsan 35, Robert Lee 9; O'Donnell 17, Borden County 0; Sundown 25, Plains 13; Ropes 12, Meadow 8; Seagraves 29, Lorenzo 6; Shallowater 3, Springlake 0; Clint 23, Animas, N.M. 21; Maria 44, Sanderson 9; Junction 14, Coleman 7; Menard 22, Eden 11; Jim Ned 30, Wall 4, Greenwood 14, Sands 0.

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Stock market mixed

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices were mixed today as the price of gold rose again and the dollar dropped.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 3.16 to 879.61 by 2 p.m., but losers outnumbered gainers by a small margin in New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Gold closed at a record \$386 an ounce in London as the dollar hit its lowest value of the year against the West German mark and the Swiss franc.

Several major banks joined in raising the prime rate to a record 13 1/2 percent, but Albert Sommers, the chief economist of the Conference Board, a business-sponsored research organization, predicted interest rates will plunge by the middle of next year.

American Telephone & Telegraph led the NYSE active list and was down 1/2 at 54 1/2 after the Federal Communications Commission proposed an overhaul of AT&T's private line charges.

Chrysler dropped 3/4 to 7 3/4 after Lee Iacocca was named chairman and chief executive officer of the troubled automaker. McDonnell Douglas rose 1 1/2 to 26 1/2 as it appeared problems with its DC-9 aircraft would not result in a grounding of the planes.

Trans World Corp. rose 3/4 to 26 1/2 despite another denial that its airline subsidiary was for sale. Texas International Airlines says it wants to buy the airline.

The NYSE's composite common stock average rose .24 to 62.00. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 2.42 to 226.29.

Big World volume came to 27.4 million shares by 2 p.m.

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BUSINESS MIRROR Do semantics really matter?

NEW YORK (AP) — Does it really matter to the ordinary American whether academics reach agreement on whether there is or isn't a recession?

This very question also could set off a debate, but there is a school of opinion that says you are wasting your time over a semantic rather than substantive matter.

Your real concern, it is said, should be about more personal measures than those used by the academics. Recession to the academic concerns the entire economy. Your economy could be vastly different.

Before calling a downturn a recession, many academics insist there be a shrinkage of total output for at least two successive quarters. Other criteria are measured, but production falloff is the major symptom.

Using that measure, you couldn't prove we're in a recession: Gross national product did drop by an annual rate of nearly 3 percent in the second quarter, but it had risen in the first three months.

Now we see how tricky the definition can be. That first-quarter advance was less than 1 percent, which indicates a rather weak level in the production of goods and services. But an advance nonetheless.

The definition also means you cannot declare a recession until the quarterly figures are in. Currently, it means no answer until sometime in October, when returns for July-September are reported.

Even then the answer might not be clear. What if the third quarter is barely on the plus side? Technically, it would mean no recession, even though the economy was shown to be weak for three straight quarters.

In such situations, professional economists generally look for more sophisticated clues, such as the level of factory orders, unemployment rates, investment levels, personal income levels and the like.

Nevertheless, the technical definition does allow economists of any stripe to say we have avoided recession even when other measures prove beyond an intelligent doubt to be in serious trouble.

The situation exists right now. Some economists maintain it is a sham to say we have avoided recession when productivity and personal income are falling or stagnant, and prices and unemployment are rising.

Others, however, maintain that the economic is stronger than is popularly recognized. They note that people are spending, housing has not collapsed and neither has business' capital investment plans.

What criterion should you use? Your own pocketbook is an infallible measure. If you have more going out than coming in you're assets are shrinking, a condition that certainly should qualify as a recession.

If you're debts are beyond your ability to pay then you're ability to expand is impacted. Perhaps you must even sell off some of your assets in order to raise money. For you, that's a recession.

Mutual funds

NEW YORK (AP) — The following companies, supplied by the National Association of Securities Dealers, have changed the prices at which their securities have been sold (Net asset value) or bought (Offering price) since Sept. 14, 1979.

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg, Pct. Includes entries for Fours, Growth, etc.

Additional listings

Quotations from the NASD are representative interdealer prices of approximately 11 a.m. Interdealer markups change through the day. Prices do not include retail markups, markdown or commission.

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Ups & downs

NEW YORK (AP) — The following issues show the most gains and losses through Sept. 20, 1979. Figures are percentage changes in price since Sept. 14, 1979.

Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg, Pct. Includes entries for Baker International, etc.

Livestock

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma feedlot steers, slaughter steers and calves, head and head and heavy 1,300 to 1,500 lbs.

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Cotton

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton No. 2 futures Thursday on the New York Cotton Exchange.

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Grain

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Export yellow corn No. 2, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 yellow corn No. 2, 2.32 1/2 to 2.33 1/2.

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Gold Futures

NEW YORK (AP) — The following list shows the American Stock Exchange's market and percentage changes are the difference between the previous closing bid price and today's last bid price.

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