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Gregory Whitlock, an investigator from the state fire marshal's office, uses his knife to take samples of charred wood at Tall City Apartments, the scene of a fatal fire Dec. 29. Whitlock and Midland

fire officials have pinpointed the origin of the fire but not the cause. (Staff Photo by Brian Hender-shot)

Fatal fire started in bed, state investigator says

By KAY CRITES
Staff Writer

A fire that killed four Midland children, ages 8 months to 3 years old, Dec. 29 started on a double bed only a few feet from where the children's bodies were discovered, State Arson Investigator Gregory Whitlock determined Tuesday.

All five children were found huddled next to a door that would have led them to safety. The bed was located four to five feet from that door. Killed were 3-year-old twins Noel and Joel Bennett, 2-year-old Rudy Bennett Jr. and 8-month-old Jennifer Ann Bennett, the children of Rudy and Yolanda Bennett.

The origin of the fire was pinpointed Tuesday by Whitlock with the state fire marshal's office. He said the cause of the fire would probably not be known until Thursday. Whitlock is scheduled to leave Midland Thursday evening.

He spent early Tuesday afternoon at Tall City Apartments, examining the burned rooms. The remainder of Tuesday, today and possibly part of Thursday will be spent talking with the family and witnesses.

"It's going to take me a while to get everybody's stories together," Whitlock said Tuesday. "Now comes the legwork."

The state fire marshal's office was called in because of the unusual burn pattern from the fire. The room where

the fire started and where the children were found was charred from the baseboards to the roof on every wall. Usually, said Midland Fire Marshal Herb Bloomer, a fire causes a "V" pattern — small where the fire begins and then expanding as it climbs the wall to the ceiling.

"The reason it burned out like this," said Whitlock, "is because of the paneling. It's cedar with a lot of varnish and varnish is highly flammable. When that (paneling with varnish) gets to a certain temperature, it just flashes."

After examining the three charred rooms that were rented to the Bennett family, Whitlock and Bloomer also agreed that the fire had been burning at least 30 minutes before it was spotted by residents.

That contradicts earlier reports which had indicated the fire had been burning for only about five minutes before it was spotted.

Besides the Bennett's three rooms, a storage room and one room of an adjoining apartment were damaged in the fire. The resident of the damaged apartment was watching television, said Whitlock, when the fire blew a hole in the wall.

Since the fire, the apartment management has posted a notice to all the residents that the complex will be closed as of Jan. 15. Unofficial sources say the building will be leveled and the land used for commercial development.

Algeria's proposal on hostages called 'generally acceptable'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iran's chief hostage negotiator said today the Tehran government generally accepts a secret Algerian proposal for ending the U.S.-Iranian crisis.

The negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, told a news conference in the Iranian capital the Algerian mediators had offered a guarantee that their proposal would work. But he gave no details of the proposal and guarantees, saying only, "This subject has been studied and has been agreed upon generally."

Nabavi, who is minister of state for executive affairs, refused to say explicitly whether he meant that a breakthrough had been made or was imminent in the stalemate over the 52 captive Americans, who have been held for 431 days.

The Algerian plan presumably replaces an Iranian one rejected by the Carter administration whereby the United States would have been required to deposit \$24 billion in the Algerian central bank as a guarantee that Iran's various financial demands would eventually be met.

Nabavi's remarks came a day after a confusing statement by Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Ali Rajai aroused new speculation that progress was being made toward resolving the crisis.

Rajai said in a television interview in Tehran that Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had authorized acceptance of a proposal from Algeria "to solve our problem with the United States."

But the Farsi-language words used by Rajai could have been translated as either that Algeria "guaranteed" to solve the problem or "undertook" to solve it, and there was no official English translation of what he meant.

Today Nabavi told reporters, "The Algerian government has said in its proposal that it is ready to accept the undertakings of both sides, in other words, Iran and the United States can empower the Algerian government with their undertakings."

Asked when the hostages might be released, Nabavi said, "When the conditions of the Majlis (Iranian Parliament) are met by the U.S. government and when the Iranian government obtains enough assurance that the U.S. government's undertakings will be carried out." He also repeated Iran's threat to put the Americans on trial as spies if the conditions are not met.

There was no immediate public reaction by the Carter administration to Nabavi's statements, but on Tuesday night White House press secretary Jody Powell reported that Algeria delivered "additional questions" from Iran Tuesday on the last American proposals. He said a reply was being sent to the Algerians early today.

U.S. officials who asked not to be identified said the signals from Iran suggested the U.S. and Iranian governments had reached

"agreement on some basic principles" to settle the hostage dispute.

But Powell said Tuesday's communication from Iran provided no basis for "any sort of conclusion about when or even if we will have an agreement."

The chief points being discussed between Iran and the United States apparently have been the amount of money to be put in escrow in Algeria by the United States as surety for Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks, and how to accommodate Iran's demands for U.S. assets of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

The Iranians had demanded that the United States deposit \$14 billion in Algeria as a guarantee that they would receive their \$8 billion to \$14 billion frozen assets, and an additional \$10 billion to guarantee that any Pahlavi assets would be handed over to Iran.

U.S. still cautious over hostages' fate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Iran appear to have narrowed their differences on ending the hostage crisis, but U.S. officials caution that a quickened pace of negotiations between the two countries does not ensure a breakthrough in the 14-month stalemate.

However, one official, who asked not to be identified, said agreement has been reached on some "basic principles" and that Iran is prepared to revise its demand that the United States provide \$24 billion in financial guarantees as its price for releasing the 52 captives.

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell, who attended a hastily convened meeting at the State Department Tuesday night, urged caution.

Meanwhile, in a news conference today in Tehran, Iran's chief negotiator in the hostage crisis, Behzad Nabavi, said Algeria has sent Iran its own proposal to try to break the stalemate and has offered some kind of guarantee that its proposal would work. He did not disclose details of the proposal.

Although Nabavi said Iran generally accepts Algeria's proposal, he refused to say whether a breakthrough was near in the negotiations to free the hostages.

Powell, asked Tuesday night about signs of new Iranian flexibility, said only that Iran asked questions about the latest U.S. proposal and added: "There is no basis to judge where this will lead. We would all be well advised not to jump to overly optimistic conclusions. I don't think we can reach any sort of conclusion about when or even if we will have an agreement, based on what we have here tonight. I don't think there's any basis to be optimistic or certainly not more pessimistic than we were. At this point we're just going to have to wait and see where this will lead us."

Another official, who asked not to be identified, said there is no reason as yet to believe the hostages will be freed before President Carter leaves office 13 days from now.

One official, however, said the new

information was "significant enough to take with a degree of seriousness."

Another added: "I think we're a couple of steps further down the road."

The fresh movement involves the key issue of what will happen to the more than \$8 billion in Iranian assets which Carter froze 10 days after the hostages were seized.

The Carter administration has proposed to deposit part of these assets — perhaps several billion dollars' worth — in an escrow account controlled by a neutral country, probably Algeria, to be released to Iran once all the hostages are freed.

The administration has explained to Iran that it cannot legally deposit the entire amount because some of the assets are subject to claims by American banks and corporations.

However, officials noted that even if agreement is reached on this point, the two sides still would disagree over Iran's demands for the return of the wealth of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

At the White House this morning, Carter told congressmen from Georgia that the Iranians had great trouble understanding that the United States does not control the shah's estate.

Speaking to reporters after their farewell breakfast with the president, the congressmen quoted Carter as saying that the Iranians believe the shah's wealth to be billions of dollars, but that Carter believes it to be much less, although he doesn't know for sure.

They said the president divulged no new information on the negotiations to secure release of the hostages, but stressed how frustrating the incident has been.

Rep. Edgar L. Jenkins, D-Ga., said it was "a general conversation. He did not indicate there were any new developments in the last few hours that would change the frustrations of the last few months."

Nonetheless, the new developments Tuesday night were the first sign of movement in the standoff since Iran disclosed its \$24 billion demand 2 1/2 weeks ago.

Bell entitled to only 5-cent rate hike

PUC hearing examiner says lower figure 'reasonable'

AUSTIN (AP) — Ma Bell is entitled to only a nickel a month more from most residential customers in Texas, not the \$1.25 monthly hike the company wants, according to a Public Utility Commission hearing examiner.

Phil Ricketts' 55-page report, issued Tuesday, chopped Southwestern Bell down to a \$114.3 million increase, compared to the \$326.3 million the company said it needs to meet inflation. The report undercut the \$152 million the PUC staff said Bell should get.

The three-member commission will consider the report on Jan. 28.

Ricketts recommended the five-cent monthly increase for residential customers in cities such as Alvin, Big Spring, and Denison, as well as in the state's largest cities, including Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Waco and Corpus Christi.

Larger increases, however, were proposed for residential customers in smaller cities. Ricketts said customers in Albany, Alpine, Cameron, San Diego and other small cities should pay 35 cents more per month. House-

hold customers in cities the size of Beeville, Center, El Campo, Vernon, Alice, Huntsville, Kingsville and others should pay 30 cents more per month, according to Ricketts.

"The \$114 million is a reasonable amount," Ricketts said. "Obviously, Bell felt they deserved a good deal more."

The Texas Municipal League said Bell needed only a \$68.2 million increase.

But Paul Roth, Southwestern Bell vice president, called the examiner's report "inadequate" and promised to seek significant adjustments and increases in the final order.

In a prepared statement, Roth said, "We are deeply disturbed that the recommendation fails to recognize the extent of our revenue needs to continue meeting the growth of Texas and to maintain the high quality of service required."

Bell posted the required bond and raised rates in November after the hearing began. The interim rates were based on the PUC staff recommendation.

Ricketts said the difference between the interim rates and the rates he recommended should be refunded, with interest, to customers during a three-month period. That proposal also is subject to commission approval.

The long-awaited report, prepared after a six-week hearing, recommended a 14.1 percent return on equity for Bell. The company sought 16.8 percent. Ricketts also cut \$11.5 million from the amount Southwestern Bell pays to AT&T under a license contract.

Ricketts also wants Bell to do away with the current 50 cent per month

charge for an extension, which covered the wiring cost.

He recommended a 25-cent increase in monthly "instrument charges" for phones owned by Bell. The company wanted a 50-cent increase, up to \$1.50 per phone.

The end of the extension charge would offset the 25-cent hike in the instrument charge, Ricketts said.

The report offers a compromise on Bell's request for an increase in the cost of directory assistance calls. The company wanted to cut the number of free information calls to five per month, with a 25 cent charge for each additional call.

El Paso water suit now in New Mexico courts

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Attorneys representing New Mexico have asked a federal judge to dismiss a suit filed by El Paso, Texas, seeking rights to tap a vast underground water table that begins just west of Texas' westernmost border.

U.S. District Judge Howard Bratton listened to arguments from both sides Tuesday and said he would take New Mexico's motion for dismissal under advisement and rule on it "as soon as possible."

Attorneys for New Mexico said the Texans don't own any rights to its water and probably never will and the suit should be promptly thrown out.

El Paso filed suit last September hoping to gain rights to the mostly untapped Mesilla Bolson reserve of southern New Mexico. The West Texas desert city said it needed New Mexico's water to avert an anticipated shortage by the end of the century.

El Paso's lawsuit challenges the

constitutionality of a New Mexico law prohibiting the export of its fresh water. Attorneys for the Texas border city have said the bolson is mostly under federally owned land and, except for Las Cruces, a city one-tenth the size of El Paso, no other community is using it.

But Richard Simms, representing New Mexico, said El Paso has put the cart before the horse in asking the court to waive New Mexico's law. He said the enforcement of the statute that forbids the export of water can only be enacted in court. He said El Paso does not have any water rights in New Mexico and is not likely to obtain any, and so it cannot ask the court to remove an embargo that exists only on paper.

After El Paso filed the suit Sept. 5, New Mexico State Engineer Steve Reynolds designated the area closed basins — forcing El Paso to file applications for water drilling permits. The city filed 326 applications.

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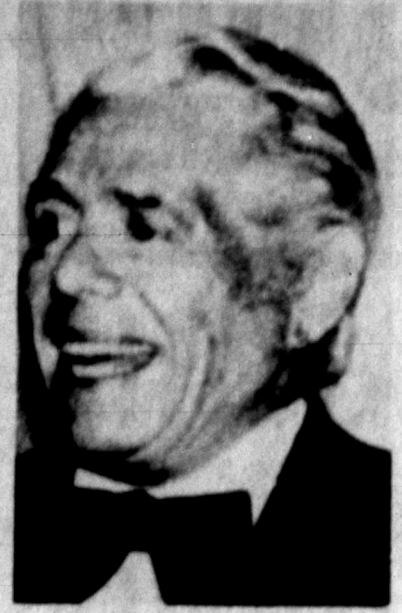
AUSTIN — Basic monthly telephone rates for Midland residents would increase from \$7.15 to \$7.20 under a rate hike recommended Tuesday for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. by a Public Utility Commission hearing examiner.

Southwestern Bell had sought an increase in rates to \$8.40 for Midland residents.

The recommended rates are approximate and they vary depending on the number and types of telephones a customer has, use and other factors.

The rates still must be approved by the PUC, which is scheduled to consider the hearing examiner's recommendation on Jan. 28.

PEOPLE



Desi Arnaz



Carl Albert

An unbelievable plot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Entertainer Desi Arnaz doesn't believe he was once the target of an underworld murder plot, as an acknowledged mob assassin has claimed.

Alameda "Jimmy the Weasel" Fratianne, now in the federal witness protection program after testifying against several organized crime figures, describes the alleged contract on Arnaz in his upcoming book, "The Last Mafioso."

Fratianne said the late Chicago mobster Sam Giancana ordered Arnaz killed because of bad publicity given to gangsters Al Capone and Frank Nitti in the television series "The Untouchables." The series about Prohibition-era FBI agents was produced by Desilu Productions, which was owned by the Cuban-born entertainer.

Fratianne's book says the "hit" was called off when the hired killers said they couldn't get close enough to the former husband of Lucille Ball to shoot him.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Former U.S. House Speaker Carl Albert continues to have chest pain after suffering a mild heart attack last week, according to Oklahoma Memorial Hospital officials.

Don Brown, hospital administrator, said Albert remained in stable condition and is undergoing additional tests as physicians continue to monitor him closely.

DENVER (AP) — After facing Senate confirmation hearings, Malcolm "Mac" Baldrige, Ronald Reagan's choice for secretary of commerce, will be tested in a different arena this month.

Baldrige is to compete in the team roping event of Denver's National Western Rodeo on Jan. 15-18, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association said Tuesday.

The Waterbury, Conn., businessman began his amateur roping career at age 30. Friends here say he probably will continue it.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A collection of jewels designed by Salvador Dali, on loan to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts since 1977, has been sold for \$3.9 million to a former manager of the famed surrealist artist.

The Lichtenstein Corp., headed by Capt. J. Peter Moore, curator of the Terrot Moore Museum in Cadaques, Spain, has exercised an option to purchase the jewels from the Owen R. Cheatham Foundation in New York, the Richmond News Leader reported Tuesday.

The News Leader quoted a New York lawyer for Moore as saying Moore plans to take possession of the collection in March and exhibit it around the world.

The 37-piece collection, designed in watercolor sketches by Dali between 1953 and 1969, includes small pieces that could be worn and large, sculptural pieces with moving parts operated by tiny electric motors. One of the more curious pieces is a heart fashioned of gold with a center of rubies that pulsates by means of a motor.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Unconfirmed reports in Dutch newspapers say the first steps have been taken to dissolve the 16-year marriage of Princess Irene, younger sister of Queen Beatrix, and Spanish prince Carlos Hugo of Bourbon-Parma.

The reports say the Utrecht diocese of the Dutch Roman Catholic Church has approved an annulment and it is now open to the adjoining diocese of Haarlem to confirm or reject the decision.

Nominees outline Cabinet hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan's Cabinet nominees are outlining for Congress the incoming administration's hopes to cut taxes, deregulate business, shore up Social Security, export more food and go slow on negotiating an arms limitation treaty with the Soviet Union.

The issues discussed during confirmation hearings Tuesday before five Senate committees were a general reflection of the themes played by the incoming president during his campaign. There were no surprises and there was no hint that any of those nominated would run into trouble being confirmed.

The process of translating broad campaign rhetoric into more specific proposals was continuing today with two more Cabinet nominees scheduled for confirmation hearings.

However, there was the prospect of some fireworks at the hearing for James G. Watt, Reagan's choice to be interior secretary. He is strongly opposed by environmental groups and among the witnesses scheduled to appear at his hearing was just-defeated Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., now chairman of the Wilderness Society.

A confirmation hearing also was scheduled today for Andrew L. Lewis Jr., Reagan's choice as secretary of transportation.

At Tuesday's hearings, Defense Secretary designate Caspar W. Weinberger told the Senate Armed Services Committee he expected Reagan to wait at least six months before trying to renegotiate the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union.

Reagan has long opposed the arms limitation treaty concluded during the Carter administration, saying he believes it is too favorable to the Soviet Union.

Weinberger said the new administration would not want to begin the SALT II talks until it had formulated its policy on such matters as production of the controversial MX missile.

He also said there would be "at the very least, severe administrative problems" in rolling back the peacetime draft registration initiated by President Carter.

Commerce Secretary designate Malcolm Baldrige told the Senate Commerce Committee that "overregulation is hurting the growth of medium-sized and small companies" and called for deregulation "from top to bottom."

Baldrige also said government should do more to help companies increase their exports.

Agriculture Secretary designate John R. Block told the Senate Agriculture Committee he would be "very reluctant" to use a food embargo against

foreign countries as a tool of diplomacy.

Block had told a news conference Dec. 23 that food is the greatest weapon the United States has and should be used to "tie countries to us." He added shortly after that news conference that he did not feel food should be used alone, saying "If we're going to boycott and cut off exports, we should cut off

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everything." And Tuesday he said a food embargo should be used "only as a last resort under extreme circumstances."

In response to a question, Block said, "Yes, you can count on a very aggressive export program."

Block also said Tuesday he has no preconceived notions of demolishing the government's food stamp program, which will cost an estimated \$11 billion this year.

Former Sen. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., meanwhile, told the Senate Finance Committee that he, as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, would try to put the Social Security system on a sound financial footing. But he added it was going to be tough.

Schweiker said any solution to the system's finan-

cial ills would be unpopular because the only options are raising taxes, reducing benefits or raising the eligibility age.

Schweiker also said he wasn't certain that Reagan would propose returning welfare — and its financing — to the states. The Republican platform calls for that shift.

Donald T. Regan, a Wall Street financier selected to head the Treasury Department, told the Senate Finance Committee, the "Kemp-Roth" plan for cutting personal income taxes 10 percent a year for each of the next three years will be the cornerstone of the new president's economic program.

But he warned that economic recovery will be slow and said it may take the new administration three years to balance the federal budget.

The House and Senate met jointly Tuesday to formally certify the electoral college votes electing Reagan and Vice President-elect George Bush.

Meanwhile, House leaders began filing posts on four key committees and, true to the promises made by House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., earlier, five conservative Democrats were among those nominated to fill vacancies. O'Neill had promised to nominate conservative Democrats to committees handling the federal purse strings after they complained they had little input on those decisions.

Education secretary chosen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan has picked Utah education commissioner Terrell H. Bell to head the Education Department, an agency the president-elect wants to dismantle, a well-placed Republican source says.

The appointment of Bell, 59, a U.S. education commissioner in the Nixon administration, is expected to be announced later this week.

Bell's reported selection would end a longer-than-anticipated search for an education secretary that foiled Reagan's goal of finishing work on his Cabinet by Christmas. Reagan has publicly admitted that some candidates for the job turned him down.

Bell would be the last of the 13 Cabinet secretaries to be named.

Bell reportedly flew to Washington this week to talk with Reagan transition advisers.

In another transition development, sources said

Dr. Daniel Ruge, a Veterans Administration neurosurgeon, will be named Reagan's White House physician.

Ruge would replace Dr. William Lukash, the Navy doctor who has held the position for 14 years under four presidents. Lukash will retire from the Navy on Jan. 20.

Ruge, 63, an expert on spinal cord and brain injuries, will take a leave from VA service to become Reagan's personal physician at that time.

Bell, an Idaho native and a longtime educator, became Utah superintendent of public instruction in 1963. He was appointed associate U.S. commissioner of education in 1970 and was named commissioner in June 1974 by then-President Richard M. Nixon.

Bell held that post in the old Department of Health, Education and Welfare until August 1976.

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Transportation groups are already lobbying

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drew Lewis Jr. hasn't taken office as transportation secretary yet but he's already feeling pressure from special interest groups who want to save their favorite government-subsidized programs.

Lewis, a Pennsylvanian with broad experience in business and politics, was expected to receive little opposition today during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee.

He might, however, be questioned about recommendations of a task force which studied the Transportation Department for President-elect Ronald Reagan's transition team. He was a member of that task force.

The panel recommended that the administration slash federal transportation subsidies, including cuts in mass transit money, new highway construction funds and subsidies to railroads, especially Amtrak and Conrail.

Amtrak is the federally-funded passenger service and Conrail a for-profit corporation set up by Congress to operate several bankrupt railroads in the Northeast.

A group of mayors met with Lewis recently to express concern over any proposed cuts in mass transit funds, among other things.

The 48-year-old Lewis drew modified support from an industry spokesman because of his experience during the past 10 years as a trustee in bankruptcy of the Reading Railroad, a concern whose railroad operations were absorbed into Conrail in 1976 but lives on with interests in real estate, coal and interstate trucking.

Appointment expected despite GOP opposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative Republicans apparently have failed to block Defense Secretary-designate Caspar W. Weinberger's choice of deputy CIA director Frank C. Carlucci to be the No. 2 man at the Pentagon.

Republican sources said Tuesday that Carlucci was "about 90 percent" certain to get the influential post of deputy defense secretary. One source said a final decision was likely today or Thursday.

A behind-the-scenes campaign by conservatives to undermine support for Carlucci last month led to a direct clash with Weinberger, one of Ronald Reagan's closest and most trusted advisers, the sources said.

The sources said Weinberger came out on top in the power play with William Van Cleave, the conservative head of the Defense Department transition team.

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Chapman's lawyers plan insanity defense



Police with drawn weapons clear a Manhattan Supreme Court driveway as a Dept. of Corrections maximum security van prepares to transport Mark David Chapman back to Riker's Island Prison Tuesday following his

appearance before Justice Herbert Altman to enter a plea of innocent by reason of insanity to the gunshot murder of former Beatle John Lennon. (AP Laserphoto)

NEW YORK (AP) — Insanity is "clearly the issue" in the case of Mark David Chapman, who has pleaded innocent to murder charges in the shooting death of former Beatle John Lennon, a defense lawyer says.

Chapman, 25, was surrounded by armed court officers when he appeared Tuesday in Supreme Court to enter his plea before Justice Herbert Altman.

Outside the court, attorney Jonathan Marks, contending insanity was "clearly the issue," said his client would plead "not guilty by reason of insanity."

Police said today that Marks is under 24-hour guard following his report of a threat which police refused to detail. They said the lawyer would be protected by two detectives until the seriousness of the threat could be evaluated.

The lawyer withdrew his request to the court that Chapman undergo examination to determine his mental competence to stand trial. The judge, however, appointed two psychiatrists and a psychologist to examine the defendant. One of the psychiatrists is a veteran of the "Son of Sam" multiple murder case.

Pretrial hearings are scheduled for Feb. 11 and Feb. 25, with a trial date to be set at the latter appearance.

Authorities contend Chapman came from his home in Honolulu expressly to kill Lennon. Lennon, 40, and his wife, Yoko Ono, were entering their luxury apartment building Dec. 8 when he was shot several times.

Only hours before, Chapman obtained Lennon's autograph.

The slaying evoked a worldwide tide of anger and mourning. Tens of thousands around the world paused for 10 minutes of silence as a final tribute to

Lennon the Sunday after the shooting. Chapman is under an around-the-clock suicide watch at Rikers Island prison.

Meanwhile, Julian Lennon, Lennon's 17-year-old son by an earlier marriage, said he would leave England to live with Miss Ono and become a rock drummer.

Lennon was quoted in the London Daily Mail today as saying: "That, at least for the immediate future, is where my music will take me."

The teen-ager, who left school last year, lives at the home of his mother, Cynthia, in the north Wales market town of Ruthin. He returned there last week after spending three weeks in New York following his father's death.

His parents were married in 1963 and divorced in 1968. Mrs. Lennon wed John Twist in 1976 and the couple runs a restaurant in Ruthin.

The newspaper said Lennon was torn between his quiet home life in Ruthin and the excitement of Manhattan. It said his loyalty was further stretched between his mother and Miss Ono, with whom he had formed an emotional bonding following his father's death.

Lennon, who previously had planned on leaving school to study at Chester Art College, said that while he was in New York after his father's death, Miss Ono helped him get drum lessons there from a top session drummer.

Libya annexing southern neighbor

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Libya apparently is annexing Chad, its southern neighbor, after intervening in the civil war in the former French colony.

With 4,000 Libyan troops camped 40 miles from his capital, Chad's President Goukouni Oueddei joined Col. Moammar Khadafy in announcing Tuesday that they had agreed to

merge their countries into a single state. The announcement was made in a joint communique issued at the end of a five-day visit by Goukouni to Tripoli, the Libyan capital. The communique was distributed in Beirut by Libya's official news agency, Jana.

The merger would make the new nation Africa's largest, with an area of nearly 1.2 million square miles, and a desperate need for a lot of Libya's oil wealth in the southern half.

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There was no immediate comment from Paris on the merger announcement. Three weeks ago the French government hinted it might intervene in Chad if asked by other African states "to preserve the country's unity and maintain its independence."

Khadafy in the past has made unsuccessful attempts to merge Libya with Egypt, Tunisia and Iraq, and since September with Syria.

A Kuwait newspaper reported over the weekend that the merger plans with Syria had been postponed because of differences between Khadafy and Syrian President Hafez Assad. Official sources in Syria denied the report but acknowledged differences between Khadafy and Assad.

However, the merger with Chad appears more certain. Libya already has annexed a disputed border they share along a mineral-rich strip of the Sahara desert. It used to be called northern Chad, but now the Libyans call it "southern Libya."

The communique Tuesday, which came less than a month after Libyan-backed forces triumphed in Chad's civil war, said each side vowed to help the other fight any attacker.

Libya also declared it would send an unspecified number of military experts to Chad "to help safeguard security and

reinstate peace, which came as a result of the end of the civil war."

The communique said Goukouni's government asked Libya to help build a national army and security force in Chad under a mutual defense treaty signed in June.

Libyan forces helped Goukouni's troops rout the rival soldiers of former Defense Minister

Hissene Habre, ending nine months of fighting in the Chad capital of N'Djamena.

Goukouni and Habre, both Moslems from the barren north, gained control of the country in 1978 from the Christians and tribal blacks from the arable south who dominated the government since independence from France in 1960.

Habre and his supporters tried to take over from Goukouni in a coup in 1979 and gave up last month when the Libyans intervened on Goukouni's side. Habre fled to Cameroon and signed a peace treaty with Goukouni a few days later.

The Libyan troops have remained stationed in Douguia, 40 miles north of N'Djamena.



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Lederer on tape accepting payoff

NEW YORK (AP) — After assuring an undercover FBI agent that he was "not a Boy Scout" but someone who "can deliver," Rep. Raymond Lederer accepted a brown paper bag containing \$50,000 in cash, according to a videotape played at his Abscam trial.

The Philadelphia Democrat, the only one of six House members indicted on Abscam charges to be re-elected, contends he was entrapped into accepting the money.

The 40-minute tape played Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn included numerous mentions of money and showed undercover FBI agent Anthony Amoroso saying, "I hope you spend it well."

Lederer, accused of accepting the money in return for promising to introduce private immigration bills on behalf of two non-existent Arab sheiks, offered several times to sponsor such legislation during the videotaped meeting Sept. 11, 1979, at a Kennedy Airport hotel.

The videotape showed Lederer saying of one sheik, "If he can't go through the regular naturalization, right, when the time comes, then I'll introduce a private bill to keep him in the country."

Lederer suggested on the videotape that an investment by the sheiks in the Port of Philadelphia would not be a bad idea, nor would donations to charities or favorable mentions in the society pages of newspapers in Philadelphia.

"Those are the things you're going to have to do," he said.

The tape also showed Lederer saying he would like to meet the top sheik: "I want some flesh and blood. I might even like the guy. He might be a solid guy. I mean, I might just like him, he might like me."

The defense says Lederer will not contest that he accepted the bribe but will contend the government enticed and induced him into taking the cash.

In an entrapment defense, a defendant contends that without such inducement he would not have committed the alleged crime. To combat such a strategy, the government would have to prove that Lederer was predisposed to accept the bribe.

Former Rep. John Jenrette, D-S.C., used entrapment as a defense as did two former Philadelphia city council officials. All were convicted, but a judge in Philadelphia recently threw out the convictions there on grounds of entrapment and governmental misconduct. Jenrette is appealing his conviction.

Meanwhile, in Washington, former Rep. Richard Kelly was returning to the witness stand in his bribery and conspiracy trial today to face questions about why he pocketed \$25,000 offered as a bribe in the FBI undercover investigation.

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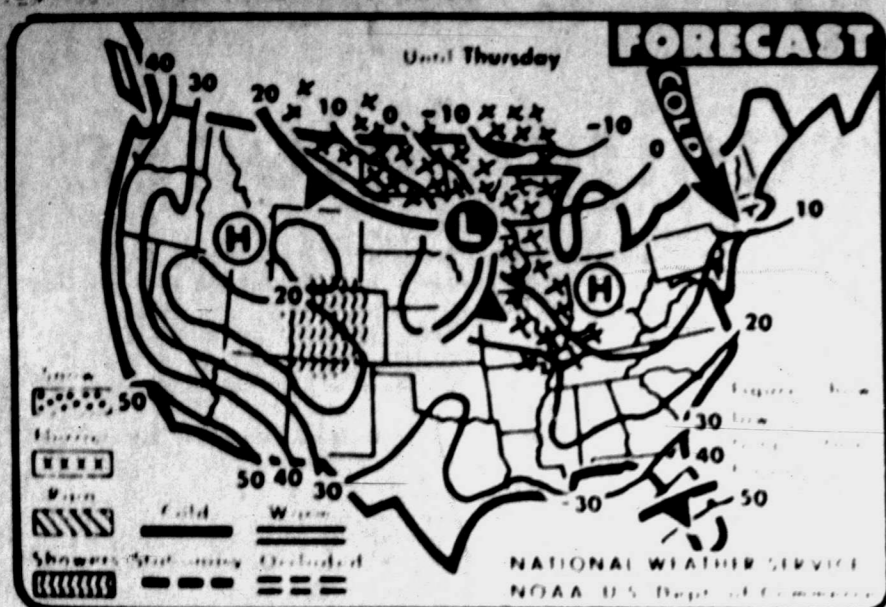
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Snow flurries are forecast today through Thursday from the northern Plains to the upper Mississippi. Showers are predicted for Colorado. Sunny, warm weather is expected from southern California to Florida...

Midland statistics

Table with columns for weather forecast, national weather service readings, local temperatures, and southwest temperatures.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anaheim, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, Amarillo, Austin, etc.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy north, considerable cloudiness south through Thursday. Not so warm with scattered showers west of Pecos today...

Extended forecasts

Friday Through Sunday: West Texas: Partly cloudy. Colder Friday. Warmer over the weekend. High Friday 46 north to 56 south...

Slight chance for rain predicted

The low tonight should drop to the mid-30s, warmer than this morning's low of 27 degrees. Even this morning's low was warmer than the record low of 11 degrees set in 1970.

Code guidelines come under fire

TORONTO (AP) — A proposal for voluntary restrictions on publication of scientific articles about secret codes could open a "Pandora's box" of problems and hinder research, some scientists contend.

Officials hope missing pickup truck will provide clues to stabbing death

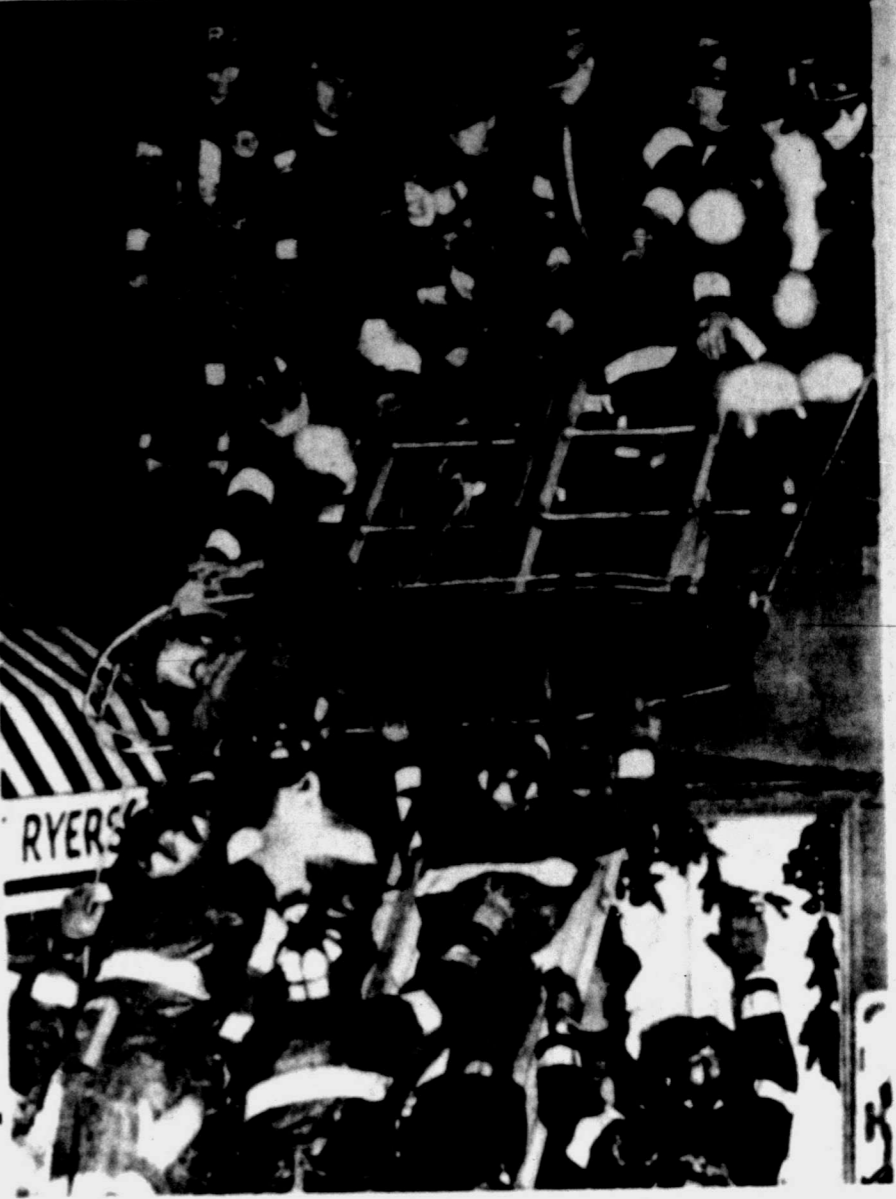
SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Bexar County officers today hoped to find a pickup truck missing from the house where an elderly grandmother was stabbed to death.

Odessa man, 18, arrested for rape

ODESSA — Officers with the Odessa Police Department arrested an 18-year-old Odessa man this morning in connection with the Jan. 3 rape and assault of a 6-year-old child.



Smoke billows from a five-story office building, above, in Boston's Back Bay section Tuesday. At right, a battery of Boston firefighters aids in the rescue of comrade John Hullum as he is lowered over ladders following the collapse of two floors inside the burning building. Two firemen died and at least seven were injured. (AP Laserphotos)



Firefighters rescued from rubble

BOSTON (AP) — Firefighters dug through the rubble of a fire-gutted Back Bay brownstone office building early today after two floors collapsed without warning, killing two firefighters and trapping four others for three hours, authorities said.

and by the body of another man, at about 7 p.m. It was not until three hours later that the body of the second victim was pulled from the still-burning wreckage.

Accused 'Ripper' will not appear

LONDON (AP) — Peter Sutcliffe, the 35-year-old truck driver charged with murdering Jacqueline Hill, who police say was one of 13 victims of the Yorkshire Ripper, will not appear in court when his case comes up again next week, his lawyer said today.

The Times suggested some editors had rejected restraint even though they knew their reporting was contemptuous. "Newspapers have lawyers," it said, implying some media were not afraid of possible indictment on contempt charges.

Snow closes many schools, clogs traffic in many cities

A storm spread snow from Michigan to Maine and as far south as northern Georgia today, with accumulations from an inch to almost a foot closing hundreds of schools and clogging rush-hour traffic in the big cities.

Police probing rape report; Man held on mischief charge

Police are investigating a rape reported Tuesday night. According to reports, Midland Memorial Hospital personnel called police at 8:37 p.m. Tuesday to report that a rape victim was at the emergency room.

Code guidelines come under fire

Cryptography Study Group were "totally unnecessary" and would amount to "suppression of the mind." The study group, set up at the request of the National Security Agency, which analyzes foreign codes, has drafted a plan under which a scientist who plans to publish an article on the mathematics of codes or code-breaking would be asked to submit it to an NSA advisory committee for voluntary prior review.

Police, Fire Roundup

N. Terrell St. between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday. Guadalupe G. Perez said when he and his wife returned home from work they discovered a .357-caliber pistol, 30-caliber carbine rifle and a 270-caliber rifle missing.

Code guidelines come under fire

University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, said he feared the plan would have a chilling effect on the exchange of scientific views. It also could threaten the privacy of ordinary citizens by retarding research on coding systems to protect sensitive personal and financial data stored and transmitted by computer, he said.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Jan. 5. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell Gefken, 2613 N. Midland Drive, No. 907, a girl.

Code guidelines come under fire

It was the well-kept secret that the United States had broken the Japanese Navy's code during World War II that enabled the United States to win the Battle of Midway, he said.

HOME DELIVERY

Table showing home delivery rates for the Midland Reporter-Telegram, including rates for 1-year, 6-month, and 3-month subscriptions.

Nader says air safety is 'under regulated'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader says seven significant safety rules have been "languishing" within the Federal Aviation Administration "an average of more than six years each."

Nader said Tuesday that the FAA has one of the worst records in government safety regulation and is "under-regulating" air safety.

Nader released a study by the Aviation Consumer Action Project, a Washington consumer group, that said the FAA since 1978 has adopted only one major safety regulation a year.

The study by Matthew Finucane, an attorney with the group, said seven other air carrier standards deemed "significant" by the FAA are under consideration at the agency, "where they have been languishing for an average of six years and two months."

The standards still being developed would cover such areas as prevention of fires or explosions after crashes, flammability specifications for crew member uniforms and revising flight and duty time limitations for crew members.

"The FAA cannot protect the flying public in the crowded skies of the 1980s if it is allowed to continue regulating at its present snail's pace," Nader said in a letter to Transportation Secretary-designate Drew Lewis.

FAA spokesman Jerry Lavey said he could not discuss Nader's charges until he sees the consumer group's report. But he noted that the airline safety record last year was the best since 1933, with only 13 deaths, all in the same accident. During 1979, 353 people were killed, Lavey said.

"Strict safety enforcement efforts by the FAA are clearly having an effect," Lavey said.

Nader said the 1980 safety record was a statistical fluke and insisted that "the seeds of future disasters are being planted by inaction."

The report urged President-elect Ronald Reagan to appoint an FAA administrator "with a strong commitment to upgrading air carrier safety." It said the new administrator should expedite final action on the major rulemakings now in progress. The report also recommended more thorough congressional oversight of FAA regulations.

Reagan eyes cuts in spending

Deep and politically difficult reductions expected

By OWEN ULLMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan's economic advisers are looking at almost every area of federal spending except defense in their search for ways to deflate a ballooning budget deficit now approaching an estimated \$60 billion for 1981.

Republican sources said the advisers planned to present the president-elect today with a partial list of possible program cuts and a warning that even deeper — and politically tougher — reductions than originally considered may be needed if Reagan is to fulfill his pledge to balance the budget by 1983.

One source said Rep. David A. Stockman, R-Mich., Reagan's budget director-designate, is compiling a list of "everything for which there is a feasible way to save money if they (Reagan and Congress) had the political will to do it."

The source said the "universal" list, which will be trimmed as political repercussions are taken into account, includes virtually every major government program, from Social Security to unemployment benefits, but not the defense budget, which Reagan wants increased.

"It will not be a painless process. We will have to cut deeply to get the operation (budget) in hand," said the source. He said the advisers hoped to have a final list of proposed budget cuts for the current fiscal year and for fiscal 1982, which begins Oct. 1, by the time Reagan is inaugurated Jan. 20.

Reagan has pledged to rein in federal spending and balance the budget by 1983. But his campaign promise is being jeopardized by a rising tide of anticipated government spending for 1981 and beyond.

Congressional and Carter administration econo-

mists are projecting \$660 billion in spending for fiscal 1981, which began last Oct. 1, unless Reagan can find enough fraud, waste and abuse to cut the budget by 2 percent, something his advisers have said is possible.

The new estimate is nearly \$30 billion higher than the budget approved by Congress less than two months ago. As a result, government economists expect a deficit of \$55 billion to \$60 billion for this fiscal year's budget, more than double the red-ink estimate of two months ago. This is same budget that President Carter vetoed a year ago would be balanced.

High interest rates were cited as one factor responsible for the sharp rise in anticipated spending since the fall. The government has to pay more to borrow money just like everyone else when interest rates rise.

Carter's proposed budget for fiscal 1982, due out next week, will call for spending of about \$740 billion and a deficit of about \$40 billion, according to administration sources.

Reagan, who said in late October that he might be able to balance the budget by 1982, would have to chop deeply into Carter's spending package to eliminate the deficit.

Donald T. Regan, the president-elect's choice for treasury secretary, said at his Senate confirmation hearing Tuesday that under current economic conditions and assuming no unforeseen economic turmoil, "we could see a balanced budget in the fourth year" of the incoming administration — a year later than Regan has pledged.

"We can balance the budget sooner than that," Regan said when pressed by freshmen Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, about why it would take so long. But Regan said Congress would have to make "more

serious cuts" in the budget. "It's going to take a lot of courage," he said.

Rep. James R. Jones, D-Okla., the new chairman of the House Budget Committee, said he believes the Democratic-controlled House will cooperate with the Republican Senate and the Reagan administration in reducing spending.

Brady reportedly Reagan choice for press aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Brady will be Ronald Reagan's White House press secretary, The Washington Star reported today.

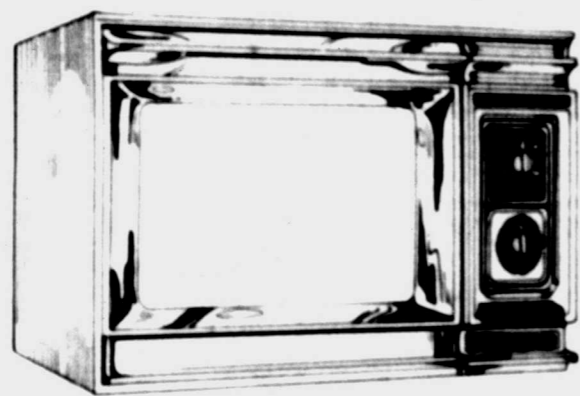
The Star quoted informed sources as saying that Brady, spokesman for the Reagan transition headquarters, was notified late Friday of his selection and that the appointment will be announced Tuesday in Washington.

Brady, 40, said he had no comment on the report. Brady has said recently that whoever became Reagan's press secretary would begin without the access to the president that Jody Powell has to President Carter or that Lyn Nofziger had as press secretary to Reagan. Nofziger, who was Reagan's press secretary for 14 years, has been appointed by Reagan as assistant to the president for political counsel.

The Star said Brady will report to James Baker, who will be White House chief of staff, and to Reagan.

Brady, a native of Centralia, Ill., graduated from the University of Illinois in 1962.

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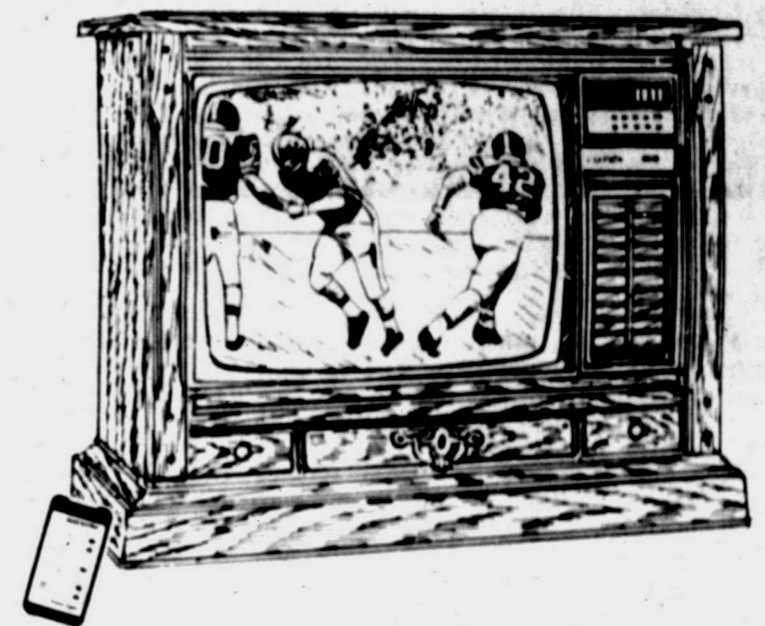
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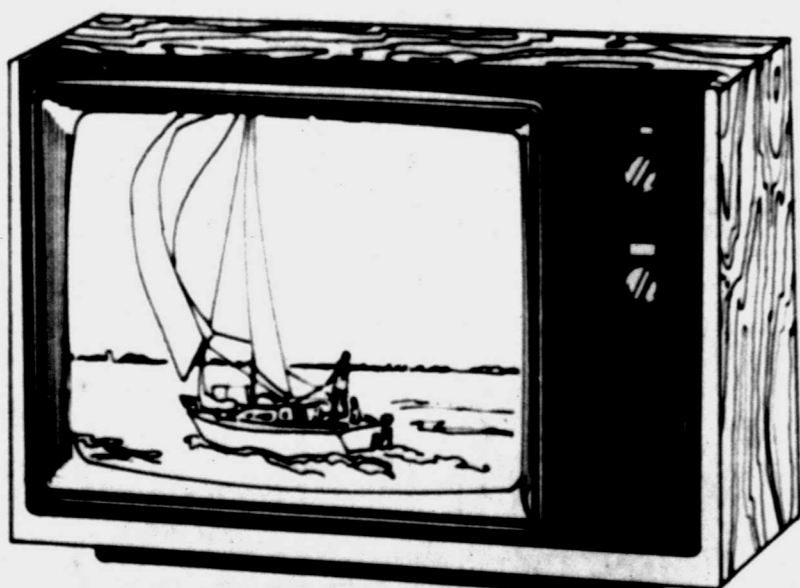
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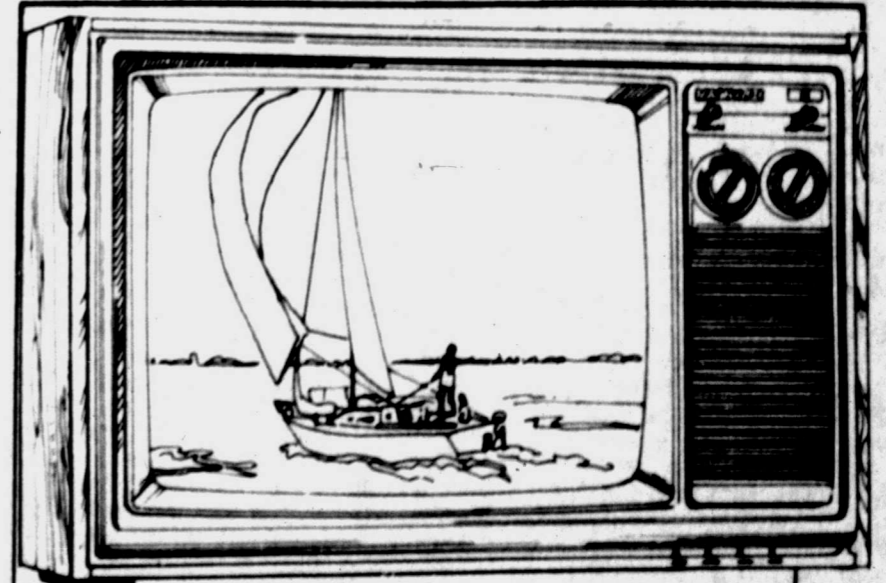
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Egypt bans Israeli reporters

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin denounced the banning of an Israeli newspaper's correspondents from Egypt, saying Israel "cannot tolerate this kind of discrimination."

Egypt banned the English-language Jerusalem Post's reporters Monday after the paper

published the first of a series of stories on an imminent shakeup in the Egyptian leadership because of a power struggle between President Anwar Sadat and Vice-President Hosni Mubarak.

In a statement issued Tuesday night by Begin's

spokesman Dan Pattir, the prime minister said Egypt was free to deny or disprove news stories it did not like, but there was no justification for banning its reporters.

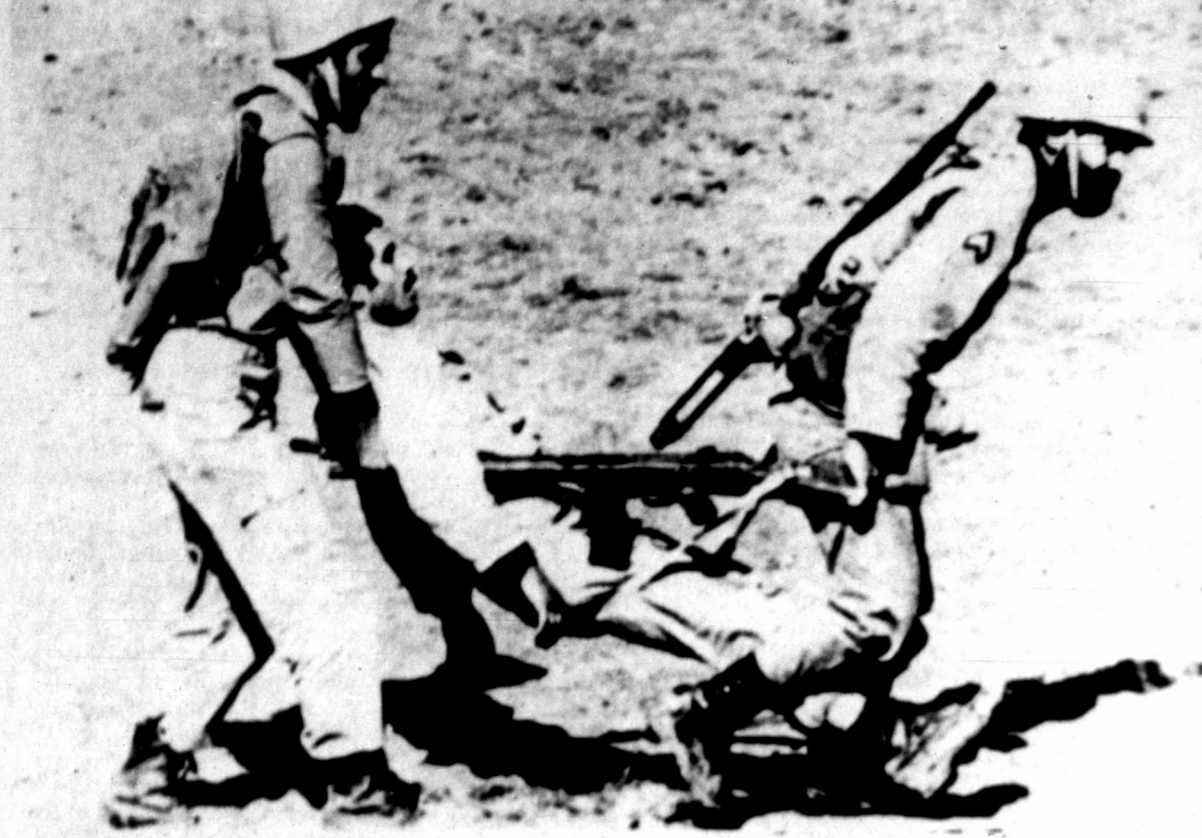
In the latest installment of the series, reporter Anan Safadi de-

tailed the differing views taken by Sadat and Mubarak on peace with Israel.

It said that where Sadat believed in bringing about normal ties with Israel to the Jewish state into making concessions toward the Palestinians, Mubarak be-

lieved normal ties should be instituted only after Israel had taken the first step toward the Palestinians.

But the main differences between the Sadat and Mubarak camps seem to be more domestic and personal than political, wrote Safadi.



Using two rifles as a stretcher, Iranian soldiers carry a wounded comrade to safety, during an action against Iraqi forces near Susangerd, southern Iran recently. Iranian forces

are currently mounting an offensive against the Iraqis in the Susangerd area, which has seen some of the heaviest fighting of the Iran-Iraq war. (AP Laserphoto)

Iraq claims Iran retreating

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iraq reported fierce fighting continuing in one area of the Iranian counter-offensive launched two days ago but claimed the Iraqis were retreating on their second front 200 miles to the north.

The Iranian government claimed "fresh victories" but gave no new details. Pars, the official news agency, invited foreign reporters in Tehran to the railway station later today for the arrival of 400 to 600 Iraqis it said were captured in the fighting near Ahvaz, the capital of oil-rich Khuzistan province, which Iraq invaded Sept. 22.

An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio Tuesday night said Iraqi forces were battling a three-prong Iranian attack in the area of Susangerd, 35 miles northwest of Ahvaz, where Iran said its first major counter-offensive of the war began Monday.

"Our forces engaged the enemy in strength and with all kinds of weapons, inflicting on him heavy losses in lives and equipment," the communique said. "Fierce fighting is still continuing in Susangerd."

The communique claimed that in the other area of Iranian attack, the Gilan e-Gharb highlands at the northern end of Iraq's 300-mile invasion line, the "enemy is retreating, leaving behind the dead and large quantities of tanks and arms, some destroyed and some usable."

For the first time in more than a month, the

Iraqi air force went into action against the Iraqis in Susangerd and Ahvaz. Baghdad Radio said Iraqi MiGs flew 15 sorties over the two cities, "scoring direct hits and causing extensive damage."

It claimed 381 Iranian troops were killed and 43 tanks were destroyed, in addition to two Iranian Phantom jets and one helicopter gunship Tuesday. It admitted 29 Iraqi deaths in the same period.

The Iranian command claimed the Ahvaz-Hamidiey-Susangerd areas had been cleared of Iraqi troops, "who retreated several kilometers."

An Iranian communique said more than 1,000 Iraqis had been killed and between 1,700 and 2,000 captured in the offensive. It said 830 of the POWs were driven through Ahvaz to the cheers of thousands of residents.

No independent confirmation of the rival claims was available since Western reporters were not permitted to visit the war fronts.

Radio Tehran reported millions of Iraqis went to their rooftops Tuesday night for 15 minutes of prayers beseeching Allah for victory. The broadcast said the chant of "Allah Akbar" — God is great — roared across the Iranian capital in the winter cold.

Meanwhile, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in a speech marking the 60th anniversary of the Iraqi army, declared that his forces would not withdraw from occupied Iranian territory until

Iran's leaders recognized Iraq's "legitimate rights in usurped lands and waters."

Hussein castigated the Iranian government for turning down his proposal Oct. 28 to negotiate a cease-fire and discuss peace on the basis of Iraq's demand for full sovereignty over the Shatt al-Arab estuary, the disputed waterway at the southern end of the border between the two countries and Iraq's water route to the Persian Gulf.

Hussein said he was still ready to discuss peace on the basis of the same demands, but now he would be negotiating "from a position of strength and after our army proved we are capable of facing their expansionist ambitions and aggression."

Hussein and other Iraqi leaders accuse the Iraqis of trying to export Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution to bring down the Iraqi government. Although both the Arab Iraqis and the non-Arab Persians who are predominant in Iran are both Moslems, Hussein and the Iraqi leadership are members of the Sunni sect while the Iraqis and a majority of

the Iraqis belong to the rival Shiite branch of Islam.

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Dog story

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Karen Valentine stars in the TV movie "Skeezzer," the story of a mongrel dog for NBC's Project Peacock series.

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Mary Hall

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — A memorial mass for Mary Margaret Hall, 61, and Dr. Frank Christopher Hall, 67, both of Oklahoma City, sister and brother of Patricia Ann Roberts of Midland, will be said at 6:15 tonight in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland with the Rev. Clifford Blackburn, OMI, officiating.

The Halls died after their home caught fire on Dec. 26. Miss Hall died Dec. 26, while Hall died Dec. 28 from injuries sustained in the blaze.

A wake for the two was held Dec. 28 in the Smith-Kerneke Funeral Home with the Rev. William Bischoff, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Health in Oklahoma City, officiating. A funeral mass followed on Dec. 29 in the church. The two were buried in Oklahoma.

Other survivors include a sister and a brother.

Willie Hughes

MASON — Services for Willie Francis Hughes, 58, of San Angelo, brother of Boots Seawright of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Mason Funeral Home with burial in Gooch Cemetery.

Hughes died Monday at his residence.

Born May 10, 1922, in Llano, he was married to Callie Gibbs in March of 1940 in Brady. He was a carpenter and had lived in San Angelo 20 years.

Survivors include a son, Frank Hughes of Austin; two daughters, Marvadeen Graine of Houston and Connie Bray of Austin; three brothers, Omer Hughes of Odessa, Jack Hughes of Junction and Willard Hughes of San Antonio; a sister, Verdie Mae Ray of New Mexico; and eight grandchildren.

Albert Blevins

CRANE — Services for Albert Lee Blevins, 75, of Crane are pending at the Hunter Funeral Home in Oklahoma City, Okla., with local arrangements handled by Easterling Wilson Funeral Home in Odessa.

Mr. Blevins died Monday at an Odessa hospital following an illness. He was born Nov. 5, 1905, in Oklahoma and was a retired laborer. He moved to Crane eight years ago from Oklahoma and was a member of the Crane Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Anderson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, J.C. Blevins of Moore, Okla., and William Bradley Blevins of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four sisters, Mrs. Etta Elmer Lanning and Mrs. Jimmie Hazel Lannie, both of Crane, Mrs. Johnny Castleberry of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Zelma Belesel of Tipton, Okla.; and two grandchildren.

Leana Ruehs

ODESSA — Services for Leana Belle Ruehs, 86, of Midland were Tuesday in the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home chapel with burial in Ector County Cemetery. An Eastern Star service is pending.

Mrs. Ruehs died Sunday in a Midland nursing home following a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 6, 1894, in Texas. She was married to Joe Frank Ruehs in 1924 in Powell. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star. She was the owner of the Odessa Lumber Co. She came to Odessa in 1925, before moving to Midland.

Survivors include a brother, Horace Burdett of Los Angeles; a brother-in-law, Buford Allen of Midland; and a niece, Lanelle Marshall of Midland.

Miami riot deaths trial underway



Sixteen-year-old Patrick Moore, center, is flanked by his attorney Roy Black, right, and an unidentified state's attorney, left, in Judge Mario Gorderich's courtroom Tuesday in Miami where Moore and three others are on trial in the riot deaths of three white men. Moore and the other three defendants are charged in the beating and stomping deaths of Benny Higdon, Robert Owens, and Charles Barreca May 17, 1980. (AP Laserphoto)

MIAMI (AP) — Attorneys were going to court today to begin selecting a jury in the murder trial of four young blacks accused of beating to death three whites who drove into the predominantly black Liberty City neighborhood the day Miami's May race riots erupted.

Trial began Tuesday with defense arguments for suppression of statements the police took from the defendants after their arrests.

The case is the second involving a death in the May 17-19 racial violence, which claimed 18 lives and caused more than \$100 million damage. The rioting erupted after an all-white jury acquitted four white

former policemen on charges stemming from the fatal beating of black Miami insurance man Arthur McDuffie.

Facing first-degree murder charges were Lawrence Capers, 24; his 21-year-old brother, Leonard; and two juveniles, Patrick Moore and Samuel Lightsey, both 16.

The defendants were charged in the deaths of Benny Higdon, 21, Robert Owens, 15, and Charles Barreca, also 15. The victims had been fishing and were returning to Higdon's Miami home at about 9 p.m. May 17 when their car was pelted with rocks and bottles.

According to police reports, their car hit a wall and the three were dragged out and beaten to death with rocks and boards.

Assistant State Attorney Robert Kaye said he had dozens of witnesses to call and did not know how long the trial might last.

Higdon's wife, Tina, has been subpoenaed to testify, according to her sister-in-law, Mary Owens.

"It's going to be pretty rough for her to have it all brought up again," said Mrs. Owens.

Mrs. Owens, of Hollywood, Fla., identified the badly beaten bodies for police — an experience she said has caused her nightmares.

Defeated solon back on Hill

BALTIMORE (AP) — Former Rep. Robert E. Bauman, defeated in his November re-election bid after disclosures about his personal life, is beginning a 60-day term as a strategy consultant to the House Republican leadership, the Baltimore Sun said today.

Bauman will be on the payroll of Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the House minority whip, a Lott aide told the newspaper.

"Mr. Lott felt that all (Bauman's) legislative experience and knowledge of the rules would be uniquely beneficial when shared with the new GOP congressmen," the aide said, adding that half Bauman's time would be devoted to schooling new congressmen informally and the rest to GOP strategy development.

He said the former con-

gressman's salary had not yet been determined but indicated it would be less than the \$60,000 Bauman earned as a member of the House.

The aide told the newspaper Bauman's income would be determined later by Lott, but an official of the House Administration Committee was quoted as saying the former congressman probably can't be paid at a rate exceeding \$52,000 a year — the top scale for "daily rate" consultants.

Lott's aide added there were no plans currently to extend a 60-day period of employment for Bauman.

Bauman could not be reached immediately for comment.

Bauman's election defeat came after his acknowledgement of alcoholism and "homosexual tendencies" and after a criminal solicitation charge involving a male in Washington.

His wife, Carol, reportedly has obtained a GOP job as a member of the Reagan transition team on the Office of Personnel Management.

Wanamaker sued for sexual discrimination

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — The federal government has charged John Wanamaker Inc. with discriminating against female workers at its department store here by paying them less than it pays men who perform the same jobs.

The suit filed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission seeks a permanent injunction to prevent the company from continuing the alleged discrimination, which it said has been going on since 1964, when the store opened.

The suit also asks the court to require Wanamaker to pay the 66 women named in the suit back wages amounting to the difference between what the government says they should have earned and what they actually received.

Those figures were not available immediately. Spencer H. Lewis, the EEOC regional attorney in Philadelphia, said Tuesday the suit was filed after the company declined to "come into compliance" with the law by increasing the pay of women who allegedly were discriminated against.

Lewis said the company contended that the jobs the women held were not the same as those held by more highly paid men.

Officials of the department store chain could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

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Gold futures prices for various contracts and months.

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Stock market gains

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average broke through the 1,000 level to its highest closing level in more than four years...

The widely recognized average climbed 12.03 to 1,004.69, its highest close since it finished at 1,013.13 on Sept. 27, 1976.

Its record closing high of 1,051.70 was reached almost eight years ago on Jan. 11, 1973.

New York Stock Exchange volume reached 67.40 million shares, the ninth heaviest total on record, against 58.71 million Monday.

The Dow Jones industrials climbed to about 1,003 at mid-session, retreated to the mid 900s during the afternoon, and then came on with a rush again just before the close.

Buying was heavily concentrated in the big-name issues that make up the Dow, leaving most broader indicators with much less dramatic showings.

Ten Dow stocks recorded gains of a point or more. DuPont was up 2 1/2 at 44 1/2 as of the 4 p.m. close in New York...

But the oil stocks, one of 1980's strongest stock groups, were notably weak. Mobil, Texaco, Standard Oil of California, Conoco, Superior Oil and Atlantic Richfield all posted losses...

Some glamor issues not included in the Dow also declined. Teledyne lost 2 1/2, to 208 1/2. Burroughs was off 1/2 at 53 1/2, and Humana dropped 1 1/2 to 69 1/2.

The market's overall strength in recent days has been attributed to declining interest rates, and spreading hopes that rates will soon fall further.

New York's Chemical Bank lowered its prime lending rate to 19 1/2 percent Tuesday morning, a day after Morgan Guaranty Trust of New York cut its basic rate on business loans to 20 percent.

BUSINESS MIRROR

Statistics don't tell whole economic story

By JOHN CUNIFF, AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Last year's economy was not at all what you thought it was if you rely for information on official government statistics...

As a consequence, gallons of ink and cubic feet of air used to deliver the news in 1980 might have been saved, not to mention the nerves of those who worried over every fractional change in the latest index.

Some of the revisions reach decades into history — to the crash of 1929 — but 1980's changes may generate the most popular concern. It was a worrisome year; now the revisions say you could have worried less.

Further detailed analysis and the perspective of history conceivably might show more important consequences, that, for example, presidential and congressional votes were affected to a significant degree.

That possibility arises not just from the entire year's statistics but from the fact of a huge upward revision in economic growth — to an annual rate of 2.4 percent from just 0.9 — during the third quarter.

The third quarter was, you recall, a time of relentless attack on President Carter's economic record. And it provided the latest economic statistics, before revisions, for the pre-election debate.

Now, we are told, the consumer and overall economies last year were stronger than realized. Inflation wasn't as bad as we had thought it was. Neither was the savings rate. Nor perhaps the productivity rate.

The Commerce Department added 1.5 percent or more than \$30 billion to estimates of personal income. Personal savings were adjusted higher by 30 percent, and that jumped the savings rate to 5.7 percent, close to the long-term average, rather than the historically low 4.4 percent.

For the decade that ended in 1979, real annual growth was revised to a 3.2 percent average, or close to what is considered normal, from 2.9. And that suggests the figures for productivity gains may be lifted.

Inflation, measured by the personal consumption expenditure deflator — different from the Consumer Price Index — was reduced in the revisions to 10.6 percent to 10.3 percent. High, but nevertheless lower.

You can make what you wish of these statistics, but lessons should be learned too. Such as: —Placing less faith in short-term numbers as guides to economic interpretations. —Being more aware that most economic statistics are subject to revisions.

—Recognizing that many statistics originally were devised for the use of professionals, who are aware of statistical imprecision, pitfalls and imperfections.

Of course, the question now is whether you can rely on the revisions. Do they accurately reflect economic conditions? How close are they come to depicting in numbers what 226 million people are doing?

The popular pitfall may be that when numbers are refined to such tiny fractions they have the appearance of precision. Unknown to the beholder are the estimates, weightings and calculations involved.

At best, some of the numbers are good guesses, considering the speed with which they are compiled and the often incomplete data from which they are produced. They are working tools, and some of them are crude.

In fact, nonprofessionals might be wise to avoid relying on them as their sole guidance and, instead, use them only as backup for what their own pocketbooks tell them about economic conditions.

The pocketbook still is the layman's best guide to the relative strength of the economy. It may fool him for a while, but eventually it comes out with the hard facts. And seldom is it subject to revision.

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Basin areas gain drillsites; field potentials reported

Exxon Corp., operating from Midland, will re-enter a well in the Howe (Devonian) field of Ward County for completion attempts in the Pennsylvania.

No. 1 Howe-State is 2,750 feet from northeast and 1,290 feet from southeast lines of section 2, block 33, H&TC survey, 14 miles southwest of Monahans.

Originally drilled to a depth of 12,750 feet and produced from the Devonian, it will be plugged back to 12,250 feet for completion attempts in the two-well Howe (Pennsylvanian).

It is one-half mile southwest of the nearest Pennsylvania producer.

PECOS PRODUCER

Exxon Corp., Midland, has completed the ninth well in the Fort Stockton (lower Yates) field of Pecos County, 6.5 miles northwest of Fort Stockton.

No. 1125 Fort Stockton Unit pumped 46 barrels of 35-gravity oil and 138 barrels of water through perforations from 3,057 to 3,281 feet, with gas-oil ratio of 587-1.

The pay was acidized with 2,400 gallons, and fractured with 100,000 gallons.

Total depth was reached at 3,322 feet, where 4.5-inch casing was set, and the pay was topped at 3,057 feet, on Kelly bushing elevation of 2,843 feet.

Production site is 1,263 feet from north and 330 feet from west lines of section 4, block 114, GC&SF survey.

MITCHELL EXTENDER

Anadarko Production Co. of Jackboro No. 1 J. F. McCabe has been completed as the eighth producer in the Jameson, North (Odom) field of Mitchell County.

Operator reported the well pumped 32 barrels of 44.2-gravity oil and 207 barrels of water on 24-hour potential test, with gas-oil ratio of 2,656-1.

Production was through perforations from 6,936 to 6,992 feet, which had been acidized with 850 gallons.

Hole bottomed at 7,230 feet, 5.5-inch casing was set at 7,185 feet, and plugged back depth is 7,050 feet. On ground elevation of 2,195 feet, the pay was topped at 6,936 feet.

Well site is 467 feet from south and east lines of section 3, block 12, H&TC survey, four miles south of Silver.

WINKLER OILER

Getty Oil Co. of Midland has announced potential on the eighth well in the Wheeler (Devonian) field of Winkler County, 16 miles east of Kermit.

No. 2 C. O. Wheeler finished to pump 60 barrels of 36-gravity oil and 150 barrels of water, through perforations from 8,395 to 9,185 feet, with gas-oil ratio of 700-1.

The pay was treated with 9,000 gallons of acid and 9,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

The well originally drilled to a depth of 10,670 feet and was completed in the Wheeler (Ellenburger) field. Getty plugged back to 10,470 feet for tests of both the Devonian and Silurian pays. The old 5.5-inch casing was set at 10,663 feet.

The pay was topped at 8,293 feet, on derrick floor elevation of 3,096 feet. A location west extension to the field, it is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 12, block B-7, Public School Land survey.

WARD LOCATION

Page Exploration Co. of Eldorado staked No. 1 Waldron 1 1/2 miles north of production in the Rhoda Walker (5900 Canyon oil and gas) field of Ward County, six miles east of Barstow.

Scheduled to 6,700 feet, it is 660 feet from northeast and southeast lines of section 150, block 34, H&TC survey.

BORDEN PROJECT

Aminoil USA Inc., Midland, has staked location for a project in its new AUSA (Strawn) field in Borden County.

No. 1 Belew is 467 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of section 482, block 97, H&TC survey, three miles west of Fluvanna.

Scheduled to 8,250 feet, it is one-half mile northwest of the field's opener an lone producer.

SCURRY ATTEMPT

McCann Corp., operating from Big Spring, will drill a 7,000-foot project in the Tri-Rue, Northeast field of Scurry County.

No. 1 Voss is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 173, block 97, H&TC survey, and four miles southwest of Snyder.

It is 1 1/4 miles northwest of the field's lone producer.

GAINES TEST

WTG Exploration Inc. of Midland staked location for a project in the Seagraves, South (San Andres) field of Gaines County, seven miles southwest of Seagraves.

No. 3 Grimes in 1,860 feet from south and 599 feet from east lines of section 16, block C-35, Public School Land survey.

Contract depth is 5,500 feet.

FISHER WILDCATS

HLH Petroleum Corp. of Dallas spotted three wildcats in Fisher County.

No. 1-13 Washam-Shipleigh will be drilled as a 6,100-foot test three miles northeast of Eskota.

The location is 467 feet from north and 1,320 feet from west lines of section 13, block 20, T&P survey. The site is 5/8 mile east of a 5,853-foot dry hole and 2 1/2 miles northwest of the Eskota (Canyon) field.

HLH Petroleum No. 1-2 Maberry will be dug as a 5,000-foot new pay wildcat 6 1/2 miles north of Trent in Fisher County.

Operator staked location 330 feet from north and east lines of section 2, block 19, T&P survey and 3/8 mile southeast of the Raven Creek (Strawn) field, and 2,310 feet northwest of one of the two wells in the Big John (Canyon reef) field.

The third HLH Petroleum wildcat is No. 1-2 B. F. Carter, a 3,000-foot new pay test 6 1/2 miles north of Trent.

Location is 4,300 feet from south and 1,850 feet from west lines of section 2, block 19, T&P survey. It is surrounded by Strawn production in the Raven Creek field.

TOM GREEN WILDCAT

Monterrey Petroleum Corp. of San Antonio staked No. 1 A. W. Turnbow as a 6,000-foot wildcat in Tom Green County, 20 miles southeast of San Angelo.

Location is 3,000 feet from south and 467 feet from west lines of section 50, block 25, H&TC survey.

It is 1/2 mile north of a 7,000-foot dry hole and two miles east of the two-well Atrice (Strawn 5020 oil) field.

RUNNELS PROSPECTORS

Four wildcat operations were staked in Runnels County.

The Harman-Tucker Co. of San Angelo No. 1 Ruby is a 5,000-foot test nine miles north of Ballinger and 3,279 feet from south and 500 feet from west

lines of H. G. Bliss survey No. 526.

Charles M. Childers of Abilene will drill No. 1 E. L. Bryan as a 5,000-foot wildcat 16 miles southeast of Bronte and 467 feet from south and 1,000 feet from east lines of Sarah A. Cook survey No. 500. Ground elevation is 1,872.7 feet.

Independent Exploration Co. of Houston No. 2 Early will be dug as a 4,500-foot wildcat 6 1/2 miles southeast of Winters and 1,450 feet from south and 2,050 feet from east lines of F. Schmidtsinsky survey No. 345, abstract 437.

Trojan Oil Production & Services, Inc., of Irving will attempt to reopen the Rich (Gray sand gas) field at its No. 2 R. W. Callison, a 4,900-foot project 2 1/2 miles northwest of Crews.

Location is 4,813 feet from the middle north line and 467 feet from the middle east line of J. H. San Miguel survey no. 72.

STONEWALL OILER

C. W. Bolin, operating from Wichita Falls, has completed the seventh producer in the Bissett, East (Strawn sand oil) field of Stonewall County.

Operator reported No. 2-44 Alexander "AA" pumped 125 barrels of 37-gravity oil, with no water, on 24-hour potential test. Gas-oil ratio is 200-1.

Completion was through perforations from 5,342 to 5,352 feet, which were treated with 500 gallons of acid and 9,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

A location southeast extension to the field, location is 1,150 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 24, block F, H&TC survey, and 18 miles north of Aspermont.

DRILLING REPORT

WILD CATS

BORDEN COUNTY

Aminoil USA No. 1 Hughes drilling 7,376 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY

CTA Petroleum No. 1 White Draw id 5,500 feet, preparing to run casing.

CROSBY COUNTY

CTCO No. 1-A Nathael drilling 7,182 feet in shale.

GAINES COUNTY

GMW No. 1 Micanopy drilling 4,965 feet in lime, sand and shale.

IRON COUNTY

Meado Properties No. 2-11 E Sugg id 7,300 feet, pb 7,200 feet, preparing to run tubing, fractured perforations 7,122-7,172 with 40,000 gallons and 80,000 pounds.

LEA COUNTY

BTA No. 1 Antelope drilling 1,791 feet in anhydrite, set 30-inch casing at 706 feet.

CTCO No. 1-33 Federal drilling 12,780 feet.

Getty No. 1 (Getty-Riggs-Federal) id 10,490 feet.

Getty No. 1-28 Getty-State drilling 10,490 feet.

LOVING COUNTY

Getty No. 1-25 Tom Lineberry id 22,300 feet sidetrack, still fishing.

MENARD COUNTY

Fred G. Brown No. 1 R. S. Hunge id 4,100 feet plugged and abandoned.

MIDLAND COUNTY

Getty No. 1-1000, et al id 7,300 feet, pb 5,100 feet, still testing, swabbed 45 barrels water and no oil in 4 1/2 hours, perforated at 3,600-3,400 feet.

PECOS COUNTY

Exxon No. 1 McComb Gas Unit id 20,320 feet, preparing to run 7 1/2 inch line.

Exxon No. 1 Mitchell drilling 11,022 feet.

GMW No. 1 Satana drilling 7,309 feet in lime and shale.

REEVES COUNTY

Getty No. 1 Farwell drilling 14,543 feet.

TERRELL COUNTY

Beico Petroleum No. 1 Leatherwood drilling 10,800 feet in dolomite.

TERRY COUNTY

Exxon No. 1 Harold B. Combs id 4,600 feet, acidized perforations 4,200-4,191 feet with 5,000 gallons; swabbed 1 barrel oil and 80 barrels load water in 1 1/2 hours.

UPTON COUNTY

Exxon No. 7 Giddings Estate Pac id 10,334 feet, preparing to move off rotary.

VAL VERDE

CTCO No. 1 West "B" drilling 10,119 feet sidetrack in shale.

WARD COUNTY

Getty No. 1218 O'Brien, et al, drilling 6,402 feet in dolomite and lime.

FIELD TESTS

ANDREWS COUNTY

Cities Service No. 5 King "B" Deep Rock (Devonian), id 9,961 feet, still testing; swabbed and flowed 32 barrels of oil and 7 barrels of load water in 9 hours, from open hole at 9,861-9,890 feet.

CHAVES COUNTY

Mesa Petroleum No. 1 Coyote-Federal, Undesignated (Abo), id 4,400 feet, preparing to set a cast iron bridge plug and perforate the Abo.

Mesa No. 2 Coyote-Federal, Undesignated (Abo), id 4,000, waiting on completion unit; set 4 1/2-inch casing at 4,389 feet.

Mesa No. 3 Sancel-Federal, Undesignated (Abo), id 4,500 feet, waiting on completion unit; set casing, size and depth not reported.

CONCHO COUNTY

Fred G. Brown No. 1 Houston, id 4,400 feet.

WILDCATS

PECOS COUNTY

Beico Petroleum No. 1 Shannon, No. 1, Southeast (Queen), id 1,200 feet, preparing to perforate (the Queen).

Getty No. 3 Pierce, Odom (Canyon sand), drilling 3,000 feet in lime, sand and shale.

EDDY COUNTY

Beico Petroleum No. 11 James Ranch, Los Medanos (multiphase), drilling 12,272 feet in lime and shale.

Beico No. 1 Kimberly, Loving, North (Morrow), drilling 1,125 feet in sand and shale.

Ford Chapman & Associates No. 1 Gulf "A", Brushy Draw (Delaware), drilling 600 feet.

Cities Service No. 1-A Brandy, Undesignated, id 10,900 feet, circulating.

CROCKETT COUNTY

Cities Service No. 1 State "CE", Turkey Track, North (Morrow), id 163 feet in redbed, rigging up rotary.

Coquina No. 1 Harroun, Dublin Ranch (multiphase), drilling 1,039 feet.

Coquina No. 1 Nathan-Federal, Dublin Ranch (Morrow), drilling 12,476 feet.

Exxon No. 3 Laguna Grande, Laguna Grande (Morrow), id 13,000 feet, id 12,000 feet, shut-in waiting on orders.

Exxon No. 1 Wardfield-Federal, Undesignated (Morrow), id 18,874; swabbed 70 barrels load water in an unreported time, through perforations at 10,940-10,900 feet.

Coquina No. 2 Callaway-Federal, Diamond Mound (Atoka), id 9,100 feet, shut-in waiting on pulling unit.

Coquina No. 3 Callaway-Federal, Diamond Mound (Atoka), drilling 928 feet in anhydrite.

FISHER COUNTY

GMW Corp. No. 1 Crouching Eagle, Undesignated (Noodle Creek), drilling 2,815 feet in anhydrite and shale.

GMW No. 1 White Nosed Fox, Undesignated (Noodle Creek), id 1,300 feet, shut-in, perforated at 3,600-3,400 feet, spotted 100 gallons of acid and acidized with 600 gallons.

GAINES COUNTY

Exxon No. 3 Sam Jenkins "B", Jenkins (San Andres), id 4,970 feet, preparing to set on pump.

HOWARD COUNTY

Getty No. 1 Little, Knott, West (Pennsylvanian reef), id 8,300 feet, waiting on completion unit.

IRON COUNTY

Meado No. 1-204 U.T. Ella Sugg (Cherry), id 7,400 feet, still testing, no gauges, through lower Canyon perforations at 7,337-7,441 feet, acidized with 4,000 gallons.

Meado No. 1-40 U.T. Aker (Canyon), id 7,445 feet, testing, no gauges, through lower Canyon perforations at 7,197-7,335 feet, acidized with 2,000 gallons.

LEA COUNTY

Getty No. 1-30 Carr, Fox-ker (Devonian), id 7,700 feet, pb 7,450 feet, fish in.

LOVING COUNTY

Getty No. 1-2-30 Brunson, Brunson Ranch, drilling 3,025 feet.

Getty No. 1-26-78 Wilder, Brunson Ranch (Ellenburger), id 4.4 reported.

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Yates Petroleum strikes in Chaves; Grace announces Lea discovery

Potential tests have been reported on discoveries in Chaves and Lea counties in New Mexico, and operators have potentialized wells in proven field areas.

CHAVES STRIKE

Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia No. 1 Long Arroyo-State "OD" has been completed seven miles east of Hagerman in Chaves County as a Morrow gas discovery.

The well finished to 1,280,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through a choke of unreported size and perforations from 7,853 to 7,858 feet.

The Morrow clastic was topped at 7,836 feet on ground elevation of 3,743 feet. Other tops include the San Andres, 1,433 feet; Abo, 4,958 feet; Wolfcamp, 6,090 feet; Cisc, 6,840 feet; lower Canyon, 7,243 feet; Strawn, 7,654 feet and Atoka, 7,756 feet.

Total depth is 8,220 feet, with 4 1/2-inch casing set at 8,162 feet.

Location is 2,310 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 14-14s-27e. It is 3/4 mile north of an unnamed Cisco gas discovery.

LEA DISCOVERY

Grace Petroleum Corp., operating from Midland, No. 1 Smith Ranch-Federal has been completed from the Pennsylvania to open gas production from that pay in the Teas multiphase field of Lea County, six miles northeast of Halfway.

The operator reported a natural completion of 133,000 cubic feet of gas per day, plus 37 barrels of 53-gravity oil, through an open choke and perforations from 13,318 to 13,464 feet.

Total depth is 13,650 feet, 5 1/2-inch pipe is set on bottom and hole is plugged back to 13,476 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 11-20s-33e.

CHAVES WELLS

Yates Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Kuy-

kendall Communized "OP" is a new well, the sixth, in an unnamed Abo gas field 24 miles northwest of Boaz in Chaves County.

It completed for a daily potential of 3,463,000 cubic feet of gas, through a 1/2-inch choke and perforations from 3,972 to 3,982 feet. The pay was fractured with 30,000 gallons.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 11-6s-25e.

The L. E. Ranch (San Andres) field of Chaves County gained its second well with completion of Coronado Exploration Corp. of Albuquerque, N. M., No. 3 Mabel.

The well, one location west of the other producer and 21 miles northeast of Dexter, completed for a daily pumping potential of one barrel of 24-gravity oil, through perforations from 2,186 to 2,211 feet. The pay was acidized with 3,000 gallons.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 30-10s-28e.

EDDY PRODUCERS

Amoco Production Co., operating from Hobbs, N.M., completed No. 1 Lancaster Spring Communized in the Happy Valley (Morrow) field three miles west of Carlsbad.

It completed for a daily potential of 13 million cubic feet of gas per day, natural, through a 24/64-inch choke and perforations from 10,912 to 11,330 feet.

The third well in the field, it is one mile northeast and northwest of other Morrow gas production and 2,310 feet from south and 660 feet from east lines of section 8-22s-26e.

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