

Fatal and near-fatal blazes throw spotlight on building codes

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Occupied housing in Midland that violates building and fire protection codes is, for the most part, left untouched by city officials.

Questions about the effectiveness of city code enforcement have been raised since December when two fires within 2½ weeks of each other killed four children and critically burned four others. Both blazes occurred in what could have been classified under city regulations as substandard structures.

The first occurred in a small wooden structure in back of a residence at 209 N. Madison St. The structure, being rented as a house to Kathy Williams and Brenda Williams, had electricity provided through an extension cord connecting it to the main house. Firemen theorized that hookup may have caused the blaze.

The second fire claimed the lives of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Bennett and occurred in the Tall City Apartments, a converted motel located on Garden City Highway. The fire was started by the children playing with matches, ruled a fire inspector.

BECAUSE BOTH FIRES occurred in structures which apparently failed to meet fire and building codes, Mayor G. Thane Akins said it concerns him

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and the council. "But I don't know offhand if it demands a change in codes. We've heard nothing from our staff."

Under both building and fire protection codes, a structure failing to comply can be torn down by the

owner or by the city. But city officials point out they face a dilemma when it comes to substandard structures that are occupied, whether by the owner or renters.

The City Charter defines "dangerous" buildings and outlines steps the city may take in forcing a landlord to upgrade the structure to meet the codes or in having it eliminated.

Dangerous structures are defined as "any building with roof, ceiling, floors, sills or foundations or any combination thereof, rotted or decayed and falling apart; windows out, uninhabitable, untenable and unsightly, due to obsolescence and deterioration caused by neglect or vandalism or fire damage or old age or the elements."

"Or any building in danger of falling and injuring the person or property of another."

"Or any building which is a fire menace, to wit, by being in a dilapidated condition, as fully described

above, and which has an accumulation of rubbish and trash which is likely to become a fire, or be set on fire, in and around said building and endanger the person or property of other."

"Or any building which is damp and in unsanitary condition which is likely to create disease and sickness."

THE CITY HAS started a push on demolishing abandoned structures which are classified as dangerous. But the person in charge of this area, Tim Chase, said the process is "slow. There's so much paper work to do."

Chase, who was hired for the purpose of filing against owners of dilapidated houses, said he would like to bring at least five such houses before

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Hobbert Williams, 4, left, and his brother Tyrone, 1, right, arrived at Midland Regional Airport Monday from the Oklahoma Children's Memorial Hospital burn center with their grandmother, Lula

Williams, left. Katrina Neagle, right, public relations assistant for Midland Memorial Hospital, helped escort the family to MMH. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Two more of burned children return for additional hospitalization here

By SUE FAHLGREN
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He pushed out his bottom lip and his brown eyes grew wide. He reached to scratch his shin as he sat on the bed. Tears streamed from his eyes as he began in a whimper, "Gr-ran-ny!"

Hobbert Williams wanted to go home. When he was in the Oklahoma Children's Memorial Hospital burn center earlier that day, the nurses had said he was going home. And throughout the long plane trip back, he knew he was going home.

But here he was back in a hospital, with his grandmother and a nurse tugging on his traveling clothes to put on yet another gown.

Hobbert's younger brother Tyrone was unaware of the deception. He was bouncing and wiggling on the other bed — even giggling as he was put in an animal-covered gown.

"Look at Tyrone," Lula Williams told her crying 4-year-old grandson. "He's not crying. I thought you were going to be a BIG boy."

Hobbert just looked up and whimpered. He scowled at Tyrone. He wanted to go home.

The two boys returned to Midland Monday, but checked into Midland Memorial Hospital for continuing medical attention to their healing burns.

Both boys came dressed with gauzed helmets and special elasticized tube socks on their burned arms and legs. Their faces were peeling, but looked amazingly healed for the critical state they had both been in a month before.

"Wanna watch cartoons, O.J.?" Grandmother asked

Hobbert, as she flipped the channels to find some. He continued in a steady cry. Sure he wanted to watch cartoons — but he wanted to see them at home.

About that time Tyrone chucked his nose-less bunny rabbit on the floor and looked off the bed saying, "Uh-oh." The 1-year-old dazzled his admirers — a room filled with hospital workers — who oohed and ahhed his every move. He grinned.

Hobbert just scowled.

The boys had arrived at Midland Regional Airport on a Texas International jet with their Granny just about 3:15 p.m. Monday and silenced the crowd of travelers. A photographer snapped their pictures and flashed at their faces as they awaited their luggage — a large plastic garbage bag filled with toys. The spectators suddenly recognized them as the hometown heroes and began pumping Granny for information.

"Are they still burnt?"

"Does it itch?"

"Are they OK now?"

"When will the other little girl be home?"

Lakeysha, their 3-year-old cousin, stayed at the Oklahoma hospital. Granny said it would still be a while before she switched hospitals, but she's doing well there.

"Do you like puzzles?" A nurse broke Hobbert's steady scowl of disbelief at Tyrone. He looked up and plainly shook his head "no."

"Not even Mickey Mouse?" the nurse pleaded as she unwrapped the puzzle.

He hesitated and waited until she went to examine Tyrone before he finally looked down affectionately at Mickey Mouse.

Haig probe awaits Nixon's decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators conducting hearings on Alexander M. Haig Jr.'s nomination as secretary of state say Richard M. Nixon alone can keep them from getting tape transcripts to investigate Haig's role in Nixon's White House.

"The ball is in his court now," Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., said Monday night. "He must be answerable for his decision."

Percy is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which called Haig back for a fourth day of confirmation hearings today on his nomination by President-elect Ronald Reagan.

Archivist Robert M. Warner also agreed during hearings Monday when Sen. Paul Tsongas, D-Mass., asked whether "one person stands in the way of this committee having this information and that person is Richard Nixon?"

"Well, there are the regulations," the archivist replied. "But that really is the heart of the matter."

He was referring to regulations that give the former president five days to decide whether to object to the committee's subpoena for logs describing 100 hours of taped conversation between Haig and Nixon in mid-1973. If Nixon objects and the

archivist rejects his objection, Nixon has an additional five days to file suit to block delivery of the logs.

The archivist said the logs consist of 680 pages of detailed notes describing 338 conversations between Haig and Nixon from May 4 to July 12, 1973, the early days of Haig's service as Nixon's chief of staff.

Nixon's lawyer, Herbert J. Miller, said in a telephone interview he is reviewing the question of whether to block the committee's access to the log and Nixon tapes and documents.

"I have taken no position," Miller said.

But he noted that archivist Warner has given the committee a written opinion that Congress has no authority to subpoena the material.

"I must consider that," Miller said.

The committee already has agreed to vote as early as Wednesday on clearing Haig for Senate confirmation. The effort to get the tapes will continue after Haig is sworn in as secretary of state.

Meanwhile, confirmation hearings were beginning today for CIA Director-designate William J. Casey, 67, who directed Reagan's presidential election campaign and served in the CIA's forerunner; lawyer

Samuel Pierce, 58, Reagan's choice for housing secretary and the only black selected for his Cabinet; and Deputy Defense Secretary-designate Frank Charles Carlucci III, 50, now deputy CIA director.

Confirmation hearings were held Monday for Energy Secretary-designate James B. Edwards and Labor Secretary-designate Raymond Donovan. Both were subjected to tough questioning but appeared headed for confirmation.

Donovan defended his New Jersey construction company against a charge it did business with a dummy company specializing in kickbacks. Edwards, former governor of South Carolina, was accused by senators of "waffling" and of being naive. Edwards, an oral surgeon, has described himself as more of a "problem solver" than an energy expert.

Haig, who sat stoically while committee discussion turned back to the tapes several times during his hearing Monday, testified about U.S.-Soviet nuclear power and SALT.

He said a new U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty must allow the United States to rebuild its nuclear power to match the Soviet arsenal.

Iranian parliament delays debate on hostage issues

By The Associated Press

Iran's Parliament postponed debate today on two bills aimed at resolving the hostage crisis, but there was no indication of opposition to the measures and they are scheduled to be taken up again on Wednesday, a parliamentary spokesman said.

A top Iranian hostage negotiator, Ahmed Azizi, told Tehran Radio, "No final agreement has yet been reached" on a date for releasing the 52 Americans seized 14 months ago. But he added, "Obviously, discussions are being conducted in a positive framework."

The parliamentary spokesman said the debate was delayed because the 12-member Council of Guardians, which must approve all legislation adopted, couldn't attend because it had not been given enough advance notice of the session.

"The council was informed of the session very late yesterday afternoon," the spokesman in Tehran said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press in Beirut, Lebanon.

The council is dominated by hard-line Islamic clerics who are bitterly antagonistic toward the United States. Their absence could have indicated an attempt to block any retreat from Iran's original demands for up to \$24 billion for the release of the hostages.

The speaker of Iran's Parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Monday that "all roads" were open to settling the 437-day crisis, and that he expected approval of the legislation.

One bill introduced in the Majlis would approve appointment of a third-party as arbitrator of financial and legal claims between Iran and the United States. The other would nationalize the wealth of the shah and his closest relatives, providing a legal basis for the Iranian government's demand that the royal family's assets abroad be turned over to it.



Midland draw draws official concern

Downward residents complain of 'green, slimy stuff'

By ED TODD
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Just as Odessa's Monahans Draw has become the scourge of Midland County, the Tall City's Midland Draw has become the scourge of Midland and Greenwood residents who are on the downward side of the city's sewage treatment plant and get that "green, slimy stuff" and stench.

"It's really bad in my opinion," Midland County Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis said Monday in a two-hour commissioners' court session that dwelled on the draw.

Commissioner Charlie Welch, who has been throwing the political spotlight on the draw, agreed. But he was even more concerned about sewage runoff and other waters getting into the city's sanitary landfill, which is about a half-mile east from the sewage treatment plant in far south-east Midland.

"I THINK THAT'S where one of our big worries should be," he opined.

The draw winds easterly out of Midland past the city's sewage treatment plant and meanders on to join with Monahans Draw in far east Midland County. Midland Draw's overflowing has been due, in part, to the rising water table and apparently

to the city's inadvertent spillage of effluent sewage waters into the natural drainage basin.

The natural draw is drawing some unnatural criticism.

Leading the attack on the draw's usage by the city is Ethel Whisler, a Greenwood housewife who said she is sickened by the stench emanating from the draw and is disheartened by the sight of her and her husband Jon's washed-up pecan harvest and cotton and wheat crops.

"The water is now up in the (pecan) trees, in our cotton. And we have not had that much rain." Many of their pecan trees on their 52 acres are in and along the draw.

Mrs. Whisler backed up her protest with a petition keyed to the "unnatural flow of water" in Midland Draw. By Monday afternoon, the petition bore 74 signatures and 82 by night-fall.

THE "UNNATURAL" waters gracing the draw have become, according to Mrs. Whisler:

- A nuisance.
- A health hazard.
- Destructive to farm land and all type of crops.
- An unhealthy play area.
- A breeding place for mosquitoes.
- And the draw emits a stench that

can be smelled for miles.

"I'm getting on a horn," Mrs. Whisler had said after the rap session with the four commissioners, the county judge and two city councilmen who stepped into the commissioners' arena.

"I don't have a ready solution to the problem," Mrs. Whisler said. "Our backs are against the wall."

And neither does the burgeoning

The natural draw is drawing some unnatural criticism.

city of Midland have a "ready solution."

"If something is wrong," said Midland County Judge Bill Ahders, "they want to rectify it."

The two city councilmen, Gordon Marcum II and Tom Sloan, indicated that they somehow wanted to solve the city's flowing sewage problem that is indicative of an affluent boom era for the city of 70,000 people.

"I will respond to this as if my house were there (along the draw)," said Sloan.

He noted the gravity of the situation.

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"YOU CAN'T BACK UP sewage; it's got to go somewhere," said Sloan, who apparently was not altogether convinced that Midland's effluent sewage waters are entirely the problem.

"I think we should be able to handle the water," Sloan said. "It may or may not be water that's coming from the sewage treatment plant."

John Lowe, Midland's director of utilities, took the stance that the draw's running waters are mere evidence of a rising water table and not overflowing effluent waters.

"This is a very complex problem, more (complex) than it appears on the surface," he said.

"We've had the highest water table we've had any records of," said Lowe, who said the water table was "super charged" by the heavy September rains. "It's nothing brand new."

Rainfall, which is a "continuing factor" was gauged at 30 inches last year at the sewage treatment plant, Lowe said. The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport about 12 to 15 miles west of the sewage treatment plant, however, registered 17.7 inches of rainfall in 1980.

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Governor not big in city hall, but president-elect is

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronald Reagan may call Los Angeles his home, but the president-elect is not remembered around City Hall as someone who spent much time worrying about its problems when he was California's governor.

But Reagan's eight years as governor are well behind him now and Los Angeles is bidding the president-elect an official farewell worthy of a prince.

The floors at City Hall were scrubbed and waxed, walls outside the City Council chamber were painted and pillars were polished for today's ceremonies.

The red carpet treatment laid on for Reagan was the first since Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, stopped at City Hall Oct. 26, 1977.

A City Council resolution honors Reagan as a "man of strong patriotic spirit and love for his country" and

commends him for "dedicated service to insure a stronger America ... for years of distinguished leadership which has instilled a renewed sense of confidence and hope to people throughout America and ... the world for a more peaceful and economically stable international environment."

All this for a man who, during his two terms as the state's chief executive, had little to do with the city's officials, according to a spokesman for Democratic Mayor Tom Bradley.

"There was not a great deal of communication between the governor and city officials," said Tom Sullivan, Bradley's press secretary, who described relations between the Democratic mayor and the Republican governor as "proper but not very close."

Bradley became mayor in 1973. Reagan left office at the end of 1974.

Sullivan said "a couple of city officials said they never remembered seeing Reagan here (at City Hall) or

hearing him talk about the problems" of Los Angeles. "The only time he was in town was when he was at home," Sullivan said.

The spokesman said Bradley, who supported President Carter's re-election campaign, "would be as proper as he can be" during the ceremonies.

"He does hold a very proper respect for the office" that Reagan is assuming, Sullivan said.

Today's celebration came one day before Reagan leaves for Washington to become president and one week before he is sworn into office. And it came nearly 40 years after he arrived in Los Angeles as an unknown, aspiring actor.

The president-elect is nearly moved out of his home on a hillside in the city's exclusive Pacific Palisades section. His five-bedroom house was officially listed for sale Monday — asking price: \$1.9 million — and movers already have taken some of

the furniture and boxes of clothing on the road to Washington.

The president-elect spent most of Monday at home, except for a short trip to nearby Will Rogers State Park where he received an Arabian stallion as a gift from Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, with whom he visited in Mexico Jan. 5. After a brief ceremony the horse was sent to the Reagan ranch near Santa Barbara to join five other horses.

While in the park, Reagan told reporters he felt developments in the Iranian hostage crisis were prompting greater optimism that went farther "than anyone has gone."

He said that what he had been told in national security briefings over the previous two days "has indicated this optimism."

Asked whether he would consider as binding any agreement reached by President Carter with the Iranians,

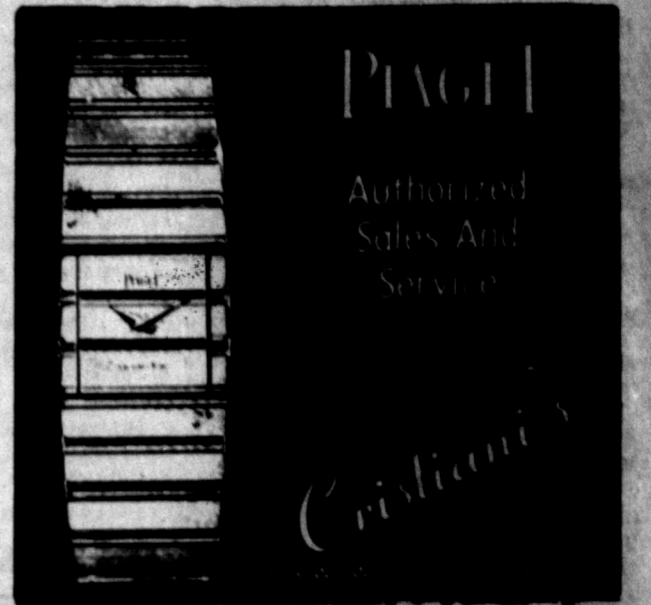
he said: "I hope and pray and I think the president is negotiating on a basis that we can all agree to, but on the

other hand I don't think anyone should be asked to sign a blank check."

Longhorns to wear long johns

AUSTIN (AP) — The Longhorns will wear long johns for the inauguration.

Jerry Junkin, assistant director of the Longhorn band, says the musicians will wear thermal underwear when they play "March of the Longhorns" and "Yellow Rose of Texas" in the Jan. 20 parade in Washington.



Hispanics rap Reagan's Cabinet choices

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Hispanic coalition has called President-elect Ronald Reagan's failure to include a Hispanic in his Cabinet "a severe setback" and asked to meet with him as soon as possible.

"Your choice of people to serve in your administration is notable for its lack of Hispanic representation," the group wrote in a letter to the president-elect. "This omission represents a severe setback for the aspirations of the Hispanic community."

The letter, sent by the National Council of La Raza and supported by 12 leaders of Hispanic social activist groups, acknowledges that Reagan consid-

ered appointing a Hispanic to his Cabinet.

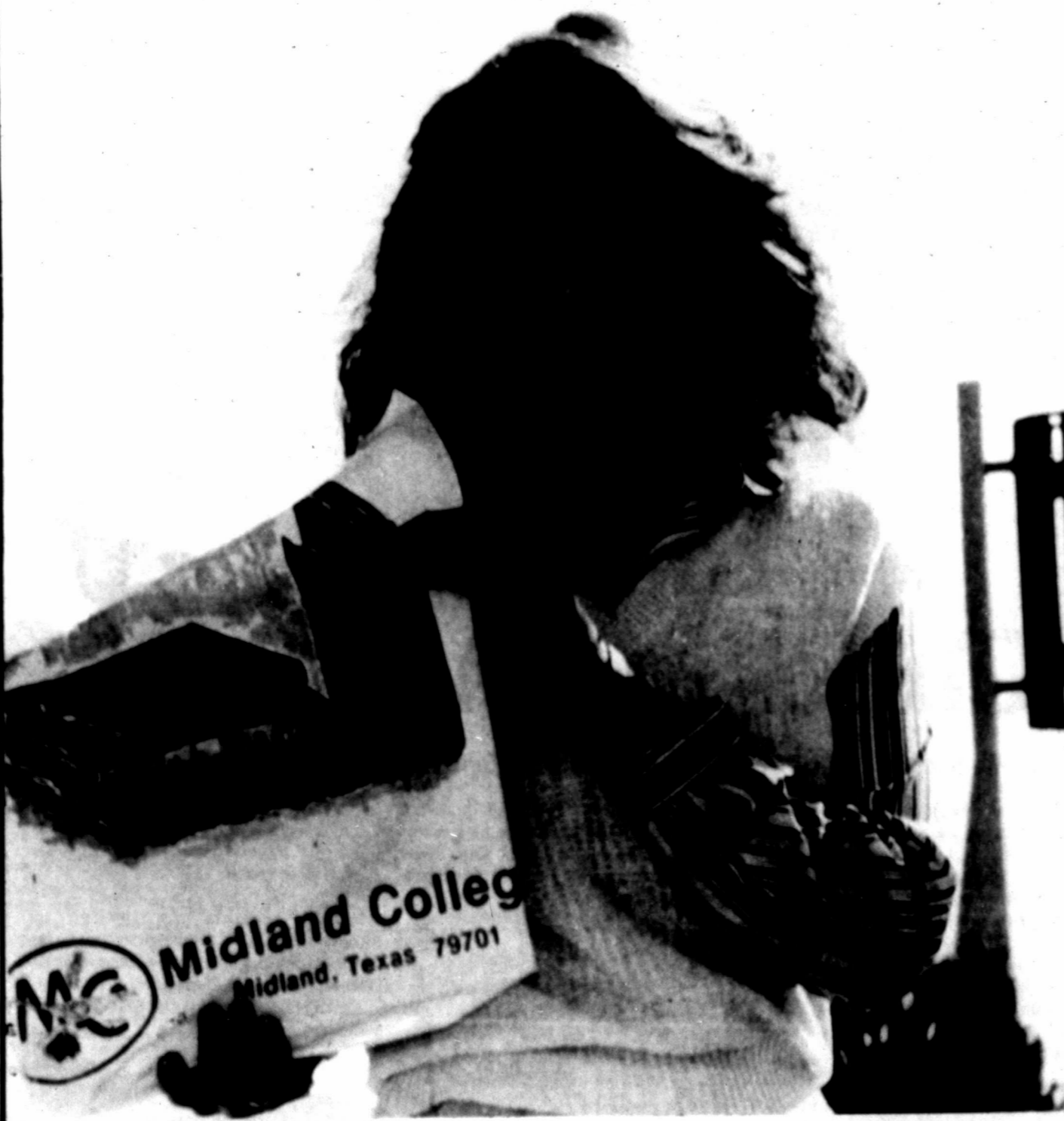
The name of Philip Sanchez, a Mexican-American from California, circulated widely as a contender for secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development before he withdrew from consideration.

"Your failure, however, to name a Hispanic to your Cabinet, coupled with the fact that you have yet to meet with national Hispanic organizational leaders, sends very negative signals to a community that is tired of being ignored or treated as an afterthought," the letter to Reagan said.

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DEATHS

Truman Lightfoot

SWEETWATER — Services for Truman Archie Lightfoot, 74, of Sweetwater, stepfather of Frank Howard and Bennie Howard of Midland, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with burial at 2:30 p.m. in Kermit Cemetery.

Lightfoot died Monday in Sweetwater.

Born Feb. 6, 1906, in Mexico, he was married to Martha Frances Audas Oct. 31, 1970, in Midland. He had lived in Sweetwater for three months and had lived in Jal, N.M. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Clara Lee McDonald of Dallas; two sons, T.A. Lightfoot of San Angelo and Jackie Howard Lightfoot of Sweetwater; two stepdaughters, Mrs. M.R. Thomason of Houston and Mrs. C.B. Johnson of Edgewater, Fla.; three sisters, Sadie Clanton and Cora Bradshaw, both of Sweetwater, and Myrtle Lightfoot of Houston; two brothers, J.J. Lightfoot and Bill Lightfoot, both of Sweetwater; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Lee Roy Grigsby

McCAMEY — Services for Lee Roy Grigsby, 77, of McCamey, were to be at 11 a.m. today in the First Christian Church with burial to follow in Resthaven Cemetery directed by Richard W. Box Funeral Home.

Grigsby died Sunday in an Odessa hospital following a long illness.

Born April 12, 1903, in Eagle Pass, he was married to Johnnie McKinney Feb. 25, 1923, in Sanderson.

Survivors include three brothers, Walter Grigsby of Lubbock, Gerald Grigsby and Ervin Grigsby, both of Sanderson; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Herman Winkler

ODESSA — Services for Herman J. Winkler, 67, of Odessa, father of Robert Winkler of Midland, were held Sunday at the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Winkler died Saturday in an Odessa hospital after a long illness.

Born Sept. 13, 1913, in Fort Stockton, he was married to Jennie Moses in October of 1945 in Fort Worth.

He was the owner of Winkler's Department Store and was a member of Temple Beth El. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and a chapter member of the Lions Club and B'nai Brith. A veteran of World War II, he was an Odessa resident for 45 years.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Selma Winkler of San Francisco, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph A. Stool of Houston and Mrs. Cecil L. Casebier of San Antonio; and a brother, Edward Winkler of Fort Stockton.

Israeli cabinet delays decision on election

JERUSALEM (AP) — Members of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's right-wing government coalition discussed the political crisis with their parties today before voting to dissolve the Knesset and call elections in June instead of November.

Officials said the Cabinet would meet again today or Wednesday to take its formal decision.

Housing Minister David Levy was reported negotiating with independent factions seeking pledges of support to keep the government in power until November, but the chances appeared slim.

Both Begin's coalition partners — the National Religious Party and the Democrats — said they favored early elections.

and the newspaper Maariv said Begin's advisers urged the Knesset be dissolved and the elections advanced to June.

The crisis was precipitated by the resignation Sunday of Finance Minister Yagael Hurvitz, who quit because the Cabinet refused to reject pay raises recommended for the nation's teachers.

The resignation was effective today and Hurvitz was taking the other two members of his Rafi party out of the coalition, leaving Begin with 58 seats at most of the 120 seats in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Begin confirmed after a Cabinet meeting Monday that most of his 15 ministers favored an early vote rather than

trying to govern with the unpredictable support of splinter groups.

"That is also my position," he said.

The 67-year-old prime minister looked tired and grim but managed a smile when he said he was not disappointed that his government would be unable to serve out its term.

Begin said no date was set for elections, but June was a possibility. June 16 was reported to be the choice of his Likud party.

The opposition Labor Party is favored to win the election and reportedly held on April 28 or May 12, but Radio Israel said Labor would not have enough support to get its way.

His death Monday was caused by a heart attack. The judge had had a heart attack two months ago and had returned to work just week.

Dooling was noted for liberal rulings in civil rights cases.

Last year, he ruled that women eligible for Medicaid have a constitutional right to receive the benefits when they choose to have abortions.

Bea Glanton

Bea Glanton, 74, died Sunday in a Midland nursing home after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 11 a.m. today at the Barstow Presbyterian Church with the Rev. J.R. Wooten officiating. Burial was to be at the Barstow Cemetery under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mrs. Glanton was born Aug. 15, 1906, in Texas. She grew up on the Dinwiddie Ranch near Jal, N.M. She was a professional photographer in Monahans for years, retiring in 1960.

She moved to Midland in 1976 from Kermit. She had been in failing health for 15 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kermit.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Sam Wood of Midland, and two granddaughters.

Andres Duran

Services for Andres Luna Duran, 70, of Midland are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Duran died Saturday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born in Terlingua Nov. 30, 1910. He had lived in Midland since 1962. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel Duran and Jose Duran, both of Midland; two daughters, Celia Patina and Guadalupe Hernandez, both of Midland; a sister, Norberta Lara of Dallas; three stepsons, Henry Tucker, Tony Tucker and Frank Tucker, all of Midland; and two stepdaughters, Maria Tucker and Jessie Hernandez, both of Midland.

Charles M. Ward

Services for Charles Mark Ward, 27, of 1929 Morgan Way, were Monday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel, with Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Ward died early Saturday morning.

Pallbearers were Lee Hitt, Larry Darby, Jim Wegman, Warner Hultgreen Jr., Allen Herig and Rick Garza.

W.D. McWhorter

Services for William D. "Mac" McWhorter, 83, of No. 8 Solomon Lane, were Monday in the Chapel at Resthaven North Mausoleum. Masonic services were held. Services were under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

McWhorter died Saturday morning at his home after a lengthy illness.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews Bobby Hill, David Hill, Herbert Riley, Mike Brumley, Morris McWhorter, W.D. McWhorter, Frank McWhorter, Wilbur Klint and Ralph Caton.

El Salvador's army claims control of all cities

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — El Salvador's army claimed control of all cities today despite heavy fighting in four of them as the leftists' so-called "final offensive" went into its third day.

The reported death toll of combatants rose to more than 300 guerrillas and 30 soldiers, and a South African journalist hit by a claymore mine explosion died of his wounds.

Battles reportedly raged Monday in Cinquera, about 50 miles northeast of San Salvador; San Miguel, 120 miles to the east; Zacatecoluca, 40 miles to the southeast, and Chalchuapa, 70 miles northwest of the capital.

However, military sources said government troops were in control in all four towns and cleanup operations were under way. Leftist sources claimed guerrillas controlled several towns including Cinquera and San Esteban Cattyarina, but the government denied this.

President Jose Napoleon Duarte, the president of the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta, visited military garrisons and a market in San Salvador. He told one merchant the leftists attacked with all they had "but they failed."

The public in the capital ignored a call for a general strike Monday from the Democratic Revolutionary Front, the political arm of the leftist movement. Undaunted, the Front tried again and called for a strike today.

Meanwhile, doctors at a local hospital reported the death of South African journalist Ian Mates who underwent more than two hours of surgery to remove a one-inch piece of shrapnel from the back of his head.

Mates was wounded Monday when a claymore mine blew up a car in which he was riding outside San Salvador with two American photographers, John Hoagland of San Diego, Calif., working for Newsweek magazine, and Susan Meiselas of New York, on assignment for Time magazine.

Hoagland, 29, suffered facial, arm and hand wounds but was reported in good conditions. Miss Meiselas, 33, had minor cuts and bruises. "no worse

Official registration set for MC's spring semester

Official registration for Midland College's spring semester is Wednesday and Thursday, following several weeks of pre-registration. Some 2,000 students are expected to be processed during registration.

Students who have pre-registered will report to the Physical Education Building at assigned 15-minute intervals to begin the brief registration activities. Hours for both days are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Students who have not pre-registered may come to the Physical Education Building after 6 p.m. Thursday only and they will be processed as quickly as possible.

Registrar Dee Windsor pointed out that there will be no registration Friday. Classes for both daytime and evening students begin Monday, Jan. 19, and late registration begins that day. A late registration fee of \$5 is assessed students who do not register Wednesday or Thursday.

Late registration for students wishing to take as many as five courses will continue weekdays through Jan. 23, and until Feb. 3 for students wishing to take three courses or less.

College officials point out that late registration is a handicap for many students, since they will miss vital classes. About 2,400 students are expected to enroll before the end of late registration.

Judge dies

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. District Judge John F. Dooling, who ruled against the anti-abortion Hyde Amendment in a decision that was overturned last year, died after collapsing at a bus stop while on his way to work. He was 72.

His death Monday was caused by a heart attack. The judge had had a heart attack two months ago and had returned to work just week.

Dooling was noted for liberal rulings in civil rights cases.

Last year, he ruled that women eligible for Medicaid have a constitutional right to receive the benefits when they choose to have abortions.

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than a bad fall in a playground accident," a doctor who treated her said.

The mine apparently was set off by guerrillas in hiding some distance away. Miss Meiselas said peasants at the scene told her it was intended for the national guard, El Salvador's army, and the guerrillas were upset because of their mistake.

Three Latin-American journalists have been killed and two Dutch reporters have been wounded in El Salvador in the past year. Two others, free-lance reporter John Sullivan of Bogota, N.J., and a Salvadoran with U.S. citizenship, are missing and feared dead.

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Conflict taking toll of journalists

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The political violence tearing El Salvador apart has made this tiny nation a hazardous assignment for the journalists trying to report the conflict. Three of them have been killed in the past year, five have been wounded, and two are missing.

Many more have been threatened, often in anonymous telephone calls that apparently came from both rightist and leftist groups. Journalists also have been detained or otherwise harassed by Salvadoran authorities.

An estimated 9,500 people were killed in this Central American country last year as leftist guerrillas attacked the U.S.-supported, civilian-military government, and the army and right-wing extremists fought back. About 80 percent of the dead were leftists.

In the latest incident involving journalists, three photographers were wounded Monday by a landmine explosion that wrecked their car nine miles north of San Salvador, the capital.

Ian Mates, a South African in his 20s on assignment for the television news agency UPI-TN of London, suffered a severe head wound and was in grave condition. John Hoagland, 29, of San Diego, Calif., on assignment for Newsweek magazine, suffered fragment wounds in the face, arm and hand and was in good condition. Susan Meiselas, 33, of

was killed in the past year of political warfare in El Salvador between leftist guerrillas trying to overthrow the government and the army and right-wing terrorists fighting them. About 80 percent of the deaths are attributed to the army and the rightists.

The guerrillas' "final offensive" was announced by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, a coalition of five leftist groups, in a broadcast Saturday night. Leftist sources said the Front was trying to bring down the moderate junta and install a Marxist regime before the inauguration next week of President-elect Ronald Reagan because it fears he will increase military aid to the rightist-dominated national guard.

New York, working for Time magazine, got minor cuts and bruises.

A day earlier, government troops threatened to kill Associated Press correspondents Joe Frazier and Eduardo Vazquez-Becker if they did not leave the city of Santa Ana within 10 minutes.

Frazier, AP news editor in Mexico City, and Vazquez-Becker, AP's El Salvador correspondent, had gone to Santa Ana, 45 miles west of San Salvador, to investigate a shooting. The troops confiscated their film, and they heeded the threats and left.

The three slain journalists were a Mexican and two Salvadorans.

Ignacio Rodriguez Terrazas, a correspondent for the Mexico City newspaper Uno-mas-Uno, was killed last Aug. 8 while covering a gun battle in San Salvador. Witnesses said a soldier shot him even though he was standing near an automobile with a "Prensa" — Spanish for "press" — in large letters on it.

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Student named to Who's Who

LUBBOCK — Kelly Lee Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Alexander of Midland, is one of 29 Lubbock Christian College students named to the 1980-81 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Miss Alexander is a senior accounting major and a 1977 graduate of Lee High School. She is the recipient of an NAA Scholarship and has been a cheerleader at LCC for three years.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market finished just barely on the plus side Monday after backing off from a strong early advance. Oil issues dominated the list of volume leaders in an active session.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up more than 11 points in early trading, showed only a minimal .08 gain at 988.77 by the close. The daily tally on the NYSE showed about three issues advancing for every two that declined, and the exchange's composite index edged up .08 to 76.52.

Seven of the 15 most active Big Board stocks were oils. Phillips Petroleum, which raised its quarterly dividend from 45 to 55 cents a share, gained 3/4 to 54 1/2 by the close of the p.m. close in New York.

Texasco rose 1/2 to 46; Exxon 1/4 to 77 1/2; and Standard Oil of Indiana 1/2 to 75 1/2. But Gulf Oil was off 1/2 at 42 1/2; Union Oil of California dropped 1/4 to 41; and Atlantic Richfield lost 1 1/4 to 61 1/4.

The day's best gainer was Sperry & Hutchinson, up 3 1/2 at 29 1/4. The company, which is one of the country's biggest producers of furniture and carpeting as well as the marketer of S&H Green Stamps, said it was involved in talks with a potential purchaser.

The round of buying at the opening was touched off by the Federal Reserve's report late Friday of a \$2 billion-plus decline in both basic measures of the money supply.

The figures were taken as another in a series of recent signs that the Fed was succeeding in its effort to curb the growth of the money supply. Many economists consider restraining monetary growth to be a necessary step toward bringing down the inflation rate. In addition, the apparent success of the Fed's credit-tightening is thought to mean less likelihood of additional tightening in the weeks ahead.

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