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## Pilots confident of Columbia's abilities

By HOWARD BENEDICT  
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Rocketship Columbia and her two pilots faced a final, white-knuckled challenge today with a blazing, hypersonic descent through the atmosphere to an airliner-like landing in California's Mojave Desert.

It is man's first "wheels down" approach from outer space. The shuttle's touchdown target was the wide-open Rogers Dry Lake runway, a 27,000-foot-long blanket of rock-hard sand with margin for error.

There are risks: Never has a winged vehicle returned from orbit at 25 times the speed of sound. Nagging questions remain about the craft's thermal life-guard tiles, which must throw off re-entry heat of up to 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit.

But there was also confidence enough to go around.

Before descent began, the shuttle's historic maiden voyage had gone more smoothly than its most ardent supporters had dreamed. A perfect launch, flawless operation of its major systems, routine repairs of minor glitches.

Commander John Young, five times up in space and four times down, was looking forward to a drink on terra firma and told capsule communicator Henry Hartsfield, "I understand you're buying."

Pilot Robert Crippen, now a space veteran but anticipating his first return, was so relaxed he didn't need a sleeping pill last night.

"We've done every single thing we wanted to do and now it's time to get on with the entry," flight director Neil Hutchinson said today. He said the crew was up early, "ready and raring to get on with the day."

Wheels-down, after 2 1/4 days and 36 orbits, was set for 1:22 p.m. EST — 12:22 p.m. in Midland — on the 44-square-mile lakebed at Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert. Perfect conditions, clear skies and light winds, were forecast. "Sounds good," Young commented.

The astronauts had their sleep interrupted briefly shortly after midnight today when an alarm sounded, indicating a low temperature reading on one of three auxiliary power units. The units produce pressure for the hydraulic system that operates rudders, speed brakes and flaps, and just one of them is sufficient to steer Columbia safely through re-entry.

Young and Crippen flipped some switches after the alarm and again at wakeup time — just before 4 a.m. — but the problem persisted; Shuttle Control said it would have no effect on the re-entry.

To wake the space travelers, Shuttle Control beamed up a raucous tape recording — a bugle call, wild music and a series of snappy one-liners alluding to re-entry: "Crip, you've waited 12 years for this. If you don't wake up you'll miss the whole darn thing." And: "John, after five missions you ought to have this down."

Actually, the astronauts had roused themselves, 30 minutes earlier.

Today's pre-descent activities revolved around one last operation of the ship's cargo doors; all the other major tasks had been completed and successfully. The shuttle's maiden mission was designed to evaluate systems and ready the day Columbia would go into business as a space freighter.

A successful landing would mark the first time a spaceship has rocketed into space and returned to Earth, ready to fly again. It would accelerate the day when Columbia can routinely ferry satellites and people into orbit for scientific, commercial and military missions.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

### Weathering the West Texas skies

Threatening skies produced only a few drops of rain Monday night, but the drizzle was enough to make Penny Batchelor, left, and Marlene Mobley cover up while watching the Midland Cubs baseball

game. The chance for much-needed precipitation will continue throughout the Permian Basin through Wednesday. See related weather story on Page 2A.

## Panel ready to seal 'window pane' funding

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

The \$1.676 million in federal funds which Midland County is seeking to help "eliminate slums, blighted housing and deteriorating neighborhoods" in a so-called "window pane" area in south central Midland got another bureaucratic shove Monday when commissioners approved filing the final application for funds with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Proposals call for the "rehabilitation of substandard dwellings, relocation of families from dilapidated housing into standard dwellings, clearance and demolition activities, construction of a day care center, water (system) improvements, street improvements, planning and general administrative activities."

The "window pane" area to be rehabilitated covers about three-quarters of a square mile and is bordered by Carver Avenue to the north, Johnson Street to the east, Cotton Flat Road to the west and by the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum to the south.

Though enclosed by the city, the area is part of "rural" Midland County, is without city services and is not now subject to city ordinances and

taxes. But commissioners have indicated the city may absorb the "window pane" area once it is upgraded by the county-administered federal funds.

Midland County is seeking the funds through HUD's Community Development Block Grant program.

"The basic intent of the (HUD) program is to eliminate slums, blighted housing and deteriorating neighborhoods," according to a report submitted to the commissioners.

The three-year spruce-up and fix-up project also would be carried out by

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providing newly paved streets, parks and community centers, improved utility systems, better drainage and other public facilities.

The funds also may be used to improve employment opportunities, raise the educational levels of the neighborhood's residents, to prevent crime and drug abuse, and to promote health and child-care programs.

The program, to be administered over a three-year period, would go toward:

—Paving-Drainage Improvement: \$570,000. The proposal calls for 9,500 linear feet of paving, curbs and gut-

ters on these steets in the "Target Area": Griffin, Fisher, South K, Goode, Francis and Montgomery.

—Sanitary Sewer Improvements: \$135,000. This would entail 8,000 linear feet of new sewer lines and service connections.

—Water Works Improvement: \$125,000. Here, 6,200 linear feet of water lines and six fire hydrants would be installed. Service connections would be made.

—Day Care Center: \$250,000. The proposed center, in Taylor Park in the northeast corner of the across-the-tracks "window pane," would serve between 100 and 150 children.

—Housing Rehabilitation: \$281,000. This would include repair work on 30 owner-occupied houses at \$8,500 per unit and seven renter-occupied houses at \$3,700 per unit.

—Replacement Housing: \$120,000. Six owner-occupied houses would be replaced at \$20,000 each.

—Clearance-Demolition: \$30,000.

—Planning: \$40,000.

—General Administration: \$125,000.

The county's HUD proposal is being prepared by Lubbock-based planning engineers Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

Work on upgrading the window-pane area is to begin this year if the county gets funding.

## Bentsen boosts budget

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

Focusing the majority of his comments on the need to increase productivity in the United States, U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, praised Congress for "finally getting a handle on the budget" during his stopover Monday in the Permian Basin.

Speaking at an early afternoon news conference at Midland Regional Airport, Bentsen outlined in simple terms a bill he is sponsoring that he feels will boost the savings habit by Americans.

"One of the real problems is trying to own a home today, and only 5 percent of Americans are able to do that. With \$65,000 the average price of a home today, it is out of reach of many people," said the senator.

He pointed to a discrepancy in this country of home mortgages that are being handed out at 15 percent interest while savings accounts are accruing little more than 5 percent interest. And then that interest on the accounts

is taxed.

He recommended that savings accounts going to buy a home would be tax free. This move, he suggested, would boost the housing industry, increase savings and eventually bring home interest rates down to possibly 8 percent.

"We've got to put some incentives in the system," he explained.

Even though as a Democrat his party is in the minority in the Republican-dominated Senate, Bentsen said he agrees with President Reagan's budget cuts. As former chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, "this is the kind of thing I've been wanting, although I don't agree with all of the specifics."

And despite some hesitancy that has arisen in both houses of Congress concerning some of the cuts, Bentsen predicted Reagan will get most of what he wants. The proposed tax cuts of 10 percent a year for three consecutive years probably will come out in a compromised form, he predicted.

Congress' flip-flopping attitude to-

ward the budget is a combination, explained Bentsen, "of realizing we're spending way beyond our means...and the mood of the country."

For too many years, he said, "fiefdom" has played a major role in the budget, with each legislator battling for special projects for his constituency. But during the past two years, the Joint Economic Committee pushed for more budget cuts, he claimed.

Continuing, the Democratic senator laughed over the "special interest groups" that have been plaguing legislators since the budget cuts were announced. "Most are saying 'we know we need to tighten our belt, but not that much,'" he said.

Many of the social programs have good objectives, he said, then pointed to the wastes that have been publicized. "We need to cut back where we see the wastes."

He agrees with spending money for

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## Cancer machine testimony gets very careful cross-examination

By SUE FAHLGREN  
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — What started out as a quick-paced morning of testimony turned into a long afternoon of cross-examination at the Texas Health Facilities Commission's hearing on Medical Center Hospital's application for a 6 Million Electron Volt Accelerator here Monday.

Some 14 persons were scheduled to speak in favor of the application for Odessa; however, only seven had appeared by the 5 p.m. adjournment.

Just before 5 o'clock, cross examination of Dr. Robert Lewis, staff radiologist at Medical Center Hospital, led to a heated exchange over the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center's initial application to the commission.

Fred Davis, attorney for Midland Memorial Hospital, asked Lewis about the Allison Center application as he testified on the cancer treatment history in Odessa. Davis challenged Lewis as to why Odessa withdrew its opposition to the proposal.

"IN THE original application, there was an (assumed) agreement with M.D. Anderson (a cancer treatment hospital in Houston)," Lewis said, adding that Odessa was suspicious of

the original application which called for the installation of a cobalt machine and the linear accelerator. He said that application would provide no additional treatment capabilities in West Texas.

Lewis said Odessa withdrew its application after Midland Memorial changed the application "because of the reapplication with increased capabilities would make it a real service to the community."

Davis further questioned Lewis about why Medical Center Hospital decided to replace the cobalt energy source in its radiation machine two years ago instead of replacing it with the linear accelerator it now seeks.

"We did not have any experience on the linear accelerator," replied Lewis, who has been a radiologist in Odessa since 1956. "We did not have a full-time therapist with any experience (on the linear accelerator)."

However, with the addition of Dr. Greg Garrett, who is a radio-oncologist, Lewis said, Odessa now has the experience it needs to replace its Teratron 80 cobalt machine with the "state of the art" 6MEV.

LEWIS WAS THE last of seven persons to testify at what may turn into a three-day hearing. Midland Memorial Hospital's proponents are

scheduled to speak after Odessa and that should come today. But the hearing may last through Wednesday.

The longest testimony in the afternoon came when Gene Tombs, director of medical imaging at MCH, presented graphs and evidence of potential patients to be served by the second 6MEV in the 17-county area of the Health Systems Agency 12.

However, Davis shot down Tombs' testimony, demanding verification of figures. Asked about a specific graph on the increasing amount of down time for the current cobalt unit, Tombs said, "We've been very fortunate in that most of our problems have been such that we could limp along until Friday or Saturday so our actual number of hours down is low."

Tombs also showed a graph he had made of the potential West Texans to be served by the Odessa machine based on figures he attained from prior years. Davis challenged the figures, asking how Tombs came up with his projections for services to be rendered from January 1982 through June 1983.

"YOU'RE ADDING approximately 25 treatments a month," Davis told

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## Animal health officials urge rabies prevention

By BILL MODISSETT  
Staff Writer

Last year there were more cases of rabies reported in Texas than in any year since 1954. This year could be even worse.

But five animal health officials from the Midland-Odessa area held a news conference Monday at Midland City Hall to disseminate information intended to keep that possibility from becoming a reality.

The rabies problem in Texas was so bad last year, noted Dr. William Rosser, a veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health's Region 2 and 12, that in Eagle Pass and Del Rio the disease reached epidemic proportions.

"I think it's important that we keep in mind that rabies is a controllable disease," Dr. Rosser added.

Dalton Byerly, Midland's director of animal control, and Coy Willis, shelter master of the Ector-Odessa Animal Shelter, explained the importance of keeping pets confined to yard areas, vaccinated each year and properly identified with tags.

Byerly noted that in late January Midland launched an animal census designed to indicate how many animals are inside the city. Yellow cards seeking information on pet inoculations are being left on the doors of residents' houses, he said.

Willis urged all residents to get their pets vaccinated against rabies and noted that state law does not recognize vaccinations administered by anyone other than a licensed veterinarian.

Dr. O.C. Collins of the Permian Basin Veterinarian Association noted that horses also should be vaccinated. Rabies in horses has increased dramatically in recent years, he said.

The 30,000 to 35,000 people nationwide who have to get injections of rabies vaccine after being bitten now can get the shots in a less painful fashion, Jewel Smith, chief sanitarian of the Midland City-County Health Department, said.

A new rabies vaccine called "human diploid" was developed in France and is now available at both the Ector County Health Department in Odessa and the Midland City-County Health Department.

At this time the serum remains relatively expensive, Smith said, with each of five necessary injections costing at least \$42.50.

WEATHER SUMMARY

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST
Good chance of thunderstorms through Wednesday. Cooler tonight with low in upper 40s; high Wednesday mid 60s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High: 86 degrees
Overnight Low: 59 degrees
Sunset today: 7:17 p.m.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a.m.: 59
7 a.m.: 62
8 a.m.: 65
9 a.m.: 66
10 a.m.: 67
11 a.m.: 68
12 noon: 69
1 p.m.: 70
2 p.m.: 71
3 p.m.: 72
4 p.m.: 73
5 a.m.: 74
6 a.m.: 75

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES
Abilene: 85
Denver: 64
Amarillo: 85
El Paso: 89
Fort Worth: 82
Houston: 87
Lubbock: 89
Marfa: 84
Oklahoma City: 86
Wichita Falls: 87

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Thunderstorms south, occasional light rain and a few thunderstorms tonight and Wednesday. Much cooler. Highs mid 50s Panhandle to near 70 southeast except upper 80s Big Bend. Lows near 40 Panhandle to upper 50s south. Highs Wednesday 60s except low 70s southwest and low 80s Big Bend.

North Texas: Showers and thunderstorms spreading southeastward over area today followed by light rain through tonight. Rain ending northern half Wednesday morning, continuing south. Much cooler west and central today, cooler east. Highs 64 northwest to 75 southeast. Lows 45 to 52. Highs Wednesday 56 to 62.

South Texas: Thunderstorms and rain central and southwest, spreading southeast and south tonight and rain most sections Wednesday. Cooler through Wednesday except extreme south. Highs 90s north to mid 80s south. Lows upper 40s north, near 60 central to near 70 south and upper coast. Highs Wednesday 70s and 80s.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southeast winds 15 to 20 knots, shifting to northeast 15 to 20 knots tonight and Wednesday. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Winds and seas higher in showers and thunderstorms, increasing tonight and Wednesday.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southeast winds 15 to 20 knots today, shifting to east and northeast 10 to 15 tonight and Wednesday. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Scattered thundershowers tonight and Wednesday.

Theft of cash reported in city

In cases under investigation by city police today, Lizza Mitchell, no address available, reported the theft of \$925 in cash from the trunk of a car parked near 1808 E. Front St.

In burglary complaints, Pamela Murray of 3601 Andrews Highway said a 35mm camera and a flash attachment worth a total of \$400 were taken from her residence. Entry was gained through a living room window.

Don Taylor, no address available, told officers assorted tools and food valued at \$535 were taken from his residence. Entry was gained through a garage door.

Firemen spent almost three hours extinguishing a blaze in a warehouse at the Warfield Truck Stop, FM 1788 and Interstate 20, late Monday night.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 p.m. and apparently was caused by some cleaning solvent that ignited. Heavy damage was reported to the interior of the metal building and its contents.

Heavy damage also was reported in a car fire in the 4300 block of Tanner about 7 p.m. Monday. Cause of the fire was an electrical short. The car's owner was listed as Willis Jones, no address available. Damage was confined to the engine.

Extended forecasts

Thursday Through Saturday

West Texas: Partly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms mainly south Thursday. Warmer Thursday and Friday. Highs Thursday 70s north to 80s south warming into the 80s most sections Friday and Saturday except near 90 Big Bend. Lows 40s north to 50s south Thursday warming into the 50s north and 60s south Friday and Saturday.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and warmer. Highest temperatures mid 70s to mid 80s. Lowest temperatures in the 50s.

South Texas: Rain or showers and cool Thursday. A chance of showers and a little warmer Friday and Saturday. Daytime highs mid 60s northwest to the mid 70s south Thursday, warming to the mid 70s north to the low 80s south by Saturday. Overnight lows mid 50s northwest to the mid 60s south Thursday and mostly in the 60s Friday and Saturday.

Thunderstorms roll through area; more rain likely

Thunderstorms reigned through portions of the Permian Basin area early today, and the National Weather Service indicates additional rainfall may be forthcoming through Wednesday.

Area locations reporting early morning precipitation include Midland, trace; Big Spring, .5 inch; Lamesa, .5; 13 miles east of Lamesa, 1.25; 6 miles northeast of Lamesa, .63; 15 miles north of Garden City, 1.75; 8 miles east of Andrews, .50; Red Bluff Dam, 1.90; Bakersfield, .65; 14 miles west of Fort Stockton, .44; and Coahoma, .75.

Monday's high was 86 and the overnight low 59, compared to the record extreme temperatures of 97 in 1972 and 31 in 1933.

A 50 percent chance of rainfall is forecast for tonight, dropping slightly to 40 percent on Wednesday, according to the NWS.

'Mutt' Green memorialized

The late Grover B. "Mutt" Green, Midland County's chief juvenile probation officer from 1954 until his death at age 61 last March 14, has been memorialized in Texas Senate Resolution No. 467.

The resolution, authored by State Senator W.E. "Pete" Snelson of Midland and signed by Texas Lt. Gov. and Senate President W.P. "Bill" Hobby, cites Green as an "outstanding citizen."

The tribute sketches highlights of Green's career and extends "sympathy to members of his family."

Midland County Judge Bill Ahders presented the framed resolution to Green's successor, Lorraine Miles, placed in the Juvenile Probation Office in the Midland County Courthouse Annex.

"He (Green) was one prince of a fellow," said Ms. Miles, who had worked with Green for 13 years.

Copies of the resolution were presented to Green's widow, Jayne, and family members.

"I think it's real nice," Ahders said of the resolution.

"It is," agreed County Clerk Rosenele Cherry. "I think she (the widow) will appreciate it."

The Midland County Commissioners' Court will put up a bronze plaque in tribute to Green at the Culver Youth Home, a juvenile detention center built in 1968.

Green was instrumental in the founding of the youth home. He was a past president of the Texas Juvenile Officers Association.

Handbook due commissioners' vote

By ED TODD Staff Writer

Midland County commissioners, the decision-makers in county government, held off until April 27 to make a decision on adopting a revised employee handbook.

"It's a good piece of work, really," opined Commissioner Durward Wright, who initially seemed to evolve into a critic of the work. "It's breaking new ground."

Action on the proposed handbook, "Midland County Employee Information Manual," is to be taken in the commissioners' April 27 meeting.

County Judge Bill Ahders told the commissioners, especially Wright, to "discuss anything you don't like (about the handbook). We'll either adopt it or not adopt it."

Wright elected to talk about a proposed benefit — increasing the vacation time for veteran employees. The more time a worker is off the job, the more money the county must spend to replace that person, he said.

County Auditor Johnnie Thompson

said that there was a county-benefiting logic behind the lengthening vacation time for the county's 250 employees.

"The thing behind this was incentive...to make people stay here," Ms. Thompson said.

"I just took it all in as a welcomed change," Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis said of the handbook. Under the proposed plan, an employee of one year could take a two-week paid vacation; five years, three weeks; and 10 years, four weeks.

Wright appeared somewhat averse to a modified handbook — a manual that would supercede the existing policy book. And Ahders seemed willing to adjust Wright's attitude on the proposed handbook.

"I don't care what you've done for the past 15 years," the judge said. "That doesn't make it right."

The commissioners agreed to study the handbook between now and the next Commissioners' Court meeting, although Commissioner Charlie Welch, who hadn't perused the work, seemed to relish the Wright-incident discussion.

"I think we ought to listen to the elected officials (who revised the handbook)," said Ahders.

In other action, the commissioners:

—Agreed to lend county equipment, including a dump truck and a front-end loader, and operators to the April 25 Christmas In April project, which is geared to repairing deteriorating dwellings for the elderly, poor and handicapped people. Repair work is heavy on Midland's east and south-east sectors, which are dominated by blacks and Chicanos.

Judge Ahders noted that CIA "is an outstanding project." And the commissioners hastened to lend county equipment and personnel for use on private property even through state law prohibits the use of public equipment for private use. Though CIA is a non-profit organization, it, like churches, is nevertheless private in nature.

"I think you're technically right," Commissioner Charlie Welch told a news reporter who mentioned the possible violation.

Wright said the key word here was

"technical" and went ahead and voted for using public equipment in the private sector.

—Resolved to join with the city of Midland in forming a Midland City-County Liaison Committee to promote harmony and order in the "rapid growth" of both the city and county in the oil boom era of the '80s. "It means we're going to get along with the city," Ahders said.

—In another move, the commissioners agree to advertise for bids on converting two pickups and two trucks to propane fuel rather than the more expensive gasoline. The conversion, noted Road and Bridge Superintendent Albert Stewart, would be on "a trial basis" to gauge the economy of the conversion and its effect on engine horsepower. The conversion cost would be \$1,025 per pickup and \$1,200 per truck, Stewart said.

—The commissioners spent about two hours in executive sessions in discussion of land purchases, including right-of-way on County Road 1130-South, which would be a link of Loop 250 leading from Midland to Odessa.

Bentsen backs bill to boost savings

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the space program, but with some restrictions. "We need stability and continuity of effort there," Bentsen remarked. "There is a limitation on our resources, but we'll see continued progress there."

He supports an increase in the defense budget and compared the U.S. military spending with that of Russia. "The United States spends 5 percent of its gross national product on defense; the Soviets spend 14 percent."

The U.S. has cut back too far in the past which has led to the military's nickname of "a job corps with tanks. We can't have this."

Bentsen, who won his Senate seat in 1970 in a race against now Vice President George Bush, called the limitation of selling arms to South American countries "stupid, and explained those countries turned around and bought weapons from other markets.

U.S. involvement in El Salvador as a military adviser is in no way a comparison to the Vietnam conflict, he charged.

"There are more risks in turning our backs to this," he said of the fighting factions in the Central America country.

"Vietnam was on the other side of the world; this is in our own back yard. This nation has gone a long way from the time when (President John) Kennedy said we'd do anything to protect this country. After Vietnam we turned our back on everything. Now we're trying to come to a medium."

He touched on subjects of: —Basing the MX missile in Texas and New Mexico, a move he opposed. "It would take a substantial amount of usable land and displace hundreds of families."

—Work visas for illegal aliens. The Caribbean is getting "ready to empty into this country because of the poverty there. But we can't take them all."

—Stricter drug enforcement in Texas. The Drug Enforcement Agen-

cy has agreed to base more agents in Texas, said Bentsen, and the agency has opened an office at Galveston.

—Upcoming battle concerning renewal of the Clean Air Act. "We should work for clean air and water, but put the cost effectiveness to it. Coming from Houston, I know about pollution, but you have to use some judgment on these regulations."

"The Environmental Protection Agency wanted to class drilling muds as toxic wastes," Bentsen explained. "They had no evidence that drilling muds were polluting underground waters. If a company plugged a well, they would have to monitor it for 20 years. It would wind up costing \$10 billion a year to monitor all those wells."

"That proposal, he added, died in the Senate.

Car mishap kills Monahans man

MONAHANS — A Monahans drilling consultant was killed when his car ran off U.S. 67 near Barnhart early Monday night.

The Department of Public Safety identified the man as 56-year-old Ira Delmon Harkey. He apparently lost control of his 1980 Oldsmobile, striking a tree and a sign, shortly after 8 p.m. He was pronounced dead at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo by Justice of the Peace Jerry Jennison.

Harkey, who was alone in the vehicle, was eastbound on the highway when the accident occurred. His body was initially taken to the Robert Massey Funeral Home in San Angelo and later transferred to the Wilson-Miller Funeral Home in Monahans.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Baptist Church in Monahans, with burial in Monahans Cemetery. He employed by the Britton Management Corp. of Midland. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Pete McIntire of Midland.

Cancer machine hearing moving along rather slowly

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Tombs, asking how he came up with the monthly increase. Tombs had no answer and pointed to his graph which began with 250 persons served and ended with 500. He told Davis there would be 6,000 patients to be served by Odessa's radiation machine.

Davis pressed Tombs, asking how he knew there would be 6,000 patients.

"That seems to be the magic number for the federal guidelines," Tombs explained, saying there actually was no basis for the figure.

Also in his testimony, Tombs disclosed that Odessa has already ordered the 6MEV on a "contingency-

based purchase order until after the HSA hearings." He said if the THFC approves MCH's bid, the machine would be shipped by the end of October. "We expect it no later than November," Tombs said.

Tombs said they expect installation to take "approximately eight weeks" and the machine could be "operational by the first of April if everything dovetails exactly as we expect it. However, it may take a little longer."

ODESSA DECIDED to purchase the machine from Atomic Energy of Canada instead of the Varian Company, from which MMH purchased its 6MEV.

Originally, Tombs said, MCH had

signed an agreement with Varian. However, while MCH was waiting for approval on its certificate of need application, "they (Varian) had a price we felt was astronomical and we decided to go with another company."

Varian offered the machine for \$380,000 with no trade-in. AEC offered MCH the machine for \$326,900 less \$22,300 for trade-in before additional expenses. Contingency charges will amount to \$31,100, Tombs said, explaining the extra money is needed for renovation of the machinery room, shipping charges, fees for attorneys and architects and the buffer contingency factor.

The money was no problem, Tombs said. "The Women's Hospital Auxilia-

ry has approved donation of these funds." Members of that auxiliary are scheduled to testify today.

PHYSICIST WALTER "Herb" Barnes of Arlington also defended the Odessa application, explaining the differences between the cobalt machine and the 6MEV. He said "the linear accelerator is generally a sharper, more well-designed radiation beam. Its out-rate is higher than the cobalt's dose rate."

Barnes further explained the paraneumbra (the area around the edge of the radiation beam) was better focused in the linear accelerator. "The paraneumbra in the linear accelerator is roughly half that of the

cobalt," Barnes said. "The paraneumbra is very important when one treats in sensitive areas," he added, mentioning areas around the eyes and other easily-damaged tissue.

"You've got to have the sharpest beam you have (to treat those areas). The same is true when you treat the spinal cord."

He explained the stray radiation beam could damage good tissue and cause more severe damage.

Barnes further testified the linear accelerator would cut radiation treatment time. "With the Linax, the treatment time is about half a minute. With the cobalt, at about 100 RADs a minute, it takes about two to three minutes. That's rather long when it comes to a patient lying still."

He continued, "The 6MEV penetrates more easily than the cobalt. It delivers radiation at a faster rate. The 6MEV provided a beam that would be "15 percent more effective on cancer."

HE FURTHER STATED the 6MEV was even more significant with obese patients. "The larger the patient, the greater the thickness becomes. There's where the problem lies."

The cobalt machine can penetrate "a shallow layer of tissues," he said, but the 6MEV has a deeper penetration capability.

Barnes explained the differences in the powers by explaining a Cobalt 60 machine would be equal to a 1.25 MEV. Since Odessa's machine is currently a Cobalt 80, Midland's forces appeared to score some points as the 6MEV would seem to be an increase in services.

Dr. Felix Vendrell, a radiology therapist with the Sammons Group out of Dallas who currently works once a week in Odessa, agreed with Barnes.

"I believe the linear accelerator provides enhancement over the cobalt unit." He said he viewed it as an "upgrade, however I would choose the 6MEV over the cobalt even if there was one available 245 miles away. The 6MEV is a very good day-in, day-out workhorse and I would still want the 6MEV."

He said he felt the application would

County commissioners opt to 'save' money

By ED TODD Staff Writer

Midland County commissioners briefly shelved their penchant for spending money and, after some quibbling Monday, opted to "save" taxpayers' dollars by buying some second-hand but like-new equipment and getting somebody outside the "courageous family" to do the county's yard work.

They dropped Terry "Tiny" Easley as groundskeeper and sent him back to operating heavy equipment for Albert Stewart's road and bridge department. Commissioners then contracted with an outsider, David Aldredge, to keep up the yards at the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Exhibit Building, Z. Taylor Brown-Sarah Dorsey Medallion Home, Museum of the Southwest, Midland County Public Library and the Culver Youth Home.

To the county, the money-saving difference will represent about \$20,000, which is but a mite of the county's almost \$7 million 1981 budget.

Easley, who's called "Tiny" because this rotund fellow is anything but wee, congenially went along with the changeover after the commission-

ers indicated they were satisfied with his work but not with what it was costing the county. County Judge Bill Ahders told Easley that "We've been convinced that this (yard work) can be done more reasonably."

"I'm 100 percent in favor of saving money," Easley said, "because that may mean a pay raise."

The commissioners withheld comment.

The county had budgeted \$58,700 for Easley's groundskeeping crew, including "Tiny" and three helpers. But Aldredge is to maintain the grounds for about \$38,000 a year.

In another cutback on spending, the commissioners voted to buy 40 used but reconditioned Automatic Voting Machines from the AVM Corp. for \$900 per machine. The 40 units will complement the county's present batch of 110 machines, most of which were purchased as used machines.

Even AVM's Andy Pressgrove, who was hyped up on selling the county either new or used machines, made a sales pitch for used but re-conditioned equipment.

"Voting machines are a lot like Navion airplanes," he reasoned. "If you keep it up, it doesn't matter if it's 50 years old. If you keep it up, it's

going to be as good as a brand-new one."

But County Clerk Rosenele Cherry wasn't convinced that used was best or just as good as new. She preferred those just-off-the-assembly-line new AVM models, which cost about \$3,000 each, and was leery of the used merchandise.

"We're real picky about those things," she said.

Pressgrove was persistent. "We're going to send you some machines you can depend on," said Pressgrove, who works out of Mississippi.

Still, Ms. Cherry was apprehensive about the "factory-reconditioned" machines, although the older machines the county has had since 1955 have been reliable.

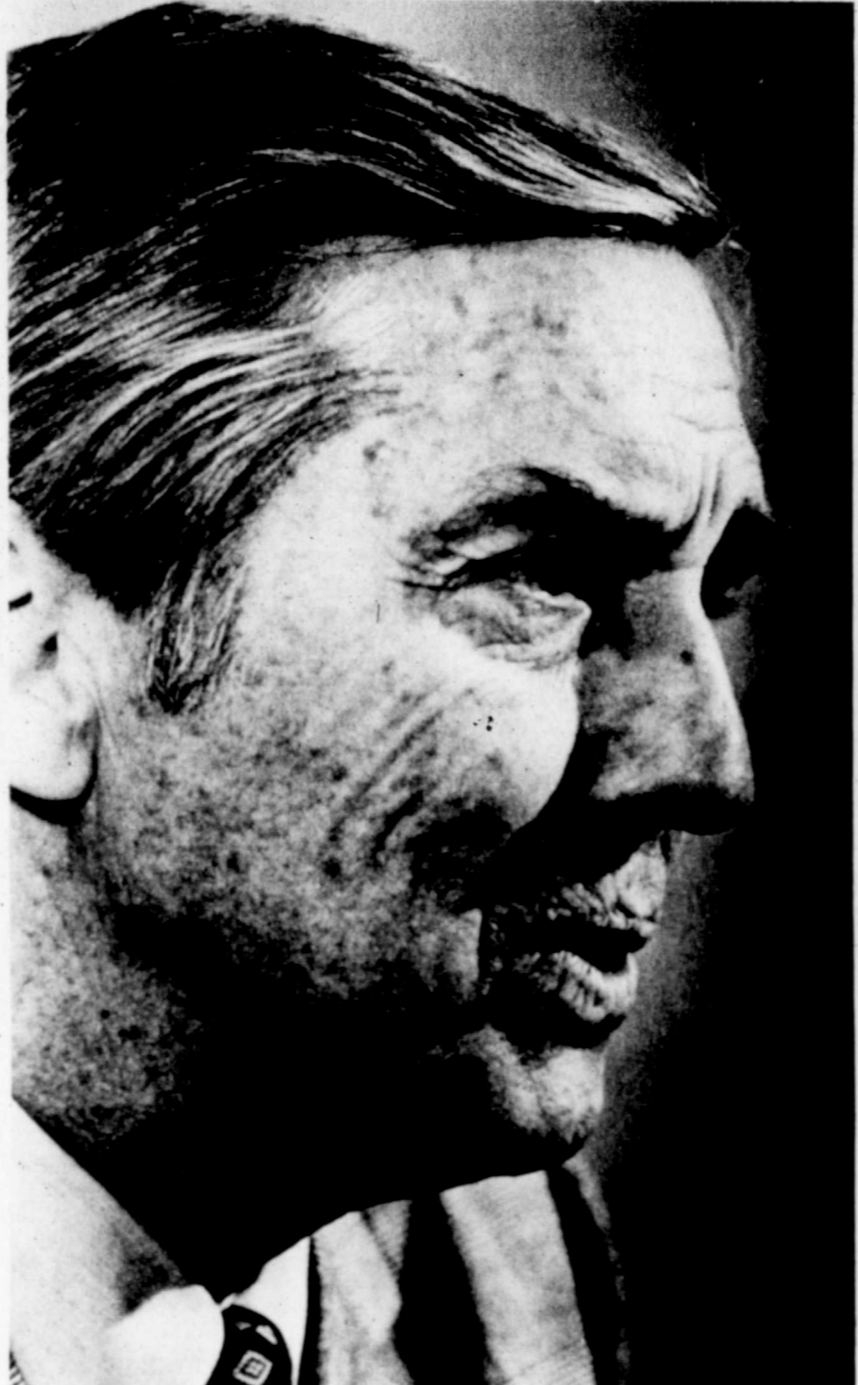
"I don't want a malfunction on an election," the county clerk said. "We have never had a malfunction."

Ms. Cherry queried Vern Dawkins, courthouse maintenance engineer who maintains the voting machines, about buying used machines.

"How do you feel?" she asked.

"Fine," he replied.

But she wasn't then interested in his state of being or the weather. "We've had good luck with them so far," Dawkins finally said.



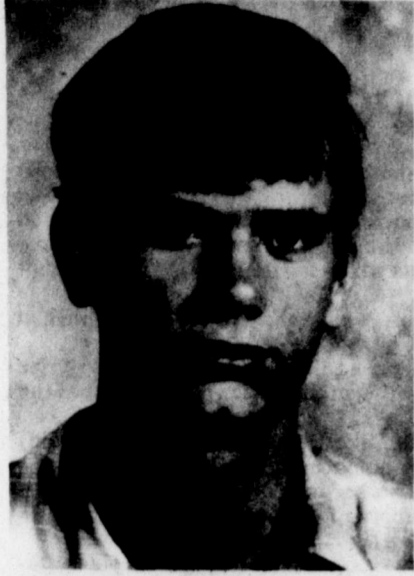
"This (Reagan's budget cuts) is the kind of thing I've been wanting, although I don't agree with all of the specifics." — U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen

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**DEATHS**



**Mark E. Benton**

Mark E. Benton, 17, of Route 1 Box 155, died Sunday from injuries received in a one-car accident 12.6 miles east of Midland.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today at Greenwood Baptist Church with the Rev. Ralph Caffey officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven North Cemetery.

He was born March 5, 1964, in Midland. He played football for and was a junior at Greenwood High School. He worked for Dayton Tire Company, now known as Big 3 Tire Company, in Midland during the summer. He was a member of the Greenwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Benton of Midland; a brother, Matthew Benton of Midland; a sister, Laurie Benton of Midland; his grandparents, Mrs. and Mrs. Hershel Benton of Midland and Ella Murray of Midland; his great-grandmother, Mrs. E.H. Green of Brownfield; and several aunts and uncles.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Photography Fund, Greenwood High School, Route 1, Box 143D, Attention: Max Dickerson.

**Bernard Robertson**

PEARLAND — Bernard Robertson, 26, of Pearland and formerly of Midland, died Sunday in an automobile accident in Kingfisher, Okla.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in South Park Chapel of Robert Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in South Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 29, 1954, in Houston. Robertson was a member of the Church of Christ and the professional rodeo association. His family recently moved to Pearland from Midland.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson of Pearland; two brothers, Jimmy Robertson of Dallas and W. de Robertson of California; and a sister, Jackie Timmer of California.



**Bertie Boone**

Bertie B. Boone, 84, of Midland died Monday in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services were to be at 1 p.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Robert Neumann officiating. Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Feb. 9, 1897, in Reagan County, the daughter of a pioneer West Texas ranching family. She spent her early life on a ranch in Reagan County. Mrs. Boone attended a convent school at Stanton. She was married to Burton Boone, a Midland rancher. After his death, she moved to Midland.

For many years, Mrs. Boone was employed by Midland National Bank. Later, she was in business with the late Jack Wilkerson until her retirement.

Survivors include a sister, Eddie Stevenson of Corpus Christi; two grandsons, Michael M. Byrne of Eugene, Ore., and John G. Byrne of Arlington; a granddaughter, Randy Byrne of Midland; and five great-grandchildren.

The family has asked that memorials be directed to World Vision International of Pasadena, Calif., 91131.

**Wilma Jones**

ANDREWS — Services for Wilma Jones, 50, of Andrews were to be at 11 a.m. today at Downtown Church of Christ in Andrews with burial in Andrews Cemetery under the direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones died Sunday in an Andrews hospital after a brief illness.

She was born May 5, 1930, in El Paso. She had lived in Andrews for 22 years, moving there from Spearman. She was married to W.D. Jones Oct. 1, 1946, in El Paso. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews.

Survivors include her husband of Andrews; four sons, Davey Jones of

Odessa, and Weldon Jones, Eldon Jones and Robbie Jones, all of Andrews; four daughters, Chris Smith of Andrews, Peggy Merritt of Bedford, Carol Ann Brewster of Houston, and Call Stringfellow of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four sisters, Ruth Sexton of Silver City, N.M., Lillian Beebe of Roy, Wash., Trene Arnold of El Paso and Phoebe Neal of Marfa; three brothers, Charley Byers of LaMirida, Calif., James Byers of Kermit and Walter Byers of El Paso; and 10 grandchildren.

**Rubee Mabee**

Graveside services for Mrs. Guy (Rubee) Mabee, 68, of 2002 W. Gulf Ave., were to be at 11 a.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. C.L. Kay of Lubbock Christian College officiating. In charge of arrangements was Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Sunday at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Mabee was born Aug. 23, 1912, in Lockwood, Mo., and spent her early life there. She was married to Guy Mabee in June 1928 at Lockwood. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1930 where he went into the oil business. Then the Mabees moved to Kansas, Illinois and finally to Midland in 1943.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Joe Mabee of Midland; three brothers, H.O. Polston of Abilene, James Polston of Sterling, Colo., and Lindell Poston of Odessa; three sisters, Clara Daniel of Lockwood, Mo., Blanche Grider of Abilene and Alene Halfacre of Odessa; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Scott and White Hospital at Temple.

**M. Whitmire**

Services for Marshall Whitmire, 54, 2824 W. Shandon Ave., were to be at 2 p.m. today in Memorial Christian Church with Clark Ford officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Whitmire died Sunday in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

He was born Nov. 13, 1926, in Fisher County and came to Midland in 1928. He attended schools in Midland and was graduated from Midland High School in 1943. He was graduated cum laude from Abilene Christian College in 1948.

A certified public accountant, Whitmire had his practice in Midland for 20 to 25 years. He was married to Betty Bain Haney Nov. 6, 1971, in Midland. He was a member of North A & Tennessee Street Church of Christ, past president of Westside Lions Club and was a member of the Texas Society of CPAs.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Marshall O. Whitmire Jr. and Michael E. Whitmire, both of Austin; four daughters, Nancy Kissinger of Silsbee, Lynn Teel of Arlington, Betsy Radney of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Cindy Haney of New Braunfels; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Whitmire of Midland; two brothers, Johnnie Ray Whitmire and Charles Whitmire, both of Houston; a sister, Mary Selby of Midland; three grandchildren, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family requests memorials be directed to Lions' Club International Texas Crippled Children's Home in Kerrville or Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

**Hero's burial planned for Gen. Omar Bradley**

By MIKE FEINSILBER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The old GI stopped at the coffin of Omar N. Bradley, put on an overseas cap, stood at attention, saluted smartly and then marched off.

"I always said that if I didn't die first, I'd come to the old man's funeral," said S.M. Smith, 69, a retired truck driver from College Park, Md., who drove a jeep as a private first class during World War II.

Old GIs who served with Bradley in Europe and Americans not yet born when he commanded an army of 1.3 million men joined dignitaries to pay their respects to the old soldier, last of the nation's five-star generals. He died Wednesday in New York of a heart attack at age 88.

Bradley, a master military tactician and a hero to the GIs who fought under him, was receiving a soldier's funeral today at the Washington Cathedral and a hero's burial in Arlington National Cemetery, on a hillside overlooking the Pentagon. The honors included a horse-drawn caisson bearing the body through the streets of the capital.

A stream of Americans from all walks of life came to the cathedral where Bradley lay in repose overnight, his flag-draped coffin attended by servicemen from each of the four military branches.

Among the mourners were FBI Director William Webster, Averell Harriman, America's wartime ambassador to Moscow, and former Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo. The soft-spoken, lanky Bradley was a fellow Missourian, son of a schoolteacher in

the little town of Clark, Mo. Bradley's flag — five big stars against a field of red — dipped in tribute when his body was brought to Washington aboard a presidential jetliner Monday from Fort Bliss, Texas, his last post, where he had lived the past four years. More than 6,000 people, including senators, soldiers and veterans, had paid their last respects during a four-day vigil at Fort Bliss.

At Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland, an honor guard stood at attention as eight servicemen carried the casket under gray clouds and 19 guns boomed in tribute. An Air Force band played "Nearer My God to Thee."

Bradley's widow, Kitty, wearing a black veil, leaned on the arm of Air Force Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Bradley was known as a friend of the foot soldier, the "GI's general," since he plotted ways to win battles with the least possible loss of American lives.

He rarely raised his voice. In marked contrast to the flamboyant Gen. George Patton, Bradley wore simple combat clothes, his trousers stuffed into his boots.

"I'll see you on the beaches," he told his men before the invasion of Normandy, and he was there on June 6, 1944, when 156,000 Allied forces crossed the English channel to France to free Europe from the Nazis.

He shared with only four other soldiers the title of "general of the Army" and wore the five stars that went with it. The others were Dwight Eisenhower, H.H. Arnold, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall. All are dead.

**Supermarket entrepreneur dies**

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Frank W. Packard, founder of one of the nation's first discount department stores, is dead at 74 of a heart attack.

Packard, who died Saturday, is credited with developing the first shopping cart, shopping center and self-service meat department.

Packard opened Packard-Bamberger & Co. in 1932 at the age of 28. The store was designed to sell everything from food to automobiles.

The store sold goods at below the fixed price then set by law. As a result, the State Retail Grocers Association sued Packard for violating

New Jersey's fair trade act, a law that ultimately was declared unconstitutional.

During World War II, the businessman developed food rations which could float in water. The food packages fed thousands of Marines on Pacific islands.

Packard is survived by his wife, Patricia Waldo Remick, mother of actress Lee Remick, and three sons, Peter, John and Thomas.

Services were scheduled for today and Wednesday in New York City with burial Thursday at the Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Fishkill, N.Y.

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Celebrating the announcement of his Pulitzer Prize for spot news photography is Larry C. Price, left, with Jack Tinsley, executive editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Price won for a series of ten photos of the executions a year ago of 13 ousted Liberian officials.

# Small paper's 'dream comes true'

## Pulitzer Prize flows from volcano coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — An author who committed suicide while his novel went ignored and a small-town newspaper that found an erupting volcano in its back yard have been awarded Pulitzer Prizes for their contributions to the arts and journalism.

"I'm very proud and overwhelmed," said Thelma Toole, mother of the late John Kennedy Toole, winner of the 1981 prize for fiction for the comic novel "A Confederacy of Dunces."

The 29-member staff of the Longview (Wash.) Daily News "erupted in cheers" when it heard its coverage of the eruption of Mount St. Helens had won them the prize for general reporting.

"It's something that every journalist dreams about, but very few small papers have a chance to have that dream come true," said Bob Gaston, managing editor of the 27,500-circulation paper.

Rich Oppel, editor of the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, was doused with champagne Monday after the announcement that the newspaper had received the coveted gold medal for public service in journalism for its series "Brown Lung: A Case of Deadly Neglect."

The series of 22 articles charged government and industry with ignoring the disease caused by cotton dust in textile plants, one of state's leading industries.

The Pulitzers, awarded annually by Columbia University on the recommendation of a jury, were endowed by Joseph Pulitzer, late publisher of the old New York World. Except for the public service award, which carries a gold medal, winners receive \$1,000.

"A Confederacy of Dunces," was still unpublished when Toole committed suicide in 1969 at the age of 32. After his death, his mother, unable to win the interest of publishers, took the book to novelist Walker Percy. He persuaded the Louisiana State University Press to publish it last year.

The Longview Daily News wrote more than 1,500 stories about its deadly neighbor between July and December, said Gaston. After the May 18 blast that left 61 dead or missing, reporters "trudged through mudflows and climbed across rooftops for interviews," the citation said.

The international reporting award went to Shirley Christian of the Miami Herald for her coverage of events in El Salvador and other Latin American

countries, including the deaths of American church workers in El Salvador.

New York Times writers took two Pulitzers. Houston correspondent John M. Crewdson, who "walked across the Mexican desert at night with smugglers," received the national reporting award for a series on the treatment of illegal immigrants which led to a Justice Department investigation.

Times sports columnist Dave Anderson was honored for distinguished commentary.

Clark Hallas and Robert B. Lowe of the Arizona Daily Star received the prize for special local reporting for their investigation of the sports department at the University of Arizona.

The prize for editorial cartooning went to Mike Peters of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, while the award for spot news photography went to Larry C. Price of the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram, who took extensive pictures of a firing squad in Liberia that executed members of the ousted Liberian government.

Taro Yamasaki of the Detroit Free Press was honored for feature photography for photos taken inside a state prison; Jonathan Yardley, book reviewer of the Washington Star, received the prize for criticism; and Janet Cooke of the Washington Post was honored for feature writing for her report on an 8-year-old heroin addict.

The Pulitzer board gave the history prize to Lawrence A. Cremin's "American Education: The National Experience, 1783-1876," the biography award to Robert K. Massie's "Peter the Great: His Life and World," on the life of one of Russia's greatest czars; the poetry prize to "The Morning of the Poem," by James Schuyler, and the award for general non-fiction to "Fin-de-Siecle Vienna: Politics and Culture," by Carl E. Schorske.

The play which won the 1981 drama award, "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley, had been seen in regional theaters in several cities before it had a month's run at the off-Broadway Manhattan Theater Club last early this year. The play, to debut on Broadway this fall, concerns three eccentric sisters in a small Mississippi town.

No awards were made by the Pulitzer Prize Board this year for editorial writing or for a musical composition by an American. It was the first time in 46 years that editorial nominees were passed over, and the first time in 16 years that the music prize went unclaimed.

The announcement by President Michael Sovern of Columbia University made no comment on the missing editorial award, but said the music award was passed "on the recommendation of the nominating jury."



## Writers celebrate awards

By The Associated Press

In North Carolina, elated newspaper employees downed 15 bottles of champagne in as many minutes. On the other side of the country, the staff of the Longview (Wash.) Daily News screamed and cried at the news that they had received the Pulitzer Prize.

From Arizona to New York, writers in journalism and the arts celebrated Monday when they were honored with the prestigious prizes — and beamed, in jest, what the awards would mean to their futures.

"I'll probably have to wear a tie more often," said Clark Hallas of the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson, who had once dreamed of winning a Pulitzer by the age of 40. On Monday, five years late, he was honored along with Robert B. Lowe for special local reporting for a series on the University of Arizona's athletic department.

The series led to indictments of former football coach Tony Mason and six assistants on charges of conspiracy and filing false documents in connection with alleged reimbursements for airline trips not taken.

In Jackson, Miss., the mother of the winner for drama recalled that Beth Henley was so embarrassed by her first play that she signed it "Uma Peach."

Ms. Henley was honored for "Crimes of the Heart," about three eccentric sisters, which is to debut on Broadway this fall. Her mother, Lydy Henley Caldwell, said she had encouraged her daughter to be an artist, not a writer.

"I used to let her and her sister draw on the walls, but writing is out," Mrs. Caldwell recalled.

In New Orleans, the mother of the late author John Kennedy Toole was "overwhelmed" to learn he had received the recognition that eluded him before his suicide in 1969. His book, "Confederacy of Dunces,"

was published last year.

"He wanted it so much he took his life," said Thelma Toole.

"It's great to be a winner," said Mike Peters of Ohio's Dayton Daily News, who won a Pulitzer for his editorial cartoons, adding he didn't really think it fair that other great cartoonists had never been so honored.

Peters said he had been tipped about the prize last week, but said nothing because "I didn't want to get my hopes up."

"I know, I swear, that in about four days I'm going to be saying, 'I'm no good this year, even though I was great last year, because I don't like today's cartoon,'" Peters said.

## Mother's work nets novel 1981 Pulitzer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — John Kennedy Toole, unable to get a publisher for his novel, "A Confederacy of Dunces," despondent at the prospect of never winning literary recognition, took his own life.

Twelve years after he went to sleep in an idling automobile, his comic novel about New Orleans won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, testimony to the determination of a mother who was convinced the novel was a work of genius.

"I'm very proud and overwhelmed at something he so richly deserved, but didn't get while he lived," Thelma Toole said Monday of the award to her son's book.

"He wanted the literary recognition, not the money," she said. "He wanted it so much he took his life."

The book is a rollicking portrayal of the adventures of Ignatius J. Reilly, who rebels against the modern world's lack of a proper "geometry and theology."

It is a work rich with the pungent dialects of New Orleans neighborhoods, from the Bronx-like twang of the Lower 9th Ward to the jive patter of Basin Street.

In March, 1969, the 32-year-old author drove to Mississippi to seek advice from author Flannery O'Connor because he was despondent about his failure to get "Confederacy" published, friends said.

That day, he left his car's engine running and went to sleep.

Despite rejection slips from eight publishing houses, Mrs. Toole pressed for the book's publication.

## Pulitzer winners listed

NEW YORK (AP) — Here is a list of 1981 Pulitzer Prize winners, announced Monday by President Michael I. Sovern of Columbia University.

**JOURNALISM**  
Public Service: Charlotte (N.C.) Observer  
General Local Reporting: Longview (Wash.) Daily News staff

Special Local Reporting: Clark Hallas and Robert B. Lowe of the Arizona Daily Star

National Reporting: John M. Crewdson of The New York Times

International Reporting: Shirley Christian of the Miami Herald

Editorial Writing: No award

Editorial Cartooning: Mike Peters of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

Spot News Photography: Larry C. Price of the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

Feature Photography: Taro M. Yamasaki of the Detroit Free Press

Commentary: Dave Anderson of The New York Times

Criticism: Jonathan Yardley of the Washington Star

Feature Writing: Janet Cooke of the Washington Post

## LETTERS and DRAMA:

Fiction: "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole (deceased), published by Louisiana State University Press

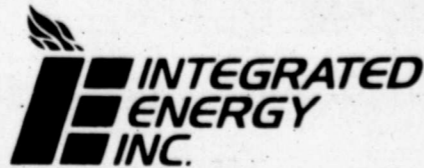
Drama: "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley

History: "American Education: The National Experience, 1783-1876" by Lawrence A. Cremin, published by Harper & Row

Biography: "Peter the Great: His Life and World" by Robert K. Massie, published by

Knopf  
Poetry: "The Morning of the Poem" by James Schuyler, published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux  
General Non-Fiction: "Fin-de-Siecle Vienna: Politics and Culture" by Carl E. Schorske, published by Knopf  
Music: No award

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A man, left, pats the head of another on the ground in Brixton Road, London, Sunday night, where police were attacked for the second night in succession by rioters. Police probing the causes of Britain's worst race rioting

that in two straight days left 244 persons hurt and over 30 buildings burned out in London's black Brixton district, said Monday they believe political extremists may have started it.

## Black gangs on rampage in London slum district

LONDON (AP) — Black gangs in London's Brixton slum district went on a rampage for the fourth straight night, smashing windows and setting fires. But the rioters stayed away from the police, and no new injuries or arrests were reported.

Large numbers of blacks again surged through Brixton, in South London, after dark Monday. They attacked several stores and a post office building, adding to destruction Saturday and Sunday nights estimated at more than \$2 million.

Police with riot shields moved into the area, but no clashes between police and rioters were reported.

With 200 people injured and 199 arrested, the weekend rioting and battles between police and mobs of blacks and some whites was Britain's worst racial violence. Black leaders said it was touched off by "heavy-handed" police action. But they said it stemmed from anger and frustration over unemployment — about 20 percent, or twice the national average, in Brixton — and discrimination against non-whites from the former British colonies in Asia, Africa and the West Indies.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher acknowledged that blacks were

angry, but said, "Nothing, but nothing, justifies what happened." In a television interview Monday night, she said the rioting was "totally and utterly wrong ... I cannot condemn it too strongly."

Home Secretary William Whitelaw announced a broad government inquiry into the violence and its causes.

He said it would include social and economic conditions in Brixton, where 29 percent of the residents are non-white.

## Soviet troop reduction reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence sources report the first general reduction in the readiness of Soviet troops in and around Poland in the weeks since the crisis appeared headed for a military showdown.

Soviet and East German divisions that were deployed near the Polish frontier have, for the most part, returned to their normal garrison areas, the sources said.

They regard as particularly significant a noticeable relaxation of preparations taken by

airborne divisions, as well as by tank and motorized infantry divisions, in the western Soviet military districts from which U.S. military analysts believe any Red Army move into Poland most likely would come.

The sources, asking to remain anonymous, reported a substantial reduction in the volume of operational radio message traffic between Soviet headquarters and communications centers in Legnica and Remberow, Poland. Activation of this radio network weeks ago helped trigger U.S. concern that a So-

viet-led military thrust to quell unrest in communist Poland was imminent.

The Polish independent union Solidarity's cancellation of a threatened general strike and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev's low-key remarks about the Polish crisis a week ago did not immediately bring a military slowdown on the Soviet side.

U.S. analysts said at the time that there still was a serious danger of Soviet intervention because Brezhnev only was giving the Polish communist leadership more

time to get the situation under control to the satisfaction of the Kremlin.

In reporting the clear signs of a reduction of Soviet military preparations, U.S. intelligence analysts stressed that Soviet and Warsaw Pact units near Poland still are capable of mounting at least a limited operation.

They said it appears the Soviet command will want to keep an operations staff in Poland indefinitely, and they noted that some Warsaw Pact air exercises are being conducted in Polish air space, though not

at a worrisome level.

Some 55 troop-carrying helicopters sent into Poland from the western Soviet Union more than a week ago are still there, U.S. intelligence sources said. But this deployment was not followed with Soviet troop reinforcements for the two Russian divisions posted in Poland.

These two divisions have been stationed in Poland for several years.

At its peak, the Soviet military preparations had brought 20 Russian divisions to peak combat readiness in western Russia. Another 10 to 20 divisions of the Russian, East German and Czech armies were said to have been available if the Soviet command had decided to settle the Polish question with military force like that staged against Czechoslovakia 13 years ago.

## Mozambique relations may improve

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) — The visit of President Reagan's emissary Chester Crocker to Mozambique may result in an improvement in relations between the Marxist government and the United States.

The first indication came Friday when President Samora Machel's government freed an American businessman accused of spying. He had been in jail for 37 days.

Crocker, the administration's nominee for assistant secretary of state for African affairs, on his arrival Monday refused to comment on the release of Arthur Zimmerman. But a Western diplomatic source said, "There is hope now that the talks will lead to an improvement in relations."

A well-placed Mozambican said there was no reason why the espionage charges made by his government last month should hamper an improvement in official relations. He maintained this improvement would be the most important point considered in Crocker's talks with Valeriano Ferrao, secretary-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Zimmerman, a General Tire executive from Findlay, Ohio, was accused of spying for the CIA. After his release, he reportedly went to neighboring South Africa.

He was arrested March 7, three days after Mozambique expelled four American diplomats on espionage charges. The U.S. State department has blame the charges on an unsuccessful effort by Cuban intelligence agents to force one of the Americans to spy for Cuba.

Crocker, whose mission has been billed as strictly fact-finding, said he expected to discuss the cutoff of U.S. food aid to Mozambique because of the expulsion of the diplomats.

As he has done during previous stops on his 10-nation African tour, he tried to dispel black African fears that the Reagan administration is siding with the white-minority government of South Africa.

siding with one side or the other," Crocker told an airport news conference without elaboration.

He also denied the United States will provide aid to UNITA, the pro-Western guerrilla movement battling another Marxist government in another former Portuguese possession in Africa, Angola.

"We have not said it is our intention to aid UNITA," said Crocker. "We have made no such decision. I will be going to Luanda (the Angolan capital) on this trip. That should indicate that it is our preference to see if we can find political solutions, negotiated solutions, to the problems of the region."

However, he did not rule out aid to UNITA,

and he made clear that the Reagan administration regards the presence of some 17,000 Cuban soldiers in Angola a major problem.

Crocker is scheduled to visit Swaziland, South Africa, Botswana, Angola, Zaire and Nigeria before returning to Washington.

## Fire causes \$600,000 damage

DURANT, Okla. (AP) — What has been called the worst Durant fire in the last 25 years has caused at least \$600,000 damage, officials say.

The blaze destroyed five downtown businesses in the southern Oklahoma city. Fire Chief Conway Morriss said Monday.

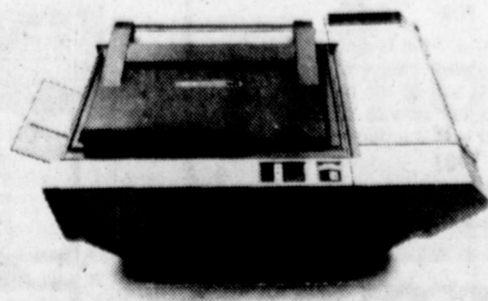
Morriss said the fire apparently started late Sunday in a deep fryer in the kitchen of Tom's Cafe and spread to the Bridal Boutique, Lee's Paint Co., Steiny Tax Service and the Ringle Construction Co.

Roofs were destroyed and interiors gutted in all of the one-story brick buildings, authorities said. The blaze began when the restaurant was closed.

Morriss said he called in 22 men and three trucks to fight the fire, which occurred just one block south of the fire station.

Several smaller firms in nearby buildings were damaged by smoke and water, Morriss said.

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# Tiguas fighting for land

By STEVE BREWER  
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Twenty years ago, anthropologists thought the Tigua Indian Tribe was extinct. Tribe members were too embarrassed by their poverty to argue.

Now, they're fighting for their pride and for what they believe is their just due — 36 square miles of land within the city limits of El Paso.

Three hundred years ago, the tribe settled an area just east of what is now downtown El Paso. Today, the Tiguas are launching an intensive effort to convince Congress to compensate them for what they claim is their land.

"What we're asking for is a reasonable amount of money to set up a trust fund to address the problems that these people have been burdened with as a result of the land being taken away," said Ray Apodaca, tribal superintendent.

El Paso lawyer Tom Diamond is preparing congressional bills for the Tiguas. The so-called "reference bills" would order the federal Court of Claims to determine if the tribe has a right to the land and, if so, how they should be compensated for it.

"They're either going to have to settle with us or we're going to file for possession of the land," Diamond said.

"If we wanted to get nasty about it, we could go to court and try to get the whole thing," Apodaca said. "But we don't want to tie up the state of Texas or any individual in the courts. It's totally unrealistic to say we want the land back."

Diamond says he believes the chances for success in the claim are good, despite the lack of a formal document showing the Tiguas were given land by the federal government.

Diamond's office is filled with large filing cabinets containing historical documents on the Tiguas and mounds of papers and files on the tribe. He has several accounts that indicate the land was given to the Indians by Spaniards who originally settled in the area. It's those accounts on which much of the Indians' case rests.

The Tiguas (pronounced tee-wah) came with the Spaniards from New Mexico as the conquistadors were fleeing the great Pueblo Revolt of 1680, which Diamond calls "the first American Revolution."

The tribe migrated to the Ysleta area near El Paso and established farms along the Rio Grande.

Other Pueblo tribes virtually disowned the Tiguas because they did not fight the Spaniards in the revolt. The bad blood between the tribes still exists and the Tiguas have been denied membership in the Pueblo Conference.

When President Lincoln granted lands to Indian tribes in the 1860s, Texas was a part of the Confederacy and the Tiguas were omitted. In 1871, the Texas Legislature allowed the local government to give public lands to settlers and Anglo settlers forced the tribe off the land.

The tribe virtually settled into oblivion, mixing into the large Mexican-American population in the area.

## DR. NEIL SOLOMON Consult physician before exercising

Dear Dr. Solomon: Since graduating from college about 12 years ago, I've been leading a pretty sedentary life. Now I'd like to start exercising again, but my blood pressure is moderately high and I'm not certain what this means. I want to improve my health, not make it worse. Is exercise ruled out for an individual with high blood pressure? — Mike

Dear Mike: What kind of exercise do you have in mind? If it's the isometric type where you would be straining against a fixed object, the result may very well be additional pressure on your vascular system and an increase in blood pressure. However, exercises such as walking, running, or tennis may not have this effect.

In view of what you describe as 12 sedentary years, I strongly suggest you check with your physician before becoming involved in any exercise program.

Dear Dr. Solomon: My dentist has stopped taking X-rays each time I have an appointment because of the danger of cancer. How did doctors ever begin to realize that there might be a connection between radiation and cancer, especially when the amounts used seem to be so small? It sometimes seems that establishing a connection between a disease and its cause is like detective work. — Mel

Dear Mel: The connection between radiation exposure and cancer began to be recognized when scientists and technicians who worked with radium and early X-ray devices began to suffer from malignancies. Since there is no level below which radiation can be said to be risk-free, efforts are being made to reduce patient exposure as much as possible. One way is to limit the number of X-rays used for some diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

Dear Dr. Solomon: My wife and I have completed our planned family with the birth of our third child. I am now prepared to have a vasectomy as the most logical form of birth control in our case, but I have one concern: Is it possible that the operation will interfere in any way with my sex drive? If so, we would practice some other form of birth control. — Harvey

Dear Harvey: A successfully performed vasectomy will have no effect on a person's potency. In fact, some reports from Japan, where vasectomy is relatively common, indicate that many men who undergo the procedure experience some increase in their sex drive. Even if these reports are true, however, they probably reflect a psychological reaction to the consequent lack of concern about the possibility of pregnancy, rather than a physiological reaction.

Dear Dr. Solomon: Do homosexual men contract venereal diseases as often as heterosexuals? — Pete

Dear Pete: Venereal diseases, particularly gonorrhea and syphilis, occur more frequently in male homosexuals than in heterosexuals.

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



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Marlo Thomas hands her husband, Phil Donahue, a bunch of balloons while they host a roller skating party to benefit children at New York's Roxy Roller Disco recently. The Free To Be Foundation, which sponsored the event, supports projects which promote the health, care and education of children. Other notables attending the benefit included Posey Grier, Phil Esposito, Marvin Webster, Gilda Radner and Rex Smith.

## Last all-male policies of orchestra disputed

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Demands that women be allowed to play in two prestigious Vienna orchestras — among the last all-male bastions of their kind — have struck clashing chords of protest in this city of musical traditions.

All but three of the world's major orchestras include women. Two of them are here, the Vienna Philharmonic and the Vienna Symphony.

For Austria's state secretary, Johanna Dohnal, that is "too many for our small country."

Mrs. Dohnal, with support from Vienna's Academy of Music and the Performing Arts, struck up a campaign in March to press the orchestras for changes in their all-male policy with a concert and a panel discussion given by female members of Austria's lesser-known orchestras.

"This is going to be a long, hard process — mostly a matter of consciousness-raising," Mrs. Dohnal told The Associated Press. "These things take time here. It wasn't until after the turn of the century that they admitted women to Vienna's university, but I am confident we will eventually change things in the music field too."

But change appears to come slowly in Vienna, a city conservative in its musical heritage. Even the Berlin Philharmonic, the third all-male top orchestra, allows women to audition.

At a recent symposium, representatives of the Philharmonic and the Symphony orchestras rejected Mrs. Dohnal's charges of discrimination.

They suggested that women were not up to the rigorous training and performing schedules and would destroy what they said was the traditional visual impression created by an all-male orchestra.

Representatives of the orchestra

have repeatedly hinted the likelihood of pregnancy leaves for female members would disrupt the functioning of the orchestras.

In addition, members often note their orchestras are legally private associations, free to set the policies agreed upon by members.

The comments have brought a howl of protest from local newspapers and a deluge of mail to the Philharmonic and Symphony offices.

"Through ridiculous arguments (the orchestras) have kept women from even testing their skills against those of male applicants," said the Kronenzeitung, Vienna's largest-selling newspaper.

"We have no desire to discriminate, but this is a matter of tradition and tradition is very important here," said a non-playing administrative assistant at the 138-year-old Philharmonic who requested anonymity.

According to the Academy for Music, which is now conducting a survey of the role of women in music, the exclusive policies of Vienna's top two orchestras discourage women from continuing their musical educations.

Although an equal number of men and women start the eight-year academy course, only 16 percent of those completing their studies last year were female.

"The dropout rate for women is very discouraging," says Elana Ostleiner, an administrator at the academy. "We are positive more women would be encouraged to go on if they had even the remotest chance of some day being in a top orchestra here."

But even if the orchestras changed their policies, that chance would still be a remote one, because the average age of performers in Vienna's orchestras is now less than that of most major orchestras.

## Months of egg salad await town

MARKSVILLE, La. (AP) — In this Louisiana town, it's winner-take-egg every Easter.

About 200 to 300 people are expected show up at the town square after 9 a.m. Easter Mass to test the strength of their hard-boiled eggs against those of competitors. The

uncracked egg means \$100 for its owner.

For hard-boiled devotees, preparations for the contest begin anywhere from a few days to a couple of months ahead of Easter.

Brent Scallan, president of the sponsoring Jaycees, said he began

picking eggs nine weeks ago.

"I go through 40 to 50 dozen eggs a week. I went through 50 dozen yesterday, and found two eggs that were any good," he said.

One eggspert is Wilbert "Butch" Bielkiewicz, whose five- or six-year winning streak was broken last year. He said he lost because he couldn't get enough eggs to choose from.

Bielkiewicz takes off from his work as a trucker several days before Easter and begins buying and testing 50 dozen eggs. Adding coffee grounds to the boiling water makes them stronger, he says.

When the big day comes, eggs are tapped against each other, point against point, until one breaks.

"Once you break an egg, you get to keep it," Scallan said. "You eat egg salad for three months. Egg salad, pickled eggs, deviled eggs

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Armando Ortiz, lieutenant governor of the tribe, said he and other Indians often found it better to disclaim their Indian heritage.

"There were times when I denied being an Indian," he said. "Even to the Mexican-Americans, we were third-class citizens."

The tribes slipped into extreme poverty, living in crumbling adobe houses with no running water and no utilities.

Indian children dropped out of school to work in cotton fields or because they were embarrassed because they had no shoes. In 1962, the average Tigua had three years of formal education.

That year, Diamond learned there were Indians in El Paso. A local newsman encouraged the rotund, energetic attorney to aid the Tiguas, who faced foreclosure on their homes for failure to pay city taxes.

Anthropologists believe then that the Tigua were an extinct tribe.

Diamond said he told one such anthropologist, "If they're extinct, they sure don't know it."

During the next 10 years, Diamond spent his spare time trying to get government help for the tribe. In 1967, the state recognized the tribe. In 1968, the federal government granted recognition and turned the care of the Indians over to the Texas Indian Commission.

With the help of about \$11 million from the state during the past 13 years, the tribe has built a modern 114-unit housing complex on land granted as a reservation.

Through community effort and the help of state funds, the Indians also built a museum and arts and crafts center that became a tourist attraction and a source of revenue and jobs for tribe members.

Much of Apodaca's time is spent badgering the Legislature for more funds. He fears government budget cut soon will spell an end to state aid.

"The legislators say, 'when are you going to quit coming back for money?'" he said. "They ask when we'll be self-sufficient. That's what we want, too, but we haven't made it yet."

Apodaca and Ortiz see the land claim as a way to provide the money the Indians need to become independent.

The Indians don't know how much money the claim could generate, but they always speak in millions of dollars.

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# RRC district 8 reports wildcats and completions

Wildcats, new locations and completions were reported in District 8.

### PECOS WILDCAT:

The Fisher Adams Co. of Midland has scheduled to drill a 2,400 foot wildcat seven miles south of Grandfalls.

The No. 1 Holland State is located 4,540 feet from the south and 740 feet from the east lines of section 6, block 9 of H&GN RR Co. survey.

The probe is surrounded by completed oil productions and depleted and abandoned locations.

### REEVES WILDCAT:

The R.K. Petroleum Corp. of Midland will drill a 3,900 foot probe six miles west of Arno.

The No. 1 R.K. State 10 is located 660 feet from the south and east lines of section 10, block C-20 of the PSL survey.

It is situated 4,000 feet south of No. 1 State, drilled to 3,841 feet and abandoned on January 4, 1966. It is also 1,500 feet northwest of No. 1 Baker Estate with the total depth of 5,003 and drilled and abandoned on March 27, 1963.

### WARD WILDCATS:

Felmont Oil Co. of Midland plans to drill a 3,300 foot wildcat eight miles south of Pyote.

The No. 2 Jackson 48 is located 1,980 feet from the northwest and 660 feet from the southwest lines of section 48, block 34 of H&TC RR Co. survey.

It is situated 700 feet east of a

drilled and abandoned location, Jackson drilled to the total depth of 3,300 feet by HNG Oil Co. and 600 feet south of a drilled and abandoned No. 1 Pasta Nuevo Medlock drilled to 613 feet and abandoned on July 1, 1967.

Gulf Oil Co. of Monahans has staked a 5,600 foot wildcat location 1 1/2 miles southeast of Wickett.

The No. 1,128 Hutchings Stock Association is located 1,755 feet from the south and 2,635 feet from the east lines of section 9, block O of G&MMB&A survey.

It is situated 2,400 feet southwest of a drilled and abandoned Kay Kimbell dilled in the South Wickett field to 2,850 feet; 2,500 feet northwest of a completed oil production and 2,000 feet northwest of a depleted oil production.

It is also 3,400 feet northwest of No. 1 Yates Discovery.

### MARTIN CONFIRMER:

Exxon Corp. of Midland will drill a second 10,600 foot well 3 1/2 miles northwest of Knott in the Easle (Fusselman) field.

The No. 1 Eagle (Fusselman) will be located 467 feet from the north and south lines of section 4, block 34 of T-2-N, T&P survey.

It is 3,600 feet northeast of No. 1 M. Baxter drilled and abandoned location and 1 1/2 miles southwest of No. 1 Fred Phillips, a lone producer and opener in Fusselman pay. Both these probes were drilled by R.K. Petroleum Co.



Sam Church, president of the United Mine Workers Union bangs his gavel as he and officials of the union meet at UMW headquarters in Washington Friday to discuss the coal strike. To his left is union official Wilbert Killian.

## Officials say industry must give in

By The Associated Press  
United Mine Workers officials say coal operators must give in on three key issues when they return to the bargaining table Tuesday if they expect union miners to go along with any new contract proposals.

Number one, says the president of Charleston, W.Va.,-based District 17, is reinstatement of the \$1.90 royalty on non-union coal processed by UMW companies.

The Bituminous Coal Operators Association also must agree to strengthen the language dealing with mine

leasing and drop a 45-day probationary period for new employees, Jack Perry said.

Unless the BCOA's chief negotiator, B.R. Brown, makes those changes, Perry said, resuming bargaining talks "will be an exercise in futility."

"Meeting and negotiating are two different things," Perry said. "There might be exchange, but whether it's fruitful or not would be another matter. The proposal sent down was rejected in a fashion that indicates changes need to be made."

The renewed talks, which will be held in Washington, D.C., will represent the first progress in resolving the strike since March 31, when rank-and-file miners voted down the first proposed contract by a 2-1 margin.

Brown said over the weekend that he had agreed to go back to the bargaining table after UMW President Sam Church told him he had several issues to discuss, but he refused to speculate on how the talks would go.

"I won't have any idea until I see

what he's got to say," Brown said. Brown did say he wasn't optimistic that the strike, which entered its 19th day Monday, would end soon, and Bill Compton, president of Local 2264 in Pike County, Ky., agreed.

"...The miners want the right working situation. They're not going to settle for the stuff that came back last time," Compton said.

But he predicted that negotiators would be able to come up with a tentative settlement by April 27 and that miners would return to work by May 5.

## Activities reported by RRC district 8-A

The Dow Chemical Company of Houston has announced wildcat site in Dawson County 2 miles south of Pumpkin Center.

The No. 1 R. D. Womack will be drilled to a total depth of 11,900. Ground level elevation is 3,030 feet.

The site is 1,980 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of section 5, block M EL&RR survey.

The explorer is located approximately 4,000 feet from the east and slightly south of No. 1-A Addison a Fusselman oil discovery, and 3,500 feet east and slightly south of the No. 1 Futrel plugged dry and abandoned at a total depth of 7,930 just north of the Dupree field.

### HOCKLEY COUNTY WILDCAT

The NR 4 Petroleum Corporation of Midland will drill the No. 1 Golden in Hockley County as a wildcat to test the Strawn.

Total depth of the project is 10,400 feet with ground level elevation reported at 3,460 feet.

The site is located 990 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of Labor 22, Legue 735, State Capitol Lands survey. No other report on location was indicated.

### KENT COUNTY EXPLORER

Kent County has been sited by Estoril Producing Corporation of Midland as location for the No. 1-34 Wallace to be explored to a total depth of 6,700 feet.

Ground level elevation of the project is 2,061 feet. Six miles north west of Jayton, the site is 1,980 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of section 34, block L, H&TC survey.

### YOAKUM COUNTY WILDCAT BRONCO TEST

Tamarack Petroleum, Midland, has announced the No. 1 Barnes in Yoakum County as a wildcat test above 9,200 feet and field test of the Bronco (Wolfcamp) at 9,200 feet.

The wildcat site is located 467 feet from the north and 467 feet from the west lines of section 385, block D John H. Gibson, survey.

Six miles northwest of Plains total depth of the project is 9,200 feet with ground level elevation of 3787 feet.

## Jury has awards \$22.5 million to two companies

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal court jury has ruled two companies should receive \$22.5 million for land condemned for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The Friday ruling in favor of Dow Chemical Co. and Freeport Minerals ended a three-week trial before U.S. District Court Judge Woodrow Seals, who still must enter a formal judgment.

Testimony indicated the two firms had been offered \$13 million for the property the Department of Energy needed for start of the Bryan Mound storage project near Freeport in 1977.

Dow held a 100-year lease on the 499 acres owned by Freeport Minerals and Dow had developed the salt dome caverns now holding crude oil for the government's emergency storage program.

## Many states raising gasoline taxes

By SCOTT KRAFT  
Associated Press Writer

With America's highways ever more pitted, pocked and potholed, 29 states are considering taking the bumps out of the roads by boosting their gasoline taxes by up to a nickel. Three states have already approved gas tax increases.

It's not that federal, state and local governments haven't been repairing the roads. But reduced gasoline consumption has nibbled away at the traditional source of maintenance money — the fuel tax. And the cost of making road repairs has soared. Fifty-three percent of the paved road network, or about 1 million miles, was cracked, buckling or otherwise in disrepair last year, compared with 42 percent the year before, says the Road Information Program, a research organization funded by the motor vehicle industry.

Those bumpy roads cost drivers \$20 billion in wasted fuel and an additional \$6 billion in car and tire damage —

or an average of \$184 for each motorist, according to the research group.

State and local treasuries will spend about \$600 million more than they will take in this year for highway construction and repairs, the U.S. Transportation Department has estimated.

The South Dakota Legislature raised its gas tax from 12 cents to a national high of 13 cents a gallon, effective April 1. Utah has increased its tax from 9 to 11 cents. A bill raising Idaho's 9 1/2-cent tax to 11 1/2 cents on July 1 was signed into law last week. State gasoline taxes range from 5 cents a gallon in Texas to South Dakota's new 13-cent rate. Most states are in the 9- to 11-cent range.

Some states want to change from a set per-gallon levy to a tax based on a percentage of the price at the pump, tying the tax rate to the rising price of gasoline.

"With conservation and higher-mileage cars, there's less money going into state highway

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — America already has burned most of the crude oil it's ever likely to coax from the ground, and what's left won't last more than a few decades at current production levels, according to a Rand Corp. report released Saturday.

"The situation is not grim or desperate, but it definitely means changes will have to be made ... and we have enough (oil left) to give us time to make those changes," said political scientist Richard Nehring of the private research group based here. "But we can't just sit back and

say there's nothing to worry about anymore."

Some in the government and industry have suggested that vast pools of oil remain undiscovered in the United States.

In his debate with President Carter last Oct. 29, Ronald Reagan said, "There is more oil now in the wells that have been drilled than has been taken out in the 120 years that they have been drilled."

The Rand study, while not addressing such assertions explicitly, said it "is likely that more than half of the conventional petroleum reserves that

will ultimately be produced have been produced."

Nehring said in an interview: "People who have been saying there's a

whole lot still to be discovered are wrong. There's not a lot left other than in Alaska and a few places offshore."

## Two co-ops buy shares in Comanche Peak plant

DALLAS (AP) — Two Texas electric cooperatives have purchased shares in the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant under contracts that have no ceilings on construction costs and depend on at least \$232.5 million in federal loans and loan guarantees, a Dallas newspaper reported today.

The purchase plans by Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. of Waco and Tex-La Electric Power Cooperative of Texas, Inc. of San Antonio would mean that taxpayers would be responsible for repayment of the federal loans if the two rural cooperatives defaulted, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Without a ceiling on construction costs, taxpayer liabilities will increase with each cost overrun on the project, the price of which has risen from \$779 million in 1972 to \$2.235 billion in 1980.

Together, Brazos and Tex-La have obtained an 8.13 percent share in the Texas Utilities Co. plant.



Clayton W. Williams Jr.

## Williams will speak to landmen

Clayton W. Williams Jr. will be the guest speaker Tuesday at the Permian Basin Landmen's Association monthly meeting at the Ranchlands Hill Country Club. He will speak on "Oil Business and Land Work — Past, Present and Future."

For further details call Bernie Scott at 682-6324.

We regret the error we made in Sunday's issue by incorrectly identifying Clayton W. Williams Jr.

## DRILLING REPORT

### WILDCATS

ECTOR COUNTY  
Cities Service No. 8 Jomshon "A", drilling at 3,266 feet in Anhydrite, set 13 3/8 inch casing at 317 feet.

LEA COUNTY  
Getty Oil Company No. 1-15 Getty Federal, drilling with cable tool at 346 feet.

Getty Oil Company No. 1 Getty Rigs-Federal, total depth 10,666 feet, pumping on beam.

Getty Oil Company No. 1-28 Getty State, total depth of 16,225 feet, drilling cement and circulating out, no gas, tripping out of hole, pulling up mill and drilling pipe, tripping in hole.

REEVES COUNTY  
Getty Oil Company No. 1 Ava Farwell Trust, tripping out of hole, pulling up bit, ran in hole conditioning to 10 pounds brine, tripped out of hole. Getty Oil Company J.F. Hathaway No. 1-P, total depth 9,450 feet, swabbing and flowing.

FIELD TESTS  
BORDEN COUNTY  
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 Edna Miller, et al. Undesignated, drilling at 6,082 feet in lime and shale, made 616 feet in 23 1/2 hours.

CROCKETT COUNTY  
Cities Service No. 2 Shannon M. New World Field, total depth 8,185 feet, plugged back 4,192 feet, set 5 1/2 inch casing at 8,185 feet, set to perforate in Strawn.

EDDY COUNTY  
Cities Service No. 1 Federal N.

Huckberry Field, total depth 11,424 feet in lime and shale, ran 8 3/8 inch casing at 3,000.

Cities Service No. 1 Swearingen Comm. "A", Loving, North (Morrow gas), drilling at 18,825 feet in lime and shale, ran 7 5/8 inch casing at 9,700 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY  
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 Minnie Boyd, Anita (Clearfork), total depth 7,160 feet, moving on rotary tool.

LEA COUNTY  
Getty Oil Co. No. 1 Trist 33 State, Triste Draw East area, drilling with cable tool at 149 feet.

LOVING COUNTY  
Getty Oil Co. Madera, Brunson Ranch (Ellenburger), drilling at 3,294 feet.  
Getty Oil Co. No. 1-8-26 Glenn Brunson, Brunson Ranch (gas), drilling at 15,000 feet, coring.  
Clayton Williams Jr. No. 6 Gataga, Vermejo (Fusselman gas), plugged back total depth 18,770 feet, set 5 1/2 inch casing, prepped to drill out.

PECOS COUNTY  
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 3 Ivy B. Weatherby, Rojo Caballos, total depth 13,378 feet, plugged back total depth 13,399 feet, fishing and prepared to clean out liner.  
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1 First National Bank of Midland, Rojo Caballos, South (Devonian), drilling at 8,719 feet in lime.

REEVES COUNTY  
Cities Service Co. No. 1 Matthews-Camp "A", Barstow, South (Delaware), total depth 7,850 feet, plugged back to 6,233 feet, set 5 1/2 inch casing at 6,288 feet, perforated 5,477 to 5,499 feet, 5,311 to 5,326 feet, 5,044 to 5,052 feet, 4,782 to 4,818 feet, well completed, shut in, waiting on pipeline.  
Cities Service Co. No. 1 Priest "E", Barstow, South (Delaware), drilling at 43 feet in sand, gravel and shale.

WARD COUNTY  
Adobe No. 1 "28", Barstow, Scott, Delaware, flowed 16 barrels of oil and 64 barrels of water in eight hours with a final tubing pressure of 290 to 350 pounds on a 1/4 inch choke.

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