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Life With Indian Fighter

Midlander Margie Taylor recalls life with her father, who was an Indian fighter, Texas Ranger and father to 23 children. Susan Ruth-erford's article will appear in Sunday's Life-style section.

Growing Older in Midland

Someone once said becoming elderly may not be great, but it beats the alternative. In a special project for The Reporter-Telegram, staff writer Linda Hill has written a six-part series on "Growing Older in Midland." Look for part one on Sunday.

Chicken or the Egg

If you ask Midlander Don Tergerson which came first, the chicken or the egg, he might suggest you consult his 18,000 chickens or take a look at his 13,000 hen eggs. This Sunday's West Texas Life does just that, in story that promises no eggs-istential yolks.

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Carter's energy plan already facing trouble

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter's new energy plan to couple higher domestic oil and gasoline prices with a "windfall profits tax" is already facing stiff opposition in Congress.

Top administration allies on Capitol Hill predicted an uphill battle for the tax proposal the president announced Thursday night.

"It's going to be tough," said Senate Energy Committee Chairman Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash.

In a nationally broadcast address, the president said he would gradually lift price lids on domestically produced crude oil, leading to total decontrol by mid-1981 — a goal long sought by the U.S. oil industry.

Administration officials said the plan would add 4 to 5 cents a gallon to the price of gasoline and other petroleum products by mid-1981. But other unofficial estimates put the total increase at up to 15 cents a gallon.

Carter's address came two years

after he sent his first energy plan to Congress as "the moral equivalent of war," a package of proposals that

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took Congress until last fall to pass. Carter said the action would help conserve oil by making it more expensive and also would provide a financial incentive to U.S. oil com-

panies to seek and develop new oil fields.

And he told Americans: "Each of you will have to use less oil and pay more for it." He said this would help move the nation away from its heavy reliance on imported oil.

To keep oil companies from getting too rich from decontrol, Carter proposed the "windfall profits tax" on half the extra revenues that oil companies would get from higher prices.

Proceeds would be used to aid poor families, for mass transit projects and to help develop new energy sources.

U.S.-produced oil is now held at about \$9 for a 42-gallon barrel. Carter's plan would allow it to rise gradually to the world market price of about \$15 a barrel.

Administration officials said the decontrol plan was designed in such a way as to dampen its inflationary impact this year.

The officials estimated that decontrol would add one-tenth of 1 percent to living costs that have been increasing at an annual rate of about 10 percent in 1979.

They added that the increase would be about two-tenths to three-tenths of 1 percent in 1980 and 1981.

Under existing law, Carter has the authority to lift oil price controls beginning June 1 without having to submit the plan to Congress.

Clements says roads were priority items

By LINDA HILL
Staff Writer

Gov. Bill Clements told the Highway Department the North Loop around Midland and North Route to Odessa were priority items in his book, he said Thursday.

But, Clements said, "I don't consider that intervening." Clements spoke at a press conference Thursday afternoon. He was in Midland for a private reception to help retire his campaign debt. While here he met with Highway Department officials to discuss plans for the highway projects.

The department this week awarded \$3.5 million to purchase right of way for the twin projects, after earlier turning down requests from city and county governments involved for money to help ease the local burden.

The governor said he became interested in the project when Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. called him about it. Clements also said he had talked to State Rep. Tom Craddock and County Commissioner Win Brown of Midland. All three of those officials are Republican.

"There are a lot of funds in the Highway Department, and it generally becomes a matter of priorities...There's a real sense of flexibility in the Highway Department," Clements said.

However, he said, the \$3.5 million is all that will be available. "This \$3.5 million is your hunting license, and the ball is in your court."

The four governing bodies will have to decide how to split the money. Also at his press conference, Clements reiterated his pledge to deliver a tax cut to Texans.

He promised to veto any appropriation bill which does not include such a cut. But, though he has said he advocates a \$1 billion reduction in taxes over the biennium, he declined to name the minimum amount he would accept.

The governor said he is "optimistic" the Legislature will pass a tax cut, because "I don't think they want to work all summer."

Clements said he is not having any trouble working with the Democratic-controlled Legislature because he is in "philosophical agreement" with the majority of both House and Senate.

On the topic of energy, Clements said he intends to concentrate his energies on trying to get all members of the Texas congressional delegation to support the "Texas position" on deregulation.

Sending more delegations to Washington to talk to Administration officials would be unproductive while James Schlesinger is secretary of energy, he said. "Either this man is deaf or he lacks understanding," the governor said of Schlesinger.

The Texas executive declined to state a position on whether a presidential primary should be held separately from the primary for state races.

But, he said, he would veto any bill that moved the state primary from May to July or later. He has not excluded the idea of a June primary, he said.

Clements said the legislative leadership is exploring the idea of joining forces with Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to have a common presidential primary in March.



Gov. Bill Clements responds to questions from area reporters during a news conference at Midland Airpark Thursday. During the session, Clements touched on the Legislature, the attorney general's office, President Carter, energy problems and the proposed California-to-Midland oil pipeline. A related photo appears on Page 2A. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

Here are highlights of Carter energy plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here, at-a-glance, are the highlights of President Carter's energy address:

OIL PRICING

Carter proposed a timetable for phasing out federal price controls on crude oil by September 1981. Administration officials say the rise of U.S. oil prices to world levels will add about 4 to 5 cents per gallon to the cost of a gallon of gasoline. Other estimates have ranged up to 15 cents per gallon.

WINDFALL PROFITS TAX

He proposed a tax of 50 percent on additional company profits produced by removal of price controls on oil already in production. Officials say the combined effect of this "windfall profits tax" plus regular federal, state and local income taxes would actually recover for the public some 70 percent of the additional profits from decontrol.

ENERGY FUND

Carter proposed an Energy Security Fund, drawing on some \$11.4 billion or more of the additional oil tax income during the next three years, to provide about \$2.1 billion in aid to the poor, \$700,000 to improve mass transit facilities and \$8.6 billion to increase domestic energy sources.

HEATING AND COOLING

He pledged to put into effect, as soon as Congress approves, mandatory thermostat limits in non-residential buildings. Temperatures could be set no higher than 65 degrees for heating and no lower than 80 degrees for cooling.

DRIVING

Carter urged motorists to reduce their driving voluntarily by 10 to 20 miles per week, perhaps by leaving their cars home one day a week. He also ordered phasing out of free and cut-rate parking now available to many federal employees.

STATE GASOLINE TARGETS

He proposed setting state targets for reducing gasoline consumption, to be met by voluntary actions if possible.

GAS STATION CLOSINGS

If it becomes necessary to close gasoline stations on weekends to save fuel, states could submit alternative conservation plans subject to federal approval. Gas station closings on weekends would become mandatory in a state that failed to meet conservation goals.

NUCLEAR POWER

He announced establishment of an independent commission to investigate the accident at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, but said he will continue to seek legislation for speeding the siting and licensing of nuclear power plants and other major energy facilities, including coal slurry pipelines.

OIL PIPELINE

He proposed special legislation to override state and federal laws as needed to authorize quickly the construction of a pipeline to carry tanker-delivered Alaska oil from California to Texas.

TAX INCENTIVES

Carter proposed a federal tax credit of \$3 a barrel to encourage production of shale oil, a tax credit for residential wood stoves, additional tax credits for equipment and architectural constructions using solar energy, and permanent exemption of "gasohol," an alcohol-gasoline mixture, from the gasoline tax.

THE ENVIRONMENT

He postponed for one year the next planned reduction of lead in gasoline. This would save the oil needed to replace the lead while maintaining necessary octane ratings.

Referendum tops Saturday ballot

By SUSAN TOTH
Staff Writer

"Are you in favor of the consolidation of Robert E. Lee High School and Midland High School?"

Midland voters will get a chance to answer yes or no to that question Saturday in a non-binding referendum item on the school board ballot.

Voters also will choose three school board members, city council members and directors for the Midland

County Hospital District Saturday.

The plan to consolidate the high schools, called Plan O by friends and foes alike, was offered to school board members again in January as a solution to the problems of declining secondary school enrollments and temporary imbalances in the two schools' student populations.

Before district staff people could present the study of the plan the board called for at the meeting, however, citizen's groups had formed

to oppose it, petitions were circulating to stop the plan and irate parents were flooding the school district office and board members homes with phone calls.

Faced with an overflow of public input, board members called for the referendum to let still more Midlanders express an opinion on the topic.

Plan O calls for using the current Midland High School campus for all sophomore students and the current

Lee High School campus for junior and senior level classes.

By consolidating the schools into a single high school with two campuses, most of the problems of declining enrollments would be solved, school officials said.

In addition, frequent boundary changes to keep the two school's enrollments as equal as possible would

(See REFERENDUM, Page 2A)

Animal shot day planned to fight rabies in Midland

By RICHARD MASON
Staff Writer

In the wake of a growing rabies problem in surrounding counties, Midland veterinarians are planning an animal vaccination day later this month, while Midland County Commissioners have scheduled the second of two public hearings on a county-wide animal vaccination ordinance for Monday.

The vaccination day tentatively has been set for April 21, according to Jewell Smith, chief sanitarian for the Midland City-County Health Department. Under the proposal, veterinarians would open their offices early in the morning and remain open all day long to accommodate county residents seeking to have their animals vaccinated.

Final plans for the vaccination program should be completed by mid-week, Smith said.

"We're not in danger in the city, but the counties around us are," the sanitarian said. "In Ector County, 11 people are being treated for rabies. Locally, there is nothing alarming, but we want to be on the safe side."

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Former POW headlines bankers' meeting here

A retired U.S. Air Force officer who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam will be featured speaker for the Sixth District Texas Bankers Association meeting in the Midland Hilton Saturday.

A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today in Ranchland Hills Country Club. The group then was to attend "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" at Theatre Midland.

The opening session will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Permian Ballroom.

Opening remarks will be made by J.D. Nelson of Security State Bank in Big Spring and chairman of the district association.

Brig. General Robinson Risner holds numerous decorations for his service creer. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and flew P-38s in Panama until 1946 when he left the

service. Risner continued flying with the Oklahoma National Guard until he went back to active duty in 1951. He flew more than 100 combat missions in Korea and was credited with eight enemy kills, becoming the 20th ace of that conflict.

In 1964, Risner was assigned to the 67th Tactical Fighter in Okinawa and served out of Thailand in the North Vietnamese conflict. He was shot down in 1965 and held prisoner for seven years in Hoa Lo Prison.

He was released in 1973 and retired from Air Force service in 1976. Charles E. Cheever Jr., president of the banking association, will give his message after Risner's talk.

The nominating committee is expected to give a report and a meeting place for 1980 will be selected.

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Increasingly cloudy and mild tonight, partly cloudy and windy Saturday. Details on Page 2A.

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ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LEE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL?

Table with 3 columns for positions 5, 6, and 7, listing candidates like Penny Angelo, Edward Runyan, Ann Page, etc.

CITY OFFICERS ELECTION - CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

Table for City Officers Election listing candidates for Councilman, Place 1, 2, and 3.

DIRECTORS OF THE MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

Table for Hospital District Directors listing candidates for VOTE FOR THREE (3).

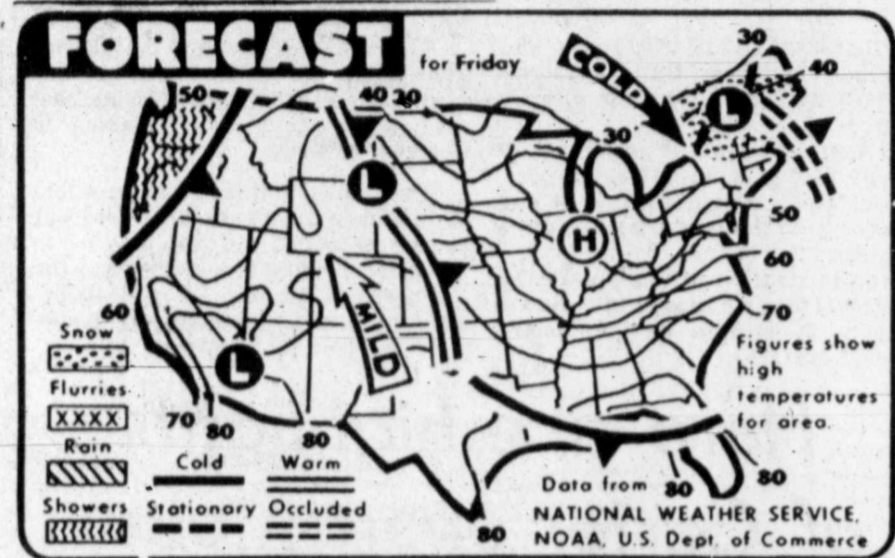
Voters in city, hospital district and school board elections Saturday will face a full ballot.

7 p.m. Based on a record absentee turnout of 1,785, city officials are expecting a steady stream of voters Saturday attracted by a non-binding refer-

endum on Plan O on the school ballot. Midlanders also will choose three members each form

the school board, city council and hospital district board of directors.

WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers are expected today in the Pacific Northwest, according to the National Weather Service.

Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 4 a.m., shows a mass of clouds covering most of the Great Lakes where an intense low is located.



Windy weather forecast for Permian Basin

Get out the rocks and prepare to tie down the small children - the wind is going to blow.

The spring windy season will be in full swing Saturday, the weatherman said.

Partly cloudy and windy is the forecast for the first day of the weekend, according to the National Weather Service office at Midland Regional Airport.

Winds are expected to come out of the southwest at 20 to 30 mph and gusty Saturday.

If it's any consolation, the temperature should be balmy with the high expected to be in the low 80s.

Overnight low is expected to be in the mid-50s, with the winds dying down to 10 to 20 mph tonight.

Thursday's high was a beautiful, sunny 76 degrees with the overnight low dipping to a nippy 42.

No rain is mentioned in the forecast, so the trace accumulated thus far this month is likely to stand unchanged.

Area towns were enjoying the same sunny weather Midlanders had this morning, with most reporting the beginnings of the windy season already under way.

Andrews weather watchers reported 50 degrees and windy, and Lamesa recorded clear and cool early today.



Governor Bill Clements was in Midland Thursday and among those on hand to greet him was Mrs. Win Brown, who chatted with the governor

just prior to a press conference at Midland Airport. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

Rabies problem leads to shot program

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"There's no immediate problem," Dr. S. B. Shannon said Thursday, "this is just preventative vaccination to stop an epidemic from breaking out."

According to Dr. O.C. Collins Jr., rabies are "endemic" to Texas year round. However, cases become more prevalent in the spring and summer when animals such as skunks, fox, and bats begin to mingle.

Besides the case in Ector County, two people in San Angelo have undergone treatment for rabies, as has one other person in Big Spring, local officials said.

Cases also have been confirmed in Houston, El Paso, Dallas-Fort Worth, and East Texas, according to the veterinarian.

The increase in rabies in surrounding counties has prompted Midland County commissioners to consider an ordinance requiring vaccination of all household pets in the county and giving county law enforcement officers the power to impound for observation any pet that bites a human being.

According to Durward Wright, Precinct 1 commissioner, the county currently does not have the authority to enforce animal vaccinations.

"There's no ordinance outside the city limits," he said Thursday. Wright said the proposed ordinance was a preventative measure.

"There's no impending disaster about it, but we want to take steps to handle any situation should it occur," the commissioner said.

Woman tells tale of terror in retrial of Ignacio Cuevas

HOUSTON (AP) - The only woman hostage still alive after police bullets greeted a makeshift shield containing her, two other hostages and three convicts in the 1974 Huntsville prison escape told a tale of terror in the retrial of Ignacio Cuevas.

Novella Pollard said Thursday that after the shooting ended, she found herself lying on her back, staring into the bloody face of slain convict Fred Gomez Carrasco.

"I was still handcuffed to Ignacio Cuevas and Elizabeth Beseda was lying across my arm, making it im-

possible for me to move," she said. Killed in the shootout were librarian Julia Standley, Elizabeth Beseda, Carrasco and convict Rudolfo Dominguez.

Cuevas is on trial a second time for capital murder in the librarian's death. He was sentenced to death following the first trial in May 1975.

The women and inmates were shot to death as they tried to move from the prison education building in a shield made from chalk boards, law books and tape. The escape attempt followed an 11-day siege in the prison's third-floor library.

Ford will pay \$500,000 settlement

WASHINGTON (AP) - After five trials, the Ford Motor Co. has agreed to pay \$500,000 to the families of a promising rock'n'roll singer and two members of his band who where killed nine years ago in a North Carolina automobile crash.

Lawyers for the automaker offered the settlement Thursday after an eight-day federal trial in which jurors had found Ford liable for the accident and were about to deliberate on what damages should be assessed.

On Jan. 17, 1970, according to police reports, singer Billy Stewart's 12-day-old Thunderbird left Interstate 95, veering to the left and plunging into the Neuces River in North Carolina.

Stewart, 32, drowned as did band members Norman Rich, 38, William Cathey, 27, and Rico Hightower, age unknown. Hightower's estate was not

represented in the case. Ford agreed to give Stewart's widow, Sarah, \$225,000. Rich's widow, Sophia, will receive \$200,000, and Cathey's mother, Annie, will receive \$75,000.

Any questions? Dial this number

Midlanders with questions about the election Saturday on where they should go to vote may telephone the city secretary's office.

James McCullough, city secretary, said people may dial 683-4284 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to himself, there will be a Spanish-speaking person to interpret and answer questions for those voters who do not speak English.

Six polling places to handle election

Six polling places will be set up for Saturday's election, in which a total of nine positions on Midland City Council, Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors and the Midland school board are up for grabs.

Registered voters will have from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to cast their ballots.

The registration card lists the holder's voting precinct.

The six polling places and the voting precincts combined for the locations are:

- Fire Station No. 3, 1710 N. Edwards St. - Voting Precincts 1, 10, 12.
Fire Station No. 4, Delano and East Circle streets - Voting precincts 6, 7, 9, 20, 23, 27.
Fannin Elementary School, 2400 Fannin St. - Voting precincts 8, 14, 26.
Fire Station No. 6, Thomason and Midland Drives - Voting precincts 11, 13, 21, 22.
Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave. - Voting precincts 4, 15, 18, 19, 28.

South Elementary School, 200 W. Dakota St., - 3, 5, 16, 17, 24, 25. Greenwood residents will cast ballots for that school board and for hospital district directors at Greenwood School.

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Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, BIG LAKE, RANKIN, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness and mild tonight, partly cloudy and windy Saturday.

ANDREWS, LAMESA, BIG SPRING, STANTON FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness and mild tonight, partly cloudy and windy Saturday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High 76 degrees, Overnight Low 42 degrees.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES: 5 a.m. 43, 7 p.m. 69, 8 a.m. 51, 10 a.m. 61, 11 a.m. 65, 12 p.m. 67, 1 p.m. 70, 2 p.m. 73, 3 p.m. 75, 4 p.m. 78, 5 p.m. 81.

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES: Abilene 80, Denver 84, Amarillo 89, El Paso 77, Ft. Worth 73, Houston 73, Lubbock 74, Marfa 76, Odessa 77, Wichita Falls 82.

Texas thermometer

Table showing temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, Brownsville, Childress, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, McAllen, Midland, Mineral Wells, Odessa, Palacios, Pecos, San Angelo, San Antonio, Sherman, Stephenville, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, and Sherman.

The weather elsewhere

Friday: Albany 49, Albuquerque 49, Amarillo 49, Anchorage 49, Atlantic City 49, Baltimore 49, Birmingham 49, Bismarck 49, Boston 49, Brownsville 49, Buffalo 49, Christchurch 49, Cincinnati 49, Cleveland 49, Columbus 49, Denver 49, Des Moines 49, Detroit 49, Duluth 49, Hartford 49, Helena 49, Honolulu 49, Houston 49, Indianapolis 49, Jack'sville 49, Juneau 49, Kansas City 49, Las Vegas 49, Little Rock 49, Los Angeles 49, Louisville 49, Memphis 49, Miami 49, Milwaukee 49, Minneapolis 49, Nashville 49, New Orleans 49, New York 49, Norfolk 49, Omaha 49, Orlando 49, Philadelphia 49, Phoenix 49, Pittsburgh 49, Portland 49, Raleigh 49, Reno 49, Richmond 49, Salt Lake 49, San Francisco 49, San Jose 49, Seattle 49, Spokane 49, St. Louis 49, Tulsa 49, Washington 49.

West Texas: Sunny today. Increasing cloudiness and mild sections tonight. Windy most sections with blowing dust possible south palm Saturday. Highs near 70 Panhandle to low 90s Big Bend. Lows low 40s northwestern portion to mid 50s southeast. Highs Saturday upper 70s north to low 90s Big Bend.

North Texas: Brief cloudiness eastern half of area late tonight and Saturday morning, otherwise fair and warm through Saturday. Highs 73 to 90. Lows 50 to 57. Highs Saturday 78 to 81.

South Texas: A chance of showers and thunderstorms Sunday and Monday becoming fair and a little cooler Tuesday. Lows Sunday and Monday morning mostly in the 60s. Lows Tuesday morning mid 50s north to mid 60s south. Highs Sunday and Monday mid 70s east to mid 80s south. Highs Tuesday mostly in the 70s.

Extended forecasts

Sunday Through Tuesday: West Texas: Mostly fair with no important temperature changes. Highs in 70s north to 80s south except near 90 along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend. Lows in the 40s north to the 50s south through Tuesday.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and mild. Highest temperatures in the 70s. Lowest temperatures mid 40s to mid 50s.

South Texas: A chance of showers and thunderstorms Sunday and Monday becoming fair and a little cooler Tuesday. Lows Sunday and Monday morning mostly in the 60s. Lows Tuesday morning mid 50s north to mid 60s south. Highs Sunday and Monday mid 70s east to mid 80s south. Highs Tuesday mostly in the 70s.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair to partly cloudy through Saturday. A little cooler over all but extreme southern portions today and tonight. Warmer and windy Saturday. Highs near 80 northeast to mid 70s south. Lows in the 40s. Highs Saturday in the 70s.

New Mexico: Fair and warmer today and tonight. Highs upper 70s to 80s mountains and northwest and 70s to 80s south. Lows upper 50s and 60s mountains and northwest to the 40s east and south.

Referendum on Plan O leads ballot in Saturday's election

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As enrollments continue to go down, proponents of the plan contend, specialized classes with fairly small enrollments would become too expensive to offer, and some classes offered several times each day would be offered only once, increasing scheduling problems for students interested in taking the classes.

Plan O, to proponents, is a way to keep varied educational opportunities available at the least cost to the taxpayer.

According to proponents, the first year of the plan, 16 teaching positions could be eliminated because of the decreased duplication of courses in both high schools, and some estimates of the tax dollar savings are as high as \$300,000.

Opponents claim the problems created by the plan would be greater than those solved. They call for the keeping of tradition with each of two high schools having a varsity team and organizations so more students can participate.

Some opponents of Plan O contend it is not necessary to offer every elective now in the school schedule and that adding one more single-year school would only fragment education in Midland further, as well as creating more busing of Midland's students.

In addition to the Plan O referendum, voters Saturday will choose their representatives for the school board, City Council and hospital district board of directors.

In the Place 5 race for the school board, voters will choose between Penny Angelo and Parker M. Humes. Current incumbent David Grimes is not seeking re-election.

For Place 6, voters will choose from a list of four candidates: incumbent Edward E. Runyan, Alice M. Greer, Oralia "Lillie" Corrales and Raul Jimenez Salazar.

Place 2 pits incumbent Ann Page against Joyce Sherrard. The City Council also has three positions before the voters Saturday, but only two races are contested.

Place 1 pits Woodrow Wilson Bailey Jr. against incumbent Doris Howbert and Jim Hampton.

Place 2 has only the incumbent Gordon G. Marcum II on the ballot. Place 3 attracted three candidates, Jack M. Moore, incumbent Carroll M. Thomas and Bill Carol Thomas.

Voters will choose three hospital district director at large with the top three vote-getters filling the places. Candidates for the positions are Floyd A. "Pete" Wright, J.D. Webster, Scott C. Shelton, incumbent Edwin H. McGruder Jr., Steve Becker, Mrs. Pat Estes and Henrie E. Mast.

Two incumbents, L. Decker Dawson and Robert L. Pendleton, chose not to run for reelection.

Great Lakes hit by snow, winds

By The Associated Press

Wind gusts of up to 90 mph tore down power lines and trees, damaged buildings and darkened thousands of homes in northern and east-central Illinois, while frigid winds brought near-blizzard conditions to the Great Lakes region early today.

At least four deaths were blamed on the weather.

About 50,000 Commonwealth Edison customers in the Chicago metropolitan area, including 40,000 in the northern and western suburbs, lost electrical power for up to several hours because of downed lines. Many other areas of the state also experienced power interruptions.

Stuart Lewis, a Federal Aviation Administration duty officer, said winds forced some operational delays at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Winds lashing across Lake Michigan north of Chicago reached between 80 and 90 mph, whipping up some 15-foot waves, according to the Coast Guard at Wilmette, Ill. There were no reports of damage or injury.

A rapidly moving cold front was behind the winds, with temperatures plummeting by 20 or 30 degrees in only an hour or two, plunging into the

teens in northern Illinois counties during the night.

Elsewhere, winds reaching 60 mph whipped into the Ohio Valley and brought snow and near-zero visibility to northern Michigan. Houghton Lake, Mich., had 4 inches of snow and Sault Ste Marie and Grand Rapids, Mich., each had 2 inches.

Two occupants of a mobile home on the east side of Toledo, Ohio, were killed when the trailer burst into flames after being toppled by high winds. The fire was caused by a ruptured gas line, authorities said. The victims were burned beyond recognition.

High winds and blowing snow brought traffic to a near standstill in southeastern Minnesota, contributing to one death.

Benton County authorities said blowing snow and near zero visibility were partly responsible for a collision on Minnesota 23 east of St. Cloud. George Winkelman, 76, St. Cloud, driver of one of the vehicles, died in the accident, they said.

A gas company employee in Chicago died Thursday night several hours after sustaining multiple injuries when a wall of a building collapsed in the high winds. Officials said Cody Russell, 35, died several hours after part of a 20-by-80-foot wall collapsed

on him as he attempted to shut off a main gas line. Two firefighters were slightly injured.

Meanwhile, flood-weary residents in the Illinois River Valley experienced winds of 50 mph that churned up waves as high as 5 feet that were eroding levees and hurling debris against flooded homes.

Both the Illinois and Rock rivers — above flood stage for more than a month — continued to recede slowly, however.

The Illinois was 8 feet above flood stage at Peoria. It was expected to fall another 2 feet by early next week, forecasters said.

The Rock River was about 2 feet above flood stage and dropping slowly

along its entire length.

Early morning temperatures around the nation ranged from -7 in Minot, N.D., to 75 in Key West, Fla.

Here are some other reports:
Eastern U.S. — Atlanta 48 clear, Boston 39 clear, Cincinnati 30 windy, Cleveland 24 snow, Detroit 23 windy, Indianapolis not available, Louisville 37 windy, Miami 73 clear, Nashville 52 clear, New York 44 clear, Philadelphia 45 clear, Pittsburgh 46 showers, Washington 49 clear.

Central U.S. — Chicago 18 windy, Denver 39 clear, Des Moines 21 clear, Fort Worth 57 clear, Kansas City 27 windy, Minneapolis-St. Paul 12 clear, New Orleans 49 clear, St. Louis 30 cloudy.

Grand jury no-bills man

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Kerr County grand jury has no-billed a man arrested in the electrocution of a 4-year-old boy.

Vernon Houston Smith, 43, apparently had wired his trash cans to an electrical outlet to shock dogs who had been scattering his garbage.

Travis Fry died last Sunday as he stood in a puddle of water and grabbed his bicycle that was leaning against the cans, which were wired to a 110-volt household outlet.

The grand jury heard testimony that Smith had disconnected the apparatus, but that it had been re-connected by someone else.

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Howdy, bankers!

The Tall City of Midland is host this weekend to the 6th District, Texas Bankers Association, and Midlanders are delighted to have this distinguished group of financial, civic and cultural leaders from across this vast West Texas territory as their guests.

More than 200 delegates are expected for the meeting, which opened this afternoon and which will continue through Saturday.

The six Midland banks are the official hosts for the conference — Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Metro Bank, The First National Bank, The Midland National Bank, Texas National Bank and Western State Bank.

The number of Midland banks may be somewhat surprising to some of the visitors, since the Tall City had only four banks when last the association met here. This is an example of a growing Midland and a fast-developing West Texas.

Bankers always will find a warm welcome most anywhere they choose to meet, but in Midland the handclasp and the welcome are a bit more sincere and meaningful due to the fact Midland long has been the financial center of the vast and rapidly-developing Permian Basin Empire of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, in which bankers have played and yet play leading roles. It is not surprising then that the welcome mat always is out to all bankers in the Tall City.

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West Texas bankers, generally speaking, fit into this particular category and the rest of us are grateful to them for their leadership, their aggressive spirit, their vision, their cooperation and their willingness to serve others.

We would hate to think what most of our West Texas cities might be were it not for the counsel and leadership provided so graciously and generously by members of the banking fraternity.

We have wanted for a long time to have the opportunity of expressing appreciation to West Texas bankers for all that they have done for their home communities and for West Texas in general, and we don't know of a better time than right now to say "THANK YOU!"

An exceptionally fine program has been arranged for the Midland meeting and it is hoped that everyone will find it both rewarding and enjoyable.

It is hoped also that the visitors will have the opportunity of touring the city, in order to see first hand the growth and development which have been Midland's in recent years.

Meanwhile, bankers, we are delighted that you came our way on this particular occasion; we hope that you will have a good time while here and that you will come back to see us at every opportunity.

Just common sense

President Carter had some success last year in his campaign to cut through the federal rules and regulations which add an estimated \$100 billion annually to consumer costs.

Partial deregulation of the airlines was accomplished, leading to dramatic reductions in fares and innovations in service.

Now he is taking aim at others of the "90 separate regulatory agencies ... issuing 7,000 new rules every year" that he found when he arrived at the White House more than two years ago.

The focus this year, he said, would be on legislation to deregulate railroads, trucks and

buses, as well as to facilitate construction of nuclear power plants, to streamline controls over hospitals, and to improve monitoring of drugs.

The Carter call for "common sense" in reforming the "bewildering maze of paperwork, bureaucracy and delay" will win the approval of the consumer who bears the burden of regulation's by-products — loss of productivity and increased inflation.

BIBLE VERSE

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. — Psalm 145:9.



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Medical Corps in sickly shape

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — If war should break out in Europe, thousands of American soldiers will die needlessly because of inadequate medical and evacuation facilities. This is the sobering conclusion of a secret Defense Department report that has been withheld from the public.

For a country that prides itself on its first-class medical care, the second-class provisions for our front-line troops are a disgrace. The situation is made worse by the fact that the brass hats refuse to acknowledge the problems. But the secret report lays out the facts in alarming detail.

Shortages exist in everything from field hospitals to blood bags. The Army Medical Corps lacks the capability to evacuate seriously wounded GIs from the front-to rear-echelon hospitals where their chances of survival are better. And little planning has been done to make the best possible use of the limited medical facilities available.

In the past, Army officials have acknowledged problems in the Medical Corps. But the inadequacies, they have maintained, are largely limited to a lack of doctors. This shortage they have been able to blame on the all-volunteer Army and its inability to compete with the lucrative attractions of private practice.

Unaware that we had access to the secret report, Army spokesmen pooh-poohed our suggestion that anything was wrong with the corps' combat-readiness, other than the endemic

personnel shortage. The secret survey of medical resources by the Defense Audit Service last fall shows otherwise. Here are some of the auditors' findings:

— There are supposed to be 67 large hospital facilities in place as the backbone of the evacuation effort. They are designed to receive battle casualties, treat the less seriously wounded and send the critical cases back to the United States. Today, after a gradual retrenchment that began in 1964, only 15 of these hospitals exist.

— Specially designed inflatable field hospitals, for use close to the battlefield, could not be used in the early stages of a war, the auditors concluded. This is because the blow-up hospitals have not yet been assembled in unit sets — a job that would take 48 men a year to complete. The situation is compounded by a severe shortage of hospital beds in Europe.

— The Army's battlefield-evacuation plans depend heavily on the use of helicopters. This worked fine in Vietnam because the United States had unquestioned air superiority, something it's doubtful we'd have in a European conflict. Yet the auditors found that few plans have been made to deal with such a contingency by beefing up ground-evacuation procedures.

— Insufficient medical supplies are pre-positioned to treat reserves arriving from the United States. One example the auditors found: Civilian blood donor centers in England don't even have enough blood bags. One center had been short of this item for seven months.

CHARLEY REESE

Writer cites symptoms of emotional immaturity

By CHARLEY REESE
Sun Belt Syndicate

ORLANDO, Fla.—There is a sacrilegious story about a righteous farmer who consistently got a bad deal from Mother Nature — hail, locusts, and finally a thunderstorm with lightning which set his barn on fire, burned it, and killed his livestock. The embers set his house on fire and he lost that, too.

Through intercession, the farmer miraculously obtained an audience with the Almighty and asked him what he had done to offend him. The answer was: "Nothing. I just don't like you."

As bad a story as that is, it does illustrate a point which many people have trouble living with and that is that injustice exists. Sometimes the injustice is perfectly legal. Sometimes there is no remedy. You might say that nowhere is it written that life has to be fair.

In many cultures today and in other times, it wouldn't be necessary to make this point. That life was dangerous, that often problems could not be solved, that bad luck or bad people could do you in, were accepted truths with which even children were familiar.

Only in America, to borrow a phrase, has the notion that life comes



Charley Reese

with a money back guarantee and full warranty become fairly widely accepted. Only in America could that happen because only an exceedingly rich and benign and relatively safe society could provide enough cushion against the usual hard knocks that youngsters could grow up thinking life was a piece of cake and it was theirs by right.

I think the generally accepted description of that state of emotional immaturity is "spoiled." Some youngsters grow out of it but others remain emotional runts right on into senility and beyond.

You see evidence of this immaturity in those people who absolutely refuse to recognize that some people are evil. To these naive souls, every bad act can be scribed to a misunderstanding or failure to communicate. I have often wondered of what benefit it would have been for a Jew on the way to the gas chambers to have had a totally accurate and complete understanding of the man who was sending him there.

It's a fact some people become more despicable the better you understand them. Their souls are like the faces of some ladies of the evening. You really don't want to see them stone cold sober and in the morning sun.

Another aspect of emotional immaturity surfaces when a person has spent all his years in blissful ignorance and in neglect of his civic responsibilities. Cruel fate throws him into the system and, lo and behold, he discovers it doesn't work. The jerk is outraged. Bureaucrats are rude, laws don't make sense, government invades privacy and pocketbook! So what else is new? There is no fury like the fury of the owner of a freshly-gored ox, especially one who has been indifferent or stupidly unaware of the fate of everyone else's oxen.

Too much contact with these emotional runts makes you despair of democracy, but in actuality, they have always been around. We just made this mistake of enfranchising them and giving them a platform via the media which too often has all the discrimination of a \$2 whore.

Lest any perennial misreaders waste a 15-cent stamp, let me state explicitly that emotional runtimism is not a condition found in any one race, creed, sex, nation, or income bracket. In fact, the search for scapegoats is as much a symptom of emotional immaturity as the search for perfection. So, too, is crybabyism which is a search for excuses.

The emotionally mature person has a healthy ego with no need to become an overgrown dependent or to force others into dependency. He has no use for either scapegoats or excuses. He has the courage to recognize the existence of evil but not to be overcome by it. He has the patience to seek solutions without expecting instant success and he has the intelligence to deal with injustice without becoming embittered by it.

These people, not the runts, have dragged societies and nations screaming and kicking into better futures. There aren't many around, but then there never have been.

INSIDE REPORT:

Jerry hasn't helped balanced budget movement so far

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Although backers of the balanced-budget movement hope the transcontinental trip to New Hampshire by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. will help their cause in New England, they ruefully complain that the charismatic Californian has done more harm than good so far.

Strategists for the constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget believe they might have won the support of the required three-fourths of all state legislatures by now if it had not been for Brown's unrequested endorsement. They are sure the amendment would have carried in California had it not been for that state's governor.

The reason: Thanks to Brown's endorsement, the amendment lost the support of his enemies and President Carter's friends. First on the list was California Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy, who was moving toward support of the amendment but abruptly opposed it when it became exposed to the Brown-Carter crossfire.

Nevertheless, the balanced-budget movement eagerly pressed Brown to visit New Hampshire and hopes he will address other state legislatures. Their reasoning, as explained by one strategist: "Since Jerry already has done us all the damage possible, we might as well get some benefit out of his campaigning ability."

A footnote: The balanced-budget movement is getting torpedoed by another famous Californian, tax-cut crusader Howard Jarvis, the father of Proposition 13 makes no bones



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about his contempt for the constitutional amendment. On a recent visit to Washington, Jarvis lobbied against it with such notables as Sen. Russell Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

MEXICAN ENVOY

The question of who shall replace Patrick Lucey as Ambassador to Mexico has triggered a replay of last year's noisily bitter Senate race in Texas between Republican Sen. John Tower and Democrat Bob Krueger.

Former Rep. Krueger, who speaks fluent Spanish, very much wants the Mexico City post. He has strong support from his influential fellow Texan, Ambassador Robert Strauss, as well as Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

But Tower, who barely edged out Krueger last year, is not about to be magnanimous in victory and is aggressively trying to veto Krueger. Tower's reason: An American of Latin ancestry ought to be ambassador to Mexico. Tower's authority: No less than a statement to that effect

made by Krueger during his Senate campaign.

A footnote: For far different reasons, Krueger is not the choice of State Department professionals. They have made Lucey, who quit as governor of Wisconsin to become ambassador to Mexico in his first diplomatic post, the scapegoat for deteriorated U.S.-Mexican relations. Blaming Lucey's inexperience, they do not want another politician in Mexico City.

MINORITY LEADER BAKER

Grumbling is mounting in the Senate Republican cloakroom against Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker's apparent decision not to step down as minority leader, as he previously indicated he would, once his campaign for the presidential nomination gets going.

The principal grumbling is coming from Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, national chairman of the Reagan campaign, and Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, a presidential hopeful in his own right. But many other senators not directly connected with other campaigns believe Baker should step aside.

The change in plans is attributed to astute first-term Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, who has signed on as Baker's national campaign chairman.

NO-SHOW REAGAN

Front-runner Ronald Reagan will again be among the missing at the next big "cattle show" of Republican presidential prospects in New Hamp-

shire April 7 — indicating a set strategy from which he will not deviate.

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah will substitute for Reagan, who pleaded a three-month-old commitment for a party dinner in Bloomington, Ill., that night. But his absence confirms the forecast made to us by a Reagan insider: "The governor (Reagan) will not appear on the same platform with any other Republican presidential candidate."

Veteran Republican operative Stuart Spencer has turned down numerous presidential campaign offers to serve as non-candidate Gerald R. Ford's agent in 1980.

Ford is not going to run in the primaries and knows the odds are very long against a brokered convention that would nominate him. Nevertheless, he wants to maintain what he calls "leverage" to take advantage of any changes in conditions. Spencer, principal architect of his 1976 nomination, will help Ford do that.

The surgeon also criticized the lack of anesthesia at the front-line aid stations, a lack that would be critical if evacuation was not possible.

The doctor closed his comments with a plea to the Army desk soldiers, trying to shake them out of their complacency. "Let us look at the threat," he wrote. "Let us look at our assets. Let us re-evaluate. At the least — let's talk about it."

Footnote: While the Army brass continues to blame the medical corps' shortcomings on circumstances beyond their control, Pentagon critics on Capitol Hill say the cause is rooted in the age-old problems — of the military — incompetence, inefficiency and sloppy planning.

IT HAPPENED HERE

30 YEARS AGO (Apr. 6, 1949):

— William B. Neely was elected mayor of Midland in Tuesday's balloting. Frank Shriver was elected as a new member of the city council. H.E. Chiles and W.F. Hejl were re-elected as council members.

Duke Jimerson said a practice session of the Midland Men's Chorus will be held Friday night.

Mark Russell says

Here is a China Syndrome update: The Liberty Bell, once in Pennsylvania, has now burned its way to Peking.

The Hershey plant near Harrisburg is now a fondue.

How to play the Pennsylvania polka — first you melt three accordions.

How many Pennsylvanians does it take to screw in a light bulb? None — it will light up merely by holding it.

What has been blown up out of proportion? Nuclear credibility.

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Efforts to move to Alaska's capital city continue

By WILLIAM ENDICOTT
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — For a dozen years, some determined residents of the populous Anchorage area have been trying to wrest Alaska's state capital away from Juneau in the state's remote southeastern panhandle, two time zones away.

"If you lived in California and your capital was in Mexico City, you'd want to move it," Anchorage businessman Frank Harris said. "That's about the way it is with Juneau and the rest of Alaska."

And, for a time, Harris and his

friends were making progress.

Alaska voters in 1974 approved an initiative calling for the capital to be moved by October of 1980, and two years later they chose a marsh near Willow, 35 miles north of Anchorage, as the new site.

But the best-laid plans have a way of going awry, and it now appears that the capital will remain in Juneau — at least for the foreseeable future.

"If you took a vote today, the vast majority of Alaskans still would vote to move it," Anchorage writer Virginia Breeze said. "They just don't want to pay for it."

Therein lies the problem. No money

has been approved for the project — voters last November rejected a \$900 million bond issue to begin construction — and no one is rushing to allocate any.

The legislature is in session now, but legislative leaders have termed the capital move a "non-issue," and Attorney General Avrum M. Gross said everything "is kind of frozen."

Ironically, some of those who favor moving the capital, Harris among them, voted against the bond issue, saying the plans for the capital at Willow were too grandiose.

"They (capital planners) wanted a tailor-made city for 30,000 people built

all at once," Harris said. "It was out of proportion to what the needs are. They were building artificial lakes. Every school had a swimming pool. I don't believe all that was necessary."

But in the November election in which the bond issue was defeated, an initiative was passed declaring that no money can be spent for relocating the capital until the full "bondable costs" of the move have been resented to voters.

That would be a sizable sum — probably several billion dollars — and opponents of the move who sponsored the measure, groups in Juneau and

Fairbanks, think that might put an end to the whole affair.

Alaska's royalties from North Slope oil have not reached expectations, and the state's financial condition is shaky.

"If they put up money for a new capital, it will be to the detriment of other, more important, priorities," Juneau Mayor William D. Overstreet said.

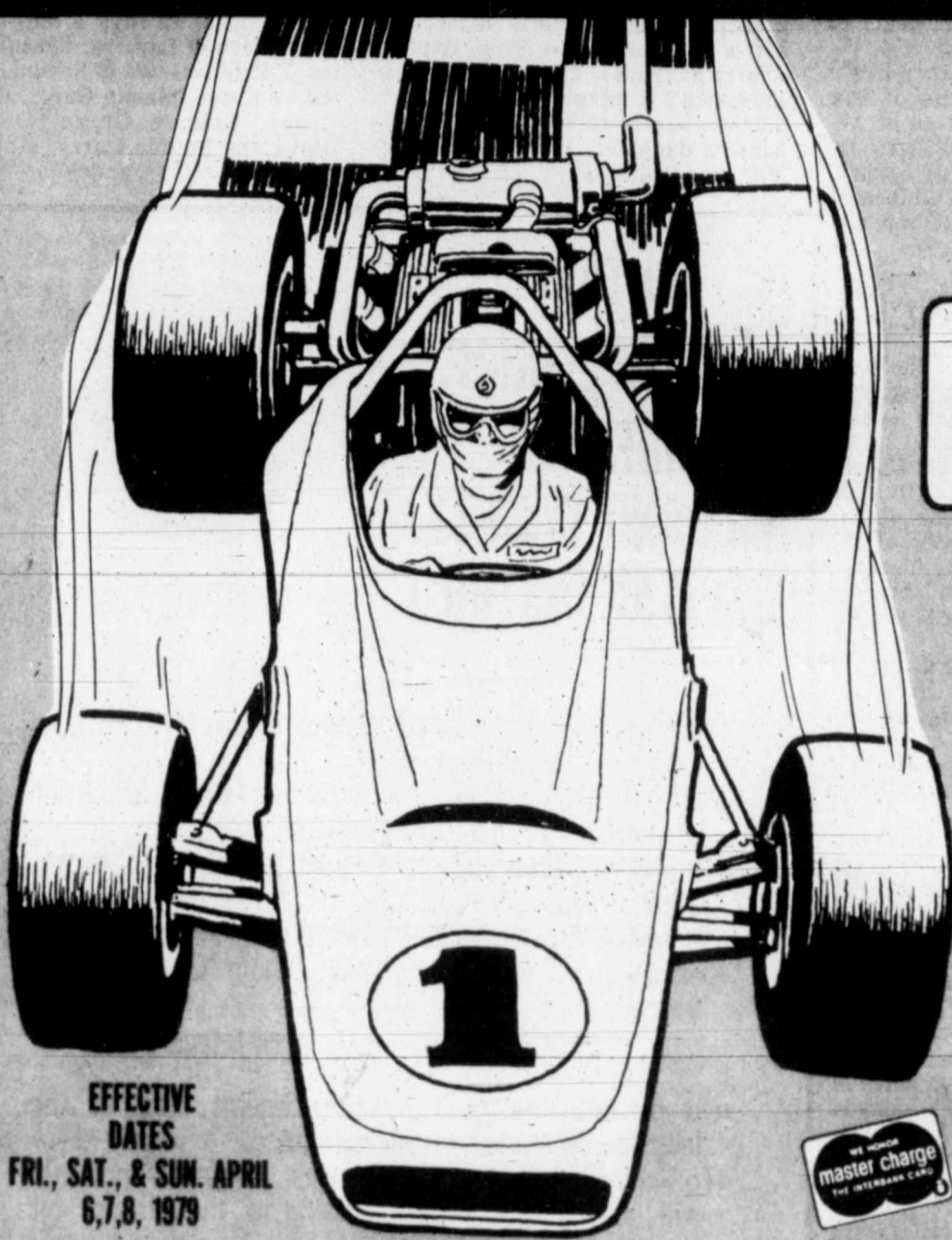
But those who favor the move, in Anchorage and its neighboring Matanuska-Susitna borough — where Willow is located — are not giving up. The borough mayor, Ronald L. Larson, has offered a proposal that would

have the borough float its own bond issue to erect a scaled-down "state office complex" to house the legislature, the governor and key state offices.

According to Gross, the attorney general, the plan is of doubtful legality, and its chances of being implemented are remote.

Meanwhile, the debate over the move has polarized the state along regional lines.

Harris introduced the idea of a move when he was in Juneau as a state senator in 1967.



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DEATHS

Ruby Wood

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. John W. (Ruby) Wood, 75, of Coahoma and formerly of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park here directed by Nalley-Pickie Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Mrs. Wood died Wednesday in a Big Spring hospital.

She was born July 3, 1903, in Vashti. She was married to John W. Wood Nov. 8, 1925, in Peacock. They moved to Howard County in 1928 and to Coahoma in 1941. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, John L. Wood of Coahoma, William W. Wood of Fairfax, Va., and C. Ray Wood of Big Spring; two sisters, Blanche Taylor of Sand Springs and Winnie Wright of Spokane, Wash.; a brother, Roy Donnell of Jacksonville, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sam P. Jennings

ODESSA — Graveside services for Sam P. Jennings, 72, of El Paso, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Sunset Memorial Gardens directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Jennings died Wednesday in an El Paso hospital.

Survivors include a brother, Ike Jennings of Midland; a sister, Lavera Houston of Hobbs, N.M.; and three daughters.

Joe Hendrickson

McCAMEY — Graveside services for Joe Hendrickson, 81, of McCamey will be held in Tulsa, Okla. Local arrangements were handled by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

Hendrickson died Tuesday in a McCamey hospital after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. H.E. Blatchford of McCamey, and a brother, Haydon Hendrickson of Tulsa.

David P. Sumrow

LAMESA — David P. Sumrow, 86, of Lamesa died Thursday in a Hereford hospital following a brief illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Northridge United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dewitt Seago, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by Branon Funeral Home.

Sumrow was a native of Merit. He was a retired farmer. He was married to Ilene Hope Fleming June 2, 1912, in Hunt County. In 1941, he moved to O'Donnell from Celeste, where he farmed before moving to Lamesa in 1969. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Neil Duke and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas of Lubbock, and Mrs. Tom Harris of Amarillo; four sons, Elmer Sumrow of Lamesa, Floyd Sumrow of Houston, John Sumrow of Seminole, and Bobby Sumrow of Amarillo; three sisters, Mary Wylie of Merit, Lee Faye of Celeste, and Edna Chambliss of Houston; two brothers, Willeford Sumrow of Merit and Spencer Sumrow of Celeste, 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Nancy L. Egan

BIG SPRING — Rosary for Nancy L. Egan, 49, of Big Spring will be said at 7:30 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickie Funeral Home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church here. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Egan died Thursday in a Big Spring hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 29, 1929, in Dunkirk, N.Y. She was married to Richard Scott Egan Nov. 22, 1952, in Fredonia, N.Y. They moved to Big Spring 20 years ago.

She was a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 18 1/2 years. Mrs. Egan was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Carolyn Egan of Big Spring and Tracy Roundtree of Andrews; two sons, Richard Egan Jr. and Mike Egan, both of Big Spring; her mother, Mrs. Marion Rhinehart of Dunkirk; a sister, two brothers and two grandchildren.

Lavara Paulk

LEVELLAND — Services for Mrs. Jesse (Lavara) Paulk, 56, of Truth or Consequences, N.M., will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Second Baptist Church with the Rev. David Evetts, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Lamesa Cemetery directed by George C. Price Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Paulk was the mother of Janice Steen of Hobbs, N.M., and sister of Mabel Lee Ray and Agnes Waldrop, both of Lamesa.

She died Wednesday in a Truth or Consequences hospital after a brief illness.

The Lamesa native moved to Truth or Consequences from Levelland, where she had lived 29 years. She was a retired school cafeteria supervisor and a member of the First Baptist Church at Truth or Consequences and Levelland's Rebekah Lodge No. 5.

Other survivors include her husband, a daughter, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

Birila Punnell

LAMESA — Services for Birila Punnell, 62, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, with Msgr. Jerome Vitke, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Lamesa Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Punnell died Wednesday in an Andrews hospital.

A native of Concrete, she lived in Lamesa 20 years, where she worked in the restaurant business.

She married Oscar Punnell May 11, 1961, in Lamesa.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Manuel and Pete Anzaldua, both of Odessa; two daughters, Theresa Braden of Sulphur Springs and Marie Townsend of Brady; a half-sister, Petra Cano of Lamesa; seven brothers, Pruenico Garza of Seminole, and Santos Garza, Martin Garza, Gilbert Garza, Valente Garza, Diomicio Garza and Panfilo Garza, all of Lamesa; and eight grandchildren.

Iran revives action against regime of shah

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Revolutionary courts executed three more of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's policemen by firing squad before dawn today and opened the trial of an air force general in a major revival of action against officials of the old regime.

The 4 a.m. executions in the central city of Isfahan and the opening of a new trial in Tehran followed the publication Thursday of a new decree permitting revolutionary courts to renew operations after a three-week suspension ordered by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Elections set in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP) — The Rhodesian government today set April 17-21 for the elections that will lead to limited black rule and probably a stepup in the guerrilla war for unrestricted black power.

The election will allow all Rhodesia's black adults to vote for the first time and choose a black prime minister to replace Ian D. Smith who once vowed Rhodesia would never see black rule "in a thousand years." A black president also will be chosen as nominal head of a black-dominated Parliament.

But under terms of a constitutional accord that Smith and three black moderates worked out 13 months ago, whites will continue to hold 28 of the 100 National Assembly seats and a quarter of the cabinet posts. The whites, who represent 3 percent of the 7 million population, also will control for at least five years the armed forces, the civil administration and the judiciary.

As a result, whites will wield considerable powers even after the first black prime minister is appointed a few weeks after the results of the elections are known.

Their 28 seats will give the whites an effective veto bloc against efforts by the 72 black members to tamper with the new constitution which features important safeguards for the future of whites in a black-ruled Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, as the country will be known.

But guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, who reject the accord as a sellout, have vowed to press on with their six-year-old war that has cost 15,000 lives, sabotage the elections and topple the government that emerges.

Nkomo, the burly former lay preacher whose headquarters are in Zambia, and Mugabe, the intellectual Marxist whose bases are in Mozambique, have more than 8,500 communist-armed fighters inside Rhodesia and thousands more in training to attack.

Wendy Yoshimura conviction upheld

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Court of Appeal has upheld the 1977 conviction of Patricia Hearst's one-time fugitive companion, Wendy Yoshimura, on weapons charges.

The decision rejected claims of six errors in the trial in which jurors found her guilty of unlawful possession of a machine gun, a pipe bomb and other weapons and explosives found in a garage she rented in Berkeley.

Ms. Yoshimura could not be reached for comment. However her attorney, Dennis Riordan, said he would appeal the decision.

In an interview last month, Ms. Yoshimura said, "I don't worry about the appeal or the possibility of jail. But I don't feel completely free."

Defense attorneys had stressed the prejudicial effect of bringing to the jury's attention the 36-year-old artist's associations with Miss Hearst and the Symbionese Liberation Army. They argued the trial should have been restricted to the charges in the 1972 indictment and that references to her activities while a fugitive violated her right to a fair trial.

"The evidence," said the court, "clearly supports the inferences that she was in actual or constructive possession of the articles."

It reviewed Ms. Yoshimura's association with "Patricia Hearst and Company" and ruled it was not an abuse of discretion to allow evidence such matters as the defendant being armed when arrested and having false identification.

"The damaging potential of this evidence was not to be overlooked, but we find no abuse of discretion and no prejudice," the court said.

Ms. Yoshimura, free on \$50,000 bond pending appeal, dropped out of sight in 1972 after Berkeley police found illegal weapons and explosives in a garage she rented under an assumed name. She and Miss Hearst were arrested at their San Francisco apartment in September, 1975.

Unofficial reports said several other trials were also under way today in Tehran. Meanwhile, the state radio reported that 19 policemen and SAVAK secret police agents had been arrested in the western city of Sanandaj for putting down anti-shah demonstrations on the eve of the February revolution.

The radio said the Tehran trial of Maj. Gen. Iraj Amini-Afshar opened in the early afternoon and that the verdict could be known by evening. The location of the trial was not announced, except that it was at the "central branch" of the Tehran revolutionary court. At least 13 generals already have been executed since the revolution.

Amini-Afshar was martial law administrator of the city of Najafabad near Isfahan and was accused of putting down anti-shah demonstrations in both cities.

He served in Iran's special forces under Gen. Manuchehr Khorosroddad, who was executed Feb. 15.

The executions in Isfahan were carried out less than 24 hours after the government published a decree outlining new court procedures written after the trials of members of the royal regime were suspended March 16 because Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan objected to their secrecy and speed.

The radio announcement said those executed were Mahmoud Shaeedi, Kamal Adib and Mahmoud Asgariadeh. It said Shaeedi and Adib were interrogators for SAVAK, the shah's secret police, who were convicted of torturing persons, and Asgariadeh was a policeman who killed a leftist guerrilla.

The radio said the executions took place "in accordance with Article 33 of the revolutionary court decree, which allows court sentences to be carried out immediately." The announcement indicated they had been tried before the decree was issued, but apparently their sentencing was delayed until it came into force.

Their deaths brought to at least 65 the number executed by Khomeini's firing squads since he came to power Feb. 12 after the year-long revolution that drove the shah from Iran.

Inmate charged with arson in Ohio jail fire

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A 20-year-old inmate has been charged with aggravated arson in Monday's fire at the Dayton Safety Building.

Police said Roderick Trice set fire to his padded cell with a book of matches. Twenty-five persons are still hospitalized with injuries suffered in the blaze, officials said today.

Damage to the building is listed at \$25,000, and officials say it will be at least two weeks before the jail can be reopened.

Pauline Sikes

LUBBOCK — Services for Pauline Sikes, 68, of Lubbock, mother of Noel Sikes of Midland, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Second Baptist Church here with Dr. Hardy Clemons, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in City of Lubbock Cemetery directed by Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sikes died Thursday at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was a native of Hamlin. She was graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1928. She was married to J. Noel Sikes in 1928 in O'Donnell. Mrs. Sikes lived in Odessa from 1935 until 1941 when she moved to Lubbock. Her husband died in 1968. She was a member of Second Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Other survivors include two sons, a brother and 10 grandchildren.

Rita Kay Sargent

Services for Rita Kay Sargent, 22, of 3706 Shell St. are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Miss Sargent died Wednesday in Denver, Colo.

She was born Nov. 3, 1956. She was reared in Midland, living here for the past 16 years. Miss Sargent had been in Denver about two months. She was a student majoring in photography.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley J. Sargent of Midland; a brother, Bill Sargent of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Wanda Ray of Albuquerque, N.M.; a grandfather, Miller Hodge of Humble, four nephews and two nieces.

Rev. Gonzalez

SNYDER — Services for the Rev. E.P. Gonzalez, 87, of Snyder, father of Hiram Gonzalez and Ismael Gonzalez, both of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. Officiating will be Dr. Epifanio Salazar of El Paso, assisted by Elson Hernandez, minister of the Templo Bautista Church of Snyder.

Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens directed by Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Gonzalez died Thursday in an Abilene hospital after a short illness.

A native of Fort Davis, he had preached in Ozona, Colorado City, Slaton and Snyder. He was married to Audrea Sanez Sept. 13, 1913, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Survivors include three daughters, six sons, 49 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

'Pete' Wristen

MONAHANS — Services for Jess Morgan "Pete" Wristen, 68, of Grandfalls, brother of Sid Wristen of Lamesa, were to be at 3 p.m. today in the Church of Christ in Grandfalls. Burial was to be in Monahans Cemetery directed by Wilson-Miller Funeral Home.

Wristen died Thursday in an Odessa hospital after a one-year illness.

He was born Nov. 2, 1910, in Ward County. He moved to Grandfalls 12 years ago. He was a retired rancher. He was married Sept. 12, 1922, in Lamesa. He served as a justice of the peace of Precinct 3 for 12 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, a brother, a sister and three grandchildren.

School heads seek teacher strike halt

HAZELWOOD, Mo. (AP) — School officials say they will seek a temporary restraining order today to force striking teachers to end a five-day walkout that has canceled classes for about 21,000 students.

A union spokeswoman said the Hazelwood Community Teachers Association, which represents more than 800 of the district's 1,100 teachers, offered to meet with the board Monday for further talks.

Plans to seek the court order were announced Thursday after teachers rejected a contract offer to hike starting salaries to \$10,000. The school board's offer, made Wednesday, represented an increase of \$200 over its previous offer of \$9,800. Teachers overwhelmingly rejected the earlier offer and have maintained they want \$10,700.

Diane Holland of the HCTA read a union release which noted "movement on the part of the board." "It is also recognized that the proposal in question, coupled with the original proposal, present an excellent point from which discussions can continue," the release said.

Prior to the latest offer and its rejection, Superintendent Thomas J. Lawson had said the board authorized the district's negotiators to meet with the union only if teachers would return to work.

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Adobe completes Ward discovery

Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland has completed a prolific Ellenburger gas discovery in Ward County, Hunt Energy Corp., operating from Midland, staked a deep explorer in Pecos County, and W. C. Blanks of Midland finaled an Atoka gas discovery in Eddy County, N.M.

Wildcat locations have been announced in three other West Texas counties and in two southeast New Mexico counties.

ADOBE DISCOVERY
The strike, No. 3 Barstow Unit, is a re-entry of a former Fusselman gas well in the Barstow multiphase field two miles southeast of Barstow.

It finaled from the Ellenburger for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 125,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 19,690 to 19,718 feet.

Hole is bottomed at 19,743 feet and five-inch liner is set on bottom. The plugged back depth is 19,718 feet.

Well site is 1,320 feet from northeast and 514 feet from northwest lines of section 35, block 33, H&TC survey.

HUNT WILDCAT
The Hunt wildcat will be drilled to 28,000 feet 31 miles southeast of Fort Stockton.

It is No. 1 Cerf Gas Unit, 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 9, block 130, T&S&L survey.

The location is two miles west and slightly south of Ellenburger gas production in the Grey Ranch pool.

EDDY DISCOVERY
W. C. Blanks No. 67 Big Eddy Unit, 20 miles northeast of Carlsbad in Eddy County, finaled for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 1,234,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 11,926 to 11,932 feet.

The four point gauges ranged from 237,000 cubic feet of gas per day to 497,000 cubic feet per day, through a 3/4-inch opening. Tubing pressure ranged from 2,354 to 2,985 feet.

Total depth is 13,250 feet and 4.5-inch pipe is cemented two feet off bottom.

Originally staked as a project in the Maroon Cliffs (Morrow gas) pool, it is 1,980 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of section 15-21e-30s and 1/2 mile southeast of Morrow production.

It also is 3.5 miles northwest of the Cabin Lake (Atoka gas) pool.

TERRY WILDCATS
A pair of wildcats have been announced in Terry County.

Union Texas Petroleum Co. will drill its No. 1 Sara-Bullard as a 13,600-foot wildcat in southwest Terry County, two miles north of Seagraves.

The prospector is one mile north of a 13,360-foot dry hole. There is no nearby deep production.

Test site is 1,320 feet from south and 2,200 feet from east lines of section 81, block DD, J. H. Gibson survey.

The Superior Oil Co. announced location for a wildcat in west Terry County.

Scheduled for a 14,500-foot bottom, it is 1/2 mile northeast of Tokio and will be drilled as the No. 1 Peri Rushing.

Location is 2,310 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 40, block D-14, C&M survey and one and three-eighths miles east of a 13,800-foot dry hole. There is no close by deep production.

KENT EXPLORER
RK Oil & Gas Co., operating from Midland, staked a 6,300-foot wildcat in Kent County, 10 miles southwest of Spur.

It is No. 1 McClain, 660 feet from south and 467 feet from west lines of A. J. McClain survey, abstract 973 and 1.5 miles east of an 8,146-foot dry hole and three miles north of the Lyn-Kay field.

YATES EXPLORER
Harvey E. Yates Co. has announced location for a 7,900-foot wildcat in Eddy County, 14 miles southwest of Lakewood.

Scheduled as No. 1 Y Anadarko-Federal, it is 1,960 feet from south and 2,310 feet from west lines of section 35-21s-24e and two and one-quarter miles northwest of the Revelation (Cisco gas) field. There is a 10,694-foot wildcat failure one and one-half miles to the southwest.

LEA WILDCAT
Delta Drilling Co., operating from Midland, has announced plans to re-enter a 15,067-foot dry hole in Lea County and clean out to 13,800 feet and test as a wildcat.

The project, No. 1 Delta Unit-State, is one and three-eighths miles northwest of a Wolfcamp oil discovery and two and one-quarter miles southwest of a Pennsylvanian discovery.

The project is 660 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 30-16s-33e and three miles east of Maljamar.

EDDY PRODUCER
Gene A. Snow of Lovington, N.M., No. 2 Read & Stevens-State has been finaled in the Turkey Track (Queen-Grayburg) pool of Eddy County.

An outpost to other Queen-Grayburg production, it potential on the pump for 46 barrels of oil and 46 barrels of water per day, through perforations from 1,644 to 2,964 feet. The gravity and gas-oil ratio have not been reported.

The pay was acidized with 750 gallons and fractured with 40,000 gallons.

Total depth is 3,020 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at total depth.

Well site is 2,310 feet from south and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 10-19s-29e and 11 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

QUAIL RIDGE AREA
General Exploration Co. of Midland No. 4 Pipeline Deep Unit is a new well in the Quail Ridge, North (Morrow gas) pool of Lea County.

The operator reported a daily potential of 5,700,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through a one-inch choke, with tubing pressure of 900 pounds. Completion was through perforations from 13,144 to 13,149 feet.

Hole is bottomed at 13,450 feet and 5.5-inch pipe is set at total depth.

The well is a 3/4-mile northwest extension and was drilled 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 6-19s-34e, 12 miles northeast of Halfway.

AIRSTRIIP AREA
Gulf Oil Corp., operating from-Midland, has announced drillsite for a 10,800-foot project in the Airstrip (Wolfcamp) field of Lea County, 12 miles northwest of Monument.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 30-18s-35e and one and one-quarter miles east of Wolfcamp production. It also is an east offset to a 5,515-foot dry hole and one mile east of a recently completed Bone Spring oil discovery, Gulf No. 1-YH Lea-State.

CHAVES OILER
Plains Radio Broadcasting Co. of Roswell, N.M., No. 16-9 L. E. Ranch is a new oiler in the Chisum, East (San Andres) pool of Chaves County, 19 miles northeast of Dexter.

The operator finaled the well on the pump for 29 barrels of oil and no water, through perforations from 2,208 to 2,266 feet. The pay was acidized with 4,000 gallons.

Total depth is 2,300 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at total depth.

Location is 2,310 feet from north and 330 feet from east lines of section 9-11s-28e.

ROOSEVELT WELLS
Sundance Oil Co. of Denver, Colo., has finaled two wells in the Tomahawk (San Andres) area of Roosevelt County, N.M.

The No. 7 Cone-Federal finaled for a daily pumping potential of 83 barrels of oil and 15 barrels of water, through perforations from 4,251 to 4,278 feet after 4,000 gallons of acid. The gravity was not reported and the gas-oil ratio is too small to measure.

Total depth is 4,400 feet, and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 31-7s-32e and 13 miles southeast of Kenna.

SUNDANCE
Sundance No. 3 Chambers-Federal finaled for a 24-hour pumping potential of 45 barrels of oil and 19 barrels of water, through perforations from 4,151 to 4,173 feet after 6,250 gallons of acid.

Hole is bottomed at 4,350 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at that point.

The gas-oil ratio is 267-1 and the gravity was not reported.

Well site is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 29-7s-32e and 16 miles south of Kenna.

FISHER OPENER
General Crude Oil Co. No. 1-33 Mitchell has been finaled as a Flippen lime oil discovery six miles east of Roby in Fisher County.

On 24-hour potential test it flowed 111 barrels of 38.5-gravity oil and no water, through a 10/64-inch choke.

Completion was natural through perforations from 3,510 to 3,520 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 233-1.

Total depth is 3,757 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 3,653 feet. The plugged back depth is 3,588 feet.

An earlier erroneous report had this project plugged at 3,710 feet.

The following tops were called on ground elevation of 1,863 feet: Coleman Junction, 2,740 feet; Noodle Creek, 3,105 feet; Saddle Creek, 3,340 feet, and Flippen lime at 3,400 feet.

Well site is 467 feet from north and west lines of Subdivision 33, R. N. Hibbits survey No. 331.

MIDLAND RE-ENTRY
Brahney Drilling Co. No. 1 Erwin Walton, a former producer in the Azalea (Atoka) field of Midland County, will be re-entered for a completion attempt as a Spraberry Trend Area (Dean-Wolfcamp) well.

Tests will be made above 8,700 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 38, block 37, T-3-S, T&P survey and 17 miles southeast of Midland.

SCURRY RE-ENTRY
T. F. Hodge of Fort Worth will re-enter and plug back to 2,350 feet for tests in the San Andres at its No. 3 E. T. Ainsworth, former Glorieta producer in the Varel pool of Scurry County, three miles northeast of Fluvanna.

If completed as a well in the San Andres, it will be assigned to the Varel, North pool. It is a southwest offset to production and 1,900 feet from north and 996 feet from west lines of section 512, block 97, H&TC survey.

Amoco stakes explorer

Amoco Production Co. spotted location for a 13,200-foot wildcat in Eddy County, N.M., six miles southwest of Malaga.

Scheduled for tests in the Morrow, it is No. 1-GQ State Communized, 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 7-25s-28e and five miles southwest of the Malaga (Morrow gas) field. Elevation at drillsite is 3,070 feet.

A 13,400-foot wildcat failure was drilled two and one-quarter miles to the southeast.

EXXON PROJECT
Exxon Corp., operating from Midland, will spud its No. 3-CU New Mexico as a 1/2 mile northeast stepout to production in the Winchester, North (Cisco) gas pool of Eddy County, 14 miles southwest of Loco Hills.

The 10,500-foot operation is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 24-19s-28e.

EMPIRE TEST
Yates Petroleum Corp. of Artesia, N.M., announced location for a 10,700-foot test in the Empire (Pennsylvanian) area of Eddy County, 10.5 miles west of Loco Hills.

The project is 1,980 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 22-17s-28e. It will be drilled as No. 1-KT Lucas Store-State Communized.

DISCOVERY COMPLETES
Florida Gas Exploration Co. of Midland announced plans to drill a 10,250-foot project in the Florac (Strawn) field of Howard County, four miles southwest of Big Spring.

Location for the No. 1 Neel is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 32, block 33, T-1-S, T&P survey.

The project is three-eighths of a mile southwest of Strawn production.

CAMPANA PETROLEUM
Campana Petroleum Co. of Midland has filed application to drill a 9,100-foot project in the Coahoma, North (Fusselman) and Coahoma (Mississippian) field of Howard County.

Scheduled to drill is the No. 1-A Read located 1,980 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 40, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey, three miles northeast of Coahoma.

The well is one and one-quarter miles south of production in the Coahoma (Mississippian) field and seven-eighths mile south of Fusselman production.

MENARD PROJECT
Texas Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland will drill the No. 1 Menzies as a 1/2-mile northeast outpost to upper Strawn gas production in the Wilhelm Lane, West (upper Strawn oil and gas) field and as a 1/2-mile northwest outpost to gas production, separated by a 3,380-foot failure, or as a 3/4-mile northwest outpost to oil production, separated by a 3,500-foot failure, in the Wilhelm Lane (Canyon 3100 oil and gas) field of Menard County, 14.8 miles northwest of Menard.

Location, exception to Rule 37, is 1,700 feet from south and 330 feet from west lines of section 111, Hooper & Wade survey. Contract depth is 3,550 feet and ground elevation is 2,302 feet.

YATES DISCOVERY
NRM Petroleum Corp. of Midland has opened Yates gas production in the Warhorse field of Terry County.

The operators No. 1-9 O.D.C. was finaled for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 355,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 3,342 to 3,353 feet. The pay was acidized with 1,250 gallons.

Hole is bottomed at 10,018 feet and plugged back depth is 3,250 feet, with 4.5-inch casing at 4,960 feet.

Well site is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 17, block D-11, SK&K survey, seven miles southeast of Sundown.

COX PROJECT
John L. Cox of Midland No. 1 Elaine has been spotted as a 10,500-foot test 5/8 mile north and slightly west of the Old Upland (Bend) field of Upton County, 11 miles northwest of Rankin.

The project is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 17, block Y, GC&SF survey.

STERLING TEST
R. C. Bennett of Midland No. 2-C Bade is a new test in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) pool of Sterling County, 12 miles west of Sterling City. Slated for an 8,200-foot bottom, it is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 22, block 22, H&TC survey.

Oil industry spokesmen have mixed reactions

By MARK POTTS

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil industry officials praised President Carter's decision to gradually lift price controls on domestic crude oil. But they also criticized his proposal to tax the "windfall profits" that would result, saying the tax would virtually negate any benefits from decontrol.

Price decontrol — which is expected to add several cents a gallon to the price of gasoline by the time it is fully implemented in September 1981 — is designed to encourage exploration for more oil. And the higher price, it is hoped, will discourage consumption somewhat.

Gulf Oil Corp., in a statement released after Carter's speech Thursday night, said the decontrol proposal was "a step in the right direction."

Board blames human error

By HOWARD BENEDICT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The offshore oil rig Ocean Express sank in heavy seas off the coast of Texas three years ago because of equipment failures on two of the three assisting tugs, the National Transportation Safety Board said today.

Thirteen of the 35 persons aboard the rig drowned when a self-powered survival capsule sank. The board recommended that the Coast Guard improve the safety of such capsules.

Contributing to the accident, the board said, was the lack of preparation for towing emergencies, the lack of complete information in the rig's operating manual, and the inaccuracy of the National Weather Service's weather forecasts.

The Ocean Express had been moved by three tugs to a new drilling site 30 miles offshore from Port O'Connor, Tex., on April 15, 1976. Its 312-foot-long legs were extended to a depth of 148 feet, but worsening weather prompted officials not to extend them to the bottom.

The board said waves could have been as high as 30 feet, although forecasts called for maximum waves of 18 feet.

One of the tugs became partially disabled with an engine problem and a second lost its towline to the rig. With one remaining tug unable to control it, the rig turned broadside to wind and seas, capsized and sank, the board said.

A Coast Guard helicopter rescued the barge master, while 14 crew members climbed aboard one enclosed survival capsule and 20 got in another.

The 14-man capsule was rescued by the nearby vessel Nicole Martin. The crew of the tug Gulf Viking tied a line to the second capsule, but before rescue could be made, the capsule capsized and only seven of those aboard survived.

The board said the capsule could have been tipped over either by the waves or a combination of the waves with the tripping forces imparted by the small line attached to the rescue tug.

Investigators found that the Ocean Express did not have spare tow lines rigged for quick use, main deck fittings which were easily accessible in bad weather, or upper deck rigging for towing.

The operating manual for the year-old rig, which had been prepared by its builder, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, "did not contain complete structural, stability and operating information or appropriate guidance for emergency situations," the board reported.

The board made 13 safety recommendations to the Coast Guard; Bethlehem Steel; Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company, owner of the Ocean Express; Whittaker Corporation, manufacturer of the survival capsules, and the International Association of Drilling Contractors.

On the escape capsules, the board urged the Coast Guard to develop appropriate performance standards, including those for safe towing; tests to determine capsules capsizing characteristics and behavior in stormy seas, and require that the devices be equipped with accessible towing and mooring fittings.

BARNES WELL REOPENS PAY
J. C. Barnes Oil Co. of Midland has reopened Pennsylvanian production in the Jenkins, North multiphase field of Gaines County.

The operator finaled the No. 1 Sam Jenkins on the pump for 65 barrels of 45-gravity oil per day and no water, through perforations from 8,850 to 8,936 feet. The pay was acidized with 500 gallons.

The gas-oil ratio is 194-1. Total depth is 9,895 feet and plugged back depth is 8,941 feet, with 4.5-inch casing set at 9,018 feet.

Location for the reopener is 1,980 feet from north and 4,600 feet from the west lines of section 10, block AX, PSL survey. The well is 13 miles southwest of Seminole.

Gulf pledges to use any resulting revenues from decontrol to develop more energy resources.

Gulf called the proposed windfall profits tax "unnecessary," and added, "Existing tax laws will provide additional tax revenue from increased oil prices resulting from decontrol." Gulf claimed current tax and royalty payment laws would erase half of any windfall profits resulting from crude oil decontrol.

But many other firms — including Exxon, the nation's largest oil company — withheld comment on the speech, other than to say that the proposals so far were too vague and more time was needed to study them.

Most of the points outlined by Carter had been expected by oil company executives, and several — including domestic crude oil price decontrol — represented the fruits of intense lobbying by the oil industry.

Charles DiBona of the American Petroleum Institute, a Washington-based industry group, said, "(Carter's) decision to start removing federal controls on the price of domestic crude oil is a significant and necessary step toward increased domestic petroleum production, increased conservation, more rapid development of other American energy resources and eventual reduction of

our dangerous dependence on imported oil."

Herbert Schmetz, vice president of Mobil Corp., said: "We've been calling for gradual decontrol since 1974. We've always said the responsible way to decontrol is to do it gradually."

But there was sharp criticism of Carter's proposal for a 50 percent tax on "windfall profits" that oil companies would make as the result of decontrol, a move that government officials estimate would recover for the public about 70 percent or more of the additional profits from decontrol. Oil companies say that figure may be conservative.

Schmetz said Carter "talks about the need to give oil companies the replacement costs for the oil, then he attacks us and talks about taking 80 percent of the money in taxes. If the plan works, the consumer is going to be paying more, but he's not going to get anything back."

DiBona estimated that as much as 60 percent of any windfall profits would be taken under existing laws, and said, "we believe additional taxes are not necessary."

Abroad, reaction to the Carter statement was positive. In Brussels, Common Market Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner said Carter's proposals were "a great step forward" to stabilizing the U.S. dollar.

Crockett wells potential

Textland, Rector & Schumaker of Fort Worth No. 5 Tom Mitchell has been finaled in the Euleeone (Wolfcamp gas) pool of Crockett County, 37 miles southwest of Ozona.

It completed for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 740,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 2,948 to 2,982 feet after a 10,000-gallon acid treatment.

The well is bottomed at 5,441 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at total depth. The plugged back depth is 5,160 feet.

Well site is 2,060 feet from south and 960 feet from west lines of section 73, block Q-3, EL&R survey.

SIMPSON WELL
The Simpson (Grayburg oil) pool of Crockett County has gained its fifth producer with the completion of Pecos Production of Martindale No. 1-10 Big State.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 72 barrels of 32-gravity oil and no water, through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 2,196 to 2,250 feet.

The gas-oil ratio is 1,200-1. The pay was acidized with 2,000 gallons and fractured with 20,000 gallons.

Location is 2,010 feet from south and 2,200 feet from east lines of section 10, block 1, GC&SF survey and 13 miles northeast of Sheffield.

DRILLING REPORT

CHAVES COUNTY
Despec, Inc. No. 1 Brotar, drilling 9,500 feet in lime, took drillstem test from 8,910 to 8,940 feet, open with show on 3/4-inch choke at 2.4 mmcf gas, shut in 80 minutes and opened 80 minutes, open on second flow with strong blow, getting drilling mud, another 20 minutes started getting drilling fluid and condensate, open on 1/2-inch choke at 1.2 mmcf gas, shut in 15 minutes.

LEA COUNTY
Gerty No. 1-30-J State, drilling 16,277 feet.
Gerty No. 1-30 State, id 11,288 feet, circulating.
Reserve No. 1 Amoco-State, drilling 1,990 feet in lime.
Gulf No. 1-30 Lea State, id 10,800 feet, pulled packer to 10,430 feet and tested, swabbed no oil and 43 barrels of water in 4 hours, swab dry and left choke open on 12 1/4 inch.
Gulf No. 1-2 Landale-Federal, drilling 12,607 feet in lime and shale.

LOVING COUNTY
Gerty No. 1 Glen Brunson, drilling 14,500 feet.

LAUBUCK COUNTY
Gulf No. 1 Lena Rogers, id 4,840 feet, pumped 19 barrels of oil and 218 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations from 4,883 to 4,742 feet.
Gulf No. 3 Sides, drilling 4,355 feet in lime.
Gulf No. 3-E Sides, id 4,825 feet, rigged up completion unit, installed flow and preventer, perforated from 4,774 to 4,778 feet, shut in hole with tubing and shut down overnight.

MARTIN COUNTY
ER Petroleum No. 1-E Hyatt, drilling 15,482 feet in lime and shale.
Mobil No. 6 John Snowden, id 5,400 feet, running 3/4-inch casing.
Mobil No. 25-A Preston, id 8,100 feet, moving in service unit.
Parker & Parley No. 1 A Golladay, drilling 4,441 feet in lime and shale.

PECOS COUNTY
Exxon No. 1 Langfield Corp, drilling 11,197 feet.
C&K No. 1 White-State, drilling 14,720 feet.
Mobil No. 3 Ivy B. Weatherly, id 12,748 feet, bleed off on 1-inch choke died, swabbed 15 barrels of water and 7 barrels of oil in 4 hours, left well on 12 1/4-inch choke overnight, perforations from 12,442 to 95 feet.
General Crude Oil Co. No. 1 White & Baker, drilling 1,134 feet.
Exxon No. 1-C Walker Glass Mountain, drilling 1,438 feet.
Gulf No. 2-I Emma Lou, drilling 21,761 feet in lime and shale and cement.
Gulf No. 1 Tomlinson, id 5,355 feet, moving off roost.

REAGAN COUNTY
Saxon Oil Co. No. 1-16-10 University, pumping 18 barrels of oil and 40 barrels of water in 14 1/2 hours.
Saxon No. 2-15-10 University, pumping 36 barrels of oil and 428 barrels of water in 24 hours.
Saxon No. 4-13 University, pumping 42 barrels of oil and 40 barrels of water in 24 hours.

REVES COUNTY
J. H. Conine, No. 1 Wilbanks, preparing to plug and abandoned, depth not reported.
Gulf No. 7 Harry, pld 6,538 feet, flowing 15 barrels of oil and 96 barrels of water in 24 hours through a 18/64-inch choke, shut in installing sales meter.
Gulf No. 3 Ligon, drilling 13,375 feet in pld.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Champin Petroleum No. 1 Watson, drilling 1,227 feet in surface lime and shale.
C&K Petroleum No. 1 Books, drilling 7,097 feet in lime and shale.
John L. Cox No. 2 Irma Wraga, drilling 6,000 feet.

DOCKEY COUNTY
Hockley Petroleum No. 2 Lockett, drilling 1,840 feet, took drillstem test from 7,700 to 7,881 feet, results not reported.
Cities Service No. 1-E Roberts, drilling 1,780 feet in anhyd

