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Demonstrators march in Washington Wednesday before a mock trial condemning the Iranian government for the Americans held hostage. Some of the demonstrators wore masks and had their hands bound to represent hostages, and others masks. (AP Laserphoto)

Compromise urged in Iran as numbers game goes on

By MAUREEN JOHNSON

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Three American clergymen today urged compromise in the U.S.-Iranian crisis, and a French archbishop said he expected "clemency" for the American hostages even as Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini raised the possibility of war. The mystery over the number of captives also deepened.

The Revs. William Sloane Coffin, Thomas Gumbleton and William Howard flew home today at the end of a three-day Christmas mission with messages from a number of the captives to their families and a plea for conciliation by both sides in the 54-day-old standoff.

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The clergymen, who conducted emotional Christmas Day services for the captives at the occupied U.S. Embassy in Tehran, left on Iran Air flight 775 via Paris and London and were scheduled to arrive in New York at about 9 p.m. EST.

During the Paris stopover, the archbishop of Algiers, who assisted at the Christmas services in Tehran with the Americans, said he found Iranian authorities and public opinion "favorable to an act of clemency."

Though he said he had not received any "exact promises," Cardinal Etienne Duval told reporters at Orly Airport he had reason to hope for the "fastest and broadest possible measure of clemency" for the hostages.

Duval arrived with the three American clergymen, who remained aboard the flight and did not talk to reporters.

The State Department had no immediate comment on Khomeini's latest prediction of war between the United States and Iran.

In a speech Wednesday to an Islamic anti-drug addiction group, the Iranian strongman said: "Now we are at war, a political and economic war. It is likely that the military war will also come along."

"Foreigners can easily make us surrender by just closing their exports to us if our economy is a dependent one. Now they have threatened us with an economic boycott. Many governments have approved this. But the peoples do not approve."

"While in my view these noises have no reality, if we give a very weak probability to this, we should be equipped. You are in a war situation, an economic war which is in itself a struggle between Islam and paganism," he said.

Khomeini referred to America's request that the U.N. Security Council impose economic sanctions against Iran in a bid to force the release of the hostages, who were grabbed Nov. 4 by pro-Khomeini militants demanding President Carter send the ousted Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi back to Iran.

The council is to take up the American request later this week.

However, Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh warned Wednesday that all the hostages will be tried as spies if the United Nations imposes sanctions or if the United States attempts a unilateral economic blockade.

An Iranian militant spokesman, meanwhile, added a new figure to the discrepancy over the number of American hostages seen by the clergymen — 43 — and the 50 persons the State Department says are being held.

The spokesman told the English-language newspaper Tehran Times that 49 hostages are being held, but some of them did not want to attend Christmas services conducted by the newspaper report said, at the embassy and asked to confirm the newspaper report said, "We cannot at present give out any information on the number of hostages." However,

he did say some of the captives did not attend the Christmas services.

Coffin, of New York's interdenominational Riverside Church, had his theory about the discrepancy. The clergyman, who worked for the CIA before becoming a minister, told reporters in Tehran Wednesday that shadowy double identities possibly being used by some of the captives might account for the difference.

State Department officials "know who is there," Coffin said. "They are afraid some guy has got two names and they don't know which name he is using."

An example of such a double-identity situation came to light earlier this month when the militants holding the embassy produced two counterfeit passports with false names. They claimed the passports were carried by one of the hostages, Thomas Ahern.

Jimmy R. Allen, the Texas Baptist who led a delegation to Iran, says the group did not visit American hostages in Tehran but were able to meet for about an hour with Ayatollah Khomeini.

Allen would not give details of what was discussed, but he said Khomeini was cordial.

"He was very gracious," Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, said Wednesday. "I can only tell you that we were with him about an hour and it was a very constructive time."

"We're actually involved in conversations with a number of people," said Allen, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention who is leading a delegation of seven clergy-

men and a professor of Islamic studies.

The group has no official links with the three American clerics who were invited to Iran by Khomeini and who were permitted to make a Christmas visit to the American hostages in the embassy.

"We're trying to deal with the Iranian point of view," Allen said. He said they were concerned with the plight of the hostages, although they had not seen the Americans held at the U.S. Embassy here since Nov. 4.

"We have not tried to get into the embassy," said Allen. "That was not part of our design in the first place."

Allen added, "We have found the people here to be very hospitable. We have talked to many people in the streets. They are very open about expressing their feelings and are not personally hostile."

Tehran radio, monitored in London, reported that during the meeting with Khomeini in the holy-city of Qom, the Iranian leader criticized Pope John Paul II for urging that the hostages be freed.

Other delegation members are Bishop Dale White, a Methodist from Princeton, N.J., the Revs. Charles Caesaritelli, assistant to the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States in New York, John Walsh and William Kirby of Princeton, and Charles Kimball, professor of Islamic studies at Harvard University, who is also an ordained Baptist minister, and Thomas Ricks, a lay professor of Islamic studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Carter wants others to speak out against Soviet Afghanistan moves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter administration is calling on foreign nations to speak out against what it claims is a rapidly escalating Soviet military buildup in Afghanistan.

The Soviets, ignoring American warnings not to interfere in neighboring Afghanistan, have increased their military presence through a two-day airlift which, U.S. officials say, may have doubled the number of Soviet servicemen there to 10,000.

That would make the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan Moscow's largest foreign deployment since troops were dispatched to Czechoslovakia in 1968 to end that country's growing liberalization.

The Soviet troops may take part in what could be the Afghan government's largest offensive against anti-communist Moslem rebels, according to a report reaching New Delhi, India, today.

That report quotes an Afghan military officer as saying the government planned an attack, possibly this weekend, in the northeastern province of Badakhshan, which was overrun by rebels two weeks ago. The report could not be independently confirmed.

Afghanistan has been under Marxist rule since April 1978 but has been under continuing pressure from Moslem rebels who now control much of the countryside. The State Department said Wednesday the position of

the Afghan government has steadily deteriorated in recent months.

The State Department has expressed concern several times in recent weeks about the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan but Wednesday, for the first time, officials called on other nations to join in protest.

"We believe that members of the international community should condemn such blatant military interference into the internal affairs of an independent sovereign state," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said.

Carter said the Dec. 25-26 troop buildup makes it appear that the Soviets "are crossing a new threshold" in their military support for the Afghan government's struggle against anti-communist Islamic tribesmen.

Afghanistan borders both the Soviet Union and Iran, where Americans have been held captive by militants since Nov. 4.

The United States has publicly criticized Soviet involvement in Afghanistan four times over the last eight days. The administration appears to believe that it can undercut the Soviet position in the Islamic world by calling public attention to Russian backing for a regime engaged in a bitter war with a Moslem resistance movement.

Carter said that the Soviets in their recent comments on the U.S.-Iranian

crisis have warned about big countries interfering in the internal affairs of smaller nations.

Referring to the volatile nature of the area now, Carter said, "The intersection of external combat troops into one nation of the region can be properly seen by others as a matter of concern for their own stability."

In addition to the troops and field equipment flown to Kabul International Airport aboard 150 or more flights, Carter said the Soviets now have five divisions stationed on the Russian side of the Soviet-Afghan border.

He said this is part of a continuing buildup in that region.

Five divisions equal 50,000 troops, although Carter said it was not clear whether the divisions were at full strength.

American officials said they believe the Soviet troops were sent to Afghanistan to ensure that key Soviet installations did not fall into enemy hands. The officials, who asked not to be identified, said it was premature to speculate on whether the Soviet forces would become involved in direct combat.

Soviets may take part in Afghani offensive

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The Soviet reinforcements airlifted into Afghanistan this week may take part in what could be the largest government offensive so far against anti-communist Moslem rebels, a report from Afghanistan said.

The report, received in New Delhi today from a source who has proved reliable in the past, quoted an Afghan military officer in Kabul, the capital, as saying the government planned an attack, possibly as early as this weekend, in the strategic province of Badakhshan in northeastern Afghanistan overrun by the rebels two weeks ago.

The source of the report, who declined to be identified, said the planned Badakhshan offensive would be mounted with 5,000 Afghan and 800 Soviet combat troops, backed by 300 Soviet-supplied tanks. His assessment could not be independently confirmed.

Air travellers arriving in New Delhi from Afghanistan on Wednesday said they saw hundreds of armed Russian soldiers arriving at the Kabul Airport. Afghan civilians, some weeping, watched from the terminal's observation deck as the Soviet Antonov transports landed, they said.

"It didn't seem as if they (the Soviets) were concerned about being secretive," said one passenger who, like others interviewed, asked that his name and nationality be withheld.

U.S. officials said Wednesday the Soviets may have doubled the number of Russian servicemen in Afghanistan to 10,000, in the Dec. 25-26 airlift. Both Moscow and Kabul say no new ground troops have been sent to join the estimated 1,500 Soviet military advisers already in Afghanistan.

In Washington, State Department officials said they regarded the massive Russian buildup as a move to keep important Soviet installations from falling into rebel hands. They said it was premature to speculate on whether the Soviet forces would become involved in direct combat.

The rebels, who have been fighting the government for 19-months, are believed to control about half the Afghan countryside by day, and more by night.

The Kabul military source said Afghan government troops were moved up to Takhar Province, southwest of Badakhshan, from three bases in the Kabul area in preparation for the forthcoming offensive.

At the same time, he said, the rebels have been reinforced by about 1,700 Afghan soldiers who defected after the insurgents captured the last major government garrison in Badakhshan two weeks ago. The defectors reportedly brought 15 tanks, armored personnel carriers and other vehicles with them, the source said.

Badakhshan, perhaps Afghanistan's least developed area, has strategic importance since it borders the Soviet Union, China and Pakistan. The Afghan government has accused China and Pakistan, as well as the United States and Iran, of aiding the insurgents. All four countries have denied the charges.

The Soviet airlift appeared to point up President Hafizullah Amin's growing dependence on outside help. It also reflected the importance the Kremlin attaches to maintaining a leftist regime in Kabul.

Iran crisis at-a-glance

The Associated Press

Iranian ruler Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini warned the hostage stalemate could lead to war, and U.S. clergymen who visited the captives at the U.S. embassy appealed for conciliation from both sides as the impasse in Tehran entered its 54th day. Here are the highlights.

A warning of war

"Now we are at war, a political and economic war. It is likely that the military war will also come along," said Khomeini.

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How many hostages?

An Iranian militant spokesman deepened the mystery over the actual number of hostages by telling the English-language newspaper Tehran Times that 49 hostages are being held. He said some of them did not want to attend Christmas services conducted by the visiting clergymen, who reported seeing 43 hostages. Officials have said 50 persons are captive.

The Afghan connection

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Chinese oil discoveries said to be in 'large quantities'

HONG KONG (AP) — Despite "interference and sabotage" by the Soviet Union and Vietnam, China has discovered gas and oil in "relatively large quantities" off Hainan Island in the South China Sea, according to a government radio broadcast made available today.

Industrial oil and gas "in relatively large quantities and of relatively good quality" have been found near the island of Hainan, the broadcast said. The broadcast appeared to confirm

reports published in October that the South China Sea Oil Prospecting Bureau had made a major strike in the area.

The exact site of the discovery was not given, nor was there any elaboration of the alleged "interference and sabotage."

For many years, China and other Southeast Asian nations have been feuding over territorial claims to offshore waters and their potential riches.

Ace halts Suzanne's ads because of nude photos

CHICAGO (AP) — Ace Hardware Corp. plans to stop using Suzanne Somers in advertising because Playboy magazine is publishing 9-year-old photographs of the actress in the nude, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

Nude photographs of Miss Somers, who stars in the ABC television show "Three's Company," will appear in Playboy's February issue, the magazine has announced. Playboy says the photographs were taken in 1970 by a photographer who submitted them to determine her suitability as a Playmate.

In a letter to Ace dealers, the Tribune reported, Ace president Arthur H. Krausman said, "This article includes photos that could be potentially embarrassing" to Ace dealers and the company.

"We have therefore decided to cease using any advertising featuring Miss Somers and to review all our advertising options for 1980," the paper quoted Krausman as saying.

A spokesman for the suburban Oak Brook-based company, who was not identified, was quoted as saying the company would honor its contract with the actress. The Tribune said the contract expires in March 1981 and reportedly pays Miss Somers \$700,000 to \$750,000.

The paper also quoted the spokesman as saying Ace was pleased with the response to Miss Somers and that "it's possible we will use her in the future."

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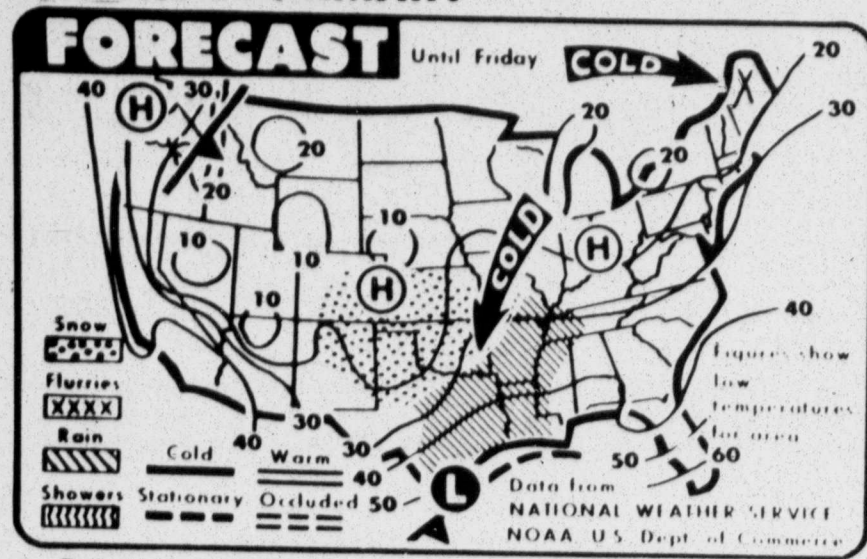
Outside

40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight. Details on Page 2A.

Service

Delivery.....682-5311
Want Ads.....682-6222
Other Calls.....682-5311

WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected Thursday until Friday morning for east Texas, Louisiana and the upper Mississippi. Snow is forecast for parts of the Southwest and southern Plains. Most areas will be colder. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

A chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Low tonight in the lower 30s. High Friday in the middle 40s. Winds tonight northeasterly, 10-15 mph. Probability of precipitation is 40 percent tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADINGS

Yesterday's High 68 degrees
Overnight Low 52 degrees
Sunrise tomorrow 5:52 a.m.
Precipitation 1.4 in.
Last 24 hours 0.0 inches
This month to date 2.76 inches
1979 to date 16.0 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Time	Temp
6 a.m.	40	6 p.m.	60
7 a.m.	40	7 p.m.	57
8 a.m.	40	8 p.m.	54
9 a.m.	40	9 p.m.	54
10 a.m.	40	10 p.m.	54
11 a.m.	40	11 p.m.	54
noon	40	midnight	49
1 p.m.	40	1 p.m.	50
2 p.m.	40	2 p.m.	49
3 p.m.	40	3 p.m.	49
4 p.m.	40	4 p.m.	49
5 p.m.	40	5 p.m.	47
6 p.m.	40	6 p.m.	47

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

City	High	Low
Abilene	71	46
Albany	39	32
Albino	39	32
Albino	39	32
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Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Winter storm watch for the Panhandle late this afternoon through Friday. Intermittent rain to late afternoon through Friday. Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and Friday. Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and Friday. Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and Friday.

North Texas: Increasing cloudiness and mild east and cloudy and cooler central and west today with showers developing west and spreading to central portions by late afternoon. Cloudy and cooler with occasional rain spreading over area tonight and Friday. Highs today 48 to 50 south. Lows tonight 30 to 35. Highs Friday 48 to 50. Lows Friday 30 to 35.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy and mild west and central today with widely scattered showers or thunderstorms. Increasing cloudiness and mild east. Cloudy and turning colder tonight and Friday with showers and thunderstorms increasing. Highs today near 70 to low 80s. Lows tonight 30 to 35. Highs Friday 48 to 50. Lows Friday 30 to 35.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots today and tonight becoming south 15 to 20 knots Friday. Shifting to north 20 to 25 knots late Friday afternoon. Seas 2 to 3 feet today and 3 to 5 feet tonight. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms developing tonight and Friday.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southeast winds 10 to 15 knots today and tonight becoming south 15 to 20 knots Friday. Shifting to north 20 to 25 knots late Friday afternoon. Seas 2 to 3 feet today and 3 to 5 feet tonight. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms developing tonight and Friday.

Border state forecasts

Louisiana: Generally fair southeast today with increasing cloudiness tonight. Increasing cloudiness tonight and west today becoming cloudy tonight. Cloudy today with rain or showers tonight and west tonight becoming statewide Friday. Highs today in the 40s. Highs Friday from near 50 to the north to the low 60s south.

Arkansas: Cloudy west and northern sections and partly cloudy elsewhere today. Cloudy and cool tonight and Friday. Rain beginning in the west tonight and spreading over the state Friday. Highs today in the 40s. Highs Friday from near 50 to the north to the low 60s south.

Consumer Price Index inflates inflation, say critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Price Index, the government's inflation measure that affects the wages and benefits of more than 90 million Americans and the spending of billions of federal dollars, is being criticized as exaggerating inflation.

Each month the Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles the index by surveying average changes in retail prices for a fixed list of goods and services, ranging from food, housing and energy to shoes, tobacco and vacations.

In November, the index was 227.5. That meant goods and services that sold for \$100 in 1967 cost consumers \$227.50 in November.

The CPI, the official measure of inflation since World War I, has become the government's most important statistic with its uses including:

—Calculation of cost-of-living raises for 9 million union members and setting of new pay rates for millions of non-union employees.

—Triggering cost-of-living increases for 34 million Social Security recipients and 3 million retired federal and military personnel.

—Adjustments to benefits for 16 million food stamp recipients and 28 million children and elderly people who receive meal subsidies.

—Increases in federal spending by an estimated \$1 billion to \$2 billion for each one-point rise in the index.

But critics are saying the index is overstating the real rise in Americans' cost of living by 1 percent to 2 percent this year because of the way house and mortgage interest costs are computed.

"We're talking about spending one to two billion dollars simply because of a faulty CPI," says Rep. Paul Simon, D-Ill., a leading critic of the index who held a congressional hearing on the issue.

But Janet Norwood, Bureau of Labor Statistics commissioner, challenged Simon's assumption that the CPI inflates inflation. "Some studies suggest the CPI may really be understating the rate of inflation in some cities," she said.

Ms. Norwood said her bureau is trying to refine the index, but the going is slow. "Everyone is saying something is wrong here, but you won't find agreement on what that is."

Any change in computing the index could have political consequences for President Carter if the public believed the administration, having failed to slow inflation through economic policy, was trying to conceal inflation by changing the statistic.

Carter's chief inflation-fighter, Alfred E. Kahn, one of those who believe the index exaggerates inflation, opposes changing the index because he fears the public would question the administration's motives.

Instead, Kahn wants management and labor to alter the way they use the CPI in calculating cost-of-living increases to compensate for the alleged inflation distortions.

Lawrence E. DeMilner, an economist with the Congressional Budget Office, has testified that if home ownership costs were measured like

Barges in mishap had no lights

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The captain of a tanker that collided with a tugboat and two barges on the Mississippi River told a Coast Guard hearing that the barges did not have lights.

"Taking into consideration that the barge was without lights, we did not see it until it was in the reflection from our mast lights," said Capt. Carlo Vivaldi. "Perhaps 10 meters (60 feet) away."

The crash of the 700-foot Pina and the tug Mr. Pete on the Mississippi River on Dec. 18 set off a spectacular fire. An estimated 168,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the river, authorities said.

Though the fire was so intense it forced the 27-man crew of the Pina to temporarily abandon ship, no one was seriously hurt.

Capt. Vivaldi said the tug was spotted, by its lights, about a mile and a half upriver from the tanker, a Liberian flag ship out of Milan, Italy. Efforts to raise the tug by radio failed, he said.

Vivaldi, questioned in Italian through an interpreter, was the only witness of the day, and returns for more questions today.

Lt. S.S. Sheek, the presiding officer, said he expects to call the pilot of the tugboat, Charles Newell, for Friday's session.

Newell had taken over the navigation of the Mr. Pete about an hour before the collision.

Capt. Vivaldi said the river pilot on his ship was navigating by sight, since it was a clear night. Sighting the tug was no occasion for alarm, he said, since it had plenty of room — and no one knew it was shoving two barges.

"Had this towboat been without a barge... given its maneuverability, at any moment the towboat itself could have avoided a collision," he said.

When a lawyer for the company that owns Mr. Pete asked if the towboat had not shone a spotlight on its barges to illuminate them, Capt. Vivaldi replied: "I affirm definitely I saw no light on the barges."

Liberia planning probe of Galveston collision

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Coast Guard officials say the Liberian government will conduct an investigation next March into last month's collision of two Liberian ships that killed 32 sailors.

The Liberian Bureau of Maritime Affairs will convene in New York on March 17 a marine board investigation into the accident, Coast Guard spokesman Larry Clark said Wednesday.

"The inquiry probably will be the only investigation of the collision itself," because the accident occurred outside U.S. waters and involved only Liberian registered ships, said Clark.

Since the inquiry will be conducted under Liberian jurisdiction, Clark said it was not clear what actions could result from it.

The tanker Burmah Agate burst into flames when it and the freighter



Gold traders on the floor of New York's Commodity Exchange continue activity Wednesday afternoon after the price of gold rose to \$501 an ounce, rising above \$500 for the first time in history.

Gold soars above \$510

LONDON (AP) — Gold soared above \$510 an ounce to new peaks in Europe today amid concern over a reported Soviet military buildup in Afghanistan, the continuing U.S. Embassy siege in Tehran, and higher oil prices.

The dollar was lower almost everywhere.

Gold was up as much as \$36 from pre-holiday prices in Europe, following the metal's surge through the \$500 barrier in New York on Wednesday.

In London, gold opened at a record \$507.50, moved to an all-time high, fixing of \$508.75 and by noon was trading at \$511. This compared to \$485.50 at the close Monday.

Zurich, Europe's biggest bullion mart, also saw the price start at \$507.50 and move to \$511 by mid-day, up from \$475 last Friday, the last trading session in the Swiss financial center before a long Christmas holiday.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed marginally higher at 239.75 Yen, from 239.55 on Wednesday.

Although gold markets in Zurich and London were closed Wednesday, in New York, gold for December delivery rose to \$510 an ounce on the Commodity Exchange Inc. before closing at \$506.30.

The close was up \$19.30 from Friday, the last trading day before the holiday break. At Republic National Bank of New York, gold closed at \$502. On Monday, bullion dealers in New York sold gold for \$486.

The price of gold is more than double its \$226.375-a-roy-ounce close

in London at the end of 1978, and nearly \$400 above its \$134.50 an ounce close at the end of 1976. The old record for gold was \$496, set during the European trading day Dec. 20.

"Nobody wants to sell, and there's a general feeling gold's going higher," said one Commodity Exchange trader in New York.

"We're looking for gold in the \$600s by the end of January," said Vincent Tese, a partner in the commodity house of James Sinclair & Co. The house last December predicted gold would be in the \$460-\$520 range by the end of 1979.

With Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini saying the U.S.-Iran conflict could erupt into a "military war," the "Iran situation is continuing to push up the price," said one trader.

"Any time you get a comment in which somebody calls for military action, it's going to be tied to precious metals prices," said an analyst.

Dealers said there also was concern over reports that 10,000 Soviet troops had been stationed in Afghanistan, and that moderate Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members might boost oil prices by \$2-a-barrel after announcing \$6-a-barrel price boosts earlier this month.

Gold had risen to \$444 an ounce in early October, but then slid below \$400. The metal began rising again in early November, after the seizure of American hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Those cloudy skies that Midlanders awoke to this morning are expected to remain cloudy at least through Friday, according to the National Weather Service office at Midland Regional Airport.

And the 40 percent rain probability that existed today will continue through tonight, the weatherman said.

Temperatures will be getting colder tonight, the weatherman predicted, with the low dropping into the lower 30s. Friday's high temperature should only reach the middle 40s.

Winds tonight should blow out of the northeast at 10-15 mph.

Wednesday's high temperature was a pleasant 68 degrees and this morning's low was 46 degrees.

Record high temperature for Wednesday's date is 77 degrees, set in 1955, and record low for today's date is 9 degrees, set in 1939.

A snowstorm in the Rocky Mountains rolled toward the Texas Pan-

handle today, threatening to whiten northwestern sections of the state by tonight.

A winter storm watch was in effect for the Panhandle.

Early morning clouds formed over North Texas in advance of the storm, and a weak cold front formed along a line between Texarkana to Del Rio. Skies remained clear in Southeast Texas.

A few pockets of fog settled in the Hill Country and along the upper Texas coast.

Predawn temperatures ranged from the 30s and 40s northern sections to the 50s and 60s in the south. At 4 a.m. readings ranged from 33 in Amarillo to 67 in Brownsville.

Forecasters called for rain in Northwest Texas changing to snow in the Panhandle this afternoon and tonight, with heavy accumulations possible. Elsewhere, cooler temperatures and rain were expected as the storm pushes through the state.

Two business thefts probed

Police are investigating two thefts totaling \$1,262 from Midland businesses.

T.J. Melton of T.J. Melton and Associates told police a transit used in surveying was last seen on a construction site on Holiday Hill Road.

According to Melton, he left at approximately 11:15 a.m. Wednesday to get gas and when he returned at 11:30 a.m., the transit was missing.

Value of the equipment was estimated at \$750, police said.

Later Wednesday evening, officers were called to Superior Supply Co., 2910 Garden City Highway.

The store manager told officers that pipe and valves worth \$512 were missing from the yard.

Entry was apparently gained by prying off a door hinge, police said, and then climbing over a fence.

Ex-congressman

Carter's choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Catherine May Bedell, who served six terms in the House of Representatives, is President Carter's choice as chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Mrs. Bedell, 65, who was elected to Congress from Washington state, has been a member of the commission and its predecessor agency since 1971.

She succeeds Daniel Minchew, who left the commission last year at the expiration of his term.

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The price of gold is more than double its \$226.375-a-roy-ounce close

in London at the end of 1978, and nearly \$400 above its \$134.50 an ounce close at the end of 1976. The old record for gold was \$496, set during the European trading day Dec. 20.

"Nobody wants to sell, and there's a general feeling gold's going higher," said one Commodity Exchange trader in New York.

"We're looking for gold in the \$600s by the end of January," said Vincent Tese, a partner in the commodity house of James Sinclair & Co. The house last December predicted gold would be in the \$460-\$520 range by the end of 1979.

With Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini saying the U.S.-Iran conflict could erupt into a "military war," the "Iran situation is continuing to push up the price," said one trader.

"Any time you get a comment in which somebody calls for military action, it's going to be tied to precious metals prices," said an analyst.

Dealers said there also was concern over reports that 10,000 Soviet troops had been stationed in Afghanistan, and that moderate Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members might boost oil prices by \$2-a-barrel after announcing \$6-a-barrel price boosts earlier this month.

Gold had risen to \$444 an ounce in early October, but then slid below \$400. The metal began rising again in early November, after the seizure of American hostages at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Those cloudy skies that Midlanders awoke to this morning are expected to remain cloudy at least through Friday, according to the National Weather Service office at Midland Regional Airport.

And the 40 percent rain probability that existed today will continue through tonight, the weatherman said.

Temperatures will be getting colder tonight, the weatherman predicted, with the low dropping into the lower 30s. Friday's high temperature should only reach the middle 40s.

Winds tonight should blow out of the northeast at 10-15 mph.

Wednesday's high temperature was a pleasant 68 degrees and this morning's low was 46 degrees.

Record high temperature for Wednesday's date is 77 degrees, set in 1955, and record low for today's date is 9 degrees, set in 1939.

A snowstorm in the Rocky Mountains rolled toward the Texas Pan-

handle today, threatening to whiten northwestern sections of the state by tonight.

A winter storm watch was in effect for the Panhandle.

Early morning clouds formed over North Texas in advance of the storm, and a weak cold front formed along a line between Texarkana to Del Rio. Skies remained clear in Southeast Texas.

A few pockets of fog settled in the Hill Country and along the upper Texas coast.

Predawn temperatures ranged from the 30s and 40s northern sections to the 50s and 60s in the south. At 4 a.m. readings ranged from 33 in Amarillo to 67 in Brownsville.

Forecasters called for rain in Northwest Texas changing to snow in the Panhandle this afternoon and tonight, with heavy accumulations possible. Elsewhere, cooler temperatures and rain were expected as the storm pushes through the state.

Two business thefts probed

Police are investigating two thefts totaling \$1,262 from Midland businesses.

T.J. Melton of T.J. Melton and Associates told police a transit used in surveying was last seen on a construction site on Holiday Hill Road.

According to Melton, he left at approximately 11:15 a.m. Wednesday to get gas and when he returned at 11:30 a.m., the transit was missing.

Value of the equipment was estimated at \$750, police said.

Later Wednesday evening, officers were called to Superior Supply Co., 2910 Garden City Highway.

The store manager told officers that pipe and valves worth \$512 were missing from the yard.

Entry was apparently gained by prying off a door hinge, police said, and then climbing over a fence.

Ex-congressman

Carter's choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Catherine May Bedell, who served six terms in the House of Representatives, is President Carter's choice as chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Mrs. Bedell, 65, who was elected to Congress from Washington state, has been a member of the commission and its predecessor agency since 1971.

She succeeds Daniel Minchew, who left the commission last year at the expiration of his term.

Haig official with military equipment producer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Alexander M. Haig Jr. is moving from the arena of international military strategy and world politics to become the No. 2 man at United Technologies Corp., a major military equipment producer.

Haig, former NATO commander and White House chief of staff under Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford, will become president and chief operating officer at UTC, the company announced Wednesday.

Haig, 55, recently retired as an Army general, succeeds Harry J. Gray as president of UTC. Gray, who announced Haig's election by UTC's board of directors, becomes UTC chairman and chief executive officer.

Once called by Nixon "a masterful manager of people and issues," Haig becomes probably the leading con-

tender to succeed Gray as UTC's top man at Gray's scheduled 1985 retirement.

After a long military career, it is Haig's first private industry job since he worked as a department store floorwalker in Philadelphia when he was in school. But his background appears to be just what UTC needs in its battles to win military contracts.

UTC, known in recent years for rapid expansion and aggressive takeovers of other companies, reported 1978 sales of \$6.27 billion and net income of \$234 million. Formerly known as United Aircraft Corp., it now describes itself as one of the 20 largest U.S. manufacturing concerns.

Haig's military management experience and "extensive experience in world politics, diplomacy and international affairs" made him the best

candidate for the UTC job, Gray said.

Haig retired last summer as supreme allied commander of NATO forces in Europe, and was rumored to be planning a presidential bid.

Haig actually was chosen last Friday by UTC's directors, but the announcement was delayed while Haig took himself out of presidential politics. Haig said last weekend that after evaluating his support he had decided against seeking the Republican presidential nomination.

Haig will join another former top Nixon aide and another retired general at the Hartford-based conglomerate.

Clark MacGregor, who managed Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, is a senior vice president at UTC. William J. Evans, a retired Air Force general who headed NATO's air forces, is a UTC vice president.

Gray also announced Wednesday that Haig, UTC power group chief Robert J. Carlson and Peter J. Scott, executive vice president in charge of the Electronics Group formed in November, have been elected to UTC's board of directors.

Haig, a Philadelphia native, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1947 with a second lieutenant's commission. He became a general in 1972 and was appointed vice chief of staff of the Army.

He was assigned to the White House as senior military adviser to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in January 1969 and in June 1970 became deputy assistant to Nixon for national security affairs.

He returned to the White House in May 1973 and was staff chief there until October 1974, when President Ford appointed him commander in

chief of the U.S. European command. He became supreme allied commander in Europe two months later.

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DEATHS



Robert J. Maberry

Robert Maberry

Services for Robert J. Maberry, 61, 1704 W. Kentucky Ave., were Monday in Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Steve Edwards, minister of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

Maberry was born Aug. 28, 1918, in Carrollton. He lived his early life in Dallas and worked for Mercantile National Bank there for many years. He moved to San Angelo in 1945 and to Midland in 1947.

He was employed by Brown & Bigelow Co. and he opened his own gunsmith shop in 1956. He operated that business until his death. He was a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Floy; two daughters, Nancy McMillan and Janice Maberry, both of Midland; two sisters, Lois Glenn Willingham and Juanita Clay, both of Dallas; a grandchild, two nieces and three nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Heart Association or the Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital.

Pallbearers were John Blackwell, George H. Glass, Ronnie Hissom, Boyd Laughlin, Matt Faudree and Chris Scharbauer.

Honorary pallbearers were Murray Faskin, Dr. Brian Mohr, Dr. Ralph Greenlee, Clarence Scharbauer, Charles Bird, David Shrimp, Ed Todd and Brian Hendershot, all of Midland, and Ed Phillips of Odessa.

O.C. Turner

STANTON — O.C. Turner, 56, of Stanton died Wednesday at his home after a short illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Stanton Church of Christ with Elmore Johnson of Lubbock officiating, assisted by Deral McWhorter of Stanton. Burial will be in Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 14, 1923, in Stanton, he was married to Christine Faye McKay Sept. 23, 1947, in Stamford. He was the owner of Turner Texaco in Stanton. He was a member of the Church of Christ, the Buffalo Booster Club, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Robert Wayne Turner of Luther, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Donnie Hull and Kristi Turner, both of Stanton; four sisters, Jessie Widner, Opal Hopson and Lula Black, all of Odessa, and Corene Barnwell of Hagen Port; four brothers, Leo Turner and Alton Turner, both of Stanton, Jack Turner of Odessa and John Willard Turner of Monahans; five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Juanita Sanchez

SONORA — Services for Juanita Gloria Sanchez, 87, of Sonora, sister of Juan Longoria, Alberto Longoria and Maria Cervantes, all of Odessa, were to be at 3 p.m. today in Primera Iglesia Bautista with burial in Sonora Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday in an Eldorado hospital.

Mrs. Sanchez was born April 5, 1892, in Monclova, Mexico.

Other survivors include a daughter, two sons, a brother, 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Miguel D. Pena

OZONA — Services for Miguel "Mike" David Pena, 84, will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church here. Burial will be in Lima Cemetery.

Pena died Wednesday at a local hospital.

He was born Nov. 29, 1895, in Cerralvo Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He was married to Elvira Rios Oct. 11, 1932, in Odessa. He was the cemetery caretaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife; four

daughters, Mrs. Stanley (Bonifacio) Najar Sr., Ramona Pena Ramirez and Mrs. Robert (Angelina) Pena Daniel, all of Odessa, and Cotilde Rivera of Stockton, Calif.; two sons, Venancio Pena of Fort Worth and Abdon Pena of Odessa; 30 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

L.H. 'Bud' Adair

BIG LAKE — Graveside services for L.H. "Bud" Adair, 49, of Big Lake were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Glen Rest Cemetery here directed by Johnson Funeral Home of San Angelo. Officiating was to be the Rev. Joe Scott, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Big Lake.

Adair died Tuesday at his Big Lake residence.

He was born Sept. 6, 1930, in Norfolk, Ark. He was married April 16, 1971, to Maurine Kelley in Houma, La. Adair had lived in Big Lake the past five years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Michael Adair and Douglas Adair, addresses unknown; three stepsons, Kelly Austin, David Austin and Richard Austin, all of North Little Rock, Ark.; a stepdaughter, LaMaris Blake of Fort Smith, Ark.; two sisters, Leota Evans of Casper, Wyo., and Betty Starkey of Houston; a grandson and seven stepgrandchildren.

Cynthia Jones

Services for Cynthia Yvonne Jones, 23, of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Midland, will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert E. Latham, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Jackson Funeral Home.

Miss Jones died Saturday in an automobile accident in Oakley, Kan. She was en route to Midland to celebrate Christmas with her family at time of the mishap.

She was born April 17, 1956, in Midland and had lived in Denver for seven years. She was a 1974 graduate of South High School in Denver.

Survivors include her father, Henry Erceel Jones of Denver; her mother, Annie Mae Thomas of Midland; four sisters, Joni Jones of Midland, Pamela Hill, her twin sister, of Denver, and Mary Jones, of Denver, and Sharon Howard of Dallas; two brothers, Michael Jones of Kansas and

Henry Jones Jr. of Denver; and her grandmothers, Johnnie Curtis of Midland and Mary Jones of Los Angeles, Calif.

Floyd Roberts

Graveside services for Floyd Roberts, 69, 1108 S. Baird St., were to be at 3 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery directed by Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home. Officiating will be the Rev. Ross Payne, pastor of Cottonflat Baptist Church.

Roberts died Monday in an Odessa hospital.

He was born Sept. 26, 1910, in Runnels County and spent his early life there. Roberts came to Midland in 1926 and worked as a cowboy on several ranches in this area. He then went to work in the oil fields. He was employed with BLM Well Service until he retired in 1972.

Survivors include two sisters, Annie Bishop of Midland and Mrs. Gene Shelburne of Midland, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ruby Menges

BIG SPRING — Ruby Menges, 79, of Big Spring died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel, with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Menges was born Sept. 6, 1900, in Bayfield, Colo. She was married to Ansel Menges in April 1928 in Kansas. Her husband preceded her in death Sept. 6, 1976. She had been a resident of Big Spring since August 1962, and was a member of the Four Square Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Betty) Daratt and Mrs. Roy (Marietta) Crenshaw, both of Big Spring; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Easter of Reno, Nev.; two stepsons, Ray Menges of Big Spring and Adrian E. Menges of Long Pine, Calif.; 20 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Juanita Arroyo

SAN ANGELO — Rosary for Juanita (Enriquez) Arroyo, 69, of San Angelo, mother of Mrs. Jesse (Julia) F. Perez of Midland, will be recited at 8 p.m. today in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel here.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Cathedral with the Rev. George Fey officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

She died Wednesday after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Arroyo was born Dec. 21, 1910, in San Angelo. She was married April 19, 1930, to Juan P. Arroyo. He preceded her in death.

Other survivors include two daughters, a sister, three brothers, a cousin, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Eugenia L. Clark

BIG SPRING — Services for Eugenia Lee Clark, 86, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Garden City Cemetery.

She died Wednesday in a Roscoe nursing home.

Mrs. Clark was born Sept. 24, 1893, in Midland, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. McMasters, pioneer Reagan County ranchers. She was graduated in 1913 from Draughn's Business College in Abilene.

She had worked for the Glasscock County Clerk and the Garden City Telephone Office. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garden City.

Survivors include two sons, Lee Roy Clark of Roscoe and Arvie C. Clark of Midland; two daughters, Dixie Lee Bond of Roscoe and Veda V. Witkowski of Sand Springs; a brother, A.V. McMasters of Dallas; six sisters, Mona McMasters, Nettie McMasters, Lela Cook, Myrtle McMasters and Ona Wells, all of Big Spring, and Verna Sunday of Roshamon; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Frieda Conrad

Frieda Conrad, 80, 1904 N. Midland Drive, died Monday in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services will be Friday in the Fraser-Shepherdson Funeral Home chapel in Syracuse, N.Y. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Syracuse. Local arrangements were made by Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Conrad was born Sept. 16, 1899, in Berlin, Germany. She was reared in Germany. She came to Syracuse, N.Y., from Germany in 1930 and lived there until moving to Midland two years ago. She was a member of the Friedens Church of Christ in Syracuse.

Survivors include her son, Gunter W. Conrad of Midland; a sister, Anna Laurisch of Berlin, Germany; and two grandchildren.

Record 713 die on U.S. highways during holidays

By The Associated Press

Heavy rains, snow and fog across the country contributed heavily to a record 713 traffic deaths reported during the four-day Christmas weekend, the National Safety Council says.

The previous record for a four-day Christmas holiday was 706 deaths in 1956. The record for any Christmas holiday is 720, set during the three-day weekend of 1965.

"The heavy rains, the ice, the fog that prevailed had an adverse effect on the count," Barbara Carraro, the council's supervisor of motor vehicle statistics, said Wednesday. "There are no indications that travel was any greater than we had anticipated. Unfortunately, we'll never find out just how many miles were traveled" during the period.

Before this year's Christmas holiday period, the council had estimated 450 to 550 persons might be killed on streets and highways between 6 p.m. Friday and midnight Tuesday.

Council statisticians say that during a non-holiday, four-day period at this time of year, 510 traffic deaths could be expected.

During the three-day Christmas weekend last year, 454 traffic deaths were counted.

Texas ranks second to California roads for holiday deaths

By The Associated Press

Texas ranked second in the nation for traffic fatalities over Christmas, but ended the 102-hour period with fewer deaths than predicted.

The state was surpassed only by California, which had 71 deaths, many the result of a winter storm that lashed the Pacific Northwest over the holiday.

The Texas Department of Public Safety had predicted 67 fatalities, but said 51 persons died on state roads from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Tuesday. Two fatalities not on the DPS list also were reported, bringing the total to 53.

The New Year's count also begins at 6 p.m. Friday, and ends at midnight Tuesday. The DPS has projected that 56 persons will die on Texas roads during that period.

Fifteen of the 53 fatalities — almost 30 percent — were pedestrians hit by vehicles. Six of the 15 were children.

Nine persons died on Christmas.

A car driven by Linda D. Smith, 22, of Ector, ran off Texas Highway 78 just north of Bonham.

Isabel Guel, 20, of Manvel, was killed in an auto-train accident just west of Manvel in Southeast Texas.

James Derry, 29, of Luling, died when his car rolled over just east of Harwood on U.S. Highway 90.

Norman Fulkers, 37, town unknown, was killed in Waco when his motorcycle collided with a car.

Robert Anthony Hext, 20, died when his car ran off the road in his home town of Fredricksburg.

Adice Izard Hagar, 60, town unknown, was killed in a Harris County car-truck accident.

Four-year-old Annabelle Barrera was struck by a car in Rosenberg.

Shelby County medical examiner confirms Presley death certificate

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Shelby County medical examiner says the death certificate he signed for Elvis Presley listed essentially the same cause of death as one signed by the singer's own physician.

Two reporters for the ABC News "20-20" program said Wednesday that two death certificates were prepared for Presley, each listing separate causes of death. According to the reporters, Dr. Jerry Francisco, the medical examiner, intercepted the certificate prepared by Presley's physician, Dr. George Nichopoulos, and replaced it with his own.

The existence of the Nichopoulos death certificate was scheduled to be included in an updated report on

Presley's death on tonight's segment of "20-20."

Francisco said Wednesday that the death certificate signed by Nichopoulos "wasn't the same wording but it was essentially the same" as the one he signed. The certificate signed by Nichopoulos made no mention of drugs, the medical examiner said.

Francisco also said there was nothing unusual in his voiding the Nichopoulos death certificate and replacing it with his own.

"It happens with some regularity that a personal physician or attending physician might sign a death certificate, but if the death is accepted as a medical examiner's case, the medical examiner signs it," Francisco said.

"It was a medical examiner's case from the beginning, but the autopsy was not performed under the medical examiner's law," said Francisco, who has refused to release the autopsy report.

Presley was found unconscious on a bathroom floor at his Graceland mansion on Aug. 16, 1977. He was dead on arrival at Baptist Hospital, and an autopsy was performed.

Reporters James Cole and Charles Thompson III filed suit in August to force Francisco to release the autopsy report. The newsmen helped compile information for an earlier "20-20" segment that concluded Presley's death was drug-related.

Dallas police step up efforts to clear highways of drunks

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police, staggered by a record 203 city traffic deaths this year, have stepped up efforts to keep drunks off the highways in hopes of preventing the toll from soaring even higher during the holiday season.

Police patrols, with the help of a \$336,000 state and federal grant, have been increased in Dallas entertainment areas to stop the drunken drivers before they reach the freeways.

"Statistics show that 31 percent of the deaths involved drivers who had been drinking. That's 10 percent increase over the figures last year," John Pickett, the city's traffic safety coordinator, said Wednesday.

But Pickett said he is at a loss to explain why drivers kill each other in record numbers despite major programs implemented by the police that are designed to crack down on speeding and drunken drivers.

"Last year, there were 9,267 arrests for driving while intoxicated," said Pickett. "We've already made 9,578 DWI arrests in 1979."

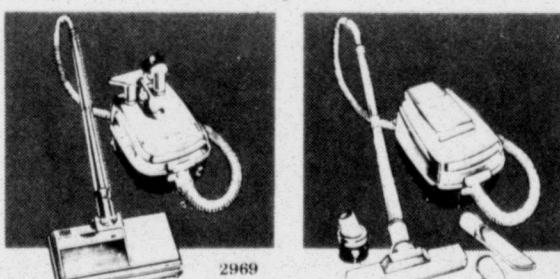
The Dallas traffic death toll already is eight above the previous high of 195 set in 1978. And Pickett said if motorists continue to die at the present rate the final total will be 211.

"The police only catch one out of every 2,000 drunken drivers," said Pickett.

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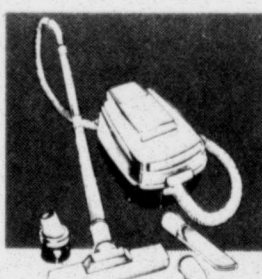
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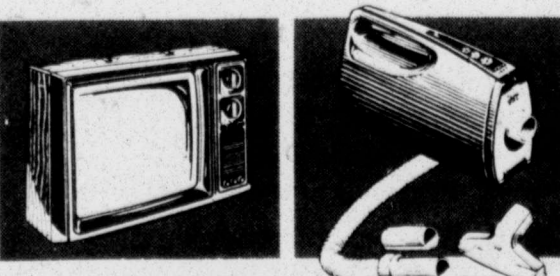
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James Walker, data coordinator for the Railroad Commission of Texas' Oil & Gas Division in Austin, calls up information on a video terminal similar to

those that have been installed in district offices throughout the state as part of a new RRC communications network.

Howard gains pair of wildcat sites projects staked, final in other areas

Lario Oil & Gas Co. and Amerada Hess Corp. each announced location for a wildcat in Howard County.

Lario No. 1 Edwards is an 8,000-foot oil and gas wildcat 7.5 miles southeast of Coahoma and 660 feet from north and east lines of section 44, block 30, T-1-S, T&P survey.

The drillsite is 3/8 mile east of a 3,300-foot dry hole and 3/8 mile east and slightly south of the Snyder (2800) field.

Amerada Hess will dig No. 1 A. D. Shive as a 9,000-foot wildcat 3.5 miles southwest of Coahoma.

It is 1,980 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 29, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey.

It is one location west of the Coahoma, North (Fusselman) field which produces at 8,791 feet and one and three-eighths miles east of a 9,352-foot dry hole.

KING WILDCAT

C. W. Bolin of Wichita Falls announced location for a 6,100-foot wildcat in King County, 20 miles northeast of Aspermont.

It is No. 1 Parramore, 467 feet from south and east lines of section 36, block F, H&TC survey and 7/8 mile south of a 5,360-foot failure.

The site also is one and one-eighth miles south of the Twin Peaks field along the Stonewall-King county line.

HOWARD FIELD TRY

D. E. Radtke Associates, Inc., No. 1 Nan Cate and others is to be dug as an 8,000-foot test in the Vincent, South (Strawn) field of Howard County, one mile southwest of Vincent.

The location is 2,310 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of section 1, block 25, H&TC survey.

Occidental reports find

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Occidental Petroleum Corp. said Wednesday it has found a new oil field in Libya with a capacity of from 50 to 100 million barrels.

Occidental said its discovery well in the new Fidda field tested at about 4,000 barrels of oil a day and estimated the total reserves in the area at between 50 and 100 million barrels of crude.

The new field is in an area where Occidental receives 19 percent of the net income and the Libyan National Oil Co. the remaining 81 percent, Occidental said.

Seismic land crews gaining

TULSA, Okla. — The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November continued to increase, reports the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels active domestically during the month was 439, up three crews and vessels from October.

The November total represents an increase of 79 crews and vessels since April.

The November total represents a one percent increase over October, a 19 percent increase over November 1978, a 31 percent hike over November 1977, a 63 percent increase over November 1976, a 66 percent climb over November 1975, and a gain of 44 percent over November 1974.

It is two and three-eighths miles west of Vincent, South (Strawn) production and one location south and slightly east of the Sara-Mag (Canyon reef) field which produces at 7,580 feet.

FISHER PROJECT

Grand Banks Energy Co. of Midland spotted location for a 7,100-foot project 16 miles southwest of Roby in Fisher County.

It is No. 1 Aiken, 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 249, block 3, H&TC survey.

The project will attempt to reopen Ellenburger production in the Bernecker field. It also will try for production in the lower Strawn. If completed from that zone, it will be the second well from that pay in the field. It is one location northeast of the pool's only lower Strawn producer.

PECOS PROJECT

Union Oil Co. of California staked its No. 2-3 W. C. Tyrrell Unit as a project in the Gomez, Northwest (Wolfcamp) field of Pecos County, 15 miles northwest of Fort Stockton.

Drillsite for the 11,800-foot test is 660 feet from south and west lines of survey 5, block 203, Mrs. Mary Emmons survey. It is 1/2 mile north of 11,456-foot production.

REEVES TEST

Jack N. Blair and Tom Metcalfe of Midland will dig No. 1-24 Worsham as a 17,200-foot project in the Worsham, North multipay field of Reeves County.

The operators will try for gas production in the Fusselman and Devonian.

The drillsite is 1,000 feet from south and 1,320 feet from east lines of section 24, block 6, H&GN survey.

It is 5/8 mile southeast of Devonian production and 1.5 miles southeast of Fusselman production. The field has two Devonian wells and six that produce in the Fusselman.

GAINES PROJECTS

W&W Oil Co. of Midland announced plans to re-enter a pair of holes and Gaines County and attempt completion as the second and third wells in the Carm-Ann field.

Contract depths are 4,800 feet.

The No. 1 McConal-Clark is 1,467 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of section 19, block A-22, psl survey and one location north of the field's San Andres discovery.

The No. 2 McConal-Clark is 467 feet from north and east lines of section 19, block A-22, psl survey. It is one location north of No. 1 McConal-Clark.

The field was opened by W&W No. 10A Coltan-State.

STERLING WELL

Blanks Energy Corp. No. 2-17-A Terry (formerly The Sterling Co. No. 2-17 Terry) has been completed as a dual well in Sterling County, six miles southwest of Sterling City.

The operator completed the well in the WAM (Fusselman) field for a daily flow of 22.08 barrels of 44.3-gravity oil and 19.32 barrels of water, through a 10/64-inch choke and perforations from 6,994 to 6,423 feet. The pay was acidized with 900 gallons and fractured with 24,000 gallons.

The gas-oil ratio is 5,435-1. The operator potential the well in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) field for a daily flow of 16.56 barrels of 44.3-gravity oil and no water, through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 6,994 to 6,423 feet. The pay was acidized with 2,600 gallons and fractured with 8,000 gallons.

The gas-oil ratio is 2,838-1. Total depth is 8,752 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom. The plugged back depth is 8,752 feet.

Well site is 1,980 feet from south and 2,600 feet from east lines of section 17, block T, T&P survey.

WINKLER TEST

Rotary Oil & Gas Co. of Midland No. 6-E Whaley is to be dug in the Emperor, East (lower Clear Fork) field of Winkler County, four miles south of Kermit.

Scheduled on a 6,200-foot contract, it is 660 feet from south and 1,787 feet from west lines of section 23, block B-5, psl survey. It is one location east of production.

LEA ACTIVITY

Amoco Production Co. No. 1-B Nellis-Federal Gas Communitized has been completed from the Morrow in the Buffalo field of Lea County, 12 miles southeast of Maljamar.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 1,100,000 cubic feet of gas and 10 barrels of oil, through a 15/64-inch choke and perforations from 13,310 to 13,333 feet.

The pay was acidized with 6,000 gallons and fractured with 25,000 gallons.

Total depth is 13,689 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at 13,688 feet. The plugged back depth is 13,609 feet.

Well site is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 5-19S-33E.

Amarillo Oil Co., operating from Midland, staked location for a 5,000-foot test in an undesignated area of Lea County, three miles northeast of crossroads.

The project, No. 1-18 Federal, is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 18-9S-36E.

V. H. Westbrook of Hobbs, N.M., No. 2-W State of New Mexico has been staked in the Arkansas Junction, West field of Lea County, one mile northwest of Arkansas Junction.

The 5,700-foot test is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 28-18S-36E. Ground elevation is 3,822 feet.

WARD WELL

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1042 HSA has been completed in the Wagon Wheel (Pennsylvanian) pool of Ward County, 1.5 miles southeast of Wickett.

The well potential for a daily flow of 104 barrels of 39.2-gravity oil and 19 barrels of water, through a 25/64-inch choke and perforations from 8,067 to 8,580 feet. The pay was acidized with 49,500 gallons.

Gas-oil ratio is 2,019-1. Total depth is 9,100 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom. The plugged back depth is 9,011 feet.

Well site is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 5, block Ok G&MMB&A survey and one location northeast of other Pennsylvanian production.

REEVES GASSER

Kimball Production Co. No. 1-6 Quinn is a new well in the MiVida (Fusselman) pool of Reeves County, 10 miles northwest of Pecos.

The operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 2,122,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 16,069 to 16,149 feet. The pay was fractured with 12,000 gallons.

Total depth is 18,755 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at 18,753 feet. The plugged back depth is 18,700 feet.

Location is 2,600 feet from northwest and 1,320 feet from southwest oines of section 6, block 4, H&GN survey.

Union Oil Announces 1-cent cut in gasoline, fuel oil price

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Union Oil Co. of California, the nation's 13th-largest oil company, announced Wednesday it is cutting wholesale gasoline, heating oil and diesel fuel prices by a penny a gallon.

Union also said it would roll back previously announced increases of 1 to 2 cents a gallon for aviation turbine fuel and would not boost gasoline and home heating oil prices for the next 30 days.

The reductions will take effect Thursday, Union spokesman Greg La Brache said. He added that "we expect some" Union dealers to reduce prices, but could not say if all would pass on the cuts to customers.

La Brache said the price cuts came about because of an order by the U.S. Department of Energy directing 14 major American oil companies to sell Union 75,000 barrels of crude oil a day for the rest of this year and an average of 65,000 barrels a day through the end of February.

The DOE issued the order after finding that two regulations unfairly discriminated against Union.

Under the DOE order, La Brache said, the price charged to Union may not exceed the other companies' actual purchase and transportation cost, plus \$1.50 a barrel profit.

In handing down its decision, the DOE said, Union "has shown convincingly that the combined regulatory impact of the entitlements program and the buy-sell program adversely affect it to a substantially greater degree than other refiners participating in those programs."

Union's price cuts followed price increases by major oil companies. Wholesale prices charged by Standard Oil Company of California and Exxon Corp. went up 6 cents a gallon, while other companies went up by 1 to 5 cents.

Before the increases, the national average retail price of a gallon of gasoline was \$1.03, said the Lundberg Letter, a publication that surveys filling stations monthly.

Council challenges agreements

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Energy Council of America said today it was filing a petition with the Department of Energy, challenging some \$630 million worth of agreements in which the department and major refiners settled alleged oil-pricing violations.

The council, a coalition of citizen groups, said it thinks the "consent orders" fail to compensate consumers adequately for alleged overcharges by the companies on petroleum products.

The organization proposed, as one possible improvement, that the Energy Department create a fund using part of the alleged violation money for aid to the poor, administered by a panel or corporation of citizen representatives.

There was no immediate comment from department officials.

The department's Office of Special Counsel has conducted audits of petroleum transactions from 1973 through 1976 by the nation's 15 largest refiners, and has charged them with nearly \$10 billion in violations of federal price control rules.

Audits of additional companies and the post-1976 transactions are to begin in 1980.

Most of the "notices of probable violation" have been challenged by the refiners, who argue that the regulations were unclear and that the Energy Department itself has misinterpreted them.

The notices generally have not charged deliberate violations. Instead, the disputes have centered on interpretation of rules, bookkeeping and the department's practice of estimating violations over a prolonged period of time from actual audits covering a much shorter time span.

Some of the alleged violations have been settled by "consent orders" in which the companies did not admit violations but agreed to refund or forego disputed price increases anyway.

In most cases, it has been difficult or impossible to identify specific customers deserving cash refunds so the consent orders have resorted to alternatives, such as temporary rollbacks of gasoline or fuel oil prices or payments to the federal treasury.

Land board okays pool

AUSTIN — The School Land Board has approved the pooling of state-owned land in the Slash Ranch area of Loving County.

The board approved an application by Mobil Oil Corp. to pool 646 acres of state-owned land in the L. E. Lacy Unit No. 1. The board approved a 1/16 royalty and field rules providing for 640-acre proration units, with 10 percent tolerance and 100 percent acreage allocation factor.

Mobil Oil is proposing to drill a 21,800-foot Ellenburger test in the area. The leases expire in March 1980.

ing stations monthly.

Cited as reasons for the increases were the recent retroactive increase of \$6 per 42-gallon barrel of crude oil by Saudi Arabia and several other exporters, and shortages caused by the U.S. embargo on purchases of

Iranian oil.

On top of the wholesale price hikes, gasoline stations in mid-December were allowed by the federal government to boost their maximum profit margin to 16.1 cents from 15.4 cents a gallon.

Vessels had no lights, says captain of tanker

By BILL CRIDER

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The captain of a tanker that collided with a tugboat and two barges on the Mississippi River told a Coast Guard hearing that the barges did not have lights.

"Taking into consideration that the barge was without lights, we did not see it until it was in the reflection from our mast lights," said Capt. Carlo Vivaldi. "Perhaps 10 meters (60 feet) away..."

The crash of the 700-foot Pina and the tug Mr. Pete on the Mississippi River on Dec. 18 set off a spectacular fire. An estimated 168,000 gallons of crude oil spilled into the river, authorities said.

Though the fire was so intense it

forced the 27-man crew of the Pina to temporarily abandon ship, no one was seriously hurt.

Capt. Vivaldi said the tug was spotted, by its lights, about a mile and a half upriver from the tanker, a Liberian flag ship out of Milan, Italy. Efforts to raise the tug by radio failed, he said.

Vivaldi, questioned in Italian through an interpreter, was the only witness of the day, and returns for more questions today.

Lt. S.S. Sheek, the presiding officer, said he expects to call the pilot of the tugboat, Charles Newell, for Friday's session.

Newell had taken over the navigation of the Mr. Pete about an hour before the collision.

Botanist on Mexico tour looking for future food

By LEONARD GREENWOOD

The Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — A tall, rangy Australian botanist is driving thousands of miles through rural Mexico, looking for plants that might one day save millions of people from starvation.

Robert Reid is looking for any tree, plant or shrub that might feed future generations directly or indirectly, but he is particularly interested in plants that will provide pasture for livestock.

Reid, who heads a joint project of the Australian and Mexican governments, says he is in a race against time to find the plants and protect them in plant or seed banks before they are wiped out by man's destruction of nature.

"As man advances into virgin lands and forests, thousands of ecotypes, or varieties within species of plants, disappear every decade," Reid said in an interview here. "We might not need them now but we will in the future. If we don't safeguard them now, they might not be there when we need them."

Reid, who has spent years studying botany, has collected plants in Colombia, Brazil, Australia, Cuba, Argentina and Africa. But the project he is working on now is vital to the future, he said, because "Mexico is a center of diversity of some of the most important tropical legumes known to exist in the world."

Legume is a term used to define the large family of herbs, shrubs and trees, including peas, beans and clover, that are often used as forage.

Reid works for the Australian Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, which is cooperating on the project with the Mexican National Institute of Agriculture Research. His search is mainly for legumes that will grow well in the tropics with limited use of fertilizers under difficult soil conditions, and that will replenish the soil with nitrogen.

"These are generally the poorest countries of the world," Reid said. "Over huge areas of Africa, Central and South America and

India, you need 50 acres of natural grassland to get one cow ready for market after four years.

"By adding legumes, such as the tropical equivalent of clover or alfalfa, we can feed one cow on every five acres and have it ready for market in only two years."

Mexico, he went on, has a wealth of legumes, and they often give better results when transplanted from Mexico than they do here.

Plants and insects, he said, live together in an ecological balance that permits the plant to survive but often does not let it reach its full potential. If the plant is moved to another environment, away from the insects and diseases that hold it back, it might show amazing development.

Twenty years ago, for example, the siratro plant was taken from Mexico to Australia and showed remarkable growth. It was vigorous, had good seed production and its only disadvantage was that it was not very hardy. Back came the scientists to Mexico. They found a plant of the same species and crossed it with the original.

"Today, it is one of the most important legumes of the world's dry tropical areas," Reid said.

In the six months he has been in Mexico, Reid said he had found 12 new varieties of the tree. As he gets to know Mexico better, he expects to find many more. Seeds from the varieties he has found are being sent to research stations in Australia, Hawaii, Central Africa and other tropical areas.

Such transfers of seeds and plants have benefited farmers all over the world for generations.

"The trouble is that we might not be able to do that kind of transfer in the future. In North Africa and the Middle East, population pressures are pushing people farther and farther into virgin areas, cutting the forests and wiping out plants. This destruction is going on all over the world."

There are enormous areas of land throughout the world that are badly utilized, Reid said, and added:

"If only we could learn to get the best out of our soil, we could feed the world's population of today and tomorrow without cutting down more virgin forests."

Understanding nature and using natural methods more efficiently has become more urgent since the price of petrochemicals began to increase sharply in 1973.

"In the past seven years the price of nitrogenous fertilizer has gone sky high," Reid said, "and the poor nations of the earth cannot afford them any longer. The only obvious alternative to nitrogenous fertilizer is the legume."

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Permian Basin regions gain 196 more oil, gas projects

Oil and gas operators announced 196 new operations in West Texas and southeast New Mexico last week.

Seventy-three of the projects, including 16 wildcats, were staked in District 7C of the Railroad Commission of Texas. The district's headquarters in San Angelo reported that Runnels County gained five wildcats and that four were staked in Schleicher and four in McCulloch. The others were spotted in Coke, Irion and Menard counties, each getting one.

The Midland headquarters of RRC District 8 processed 47 new projects, including nine wildcats.

The wildcat were staked in Pecos, 3; Andrews, 3; Reeves, 2; and Ector 1.

County	Wildcat	Field
District 8		
Andrews	3	5
Ector	1	3
Howard	0	8
Martin	0	2
Mitchell	0	2
Pecos	3	6
Reeves	2	6
Ward	0	2
Winkler	0	5

Total	9	38
District 8-A		
Borden	1	1
Crosby	0	4
Dawson	0	4
Gaines	2	11
Garza	1	6
Hockley	2	7
King	2	0
Lynn	1	0
Scurry	0	1

Total	10	32
District 7B		
Fisher	3	5
Nolan	2	2
Stonewall	2	0

Total	7	7
District 7C		
Coke	1	2
Crockett	0	22
Irion	1	7
McCulloch	4	0
Menard	1	0
Reagan	0	19
Runnels	5	2
Schleicher	4	1
Sutton	0	3
Tom Green	0	3
Upton	0	3

Total	16	57
New Mexico		
Chaves	2	4
Eddy	1	5
Lea	3	4
Roosevelt	1	0

Total	7	13
Total	49	147
Grand Total	196	

DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Wildcat—Charles L. Walker No. 2-3 Fisher, 570 from north, 1,060 from west section 24, block A-34, PSL, 11 northwest Andrews, 3,200.

Wildcat—Walker No. 3-C Underwood, 467 from south, 2,173 from west section 17, block A-34, PSL, 11 northwest Andrews, 4,760.

Wildcat—Amoco Prod. No. 73-A C.W. Logsdon, 915 from south, 660 from east, section 5, block A-32, PSL, 19 northwest Andrews, 8,500.

Fuhrman-Mascho—Rankin Oil No. 5 Bassel et al., 880 from north, 1,760 from west section 6, block A-42, PSL, 16 west Andrews, 4,900.

Fuhrman-Mascho—Rankin Oil No. 2-Ehrig et al., 2,200 from north, 1,200 from east, section 6, block A-42, PSL, 16 west Andrews, 4,900.

Fuhrman-Mascho—Rankin Oil No. 1-B Parker et al., 2,200 from south, 1,000 from east, section 21, block A-41, PSL, 16 west Andrews, 4,900.

Fuhrman-Mascho—Rankin Oil No. 2-B Parker et al., 2,200 from south and east, section 21, block A-41, PSL, 16 west Andrews, 4,900.

Bedford (Wolfcamp)—Recomplete—Shell Oil

No. 13 Ratliff & Bedford, 860 from north, 1,000 from east, section 4, block 73, PSL, 20 northwest Goldsmith, 9,890.

CULBERSON COUNTY
Wildcat—Amend—The Superior Oil Co. No. 1 Covington-State, 3,300 from north, 1,780 from east section 1, block 15, PSL, 30 southwest Orla, 13,000. (Amend location)

ECTOR COUNTY
Wildcat—Vann Energy No. 2 Ector County Airport, 467 from south, 660 from west section 38, block 42, T-1-S, T&P, 2.5 northeast Odessa, 6,300.

Cowden, North—Petro. Corp. No. 3-29 Blakeney, 1,320 from south, 440 from east section 29, block 43, T-1-N, T&P, 4 east Goldsmith, 4,500.

Cowden, South—Phillips—Rule 37—Phillips Petro. No. 2-18 South Cowden Unit, 2,051 from south, 1,636 from east section 7, block 42, T-3-S, T&P, 7 southwest Odessa, 4,825.

Cowden, South (8790 Canyon)—Sun Oil No. 189-A Paul Moss, 1,820 from north, 820 from west, section 2, block 43, T-3-S, T&P, 4 southwest Odessa, 9,200.

HOWARD COUNTY
Synner—Wood, McShane & Thams No. 15-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 1,650 from north, 1,650 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 16-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 1,650 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 17-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 18-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 19-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 20-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 21-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 22-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 23-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 24-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 25-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 26-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 27-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 28-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 29-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 30-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 31-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 32-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 33-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 34-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 35-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 36-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Snyder—Wood No. 37-A D.H. Snyder Jr., 430 from north, 2,310 from west section 28, block 30, T-1-S, T&P, 12 southwest Snyder, 2,880.

Pecos Valley (Wolfcamp)—Re-entry—Zinke & Philby No. 3 Ollix, 990 from northeast, 2,173 from northwest, section 37, block 3, Imperial, 5,750.

Gomez (Wolfcamp, Upper)—Amend—Tenneco Oil No. 1-22 Mendal State, 660 from north and east, section 22, block 48, T-9, T&P, 18 northwest Fort Stockton, 12,500.

Wildcat—PDC Gas No. 7 University, 1,980 from north and east, section 11, block 17, ULS, 3 southeast Bakersfield, 2,000.

Wildcat—PDC No. 8 University, 1,980 from south and west, section 4, block 17, ULS, 3 southeast Bakersfield, 2,000.

Grey Ranch (Ellenburger)—Re-entry—Anderson Oil No. 1-20 Slaughter-State, 1,320 from north and east, section 20, block 129, T&SL, 40 southeast Fort Stockton, 18,500.

Downie (Ellenburger)—Anderson No. 1-32 Slaughter, 2,639 from north and east, section 32, block 129, T&SL, 40 southeast Fort Stockton, 23,000.

Wildcat—Total Petro. No. 1-8 D.C.O. Wilson Jr., 660 from north, 1,980 from west, section 8, block 145, T&SL, 17 southwest Girvin, 5,500.

REEVES COUNTY
Casey Draw (Delaware)—Petro. Explor. No. 1 Richer State, 467 from north and east lines, section 5, block C-12, PSL, 15 southwest Toyah, 4,150.

Sullivan (Cherry Canyon)—OWDD—Rule 37—William E. Hendon No. 2-A W.E. Bell, 1,377 from section 44, block 57, T-1, T&P, 5 northwest Orla, 3,900.

Wildcat—Floyd Inc. No. 1 Marg G. Zanca, 660 from north, 1,980 from east, section 17, block 59, PSL, 16 northwest Toyah, 1,800.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 103 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,980 from south and east, section 10, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 5,400.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 104 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,520 from south, 1,120 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 105 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 106 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 107 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 108 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 109 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 110 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 111 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 112 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 113 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 114 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 115 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 116 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 117 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 118 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 119 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 120 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 121 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

Robertson, North (Clear Fork)—Exxon Corp. No. 122 Robertson Clear Fork Unit, 1,500 from south, 2,170 from east, section 7, block A-24, PSL, 8 southwest Seminole, 7,300.

CROSBY COUNTY
Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—James & Delton Caddell No. 6-1038 R.M. Wheeler, 1,980 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 7-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 8-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 9-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 10-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 11-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 12-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 13-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 14-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 15-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 16-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 17-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 18-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

Ridge, South (Clear Fork)—Caddell No. 19-1038 R.M. Wheeler Estate, 660 from north and west lines, section 1038, J.P. Pugh, 13 southwest Ralls, 4,300.

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Fractures in the thick crust of ice show as dark lines in this photo of Europa, a moon of the planet Jupiter, made by Voyager 2. Data from the space-

craft indicates alien life may exist in a subsurface ocean on Europa, according to NASA consultant Richard C. Hoagland. (AP Laserphoto)

Immigration bans gay foreigners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department-lawyers have told the Immigration and Naturalization Service it must change its policy and enforce a statutory ban on the admission of homosexual foreigners into the United States.

The decision was immediately criticized by Charles F. Brydon, co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force in New York. Brydon said he was "very disappointed" in the ruling and that he hoped government officials would meet with homosexual rights groups before moving to enforce the ban.

Justice Department attorneys sent

David Crosland, acting director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a memo saying the immigration service "is statutorily required to enforce the exclusion of homosexual aliens" under the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act.

The decision reversed a position taken in August when the government said it would no longer use homosexuality as a reason for denying aliens entry into the United States.

That policy was announced after U.S. Surgeon General Julius B. Richmond said the Public Health Service did not consider homosexuality a "mental disease or defect."

Richmond said that beginning Aug. 2, government physicians would "no longer issue medical holds on aliens suspected solely of being homosexual."

The change was made to "reflect current and generally accepted canons of medical practice with respect to homosexuality," Richmond said, and also because homosexuality could not be determined through a medical diagnostic procedure.

The Public Health Service announced its policy change this summer after a court challenge by a London antique restorer who arrived at the San Francisco airport wearing a "Gay Pride" button. In reply to an immigration official, the man said he was a homosexual. He was barred from entering the United States.

That decision was reversed when Richmond issued his directive to health service doctors.

The immigration service temporarily halted efforts to keep foreign visitors thought to be homosexuals out of the United States, pending a Justice Department review of the legal issues involved.

But Crosland said Wednesday he was advised by Justice Department lawyers to enforce the law.

Guidelines will be issued in the next few weeks telling immigration officers what questions can be asked of foreigners entering the country, Crosland said.

Foreigners will not be asked about sexual preferences unless an immigration official has some reason to suspect homosexuality, he said. "Millions of people visit the country each year. If we set up a whole series of questions, you would have a tremendous backup at airports," Crosland said.

Immigration officials do not know exactly how many foreigners have been kept out of the United States because they were believed to be homosexual, but Crosland said the number was very small.

He said the total number of people excluded for all medical and psychiatric reasons from 1971 to 1978 was 31, of which homosexuals would represent an even smaller number.

to face extradition hearings within the next 10 days, Assistant U.S. District Attorney Mike Ringer said in Oklahoma City Wednesday.

One of the women allegedly robbed Rita Valdez of Pueblo of her purse and \$68 at a market here Monday afternoon, police said. The victim gave authorities a description of the woman and the license number of the car, which was a stolen vehicle from Oklahoma.

Pueblo police stopped the three women later at a roadblock by ramming into the car.

Oklahoma authorities said the women are accused of beating and stabbing a Leona McMillan, 71, Saturday in an Enid supermarket parking lot after they escaped from Texas, and kidnapping Regina M. Raymond and her 3-year-old son, Cameron, in Oklahoma City Sunday.

The woman and her son were released at the Wichita, Kan. airport nine hours later.

Jupiter moon seen as most likely spot to find alien life

WASHINGTON (AP) — Europa, a moon of the planet Jupiter, may be the most likely place in the solar system to search for some form of life, says a scientist who has studied data from the Voyager 2 spacecraft.

Richard C. Hoagland, a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, says the Voyager data indicates that beneath the surface of Europa is an ocean of water, "the prime prerequisite for life as we know it."

Hoagland, writing in the January issue of "Star & Sky" magazine, bases his theories on information gathered by Voyager during its July fly-bys of Jupiter and its four moons.

"Only three other objects in the solar system have ever been seriously suggested as abodes of life — Mars, Jupiter and Saturn's moon Titan," he said. "Spacecraft investigations of all three of these bodies in recent years have cast doubt on life existing on any of them."

"The Voyager 2 findings leave little doubt that Europa is covered with a crust of ice perhaps five miles thick that envelops a global ocean possibly 60 miles deep," he wrote.

He also suggests that at one time, conditions on the Jovian moon were such that the ocean was free of ice.

"Jupiter was once a miniature sun according to our current concepts of solar system formation," he said.

"It only lasted a short time — a few million years at most — but for that brief period Europa probably basked

in energy as rich as any streaming toward Earth today from the sun."

That was long enough, Hoagland said, "for molecules that are suspected life-process precursors to be created as they have been in thousands of earthly laboratory simulations. ... The life precursor molecules produced during Europa's first few million years could have continued to evolve under a canopy of ice, sustained by internal heat sources."

Europa looks like a giant cracked eggshell in pictures relayed back to Earth from Voyager 2. Crisscrossing its yellow surface are hundreds of

dark cracks, some of which seem to be as wide as 30 miles and as long as 2,000 miles.

The next chance scientists will have to get a further look at Europa is in the mid-1980s when NASA launches its Galileo satellite into orbit around Jupiter. The satellite is to pass repeatedly within a few hundred miles of Europa.

"The real excitement will arrive with the first human expedition to Europa," Hoagland said. "Only by landing there will we discover if Europa is another Earth which somehow died before it had a chance."

Virus forces shelter to eliminate 106 animals

BROOKHAVEN, N.Y. (AP) — Officials of a Suffolk County animal shelter and a nearby animal hospital said 106 dogs were killed this week in an effort to stop the spread of a canine disease.

Veterinarians throughout the New York area disagreed about whether the disease, acute hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, is usually fatal, but one speculated that the Long Island cases were victims of a particularly virulent form of the disease.

Brookhaven Town Councilman Neal Capria said Wednesday that the town's animal shelter destroyed about 90 dogs on Christmas Eve after they were found to be suffering from the ailment.

Barbara Pizza, administrative director of the Animal Emergency Hospital in the Long Island community of Coram, said 16 diseased dogs were put to death there.

Dogs infected with the ailment,

caused by a virus called parvo, suffer internal bleeding, vomiting and diarrhea. Some veterinarians say it can lead to dehydration, hemorrhaging and death.

Capria, the town council's liaison to the shelter, said the disease is almost always fatal, and that the dogs at the shelter "were killed for their own good and for the good of other animals."

But Dr. Steve Kritsick of the Animal Medical Center in Manhattan said there was no reason for the pet-owning public to be alarmed.

Kritsick said that after the Long Island cases were reported, the Manhattan facility received numerous calls from worried pet owners.

Kritsick said parvo "is a serious disease ... (which) can be fatal rapidly," but is "not necessarily fatal." He said the Manhattan center would try to treat animals affected by the disease, rather than automatically kill them.

Waco man held in knife deaths

WACO, Texas (AP) — Sheriff's deputies have arrested a 30-year-old Waco man on murder warrants issued in connection with a Christmas Eve knife attack that left two men dead and another seriously wounded.

McLennan County Sheriff Dave Roberts said Marvin L. Vaughn was arrested in Waco Wednesday night on warrants issued by Justice of the Peace W. R. Lively in Clifton.

Lively said he set bond at \$100,000 on each murder warrant and \$25,000 on another warrant for aggravated assault.

Mike Kilgo, 23, and Ervin Haynes, 23, both of Waco, were slain Monday night when they were attacked in the Waco suburb of Valley View by "two or three men" who stabbed them in the throat.

Lloyd Roberson, 22, of Hico, was wounded in the attack and was listed in stable condition Wednesday night. Roberson underwent surgery Monday night for a stab wound in the back.

Roberson has been unable to give investigators an accurate description of his assailants. He said it was two or three men driving what he thought was a red car.

Roberts said Roberson was heavily sedated Wednesday and unable to give them any more information on the attack. The sheriff said he would try to talk to Roberson again today.

Officials theorize two of the victims were outside their car at the time they were stabbed and that the third was sitting in the car or attempting to get out and fell out.

Roberts declined to say if authorities had any more suspects in the double slaying, but he said the incident was still under investigation.

Maid of Cotton search begins

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The annual search for the American cotton industry's good-will ambassador — the Maid of Cotton — has begun.

Sixteen finalists from 12 cotton-producing states arrived Wednesday for the 42nd annual Maid of Cotton competition. Following three days of judging and social events, a successor to the 1979 maid, Suzanne Snipes of Greenville, Miss., will be chosen Friday night.

The winner's first official appearance will come at the Cotton Bowl parade and football game in Dallas on New Year's Day. After a cram course on the American cotton industry, the new maid will begin a yearlong tour, in this country and abroad, to promote the fiber.

Maid of Cotton contestants are judged on their personality, poise, communications skills and

appearance. Memphis has been the host city for the contest since its inception in 1939 by The Memphis Press-Scimitar, the city's afternoon newspaper, and the Memphis Cotton Carnival Association. The Memphis-based National Cotton Council and the Memphis Rotary Club have joined as sponsors since the contest began. This year's field includes: Peggy Latham, 20, of Memphis; Miriam White, 21, of Memphis; Lisa Patricia Redditt, 20, of Greenwood, Miss.; Rebecca Gail Bush, 20, of Tupelo, Miss.; Melissa

Amber Haynes, 19, of Blytheville, Ark.; Nan Andrews, 21, of Marianna, Ark.; Beth Adams, 20, of Dothan, Ala.; Dulce Stephanie Kingman, 19, of Atlanta, Ga.; Melissa Mock, 21, of Altus, Okla.; Janette Shelby, 19, of Charleston, Mo.; Janet Ward Black, 20, of Kannapolis, N.C.; Elizabeth Hunt Holding, 21, of Wake Forest, N.C.; Therese Ann Blake, 21, of Balboa Island, Calif.; Janis Johnson, 20, of Pampa, Texas; Susan Elizabeth Raines, 20, of Dallas, Texas; Lorrie Susan Merideth, 20, of Yuma, Ariz.

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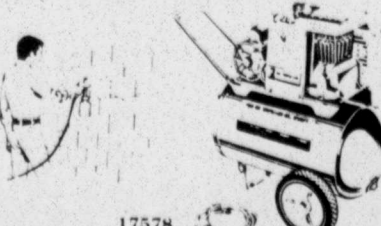
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