

Experts Prepare To Cap Runaway Spill

Hope To Plug North Sea Well By Wednesday

good afternoon



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Today's Chuckle

May is when you remember three more deductions for your 1976 income tax return.

Weather Report

High Sunday, 78; low 48; 7 a.m. Monday, 52; highest this year, 85 degrees March 15; lowest this year, 9 degrees January 1. Rainfall for the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. 0; total this month, 2.44 inches; normal this month, 4.80 inches; total this year, 17.74 inches.

Texas Today

Senate Approves Interest Rate Bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Economic Development Committee approved a bill today raising interest rates on \$100-\$300 loans—a bill its chief critic, Sen. Bill Patman, calls a "true loan sharking bill." The committee sent the bill to the Senate floor on a 5-0 vote without discussion. This is the second interest rate bill to clear the committee. The Senate, however, refused to debate the first one. Patman, D-Ganado, said the second measure would raise the highest annual rate on loans of \$100 to \$300 from 31.4 per cent to 149 per cent, plus "acquisition charges" paid to the lender for giving the loan in the first place. Testimony was taken on the bill last Thursday, but the vote was postponed until today, with at least one more witness expected to testify. Neither the witness nor Patman were present when the vote was taken.

Odessa Editors Facing DA Charges

ODESSA (AP) — The Odessa American has launched a counter-attack against Dist. Atty. John Green of Ector County, who sent executives at the newspaper a letter threatening to an investigation of alleged wrongdoing. A long editorial was published in the newspaper Sunday as well as a story on the letter. Publisher Lyle DeBolt accused Green of attempting to intimidate the newspaper and urged him to go ahead with an investigation of four instances of alleged wrongdoing the prosecutor claims involves the paper's top editors. In his letter, Green issued a warning to the Odessa American's management that it may be ordered to appear before the Ector County grand jury.

Four Die In Beaumont Fire

BEAUMONT (AP) — A mother and three children died as fire flashed through a small frame house about 12:30 a.m. today. Authorities listed them as Judy Anne Pinkney, 33; her sons Hubert, 9, and Schnequa, 8; and her niece Stephanie Citizen, 15. Firemen said they had not determined how the blaze started.

STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — American experts went ahead today with preparations to cap the runaway well spewing millions of gallons of crude oil into the North Sea. They hoped to do the job by Wednesday and were working against an unfavorable weather forecast.

"Our plan for plugging the leakage continues according to schedule, and the weather today is still very good," said a spokesman for the Phillips Petroleum Co., which operates the well 180 miles off the Norwegian coast.

"The barge Shottow is alongside the rig with necessary technical and hydraulic equipment. The two Adair firefighters will enter the rig again later today and start preparations for the plugging work. It may still take some days to complete the dangerous work."

Boots Hansen and Richard Hattenberg, two of famed oil well firefighter Red Adair's men, were put aboard the oil-covered drilling rig atop the well Sunday.

They reported that the leak was on the rig itself and that the underwater portion of the well was undamaged. It was hoped that the flow could be stopped with a device called a Christmas tree, a multi-valve cap that is put atop new wells to stop the oil flow until production plans are decided.

Another spokesman for Phillips estimated the capping operation would take one to three days, depending on the weather.

After blowing 8 to 10 knots from the north and northeast during the weekend, the wind shifted this morning and dropped to a very light two-knot breeze from the south.

But "the wind will increase gradually and by mid-night it is expected to reach more than 10 knots," the Norwegian Meteorological Institute said. "Tuesday and Wednesday we expect it to increase to light gale force from the south and southwest."

"This will not have much influence on the drifting of the main oil slick, but it may make working conditions aboard the rig more difficult for the experts."

The company said if the capping effort fails, it would drill another well nearby to relieve some of the pressure so capping would be possible.

The blowout has created a 12-mile oil slick drifting back and forth in the area. The slick was estimated at two to five miles wide.

Antipollution boats were to begin a major cleanup effort today.

"If the good weather holds, we hope to remove quite a lot of oil from the surface," said Hans Bugge, chief of the Norwegian cleanup operation.

Norway's environmental minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland, said the government hoped to avoid using chemicals to reduce the damage to fish in the area.

"I am more optimistic about avoiding a major pollution of coastal areas," said Mrs. Brundtland after

a flight over the slick Sunday.

Officials said some of the oil was beginning to dissipate.

"If the wind continues to change as it did in the last 24 hours, chances are good that the oil slick will continue to drift around in the North Sea for several days without approaching the coasts of Norway or Denmark," said Olav Carlsen of the pollution control agency.

The well created a 180-foot geyser and was flowing at an estimated 49,000 gallons an hour, more than twice the speed normal for North Sea wells, after the pipe burst Friday night. A Phillips spokesman said the flow was reduced when Hansen and Hattenberg shut off undersea valves left open when the rig's 112 crewmen were evacuated.

Other drilling operations were shut down in the Ekofisk oil field because of fire danger from the drifting slick.

British officials said the blowout threatened mackerel breeding grounds and could ruin an important source of British food.

There is a "serious risk" the oil will "end up on our shores," said British Energy Secretary Tony Benn, who flew over the area Sunday. The rig is about 200 miles east of Dundee, Scotland, and the British government said plans were being made to deal with possible pollution of the Scottish coast.

Oilmen See 'Red' When Wells Run Amuck

Fighting Oil, Gas Rig Fires Around The World 38 Years

HOUSTON (AP) — Paul Adair, much better known as "Red," has been fighting oil and gas rig fires for 38 years at locations ranging from deserts to oceans.

Oil and gas operators have made it a habit of calling Red when one of their drilling rigs blows out.

The red-haired, middle-aged Texan has dispatched some of the specialists that he's built since his company started at Houston in 1959 to the offshore rig fire in the North Sea off Norway that's already produced a giant oil slick measured in square miles.

In 1968 Adair plugged a leak in a gas rig in the Bass Strait off Australia after a 29-day effort. That blowout was similar to the current problem with the Phillips Petroleum Ecotisk Field off Norway.

Adair capped the Australian rig by

pumping mud into the well to seal the leak, stopping the spewing gas and halting the spread of oil on the water.

Although Adair has tapped out blazes and blowouts as quickly as 45 minutes, most operations take weeks or longer. A blazing Phillips gas well in Algeria once required six months of Adair's time.

Though he won't talk about his fees or income, Adair is no stranger to luxury automobiles, homes and power boats.

The Texas grandfather and his crewmen are easily identifiable as they work on well fires. They all wear red underwear, coveralls, boots and hard hats. These replaced asbestos suits, regarded as "too clumsy" by Adair. He insists, however, that he and his workers are constantly drenched by water as

they work close to the inferno-like conditions where they ply their trade.

"I like the challenge of the job," Adair has said. "When the phone rings I never know where I'm going or what situation I'll have to face."

Although the calls often lead to exotic places, Adair's closest brush with death came at Hollywood Park racetrack in Inglewood, Calif., in 1954. During a fire at an oil well located at the track, Adair's hips were crushed by a crane. Doctors first gave him little chance to live, then said he would never walk again. Four months later Adair walked out of the hospital to resume his risky lifestyle.

Adair went into the business when he caught the eye of Myron Kinley in 1939.



PAUL N. "RED" ADAIR

Congress Begins Work On Energy Proposals

Bogged Down In Debate Over Carter's Economic Stimulus Tax Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is beginning work on President Carter's energy proposals while still bogged down in debate over his economic stimulus tax bill.

The Senate, in its fifth day of debate on the tax bill, was wrestling today with a Republican proposal that would provide for the kind of permanent cut in individual taxes that Carter has said he will veto.

The GOP plan would provide about \$200 in permanent tax cuts for most American families and would cost the federal treasury \$7.9 billion a year. Carter wants any substantial permanent changes in the tax code to await a comprehensive reform program he plans to propose later this year.

Meanwhile, CIA Director Stansfield Turner was called before a House commerce subcommittee today

to answer questions about a CIA report Carter cited in concluding that world supplies of petroleum have fallen far behind expected demand.

The CIA report says that by 1985 the world will be using more petroleum than it is producing.

The proposals for specific legislation to carry out the tough energy program Carter revealed last week are to reach Congress this week, possibly Tuesday.

Carter's energy chief, James R. Schlesinger, tentatively is scheduled to testify Wednesday before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The hearing begins the process of considering Carter's complex plan, which seeks to conserve dwindling supplies of petroleum by raising prices, taxing crude oil and gas-guzzling automobiles and establishing a standby gasoline tax that could reach as

much as 50 cents per gallon. The President's program also would provide incentives to get people to insulate their homes.

Schlesinger also may be asked to testify this week before the new special energy committee set up by the House. The panel is scheduled to organize during the week.

The administration bill to create a new Cabinet level Department of Energy, which Schlesinger would head, is expected to be approved during the week by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and by a House government operations subcommittee.

Republicans have not yet revealed what they say will be a counterproposal to Carter's energy policy. But they have said it will focus on increasing production and will not involve a gasoline tax.

Legislators Putting Knife To Appropriations Bill

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — State representatives had their carving knives ready when they began work this afternoon on a \$15.7 billion general appropriation bill.

The bill is fair game because trimming it is about the only way funds can be obtained for giving teachers a respectable pay raise and improved retirement.

And the bill isn't all that generous to begin with. A number of agencies would not get enough money to stay abreast of inflation, nor would their employees. State workers would get 3.4 per cent annual raises, while inflation once again is moving at a double-digit pace.

Look for efforts to eliminate proposed increases in welfare grants and part of the \$150 million in new construction proposed by the House Appropriations Committee.

"If we adopt House Bill 510 (the budget bill) we would have \$765.5 million left," said Lynn Moak, I. Gov. Bill Hobby's fiscal expert.

The House has passed a \$695 million

school finance bill, heavy on relief for school districts and their taxpayers. A \$263 million teacher pay raise bill is out of committee, and a sizeable teacher retirement bill also is in the works.

Callie Smith, executive secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association disavows any effort to beef up teacher pay at the expense of welfare recipients.

He says he is worried, however, because the bill doesn't contain the traditional guarantee of automatic funding of the Foundation School Program even if its costs exceed the \$4.3 billion provided by appropriation.

"It would be a tremendous obstacle for the public schools of the state to come in each year and compete for money in the general appropriation bill," Smith said.

Rep. Mickey Leland, who represents a Houston ghetto, said he feared there would be an effort to the proposed increase in the average monthly Aid-to-Families with Dependent Children grant from \$32 to \$40. Two-year cost would be \$75 million.



Easter Bonnet

A tiny Rouen duckling quacks at its owner, Velma Gray of Granite Falls, Wash. Hatched the day after Easter, it was the only one in a flock of five to enter the world with an off-white topknot—"just like an Easter bonnet," Ms. Gray said.

AP Photo

Sports

Netherton-Frase Win Partnership Golf Crown

By ROB LINEBACK
News Messenger Writer

David Netherton of Shreveport, La., broke a three-way tie for the championship by hitting a 15-foot chip shot from the base of the flag on the 18th hole, dropping the ball in for a birdie and snatching a one-stroke victory for his team in Sunday's final round of the 1977 Marshall Lakeside Partnership golf tournament.

The pressure shot, which

gave Netherton and his partner Gene Frase of Shreveport a 70 for the day, broke a three-way tie for the championship. Netherton sank his final shot from the edge of the green at the 18th hole. The ball landed about 4 feet from the hole, bounced up, hit the flag and dropped in for a birdie and snatching a one-stroke victory for his team in Sunday's final round of the 1977 Marshall Lakeside Partnership golf tournament.

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Morgan took fourth with a 156 total.

In the third flight, Coy Jones-Kimbro-Herbie Garsick finished first with a 157, and Bob Smith-Bill Burns finished second with a 159 as did the team of Al Fenwick-Ronnie Hammetts. Glenn Liston-Chester Berry took fourth in the third flight with a 160.

Lane Duck winners were: Bobby Gilliam-Les Corley in the championship flight, with 147; Pete Whaley-Bob Abney in the first flight, with a 151; Gordon Dupre-George-Bowers in the second flight, with a 157; and John Ingle-Wes Newell in the third flight, with a 169.

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Summers-Thomas 69-74-143

Taylor-Love 72-71-143

Freeman-Dumas 72-72-144

Broadus-Moore 72-72-144

Chandler-Baker 72-72-144

Avarelo-Seger 72-72-144

Glenn-Hammetts 72-72-144

Star-Mahoe 72-72-144

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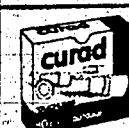
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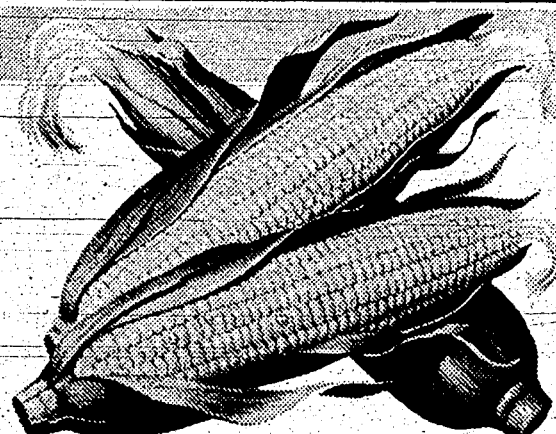
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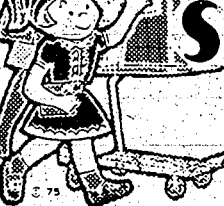
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