

# State senators told sinking tale

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AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The many dangers from land subsidence — ranging from sinking homes to possibly thousands of deaths during a hurricane — were expressed Wednesday before a Senate committee.

Sen. A. R. Schwartz, D-Galveston, said the most critical problem caused by sinking land in Harris and Galveston counties is that highways that were once eight feet above sea level are now only five feet.

"During a hurricane people may wait too late to go to safety thinking the water will not cover the highway," Schwartz said. "And it would take only a few stalled cars to leave thousands of people stranded in the heart of the storm."

Baytown mayor Tom Gentry said subsidence already is a major problem because a normal tide of 3½ feet puts water in many homes.

The testimony came before the Natural Resources Committee, which is considering a bill sponsored by Sen. Bob Gammage, D-Houston, that would set up a local district to control the amount of water drawn from beneath the earth.

Gammage said subsidence occurs when underground water is removed for home and industrial use at a rate greater than it is being replaced — causing the ground to sink.

An almost identical bill received unanimous House approval, and the Senate version received a boost when Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said he was willing to work with the House bill.

Brooks is the sponsor of a measure seeking relief from subsidence through an existing state agency.

Robert Gabrys of the U.S. Geological Survey told the committee that 2,500 square miles of land in the general Galveston-Harris county area had dropped by one foot or more by 1973.

"The land affected is shaped like an inverted cone with the tip lying at Pasadena a suburb of Houston," Gabrys said. "In Pasadena, for example, the land receded only one foot between 1906 and 1943, but it has dropped 7½ feet since then."

"For all practical purposes, subsidence is irreversible," he said. "A recent California study showed that the chance of having the land rebound is limited to five percent at most."

The House bill's sponsor, Rep. Bill Caraway, D-Houston, said his measure is an attempt to solve a local problem through a local effort.

Gammage asked the committee to send his bill to subcommittee to work out the differences between his measure and the House bill.

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## Last Marine

# Final rescue mission fatal

EL PASO (AP) — The sight of terrified Vietnamese children running through the streets, crying for their mothers so disturbed Marine 1 Lt. Michael John Shea that he wrote his wife to say he was "glad he didn't have to live forever."

Wednesday, the body of the young Marine lieutenant floated in the South China sea, possibly the last serviceman to die in Vietnam. Shea's helicopter, which was on a rescue mission, crashed Tuesday as it neared the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hancock.

"I had been getting letters lately saying he was discouraged by what was going on over there," said his widow, the former Jenny McCabe, Shea's high school sweetheart.

"He couldn't believe that this country had let those people down like we had. He was very concerned about the children."

Shea was "a good man, very, very dedicated to the Marine Corps and to his country," she said. "He knew he was doing right by being in the Corps, and he would do whatever they told him."

"He didn't say anything about more fighting in the letters, but I know he felt that the war should have been fought to be won, not with all this messing around. He said he felt so bad for those children. He loves children."

The 25-year-old pilot was a mother's dream. He was voted El Paso's Parkland High School's Most Popular and Most Outstanding Boy in 1968, and was the captain of the varsity football team for the last two of the four years he played. He played on the basketball and baseball teams for four years and was on the track team for two.

"He was a fine young man, really an all-around person," said his high school counselor, Harry Payne. "He was vice-president of his junior and senior classes."

His former coach, Bobby J. Kirtley remembered him as a "natural leader."

In 1973, Shea graduated with

## A&M couple To receive 3 degrees

Before JoAnn and Leonard Oswald were married, they had already decided that one degree between them wasn't enough.

They decided two wouldn't be either. So in a few days the Oswalds, both cum laude graduates, will receive three sheepskins as they walk across the stage together, members of the Class of '75.

The achievement culminates years of schooling for them, the past two-and-one-half as husband and wife.

Leonard, 24, from Waco, will be accepting one bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and another in industrial engineering while JoAnn, 22-year-old Guy native, will receive a bachelor of science degree in recreation and parks.

Participating in a cooperative education program, they worked in Houston two semesters and then attended school two semesters.

honor from the University of Texas-El Paso with a bachelor of science in mathematics. There, he played back-up quarterback for the Miners.

"He was terrific, clean-cut, a very good student," remembers Betty Putnam. She and her husband, Judd, lived below the Sheas in student housing at UTEP. "We were all good friends. I gave Jenny a shower for her first baby."

The Sheas have two sons, Matthew, 3, and Mark, 11 months. Now, Mrs. Shea's main concern is "picking up our lives, getting them in order."

She said Matthew is still "too young to really understand death, but I've told him his father is with Jesus. He prays for him."

Tuesday, Shea and three other Marines were flying a rescue mission in a Marine CH46 helicopter when the chopper went down in the South China sea. Missing and presumed dead with him was Capt. William C. Nystul. Two Marine enlisted men on board the helicopter were rescued. Shea's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shea, also live in El Paso.

## Bigamist sought by police

Houston (AP) — A night watchman was indicted on charges of bigamy Wednesday after four women claimed him as their husband.

County records show he has been married and divorced three other times also.

The much-wed man, Danny Nolan Kizer, 27, is being sought.

The indictment said Kizer married Rose Linda Kizer in 1971; Linda Joy Kizer on Feb. 3, 1973; Marlene G. Kizer on June 22, 1974 and Cynthia R. Kizer on Aug. 26, 1974.

County records show Kizer also applied for four other marriage licenses. He applied to marry Patsy McDonald on Dec. 22, 1967 and was divorced June 10, 1971. On June 30, 1970, it was Doreen S. Ford, followed by a May 9, 1974 divorce. He applied to marry Nelda J. Williamson on June 23, 1972 and they were divorced on May 22, 1973.

He applied for a license on Feb. 4, 1965, but there is no record that marriage took place.

Two of the wives, Marlene and Cynthia, went to authorities after they met on a visit to a sick friend.

"I asked her who she was and she said she was Danny's wife," said Cynthia. "I said so am I."

The other two wives were discovered shortly afterward. All of the seven wives were between 18 and 24 years old.

## School system hurts Chicanos?

The implications of education may have an adverse effect on Chicanos, a Colorado university professor said Wednesday night.

Moises Venegas, director of the Teacher Corps at Southern Colorado State College, said Texas A&M is a good example of what Mexican-Americans experience because of the small number of Chicano students at A&M. Venegas' speech was presented by the Committee for Awareness Mexican-American Culture.

Venegas said Mexican-American students could either assimilate into the Anglo school system or reject it.

"Chicanos become what the educational system says is appropriate," Venegas said. "Those of us who resist drop out." He said the present educational system begins to destroy Chicano identity on the first day of school.

Venegas said the educational system philosophy is to help students enhance what they already are but said that this is not the ideal currently being practiced. He said the Chicano becomes the victim of cultural decomposition.

"People conform; if they don't, they become the outcast, the radical, the militant," Venegas said.

Most Chicanos have dropped out of the educational system before they reach the college level, he said.

The discrepancy between Anglo achievement and Chicano achievement is the result of the language barrier. "Everything in our educational system is based on reading," Venegas said. He added that 70-75 percent of Chicanos in the eighth grade were reading at two or more grade levels below the average.

He said the loss of identity revealed in the educational system often begins in the home.

"It starts at home but schools should never be separate from the home," Venegas said.

## A&M gets \$1000 to aid researchers

Texas A&M University has received \$1,000 earmarked to help its archaeologists continue research in West Texas near Comstock.

The Winship Foundation of Corpus Christi has donated the amount to aid completion of research this summer along the Pecos River.

Working at the site last summer, the researchers uncovered artifacts as old as 3,000 years, among the oldest findings in Texas.

## bulletin board

THURSDAY  
MIDLAND HOMETOWN CLUB will hold elections for officers at 8 p.m. in room 502 of the Rudder Tower.

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS FROM MEXICO will hold an election of officers and present a slide show of the year's activities at 8 p.m. in Room 504 of the Rudder Tower.

COMMUNITY SINGERS OF B-CS will present their spring concert at 8 p.m. in the A&M Consolidated High School Auditorium.

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