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Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, center above, is flanked by security men Wednesday as he shows \$100,000 in cash collected as a reward for information about the city's missing and murdered children. Mrs. Dorothy Allison, left, a psychic, says she has found numerous clues and "hopes to have some answers by this evening." (AP Laserphotos)

## Atlanta probe continues

ATLANTA (AP) — A self-proclaimed clairvoyant who is trying to help solve the murders and disappearances of 14 black children said today she had found numerous clues on a tour of the slaying sites and "hopes to have some answers by this evening."

Dorothy Allison, a New Jersey housewife who made the remarks in an interview on NBC's "Today" show, had told reporters on Wednesday that she sensed more than one person might be involved in the deaths.

"I'm going to visit with a few more mothers this morning," Mrs. Allison said today, "and I hope to have some answers by this evening."

She said she was being purposely vague to keep the killer or killers off balance. On Wednesday, she had toured the spots where two children were found slain and visited the parents of one victim.

Police, meanwhile, were continuing a door-to-door hunt for clues and turned to a computer for help in analyzing tips.

Bringing in the clairvoyant was one of several unorthodox steps police have taken to solve the series of crimes in which a black child has disappeared every 3½ weeks since July 1979. Ten have been found dead and four still are missing.

## Iran may add conditions to free hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — New conditions for the release of the American hostages in Iran may be added to those outlined by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, a hardline member of Iran's Parliament said today.

He said a special committee of the Parliament has finished a report on the 52 U.S. hostages, and the proposed conditions for their release will be presented to the full assembly on Sunday.

But Ali Akbar Nateq Noori, a mem-



ber of the Islamic Republican Party who sits on the seven-member committee, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press "some more conditions may be added" to the four basic terms outlined by Ayatollah Khomeini.

Last month Khomeini said the conditions were the return of the late shah's fortune, a U.S. pledge not to meddle in Iranian affairs, dropping of law suits against Iran, and release of \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets.

Noori said the conditions proposed by the panel would remain "secret" until they were unveiled to the 228-member assembly on Sunday, the hostages' 358th day in captivity.

Asked if the United States was likely to accept the conditions, he said, "Maybe not now that some more will

be added, for the conditions may not be limited to the four conditions" of Khomeini.

Despite some optimistic predictions that the issue could be solved in a matter of days, Noori suggested the whole process may be time-consuming.

"It is unpredictable because opinions vary in the Majlis," or Parliament, he said.

He added it "won't take more than one week" for the first round of debate but that more rounds may be necessary if the full assembly refers the report back to committee for further study or changes.

Noori, who headed the special courts that tried suspected members of the underground anti-clerical group known as Forghan, said more

time might be consumed while the U.S. government considers the conditions.

"It is not enough to just say, 'we accept,' because our conditions are put in a special way that will be known later," he said. "If the (United States) acts in one minute then we will free them the next moment."

"What I mean by acting is to remove barriers, for example, the transfer of the shah's wealth to some other place so that we can deliver," said Noori, who was reached through the Iranian Parliament's switchboard in Tehran.

Asked what would happen to the hostages if the U.S. government found the conditions unacceptable, Noori said, "Our first decision will be put in force, the question of trial."

Alli Akbar Parvaresh, another member of the committee, told The Associated Press Wednesday the hostages would not be put on trial if the Parliament approved the committee plan. Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai told The AP earlier this week trial was a "remote" possibility.

Noori also suggested the hostages, who reportedly have been held at scattered locations throughout Iran since an aborted U.S. rescue attempt last April, might be released one at a time or in small groups rather than altogether.

"This is part of our conditions which as I said may take time," Noori said. Asked if he meant the hostages might be released a few at a time he said, "maybe, yes."

Noori, who said "our report on the

case is ready" for presentation, said that if the conditions were approved by Parliament and accepted by Washington the details of the transfer would be handled by the government.

"The government has to be in touch with officials or even other nations for carrying out the plan," said Noori.

Asked how the transfer might be handled, Noori said, "a plane can come and take them if it is decided and they (United States) take action to meet our demands..."

He suggested the hostage transfer might be handled in a similar fashion to the return of the eight U.S. servicemen killed in the abortive rescue mission.

## Texas Demos unite, Carter says

TEXARKANA (AP) — President Carter climaxed a whirlwind, three-city campaign tour by straddling the Texas-Arkansas border and encouraging Democratic backers to unite and "stomp the Republicans."

With Texas' 26 crucial electoral votes still hanging in the balance, Carter spoke at this two-state city of 52,000 Wednesday after bragging in Beaumont about his energy program and taking credit at a Waco rally for the state's declining unemployment rate.

Standing on a podium under clear, blue skies at the Texarkana post office, which sits across the state line, Carter flailed Republican opponent Ronald Reagan for "wanting to dismantle" Democratic-sponsored social legislation such as the minimum wage, Social Security and Medicaid.

The president said Republicans have tried for years to label Democratic programs designed "to alleviate human suffering" as "socialist"

and "communist."

Carter drew applause when he pointed out that former presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson also had spoken from the same border site.

Local Democrats predicted the president would win support from the agricultural-based area of Northeastern Texas and Southwestern Arkansas simply because he is a Democrat.

"This area has lots of dyed-in-the-wool Democrats," said Miller County, Ark., Democratic chairwoman Louann Dean. "That's the way they were born and raised."

Carter was joined in Texarkana by an entourage of top Democrats from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

The chief executive, who carried Texas over Gerald Ford by only 129,000 out of more than four million votes cast in 1976, was introduced by U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas.

With a broad grin on his face, Bentsen reminded the crowd of his early endorsement of Carter's re-election bid "when he was at the bottom of the polls."

In Beaumont, Carter told an enthusiastic crowd of shipyard workers his energy policies have fueled Texas' economic boom.

Carter said the "long, hard but successful battle" for a comprehensive energy program has led to a record number of drilling rigs, more wells in the planning stage and more coal being mined than ever before.

As a result of these increases, Carter said, more than 900,000 jobs have been made available to Texans, the average per capita income in Texas has increased 40 percent, and unemployment has been slashed dramatically during his term.

The president's remarks drew favorable response from many of the yard workers.

"Mr. Carter has shown he has the

leadership and the capability that this country needs," said Mark Jackson, a 27-year-old welder. "He doesn't claim to be perfect, he admits when he has made a mistake, and he is trying, and I think that is a lot more than you can say for his opponent."

Later in Waco, a crowd estimated at 5,000 gathered on the airport course to hear Carter's assertion that his administration is responsible for a 30 percent drop in the state's unemployment rate over the past 2½ years.

He also said he was wearing his "stomping boots" which are "designed to stomp Republicans on Nov. 4."

Carter added that high-top boots have other uses.

"Republicans have a habit of spreading a lot of horse manure around right before elections ... and as you know it's getting pretty deep all over the country."

## Brilab jurors declare Billy Clayton innocent

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors in the Brillab trial of Texas House Speaker Billy Clayton and two Austin lawyers say secretly recorded tapes made during the FBI's undercover sting investigation helped convince them the defendants were part of an "honest world."

Clayton, Randall Wood and Donald Ray were found innocent of six counts of bribery, extortion, racketeering and conspiracy by the federal court

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jury Wednesday. The acquittals were the first in trials stemming from the FBI's undercover Brillab and Abscam investigations.

After the verdict, the defendants charged they were manipulated and trapped by informants and prosecutors.

Brilab was an acronym for "Bribery-Labor." Prosecutors contended Clayton accepted a \$5,000 bribe and the promise of \$500,000 more a year from labor leader L.G. Moore to re-open bidding on a multimillion-dollar state employees health insurance contract.

Moore, regional director of the International Operating Engineers Union, also was indicted on the charges and was to be tried later.

Ray and Wood were accused of agreeing to accept payments to wield influence at the state capital, where both worked before entering private practice, to get the contract for the insurance company an FBI informant claimed to represent.

Clayton acknowledged receiving \$5,000, but said he considered it a campaign contribution that he intended to return.

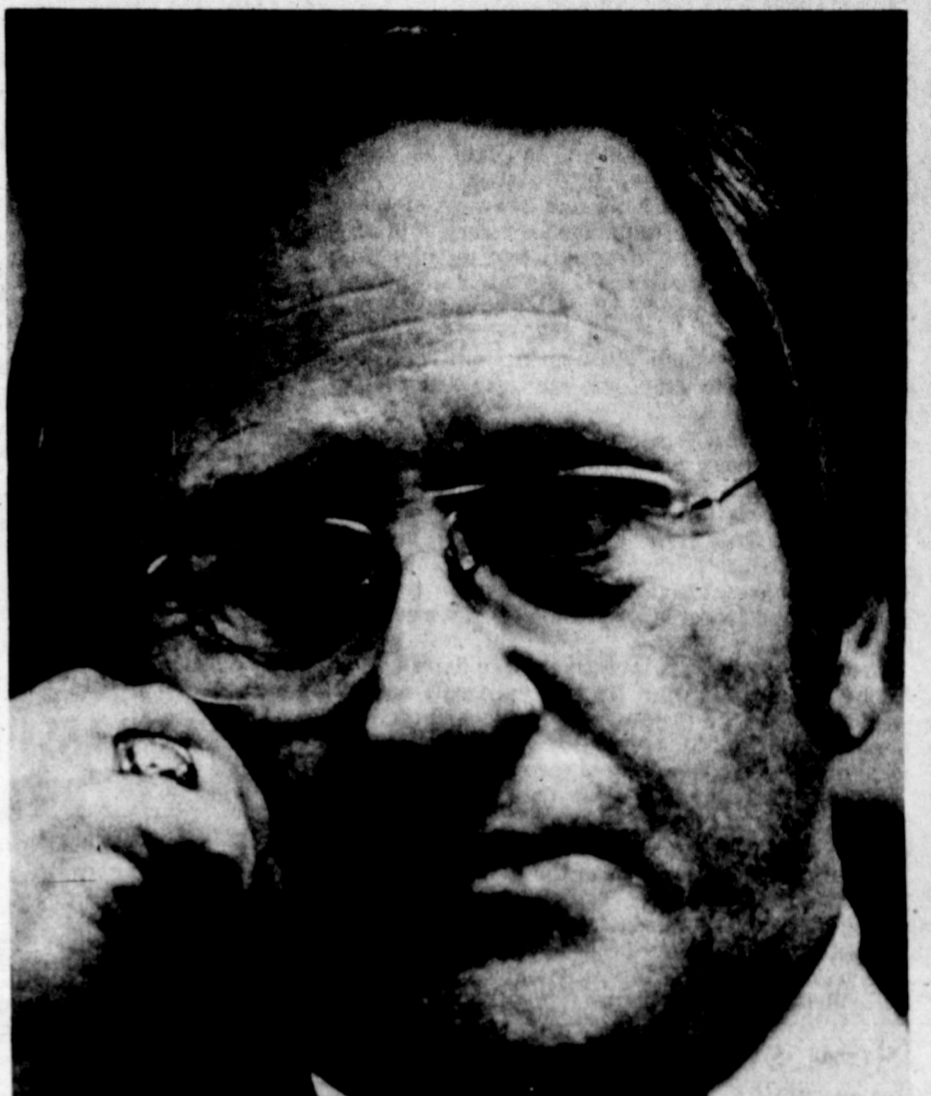
The secretly recorded tapes were the crux of the prosecution's Brillab case, as in Abscam cases tried so far. The tapes convinced some jurors of the defendants' innocence, jury foreman Tye Holman said.

"There were some who were pro-conviction. We would ask them 'what is bothering you about it?' After we listened to the tapes the second time, it started to clear up," he said.

The audio tapes revealed contributions were mentioned during the conversations. For juror Jimmy Haynes, it was a question of Clayton's word or that of FBI informant Joseph Hauser, now jailed for insurance fraud.

"It was like two worlds fighting, with Clayton in the honest world," Haynes said. "And I think Joseph Hauser is one of the finest crooks in the business."

Hauser, 48, has been twice convicted on insurance-kickback and bribery charges. He currently is serving a



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30-month term on an insurance fraud conviction, and pleaded guilty to another bribery charge in exchange for a promise to work for the FBI.

Hauser was on the stand for 10 days as prosecutors played dozens of taped conversations between him, Moore and the defendants. Defense lawyers dismissed Hauser without asking a single question.

As he left the courtroom, Clayton said: "This has been an experience I never expected and don't want again. But the verdict supports my belief in the court system."

However, the three-term speaker had some harsh words for the prosecutor, U.S. Attorney Tony Canales. After the verdict, Clayton handed Canales a wooden stake with two inscribed plates on it.

One bore a Canales remark from August: "I want to drive a stake into the heart of Billy Clayton." The other

read, "Oh Lord, make my words tender and sweet today, for tomorrow I may have to eat them."

Ray, 39, said he would "ask for a U.S. Senate investigation of the FBI activities in the Brillab case."

And Wood said the case would have unfortunate repercussions for the FBI. "The tragedy was that a jury had to put a stamp of disapproval on what our federal government did. There will be from now on some concern about anything done by the FBI and that is a shame."

The veteran legislator, who was seeking an unprecedented fourth term as speaker, declined to say whether he still is a candidate. But executive assistant Rusty Kelley said: "He is going to run for speaker again. I don't think there is any doubt about it."

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## Texas elections said riddled with fraud

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas elections are riddled with vote finagling and plots to steal elections, according to witnesses at a hearing convened by several Mexican-American organizations.

"I am fully aware that abuses, irregularities and illegalities have existed and I have every reason to suspect that they continue to exist," Secretary of State George Strake said Wednesday.

George Korbel, a San Antonio attorney who serves on a Federal Election Commission panel, offered a list of how-to's for election thievery.

Korbel and Strake said the lack of state and federal prosecution of vote fraud has contributed to the problem.

"Little if anything has been done to deal with even blatant election fraud, and this includes both the state and federal authorities with jurisdiction to handle the matters," Korbel said.

Officials from the secretary of state's office agreed with the Hispanic leaders that Attorney General Mark White has a poor record on election fraud matters.

"The record speaks for itself," said Doug Caddy, director of the elections division for the secretary of state. "There just was nothing being done to pursue these violations. From the attorney general on down you have a record of failure to prosecute."

White denied the allegation. He said all cases referred to his office have been pursued.

"It appears that the only one unaware of these efforts is the spokesman for the secretary of state's office who has been in Texas only four months after coming here from Washington, D.C. and who wrote the book 'How They Rig Our Elections,'" White said.

Panel members said the hearing was called to bring attention to problems Mexican-Americans face at the polls.

Wilma Martinez, president of the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said, "I have often said that Texas is for Chicanos what Mississippi is for blacks."

Caddy and Shad Jefferies, staff attorney, said the secretary of state's office has found several obvious vote fraud cases. However, Caddy said, it is sometimes difficult to get local prosecutors interested in the cases.

Caddy recounted his investigation in San Patricio County earlier this year. He said "virtually nothing was done right" in the absentee portions of the May primary and June runoff. Caddy was upset with the local prosecutor's handling of the case.

"We're not ready yet to ask the federal prosecutors to move in yet ... but we are reserving that option," said Caddy.

Ruben Bonilla, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said White has shown a "total disregard of citizens' voting rights."

Strake told the panel he is appointing about 150 volunteers to "prowl" the polls and be available to settle disputes and problems.

### New swimming class

Alamo YMCA is taking registration for a new swimming class for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. The tadpole class, which begins Nov. 4, will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

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Participants need not be Y members to take swimming lessons at Alamo Y. The nursery is open during all swimming classes.

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## How to steal an election

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — You say your candidate is a vote or two short of getting that important seat on the school board or the city council?

That can easily be corrected if you can get your hands on some absentee ballots, according to a member of the Federal Election Commission Panel on Multilingual Elections.

"In some areas up to 50 percent of the ballots will be absentee," said attorney George Korbel of San Antonio. "This means for as many as 20 days before the election ballots are available to be spoiled, removed or replaced."

Korbel, speaking before a panel of leaders of Hispanic organizations Wednesday, gave a virtual primer on stealing close elections.

Korbel has been an attorney in several voting rights suits in federal court.

"In large part because of the failure of governmental intervention, election fraud will be uncovered or dealt with only in the extreme or unusual situation," he said.

The biggest problem you'll face is getting into the absentee box, Korbel said, because state law requires two locks on the box, with one key going to the sheriff and one to the county clerk.

"The possibility of their cooperation in an endeavor to maintain the status quo would not be an unreasonable assumption. The political lore of South and West Texas is filled with much to support it," he said.

Once you're in the box, he said, the rest is easy. Here's all you do:

— Check for ballots on which voters chose not to vote in every race. If the voter didn't vote in your candidate's race, just mark the vote for your man or woman. "This fraud would have almost no possibility of detection," said Korbel.

— When you find a ballot that went the wrong way, simply ruin it. A couple of extra holes on a punch card ballot, or a few errant marks on a paper ballot will do the trick, Korbel said.

## Candidates getting nastier

By The Associated Press

With the race seemingly getting closer as the Nov. 4 election draws nearer, President Carter and Ronald Reagan are more and more doing away with political niceties. Reagan is calling Carter "incompetent," and the president says the Republicans are spreading around "horse manure."

The comments came Monday as a New York Times-CBS poll was released showing the president 1 percentage point ahead of Reagan. CBS said the race was still too close to call, but it was the first major poll putting Carter ahead.

Carter made his "horse manure" remark to a crowd in Waco, Texas, as he displayed a pair of cowboy boots he said had been given him by Democratic Rep. Jack Brooks of Texas.

"I grew up on a farm and I know you need boots for things besides stomping Republicans," Carter said. "Republicans have a habit of spreading a lot of horse manure around right before an election, and lately, as you also know, it's been getting pretty deep all over this country."

Reagan, speaking at Centenary College in Louisiana, said of Carter: "The man who is asking four more years is incompetent to do the job."

Carter and Reagan also traded more jabs over the hostage issue, while independent candidate John Anderson said in Washington he hopes the hostages can be released "immediately" and added:

"To whose political advantage that innurs is of little consequence as far as I'm concerned."

Anderson also said in an interview with The Associated Press that he may run for president again in 1984 as head of a third political party.

At the same time, he continued to insist he can win this year, but he also said the two-party system could have such a strong grip on voters they may not accept his bipartisan concepts.

The independent candidate was campaigning in Michigan and New York today, while Reagan was again trying to gain votes in Carter's native South. The president was back in the White House for the day.

Carter's showing in the Times-CBS poll was 39 percent, with 38 percent going to Reagan and 9 percent to Anderson.

In a similar poll late last month, Reagan led 40 percent to 35 percent for Carter, with Anderson at 9 percent. CBS noted that the poll has a 3 percent margin of error, making the race was too close to call.

Carter, in Texarkana, Ark., on the Texas border, chided Reagan for claiming to have a "secret plan" to get the 52 American hostages out of Iran, comparing this to Richard Nixon campaigning for president in 1968 saying he had a plan to end the Vietnam War.

"Well, here it is 12 years later, and we still don't know what Mr. Nixon's secret plan was to win the Vietnam War. Now, how many of you Texans with sound judgment familiar with history believe that Ronald Reagan has a secret plan to get the hostages back?" Carter asked.

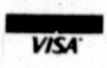
Reagan, in his comments Tuesday, did not actually say he had a "secret plan" but did say he had some ideas on how to free the hostages.

On Wednesday in Shreveport, La., Reagan blamed administration policies for the plight of the hostages but said he wasn't going to talk about the issue any more "with 52 human beings at stake."

"I'm not going to comment on this any more," he said, adding it was "obvious" that the Carter camp "tried to make a political issue of this."

Reagan said Carter was using "reprehensible and unthinkable tactics" but conceded that the president's efforts to paint him as war-like were hurting the Republican campaign for the White House.

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Wanda Smith, Martin County Reagan-Bush campaign chairwoman, helped open the mobile Reagan-Bush headquarters for the county Wednesday in Stanton. Mrs. Smith will be traveling with the headquar-

ters throughout the county campaigning for the Reagan-Bush presidential ticket before the Nov. 4 election. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

## Levee breaks in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A recently fortified railroad embankment holding back water from a broken levee in the San Joaquin Valley gave way early today, flooding farmland, routing residents and threatening an aqueduct system that supplies water to more than a million people.

The Sante Fe Railway embankment gave way about 2:15 a.m. as a freight train crossed, leaving a 100-foot breach, according to Lt. Fred Wilson of the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department.

Two of the train engines slipped off the tracks into the water, but there were no injuries, he said.

An evacuation of about 75 farm families living in the sparsely-populated Lower Jones Tract was ordered, authorities said.

Helicopters from the California Highway Patrol and the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department airlifted residents from their homes. But authorities allowed some farmers to remain in the threatened area so that valuable farm equipment could be moved to higher ground.

For weeks, the man-made embankment located near Stockton about 40 miles east of San Francisco has been the primary barrier keeping delta floodwaters from the San Joaquin Valley from inundating additional fertile farmland and drinking water pipelines.

Below the embankment is a network of open aqueducts and pipelines that supply about 1.1 million people in Oakland, Berkeley and other east San Francisco Bay area communities with fresh water.

East Bay Municipal Water District workers immediately shut down pumps that boost the water from the aqueduct system pipelines to the East Bay

area. That would reduce the flow of water from the system from the 300-million gallons a day to about 200 million gallons, said Dave Vossbrink, a district official.

Officials were considering closing down the aqueduct system, but Vossbrink emphasized that the district has a six-month supply of water in reservoirs and a closure would have no immediate impact on water supplies.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed," he said. "There is an absolute threat" to the water supply system.

The water system was not immediately harmed by the break in the embankment, according to officials at the scene.

But district officials had warned as recently as Tuesday that the aqueduct system was in danger unless large-scale improvements were carried out on the levee system.

On Sept. 26, a levee holding back water from the San Joaquin Delta burst, sending floodwaters over the Lower Jones Tract. More than 5,700 acres of rich farmland, with crops nearly ready to harvest, were inundated there, causing more than \$5 million in damage.

Since that 200-foot breach, more than \$2.5 million has been spent fortifying the rail embankment and sealing the broken levee.

The levee, which was sealed Friday, is part of a sometimes-fragile network that protects a patchwork of more than 250,000 acres of farmland in the San Joaquin-Sacramento River delta.

President Carter declared the area a major disaster, freeing federal funds for recovery efforts.

## Ships collide in San Francisco Bay

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The skipper of a fishing boat rammed by a freighter in the San Francisco ship channel says he didn't see the big ship until it loomed out of the fog just 50 feet away.

The skipper and sole crewman aboard the Seattle fishing boat Martin Higgins escaped serious injury Wednesday when their vessel collided with the container ship President Grant.

The 78-foot fishing boat, believed sinking, was later lost in the fog.

The collision occurred about two miles outside the Golden Gate. The 17,342-ton President Grant was inbound with containers from the Far East. The fishing boat was outbound after selling a catch of albacore at Fisherman's Wharf.

The 820-foot President Grant had already picked up its local pilot offshore, but the captain, James Colivas, retained ultimate command, a spokesman for American President Lines said.

"I thought I was going to die," said Michael

Matthews, 25, of San Diego, the crewman aboard the Martin Higgins, who was rescued by the freighter's crew, along with the skipper, Dan Blocker, 31, of Olympia, Wash.

"I was hanging on so hard they would have had to pull my arm out of the joint," said Matthews, describing the moment after the impact. An instant later, he and Blocker were in the water with the Martin Higgins taking water fast.

Blocker had the President Grant on radar when it was six miles away but didn't see the ship until it appeared out of the fog about 50 feet away.

"The President Grant hit us broadside," he said. He estimated the speed of the freighter at about 25 miles an hour.

Richard L. Tavrow, senior vice president for the San Francisco-based American President Lines, declined comment pending a company investigation.

Another company source, Steve Potash, said the President Grant's radar was operating when the vessels hit.

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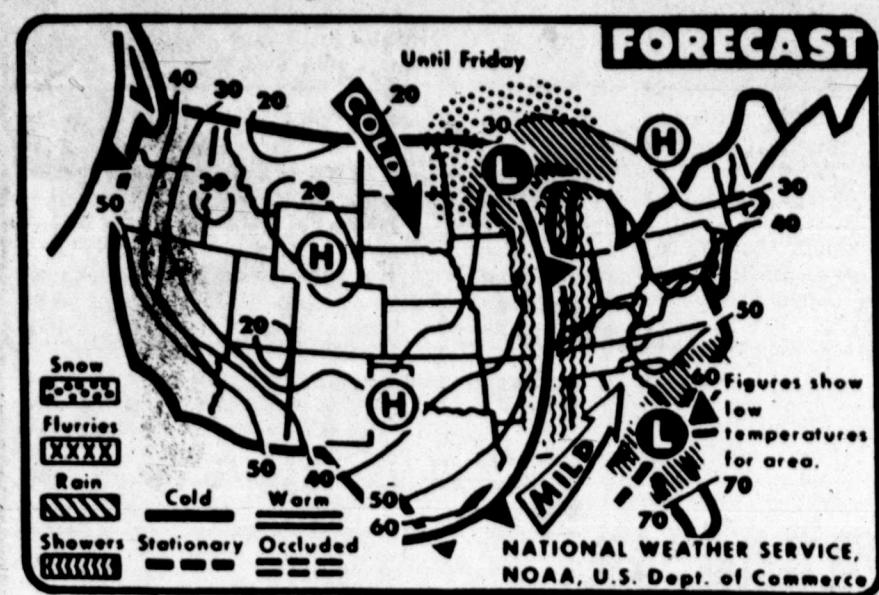
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Sunny weather is expected for most of the West. Temperatures are expected to be colder from the Plains to the Northwest and for the Northeast. Mild weather is forecast for the remainder of the East.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for WEATHER FORECAST, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS, LOCAL TEMPERATURES, and SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions and temperatures for various cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, etc.

Texas temperatures

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities including Abilene, Alice, Amarillo, Austin, etc.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Freeze warning Panhandle and northern half of South Plains tonight. Sunny through Friday.

Temperatures plunge tonight

Better get the blankets out because tonight is going to be chilly, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

HUD reviews policy on federal housing location

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Housing and Urban Development has been reviewing for the past year a controversial policy that governs the location of federally assisted housing programs outside poor areas.

Winds Friday will shift to a northeasterly direction and will be 10-15 mph. The high Wednesday reached only 73 degrees, much cooler than the 89-degree record set in 1961.

and neighborhood standards governing the location of our assisted housing programs. "That debate recognizes two legitimate national objectives — one, the need to encourage mobility and to expand the choices of minority households in heretofore all white areas ... (and) the needs of older, impacted (predominantly black) areas ... where the population in effect can't wait for a significant breakthrough in integration."



Sarah Ann Vance, 2808 Emerson Lane, was treated at Midland Memorial Hospital emergency room and released following a three-car collision at 6:55 p.m. at Wadley Avenue and Ward Street. Edmond Lester Mee III, 3602 Imperial Ave., also was injured but was not taken to the hospital. Ms. Vance and Mee were driving two of the cars involved. The third driver was Loyd Glenn Abrams, 2806 Andover. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

Police burned by scalding water

Two Midland police officers received burns Wednesday when a federal prisoner threw hot water on them, police said. Officer Joe Strange was acting as jailer about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday when he reported that federal prisoners were beating on the jail walls, complaining of not getting their cigarettes for the day.

57, Wednesday evening about 5:30. Sgt. David Garcia said on Oct. 15 he received a call from a woman who had bought a coupon, entitling her to have her picture taken. She went to the motel room being used as a studio, had her photo taken and was told the prints would arrive in the mail within 10 days.

It was reported to police about 4:50 a.m. Reports said the 19-year-old San Angelo woman was hitchhiking east of town when she was picked up by someone in a brown truck. On the service road to Interstate Highway 20, she reported that she was assaulted. She said she then saw a truck parked on the side of the service road.

According to reports, the woman jumped out of the brown truck and ran to the parked truck, beating on the doors to get attention. The driver of the parked truck opened his door, and the woman jumped inside. A short time later, police stopped a truck matching the description given by the woman.

officers were busy. According to Trooper Jimmy Cardenas, Richard Bufford of Odessa was westbound on U.S. 80 when two concrete objects fell off the back of his truck and landed on the highway about 4:51 p.m. As Ruben Galindo of McCamey approached the objects, the two cars in front of him swerved, but he was unable to see the objects until it was too late.

While he was gone, Longoria said one prisoner threw hot water on him, burning him on the head and back. When Strange returned to the front of the cells, the same prisoner also threw hot water on him.

Police Roundup

They were in Midland at the Holidome on West Wall Avenue. He went to room 150, and got one of the coupons the men were reportedly selling. The coupon was for Royalty Frontier Studios out of California with a regional office in Denton.

HE SAID THEY are also investigating whether the two men are tied to a similar incident in San Angelo. Deputies are also investigating a rape which reportedly occurred about 3 a.m. today east of Midland.

A 21-YEAR-OLD man was in City Jail this morning on charges of misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Officers stopped the vehicle on south Big Spring Street for running a red light, and arrested the driver for being intoxicated.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT had plenty of calls to keep them busy Wednesday.

It started with a house fire at 3:27 p.m. at 1008 S. Fort Worth Street. The house was occupied by Jack Lee Jones and owned by William Curry. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

Absentee votes climbing

Absentee voting in Midland continues to mount, as 1,427 people have voted in person here since absentee voting began Oct. 15 in the County Clerk's Office in the Midland County Courthouse.

Ax murder demonstrated to jury with baseball bat

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Accused ax murderer Candace Montgomery sobbed openly as her attorney swung a baseball bat over his head in a dramatic recreation he says demonstrates his client acted in self defense when she hacked her ex-lover's wife to death.

Mrs. Montgomery instigated an 11-month affair that ended before the slaying. He said he never told his wife of the liaison. "There was blood on the floor and traces of blood in the bathroom," said Richard Parker, a realtor who sold the Gores their home three years ago.

'Scared Straight' inmate held for armed robbery

RIDGEFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Cullen Darby, a paroled convict who spent nine years in the "Scared Straight" project trying to persuade juveniles not to be criminals, is back in jail on new charges of armed robbery and attempted murder, officials say.

Darby and was charged with hindering an arrest, police said. Shevack was released on \$15,000 bail. The Lifers project was the basis for the award-winning television documentary "Scared Straight."

Man accused in murder of couple turns self in

DALLAS (AP) — A man accused of killing a Dallas couple in front of their horrified children has turned himself in, authorities said. Robert Lee Brown, 25, walked into the Dallas County sheriff's office Tuesday night and told a deputy he was turning himself over to law officials.

He reportedly burst into tears when told he could receive the death penalty if convicted. He went quietly to jail and was held on \$100,000 bond, Ms. Matter said. Brown is accused of shooting David and Shirley Owens to death and seriously wounding Roy Clark in the couple's home Sunday night while the Owens' two young children looked on, police said.

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DEATHS

Vivian J. Selby

Services for Vivian J. Selby, 85, 3807-A W. Storey Ave., were to be at 4:30 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Ford, pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church officiating.

Victoria Villa

STANTON — Services for Victoria Rodriguez Villa, 71, of Stanton will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Bush officiating.

Israelis bomb guerrilla targets

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes in their first attack in Lebanon in two months bombed and rocketed Palestinian targets south of Beirut.

'Andy' Andrews

E.E. "Andy" Andrews, 55, of 106 N. Bentwood Drive, died Monday in a Midland hospital after an illness.

Floyd D. Upfold

Services for Floyd D. Upfold, 63, 808 W. Golf Course Road, were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. O.A. McBrayer, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, officiating.

Court halts deportation of mayors

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction today against the deportation of two Palestinian mayors from the occupied West Bank until their case is reviewed by the court.

Judge Miriam Ben Porath issued the injunction, which was seen primarily as a technical measure allowing the mayors to stay close at hand until their appeal is ruled upon, probably next week.

Mayors Fahd Qawasmeh of Hebron and Mohammed Milhem of Halhoul appealed to the court to overrule the deportation order issued by Israeli occupation authorities six months ago.

Qawasmeh and Milhem are on a hunger strike in an Israeli customs house on the Jordan River, where they are in custody pending the hearing of their appeal.

In a separate development, a Jewish anti-Arab extremist was freed from prison on orders from Prime Minister Menachem Begin, but his movements were limited to the Jerusalem area.

Baruch Green was released Wednesday after serving six months without trial, and received written orders from the military chief of central Israel forbidding him to leave Jerusalem and obliging him to report to a police station every day.

Green was jailed along with Rabbi Meir Kahane, the American Jewish militant who founded the Jewish Defense League and then transferred his activities to Israel.

Kahane was sentenced for organizing anti-Arab demonstrations in the West Bank. Green was imprisoned under a law permitting persons regarded as a threat to national security to be jailed without trial for periods of up to six months, renewable indefinitely.

The specific suspicions against Green were kept secret but were believed to involve a conspiracy to commit violence against Arabs.

Israeli newspapers said Begin ordered Green freed because his wife had just had a baby.

Czars' Easter eggs stolen

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — Thieves who broke into a museum and made off with about \$1 million in art works, including three ornately jeweled Easter eggs made for Russian czars, might have gotten more if a burglar alarm hadn't scared them off, officials say.

Police said they found burglary tools and some smashed display cases at the scene, indicating the intruders fled hurriedly from the basement display room of the Paine Art Center & Arboretum.

Museum spokesman Jean Peters said the thieves might have gotten more during the break-in early Wednesday had they not been interrupted by a burglar alarm.

There was disagreement among art experts as to whether amateur or professional thieves were involved.

Ralph Bufano, director of the center, said professionals had to be responsible. "It would be impossible to fence these items," he said. "The thieves knew what they were after."

But Paul Schaeffer of A La Vavielle Russie in New York City, which deals in Russian antiques, used the same argument in saying that the theft was the work of amateurs.

"Professionals wouldn't be interested in items so well-known" because of the difficulty in fencing them, Schaeffer said.

"The only place where the stolen items could be pawned off would be at a place where they are not recognized," he said.

Several of the missing items were from the Matilda Geddings Gray collection of art works by Peter Carl Faberge and other craftsmen.

Faberge made jeweled table ornaments for Czar Alexander III and his court in the late 19th Century, and the fashion of giving decorative eggs spread among royalty throughout Europe.

There were 86 items in the \$10 million collection at the art center, which was on loan from the Gray Foundation in New Orleans.

Bufano said the Gray Foundation and insurers had approved the center's electronic surveillance system. Foundation spokesmen say they had encountered threats of burglary in other cities which the collection has visited, he said.

50 kids die, many hurt in Spain school blast

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — An explosion in a school at Ortuella near here killed upwards of 50 children, rescue workers said today.

More than a hundred children were injured, many of them seriously, officials said.

Rescue workers said 24 bodies had been removed from the debris, but that many other children were still trapped and cries could be heard.

The disaster, police said, was apparently due to the explosion of a propane gas tank, which in turn caused the explosion of a heating boiler.

There were about 700 children in the "Marcelino Ugalde" school, comprised of three buildings. The explosion almost completely destroyed one of them, officials said.

The children in the school were from 6 to 10 years old.

All rescue services in Vizcaya Province, one of Spain's northern Basque provinces, were mobilized. More than 5,000 persons were working in the rescue operation.

There were dramatic scenes as parents and relatives sought their children. More than 100 weeping women shouted the names of children who remained unaccounted for.

Most of the children attending the state-run school came from poor families. The Ortuella area is an iron mining region about eight miles northwest of Bilbao.

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Ed Asner, who plays newsman Lou Grant on the CBS television show of the same name, smiles at rehearsal at CBS studio in Los Angeles. Asner, one of the leaders of the recent actors strike, was also among the last actors to return to work because he refused to cross picket lines of the striking American Federation of Musicians, who were also striking the studios. Asner returned to work because, he said, "I got the blessing of the AFM." (AP Laserphoto)

### Nine feared drowned trying to beat deadline

HONG KONG (AP) — Nine refugees were feared drowned today when their sampan hit rocks and capsized while trying to beat the midnight deadline set by the Hong Kong government to cut off the influx of illegal immigrants from communist China. The sampan carried 19 illegal immigrants and sank this morning near Saikun on the Kowloon peninsula, police said. The government said six people were plucked from the sea and four swam ashore but that the others were missing and presumed drowned. Security forces were ordered on full alert in anticipation of an all-out rush across the border after the Legislative Council put into law proposals by the Hong Kong governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, to abolish the so-called "touch base" policy, which permitted Chinese who evaded border guards and made it into urban areas to stay in this British colony.

Territories near the Hong Kong-China border were repatriated. Hong Kong consists of the mainland area of the New Territories, leased by China to Britain for 99 years in 1898, and Hong Kong Island and Kowloon Peninsula, which China ceded "in perpetuity" to Britain in the mid-nineteenth century. Its overall population is estimated at 4.5 million, of which 98 percent are Chinese and nearly one-quarter refugees from the Chinese communist government. In 1979, some 90,000 illegal immigrants were arrested and repatriated to China but an estimated 108,000 made it into urban areas. In the first nine months of this year,

69,000 were caught but a some 62,000 evaded border patrols.

In explaining the new law, Sir Murray said a massive influx of illegal Chinese, especially during the last two years, threatened the future prosperity of Hong Kong and had already put a severe strain on housing, education facilities and social services. The governor said the former policy "has become a tragic charade in which the (illegal immigrant) has little to lose and everything to gain by attempting to run the gauntlet of Chinese and Hong Kong forces, and even if caught has every incentive to try again. "The Chinese accuse us, with some justification, of applying a policy which positively welcomes immigrants," he said. He said the new law was approved by the Peking government. The law, which does not apply to the 150 Chinese who legally immigrate here daily, provides a three-day amnesty for illegal immigrants already in Hong Kong to apply for identification cards. After the amnesty period, it gives Hong Kong authorities power to arrest and repatriate all illegal immigrants no matter where they are found and makes it a crime punishable by a maximum \$10,000 fine or one year imprisonment to employ illegal immigrants. Previously, only Chinese caught in the New

## Liberals seek temporary halt to constitution debate

OTTAWA (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Liberal government has announced plans to invoke a controversial and seldom-used measure that would temporarily choke off the two-week-old constitutional debate in the House of Commons.

The House is to vote on the closure measure at 1 a.m. EDT on Friday, with the Liberal Party's majority virtually guaranteeing passage. The move would halt the House debate on a constitutional resolution at that time and send the measure to a joint Senate-House committee. It would be returned to the House for further debate on Dec. 9.

off debate on an oil pipeline proposal in 1956, on the design of the Canadian flag in 1964 and on parliamentary rule changes in 1969, and the announcement that it would be invoked again drew sharp reaction from the opposition Progressive Conservative Party.

"They want to cut off debate," said party leader Joe Clark. "They want to stop the right of Canadians and the Canadian Parliament to discuss the constitution of this country."

The Conservatives are opposed to the Trudeau government's constitutional package, as is most of Canada's provisional leaders. The government's package would allow Canada to ask the British Parliament to "patriate," or send to Canada, the British North America Act of 1867, which now serves as Canada's constitution. It also seeks to include an American-style bill of rights in the act, which would become Canada's formal constitution.

Opponents of the plan see it as an infringement on regional rights, including local control of natural resources.

Liberal House leader Yvon Pinard, who made the closure announcement Wednesday, said the government wanted to clear the decks in time for next week's scheduled budget debate. Closure was used to cut

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President plans town meeting

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — President Carter will conduct a town meeting in this northwestern Ohio city Saturday, his campaign headquarters has confirmed. and depart immediately after the forum, a spokeswoman from the national Carter-Mondale re-election campaign said Tuesday. Carter held a similar meeting Monday in Youngstown. The program, broadcast live on WFMJ-TV, involved a studio audience of 40 people who asked him questions.



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Hearing of newborn babies now being computer tested

Copley News Service

NATIONAL CITY, Calif. — For a newborn baby, hearing and reacting to sound at an early age are two of the keys to a normal life.

Until recently, however, children were not tested at birth, diminishing the chance of improving their hearing later in life once a problem was detected.

Now a computer, conceived by a San Francisco doctor and built by volunteers, tests sleeping infants at more than a dozen hospitals throughout the Western United States to ensure they won't spend a life isolated by deafness.

Eighteen months ago, Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, a suburb of San Diego, became the fourth hospital in the nation to join the Infant Hearing Assessment Program.

The hospital did it with an assist from the Telephone Pioneers of America and Dr. Philip Peltzman, a researcher at University of California at San Francisco.

The "minicomputer" used in the program proposed by Peltzman, was designed by a Pacific Telephone engi-

neer, refined by Bell Laboratories' volunteers and built by the Telephone Pioneers, a group of longtime telephone company workers.

The test provides an early diagnosis of deafness which is important since an infant's auditory system is almost fully developed at birth, according to Claude Moss, a Telephone Pioneer who coordinates the 30 volunteers providing the testing service at Paradise Valley.

"Deafness is the most devastating of all handicaps," said Moss, a Pacific Telephone employee. "Children must be able to hear at a young age so they can speak and develop normally in other areas."

There are 15 million hearing-impaired persons in the United States. It is estimated that 120,000 hearing-impaired infants are born each year.

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