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Don Evans, right, campaign chairman of United Way, and Allen K. Trobaugh, past president of United Way and dressed as "PEHEPE," the United Way's campaign symbol, celebrate as the drive tops the 100 percent mark at Thursday's Awards Luncheon. The United Way has collected \$1,161,739 — or 101 percent of its campaign goal for 1981. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

United Way of Midland surpasses 1981 goal

By SUE FAHLGREN
Staff Writer

The Midland United Way announced Thursday it had completed 101 percent of its goal for the 1981 fund campaign with a total \$1,161,739 collected as of Thursday.

At the Awards Luncheon at Midland Center Thursday, campaign chairman Don Evans reported the local United Way was "some \$11,000-12,000" ahead of its 1981 campaign goal of \$1,150,000. "There is still a little clean-up work to do before it's all over," Evans said, adding he felt the total would climb to \$1,170,000.

Less than a month ago, at the group's victory dinner on Nov. 13, Evans reported 98.43 percent of its goal with \$1,131,967.50. At that time, he said the group had some "clean-up work" and that he expected them to "reach and exceed" the goal. Now, as the campaign draws to its end, the group has exceeded its goal and expects still more money to flow in.

The Awards Luncheon was designed to "recognize groups and individuals for their support of this year's campaign," according to Roger Thomas, master of ceremonies at the luncheon.

Thomas told the group he was pleased with the efforts of Evans, who is president of Tom Brown, Inc. "Any time you want something done, as the old adage goes, you should ask someone busy," Thomas said, "because it'll get done."

"We set a challenging goal this year," Evans said, "but we achieved it... so the vital services of our 18 member agencies can be continued in 1981."

The United Way supports 18 groups in Midland, including the Red Cross, Casa de Amigos, the YMCAs, Family Services, Council on Alcoholism, the Boy Scouts, Boys'

Club, the Salvation Army, La Florecita Day Nursery, Community Day Nursery, the Tape Lending Library, U.S.O., Midland/Lee Youth Centers, Camp Fire Inc. and Girl Scouts.

Representatives from various organizations attended the presentation luncheon — even PEHEPE, the "fix-it man" named for "People Helping People" (Allen K. "Moose" Trobaugh) attended the function and helped distribute awards.

Gold Awards — for organizations achieving 90 percent or better of their Fair Share contributions goal — were presented to seven groups: the Midland Chapter of the American Red Cross, Frank See Chevrolet, Metropolitan YMCA, United Way of Midland, Casa de Amigos, IBM Corporation and Salvation Army.

Silver Awards for groups achieving 80 percent or better of their goals went to Community Day Nursery, Lone Star Abstract & Title Company, Council on Alcoholism and the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council.

Bronze Awards for organizations collecting 70 percent of their intended contributions included Alamo YMCA, Texas Instruments and Lario Oil & Gas Company.

Achievement Awards for 60 percent collection of goal or better went to Washington YMCA and Park Center YMCA. An Achievement Award for 50 percent or better of its contributions went to First National Bank.

Awards for 40 percent or more of their collection goal were presented to the Boy Scouts, Boys' Club, Family Services, Inc., Central YMCA, Camp Fire, Inc., and Midland College.

Organizations contributing 30 percent or more of their goal include Commercial Bank & Trust, Levi Strauss & Company, Moran Exploration, Inc., Tape Lending Library, Tom Brown, Inc., La Florecita Day Nursery, Midland National Bank, PGP Gas Products, Inc., and Texas National Bank.

Joint meeting of city councils focuses on airport cab rates

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Midland and Odessa city councils decided to put a clamp on taxicab charges from Midland Regional Airport to the two cities when the panels met in a joint session Thursday.

The second joint meeting this year was hosted by Midland in the First National Room of The First National Bank of Midland. The first was held in July at Odessa.

Col. Wilson Banks, director of aviation for the city of Midland, explained the complaint he hears most often is that people feel they are being overcharged when they take a taxi.

He explained that Midland taxis must be franchised through the city, obtain a permit to serve the airport and follow the rates set by the Midland council. Odessa cabs, while having permits to operate at the airport, have no set rates and the majority of the complaints concern the charges by these cab drivers, he said.

On top of that, Midland cabs have been taking passengers to Odessa and vice versa, he added.

"I know our (Midland) cab drivers aren't entirely clean; they wouldn't hesitate to gouge people when they can," Banks said. And since the Midland airport rates don't apply to Odessa, "Midland cab drivers love to get a fare to Odessa. They can charge anything they want to."

In SCANNING some rates being charged by cab drivers, Midland councilman Tom Sloan pointed out a \$22.50 fare. "That's almost as much as the plane ticket," he remarked.

Midland City Manager James Brown noted that "half a million people get on or get off a plane out there. That's no small matter. It's a reflection on our airport for people to get gouged (by taxi drivers)."

After the two cities' attorneys come up with a suggested rate list, each council will decide whether or not to adopt it. And Midland Mayor Thane

Akins suggested it be posted in all cabs so the passengers will know at the start of their ride exactly how much the fare will be.

In other action, the councils looked at various airport matters including a new commuter line, the extra-territorial jurisdiction line, progress of the North Route, Odessa's new wastewater treatment plant and its joint operation of the regional police academy.

The aviation director advised the Odessans that Midland City Council has ordered a study of expanding the airport parking lots. "We're short of parking space. We're filling up the new lots every weekend and sometimes in the middle of the week."

DURING THANKSGIVING holiday, even an old lot to the west of the airport was almost filled to capacity. The three lots can hold 1,500 cars,

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First Cabinet picks 'cut of same cloth'

By ROBERT FULROW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan's first eight Cabinet choices — all white, male and Republican — are speaking up quickly in favor of the president-elect's plans to reduce taxes, cut the federal budget and strengthen national defense.

Still to come after presentation of the first group Thursday: Reagan's decision on a secretary of state, an important foreign policy post that retired Gen. Alexander Haig seems increasingly likely to fill.

The first eight selections included New York financier Donald T. Regan as treasury secretary, Reagan confidant Caspar Weinberger as defense secretary and his personal lawyer, William French Smith, as attorney general.

There were no surprises as Reagan's aides also introduced Rep. David A. Stockman of Michigan as budget director, Reagan campaign manager William J. Casey as CIA director, retiring Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., as secretary of health and human services, Connecticut industrialist Malcolm Baldrige as commerce secretary and deputy Republican Party chairman Drew Lewis as transportation secretary.

Regan, chairman of Merrill Lynch & Co., the nation's largest brokerage firm, joined Baldrige in labeling inflation the nation's "No. 1 problem."

Both tax cuts and budget cuts are needed to fight inflation and stimulate productivity, said Regan, whose appointment gives the Cabinet roster an economic spokesman the Reagan team hopes will be respected in both Congress and in financial circles.

Stockman, who will inherit the job of molding the federal budget into the shape Reagan wants, noted that dur-

ing the campaign Reagan promised at least a 2 percent cut, "and I think there's no indication that we will back off from that."

Weinberger, who won the nickname "Cap the Knife" for his budget-cutting work in former President Richard M. Nixon's administration, was asked about his plans now for national defense.

He refused to discuss specifics but said, "I support a strong American

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military force wherever it is in our best interest to do so."

Regan still must name seven more Cabinet-level appointees, and various sources say he will move quickly to nominate Haig as secretary of state — perhaps by this weekend.

All the appointments are subject to Senate confirmation, and there have been reports Haig could face Democratic opposition because of his role in the Watergate scandal as Nixon's last chief of staff.

However, Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., who will take over as majority leader in January, said Thursday he expects Haig to be appointed by Regan and confirmed by the Senate.

Baker said confirmation hearings will only enhance Haig's "image as a national hero."

Representatives of women and black groups said they were not surprised the first appointees were all male and all white.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women, said Regan had shown his true colors in the appointments. And Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., chairman of the congressional black caucus, said while he expects one black may eventually be named, "I'm afraid if the (initial group) is only a reflection of

things to come." Other unquilled Cabinet posts include the secretaries of labor, agriculture, interior, education, energy and housing and urban development. The budget and CIA directors are accorded the same status as the 13 department heads who formally comprise the Cabinet.

Aides said Reagan will try to make sure the remaining appointees include at least one woman and a member of a minority group.

Elizabeth Dole, former member of the Federal Trade Commission, has been mentioned as a possible education secretary. Jewel Lafontant, a black woman who was a deputy solicitor general during the Nixon administration, has been mentioned for HUD. Betty Murphy, former National Labor Relations Board chairwoman, is considered still in the running for labor secretary, although New Jersey construction executive Raymond Donovan is said to be the leading candidate for that post.

In a statement released to reporters Thursday, Reagan said the first eight appointees "combine a balance of experienced hands with fresh faces, new ideas and seasoned perspectives."

Weinberger, one of Reagan's most trusted advisers, served as budget director and secretary of health, education and welfare during the Nixon administration.



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Murder-for-hire trial continues

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Moments after James David McPeters was ambushed and mortally wounded by slashes of a butcher knife allegedly wielded by his estranged wife's companion, he sought the aid of travelers along the highway, but none stopped.

"He was there (along the roadway), and he asked me to help him," testified an aghast witness to the stabbing.

"I saw him fall between the access road and the highway (Interstate 20 between Midland and Odessa.)" He tried to flag down cars," said the witness, Tammy Karlic Jennings, 22, wife of one of three people charged in the July 28 death of McPeters, 46, of Odessa.

"Did any cars stop?" prosecutor David Joers asked Mrs. Jennings Thursday afternoon in 142nd State District Court.

"No," replied Mrs. Jennings, who

testified that she was "put in the car by Wayne (Jennings), and the car, I think, was moving."

The woman cried when Joers showed her an enlarged color photograph of McPeters taken at the morgue.

"Is this Mr. McPeters?" he asked.

"Yes."

Moans also came from several courtroom spectators, including McPeters' older son and relatives of the witness.

The defendant, McPeters' widow, remained impassive. Her only visible emotion through the trial were smiles, and then so slightly, when she viewed her 3½-year-old son, D.J., through the glass panels in the courtroom doors.

MRS. JENNINGS, 22, was the prosecution's ninth and principal witness in its murder-by-hire case against McPeters' widow, Patricia "Patty" McPeters, 27.

Mrs. McPeters, on trial since Tues-

day, was indicted last August for allegedly promising Jennings of Wichita Falls \$7,000 to help kill her husband and offering her companion, 27-year-old Rex Shanks of Abilene, the proceeds of her husband's life insurance policies, which amounted to \$39,000, testimony revealed.

Shanks, Mrs. Jennings testified Thursday, suffered cuts to his right ear and right hand in the scuffle with McPeters near the OIME plant and the Warfield Truck Stop. He had been driving Mrs. McPeters' car, which was carrying Mrs. McPeters, her son D.J., Jennings and Mrs. Jennings, who then was engaged to Jennings and was pregnant.

"He (Shanks) said he was going to run over him (McPeters) in the car," Mrs. Jennings said.

"Did she (Mrs. McPeters) protest?" asked Joers.

"Not that I remember," she re-

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Four Midland children flown to burn center in Oklahoma

Four Midland children, ages 1 through 4, were in critical condition this morning in the burn center of Oklahoma City Children's Hospital following an early morning house fire today in Midland.

Firemen were called to the fire in the alley behind 209 N. Madison St. at 12:46 a.m. They remained at the scene of the fire for an hour and 15 minutes. The home was heavily damaged by the fire, which may have been caused by an extension cord run into the home to provide electricity.

According to a spokesman in the fire marshal's office, the four were the children of sisters Kathy Williams and Brenda Williams. The landlord, Willie B. Thomas of 209 N. Madison, told Fire Department officials he first smelled smoke about 12:40 a.m. He said neither of the mothers was home at that time.

He said that he and an unidentified neighbor went outside, saw the fire and turned on a hose. Thomas began watering down the house with the garden hose, and the neighbor entered the two-room house, rescued the children and laid them out on the

ground. All four were reportedly in the bedroom.

The spokesman in the fire marshal's office said there were varying reports that the children were all in bed at the time of the fire and that three of the children were on the bed and the fourth was found lying on the floor by the bed.

Hobbert Williams, 4; Karen Williams, 3; Tyrone Williams 1; and Lakephine Williams, 3, were all taken to Midland Memorial Hospital where they were administered preliminary treatment. They were then flown to the burn center in Oklahoma City in a company plane belonging to Tom Brown, Inc.

Two of the children were on respirators during the flight and Midland Memorial respiratory therapists and nurses made the trip with the children.

A hospital spokesman explained the children were flown to Oklahoma City because it was the nearest burn center with room for four victims.

Hobbert, Karen and Tyrone Williams are the children of Kathy Williams. Lakephine is the daughter of Brenda Williams.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

Midland statistics

Partly cloudy with no important temperature changes through Saturday. Low tonight in the middle 30s. Saturday in the low 40s. Winds tonight and Saturday easterly, 5-10 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High 58 degrees, Low 35 degrees. Overcast Low 35 degrees. Sunrise tomorrow 7:45 a.m.

Table with 2 columns: Time (6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., etc.) and Temperature (48, 49, 50, etc.).

Forecast unchanged

There's nothing really exciting in Midland's weather forecast through Saturday. Skies will be partly cloudy, the weatherman says, and there'll be no important temperature changes.

Low temperature tonight should drop into the middle 30s, but the mercury will rally and climb into the low 60s on Saturday.

Winds tonight and Saturday should be easterly and blow at 5-10 mph. Thursday's high temperature was 58, well below the record high for that date — 79 degrees, set in 1939.

Low this morning was 35 degrees, balmy compared to the record low reading for today's date of 12 degrees set in 1966.

No precipitation had been recorded at the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport for the 24-hour period ending early today. The month's total remains at 1.15 inches and the total for 1980 stays at 17.76 inches.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy and mild through Saturday. Highs 60s except low 70s Big Bend. Lows 30s-40s. South Texas: Fair and warmer today, turning cooler west tonight and area wide Saturday. Highs 60s-70s. North Texas: Fair and warmer today, turning cooler west tonight and area wide Saturday. Highs 60s-70s. South Texas: Fair and warmer through tonight. Partly cloudy and mild Saturday except cloudy south. Highs mid 60s north to low 70s south. Lows near 40 north to low 50s south.

The weather elsewhere

Table with 2 columns: City (Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, etc.) and Temperature (31, 32, 33, etc.).

Most Republicans applaud Cabinet

By MIKE FEINSILBER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mainstream Republicans and business groups are applauding Ronald Reagan's Cabinet choices but some GOP right-wingers are upset. One says Reagan has picked men who don't articulate "the views that made Ronald Reagan president today."

Phillips called the selection of Donald T. Regan, chairman of Merrill Lynch & Co. as Treasury secretary "a real slap in the face of conservatives who thought they were voting for a change."

means the prestige, influence and patronage of the Commerce Department will be at the service of Mr. Bush's presidential aspirations. Criticism of the selection of Caspar Weinberger as defense secretary came from Phillips and Rep. Samuel Stratton, D-N.Y., chairman of the House armed services investigations subcommittee.

sure he (Weinberger) will be concentrating on making sure we get the most bang for the buck from defense. Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., said a symbolic black, possibly a black woman, still may be appointed to one of the Cabinet posts, such as Housing and Urban Development.

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Texas temperatures

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Extended forecasts

Sunday Through Tuesday: West Texas: Fair north partly cloudy south with mild days and cool nights. Highs mostly in the 60s. Lows mostly in the 30s. South Texas: Fair and warmer through tonight. Partly cloudy and mild Saturday except cloudy south. Highs mid 60s north to low 70s south. Lows near 40 north to low 50s south.

Cabinet at a glance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here at a glance are the choices for Cabinet posts that President-elect Ronald Reagan made public on Thursday: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: Caspar W. Weinberger, 63, from San Francisco, vice president of Bechtel-Corp.

Comics page left out

Due to technical problems beyond our control, the comics page which would ordinarily appear today is not being published. This page will be published on Saturday, as will the regular Saturday comics.

Burglars take stereo, 300 records

A burglary Thursday netted some \$2,250 in goods for the burglars. Becky Watts told police she left for work about 8 a.m. When she returned to her residence, 4307 Boulder, at 4 p.m. she discovered her stereo receiver, turntable, speakers, color television and 300 record albums gone.

Police Roundup

emergency room and released after his car and a car driven by John Edward Davis, 3200 Durant, collided at the intersection of Darleton Street and Fannin Avenue. The collision occurred at 7:56 a.m.

Councils hold joint meeting

the runway, he said, but added it isn't good for snow. SALTING THE RUNWAY causes corrosion; sanding the runway requires a pure sand that isn't obtainable here; blading the snow covers up the runway lights and builds up ice on the edges of the runway, he added.

Gov. Grasso progressing well after surgery

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hospital officials say they are pleased with the progress Gov. Ella Grasso has made since surgery for cancer of the intestine.

Mrs. Grasso, who will resign at the end of the year because of her illness, was in satisfactory condition and good spirits following surgery Wednesday, Hartford Hospital spokesman James Battaglio announced Thursday.

Battaglio said no cancerous growths were removed from the 61-year-old governor's intestinal tract. Earlier, officials had reported that a growth in her colon was removed. Doctors are treating the governor's intestinal cancer and liver cancer, discovered last month, with chemotherapy.

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Use of Midland Regional Airport has grown about 5 percent this year, he related. And in the number of boardings, Midland already has surpassed that of the Lubbock airport.

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gave a statement to Texas Ranger William Gerth. Shanks was arrested on a murder warrant in Abilene on July 30, and Mrs. McPeters arrested and jailed on allegations of writing hot checks.

to her and asked her if she could "use" \$7,000. "I said 'Anyone can use \$7,000,'" Mrs. Jennings said she replied but said she was just being "sarcastic."

Her testimony also revealed that in Odessa July 28 Shanks and Mrs. McPeters apparently got a butcher knife and two steak knives from McPeters' house and that Mrs. McPeters called her husband from a pay telephone at Warfield Truck Stop, told him her car had broken down and needed his help.

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A 37,000 square-foot addition will almost double the existing facilities at Midland Christian School. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the addition, which includes new

classrooms, library and gymnasium, were held today at 10 a.m.

Ground broken today

Addition to school begun

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 37,000-square-foot addition to Midland Christian School were at 10 a.m. today. The addition will fulfill an urgent need for additional classrooms, a larger library and a regulation size gymnasium. The 37,000 square feet of space will almost double existing facilities.

The projected cost will be about \$1.3 million or about \$35 per square foot.

Midland Christian School, established in 1957, is a private, non-profit organization. It offers classes for kindergarten through 12th grade and it provides a day care as a community service.

Enrollment this year is 475 and there is a waiting list for most

classes. The primary purpose of Midland Christian School is helping each student acquire the necessary skills with which to become a productive American citizen, according to spokesman for the school.

"Teaching the 'whole child' is the objective, and a special emphasis is placed upon the spiritual with daily Bible classes and chapel," the spokesman said.

Midland Christian School's support comes from tuition, day care receipts, projects conducted annually and special donations. They receive no federal or state funds.

Chairman of the board of trustees is George Dallas, president of Seismic Reflections, Inc. Winston Bell is director of development, and Arnold Evans is administrator of the school.

Tape recording Harrelson's visits authorized by judge

By SHARON HERBAUGH
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Two tape recorders planted in a Harris County jail visiting room used by convicted hit man Charles V. Harrelson were authorized by a federal judge, according to a source.

The order, which expired Thursday, permitted authorities to secretly record conversations by Harrelson, the source told The Associated Press.

However, the source, who asked not to be identified, refused to disclose which judge signed the order or the date it was signed.

FBI agents, Harris County deputies and the Harris County District Attorney's Office declined Thursday to discuss the court order or the use of the recorders.

Johnny Holmes, county district attorney, said officials who comment on the matter could be found in contempt of court.

Harrelson, 42, a professional gambler who was questioned recently in the May 29, 1979 assassination of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr., discovered two recorders running as he talked with his stepdaughter Wednesday in the visiting room.

"He was shocked," said Harrelson's attorney, Robert Tarrant. "But what else could he really expect?"

Tarrant said sheriff's deputies refused to allow him to listen to the tapes.

"I know what was said on those tapes," Tarrant said, maintaining he and Harrelson "baited" the recordings after he suspected authorities were eavesdropping on their conversations.

Tarrant said his suspicions were reinforced after

grand jurors asked his client's stepdaughter, Teresa Jasper, about information he had discussed only with Harrelson and only in the visiting room.

U.S. District Judge William Sessions, who empaneled the grand jury investigating the slaying, was unavailable for comment Thursday. Earlier Sessions sealed all orders pertaining to the inquiry.

"There is no law anywhere, anytime, anywhere in this country that allows anyone for any purpose to listen in on a conversation between a lawyer and his client," Tarrant said.

"There is no one that can abridge this right. It's a flagrant violation of the Constitution. And if a federal judge was the one who signed the order allowing it to be done, then I want to see him to go the penitentiary," Tarrant said.

He said his client accidentally discovered a recorder taped beneath the counter in the visiting room as he chatted Wednesday with Ms. Jasper, who found another recorder under the counter on her side of a glass barrier.

Tarrant said Harrelson ripped the recorder loose and tried to remove the tape. However, he said, his client only managed to remove the batteries before deputies confiscated the recorder.

Harrelson goes to trial Jan. 19 on bond-jumping, weapons and drug and gambling paraphernalia possession charges. He was convicted in 1973 of the murder-for-hire slaying of Hearne grain dealer Sam Degelia Jr.

Harrelson has testified before a San Antonio grand jury investigating the Wood murder and appeared in a lineup conducted under heavy security last month in Houston.

Ex-policeman to testify in own behalf

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Former Dade County, Fla., policeman Charles Veverka Jr. will take the stand in his own defense in his trial on federal civil rights charges stemming from the death of a black businessman, a defense lawyer says.

Denise Dean also said Thursday he would try to introduce into evidence a document which he said

indicated Veverka cooperated with an investigation of the beating death last year of insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

Dean contends Veverka took no active part in the beating, attempted to help McDuffie, was forced to file false reports on the incident because he was the junior officer in the district and was the first to expose the cover-up to Miami

authorities. Meanwhile, prosecutor Brian McDonald said he would rest his case today after reading a statement by Veverka into the record.

Man's 'depression' led to shootings

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas homicide detectives say a series of personal tragedies left Edgar Pilcher "extremely depressed" and probably triggered a shooting rampage in which the father shot his daughter and pregnant stepdaughter before firing a bullet into his head.

Pilcher, 50, was listed in extremely critical condition late Thursday. A spokesman at Parkland Hospital described him as "comatose with severe brain damage."

His youngest daughter, Paula Pilcher, 17, was in surgery Thursday night at Baylor Hospital but was listed in fair condition with a gunshot wound to the throat.

Pilcher's stepdaughter, Cindy Whiddon, 22, who was eight months pregnant, was in critical condition at Baylor Hospital with a wound in the chest. She was taken to surgery Thursday night.

State home suspensions follow abuse allegations

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A former worker's allegations of abuse at a state mental retardation center has led to the unpaid suspensions of seven employees.

The workers were suspended Dec. 5, a day after state officials heard about alleged incidents at the Rio Grande State Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Director Blas Cantu said Thursday.

Cantu said an internal investigating panel has been interviewing other employees about the alleged incidents. The complaints ranged from

verbal abuse to negligence that led to a resident hurting himself. The committee probably will announce its findings today or Monday, he added.

The employees all worked directly with mentally retarded boys who require 24-hour care, Cantu said.

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Westside Lions hear about program for deaf

Kay Phillips, a speech therapist for the Regional Day School for the Deaf, gave a report to the Westside Lions Club Thursday on the summer school program for the deaf.

Mrs. Phillips, who was director of the summer program for the hearing impaired, was assisted in the presentation by Margaret Foulsham, co-director of the summer program and resources teacher for the hearing impaired at Fannin Elementary School.

The summer program, held at Midland College and sponsored in part by the Westside Lions, was the first summer school program for deaf children in Midland.

Also present at Thursday's meeting were two children from Mrs. Foulsham's class at Fannin, Wayne Howland and Robert Walker.

Program chairman was Bill Drummond. Tommy Miller is president of the Westside Lions.

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Defender says clients ordinary people

By SHARON COHEN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Dan Radakovich shares his day with suspected child killers, subway slayers and street gang executioners. Many of them, he says, happen to be nice people.

"For the most part they're ordinary people," Radakovich said. "I'd have a beer with most of my clients. I feel very comfortable with most of them."

For three years, murder has been Radakovich's life. As one of 14 members of Cook County public defender's elite Murder Task Force, Radakovich deals daily with human violence and viciousness — beatings, tavern brawls, stabbings, shootings and executions.

Each year, as many as 600 of these life and death dramas become the working tools for the public defenders.

Unlike most task force members, men and women accused of murder usually are black or brown. And they're often poor and desperate.

"You meet your client at probably the most vulnerable point he's ever been in his life," Radakovich said.

Most clients, too, never see their names in newspaper headlines. The stories of barroom fights, domestic squabbles and gang shootings are often summarized on a few lines of a police blotter.

"Most of the people charged with murder are not (established) criminals," said Geary Kull, a task force member. "Most have never done anything wrong in their lives. What happens is they have a weapon. They lose control. They get angry."

And they end up in a courtroom, with an attorney trying to use logic and compassion to explain an often illogical and reckless act.

Sometimes, task force members say, the slayings border on the absurd or incredible. For instance, Radakovich said, one of his clients was accused of hurling a man out of a window because the victim ate his bologna sandwich. The accused was convicted of murder.

Frequently, clients seem to be devoid of humanity. That, the attorneys say, is when their job can be particularly trying.

Once they defended a father who slammed his baby against the wall 10 times. And there was the young man who repeatedly slashed an 86-year-old man while riding an elevated train.

"You try to operate from an objective standpoint," said Bob Lee, head of the task force. "Our job is not to judge innocence or guilt. Our job is to defend."

"The day I start to operate as a judge and say, 'How could you possi-

bly do this?' is the day I have to get out," Lee added.

Todd Musburger, a former task force member now in private practice, said defending a person accused of murder "is just like a surgeon operating on a child. You've got a job and you've got to get the job done."

"Nothing you will ever do will compare in intensity, drama and all of your resources being marshaled to such a degree as representing one murderer after another," Musburger said.

The emotional stress is only beginning when a public defender starts investigating a case. Sometimes, they said, they receive threats and hostility from victims' relatives. "I've had victims' families call me names and tell me where they'd like me to go," Radakovich said.

Just having relatives of the dead person sit through an emotional trial can be anguishing enough, Musburger said.

In 1979, he was among the public defenders who represented Hernando Williams in his trial for kidnapping and killing a doctor's wife named Linda Goldstone.

"I'll never forget asking Hernando Williams about the rape and murder of Linda Goldstone," he said. "I could feel 20 eyes going through my back."

Williams pleaded guilty, and a jury decided he should be sentenced to death. "To sit in that courtroom and have 12 people come back within an hour and say your client should die ... I'll never forget it," Musburger said.

"It's like a murder was committed in front of our eyes."

Reinstatement of the death penalty in Illinois has taken some of the glow off being on the task force, Lee said, adding: "There are many people who have serious problems trying a death penalty case."

Some task force members, including Andrea Lyon, oppose the death penalty. "I think if the state sits there cold and calculatingly plans to kill someone ... it's worse than a murder of passion," she said. "It's uglier."

Musburger said that during his years on the task force, everything became depersonalized. "You forget you're dealing with the loss of human life," he said. "It's moving cattle. It's selling cars. ... If you constantly think of the loss of life, you'll never be able to function as a lawyer."

But William Murphy, a former task force director now in private practice, said he never became insensitive on the job. What happens, he said, is "you feel sorry for everyone, the victims and the clients. It drives you batty sometimes."

After spending six years on the task force, Murphy said, "I don't believe in anyone dying. I don't believe in guns. Life's too precious."



Attorney Geary Kull, a member of the Cook County public defender's Murder Task Force, interviews suspect. The 14 elite members of the task force share their days with child killers, subway slayers and street gang executioners — many of whom, they say, happen to be nice people. (AP Laserphoto)

Republicans see Reagan in old film

CHICAGO (AP) — There on the screen was Ronald Reagan and a chimp called Bonzo. In the audience watching "Bedtime for Bonzo" were 40 Young Republicans.

In one scene, Reagan, now president-elect, discussed how he should be addressed when around the chimp since "father" and "professor" sounded too formal.

Someone in the audience called out, "Just call me Mr. President."

The 1951 movie was shown at the Republican Central Committee headquarters Wednesday night just for the fun of it.

"All who attended are true believers in Ronald Reagan, and most of them worked hard to elect him," said Larry Petri, chairman for the Young Republican Organization of Cook County.

He said "Bedtime For Bonzo" was one of only a few Reagan films available for showing in the Chicago area at present.

"We wanted to show the state to appeal one, and the chimp rulings made by the heavier Reagan film, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest Petri. "That one criminal court in Texas, wouldn't have been too would decide whether it appropriate to show."

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In November, voters approved an amendment giving the existing Courts of Civil Appeals jurisdiction over criminal cases, as well as their current civil case load.

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'Secrets of Midland Heights' may become hit soap

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the luxuries enjoyed by TV soap operas is that they're judged apart from other TV entertainment. Viewers tend to indulge soaps their weaknesses in areas of dramatic structure, execution and dialogue. Character is the thing in soaps.

What I'm trying to say is, CBS' new prime time soap, "Secrets of Midland Heights," could become a hit show in spite of its dreadfulness.

In a very busy debut episode last Saturday, "Midland Heights" showed itself to be a creature grossly fat with overacting and ludicrous situations. But, in the way soaps are, it was also sort of amusing.

It's like this... Midland Heights is a little town out there somewhere in Soapville County, where every citizen's life is a tangled web of deceit, lust, passion and sorrow, and where all the webs are inter-

connected.

The burg is run by old lady Millington (Martha Scott), a crusty old bird whose people founded Midland Heights. Running point for Mrs. Millington, and for himself, is Guy Millington (Jordan Christopher), the series' chief misanthrope.

Of Guy's many reasons for unpleasantness, the most pressing seems to be that his niece, Ann (Doran Clark), somehow stands between him and the family fortune. Ann's mother is suggested to be insane, and Guy is most willing to assist Ann along a similar path.

Ann loves a poor dropout, John. So, Guy has John run out of town. John might be saved, though, by Holly and Teddy, who ... never mind. Let's just say "Secrets of Midland Heights" wasted no time in setting up shop.

Some of the situations were just too goofy to let pass without a snicker. There's a lot of emphasis on adolescents in this soap, so it wasn't surprising to find in the first episode a young virgin seeking to alter her situation. She talked a young man into going to a motel with her. Who do you suppose was in the next room, consummating infidelity? The girl's mother.

Who do you suppose the girl's mother was with? The boy's father. (Tee hee. I have to giggle even now.)

As I say, soaps are accounted on a separate ledger. This is a really bad show. But bad, in this case, could prove to be good. It doesn't matter to me, in any case. I'm equipped to handle but one soap at a time, and "Dallas" came along first.

"Magnum, P.I.," which premiered Thurs-

day, is CBS' updating of "Hawaii Five-O." It's shot in Hawaii, and the show even gets "Five-O's" old time slot.

While "Magnum" promises nothing apart in the world of TV detective yarns, it tries to go about its dreary business with a sense of humor, and that's welcome.

Tom Selleck plays private eye Tom Magnum, a former Navy intelligence officer who lives on fringes of the high life while trying to make it in the sleazy P.I. business. He lives on the estate of a rich writer pal, and does constant battle with the writer's valet, a retired British major.

Magnum drives cars fast and recklessly, loves and leaves pretty ladies and gets shot at. The stuff of TV detectives. He also experiences a lot of Vietnam flashbacks, which seem a little out of place.

But he laughs at himself along the way. Can you imagine McGarrett laughing at himself? Give "Magnum" a chance, and hope the

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GOP faces unpleasant reality

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican conservatives are faced with the unpleasant reality that the Cabinet choices made so far by Ronald Reagan would have fit comfortably into Gerald R. Ford's administration...

French Smith, for attorney general, and William J. Casey, for director of the Central Intelligence Agency, were picked because Reagan knows each man well.

California Highway Patrol ridding fleet of 'dog cars'

By ALAN PARACHINI The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The California Highway Patrol, stuck with 900 patrol cars that don't go fast enough to catch speeders has begun to sell off some of the vehicles never even put into service in an attempt to rid the fleet of what officers call "dog cars."

The Highway Patrol said the omission of acceleration and top speed requirements was nothing more than a frustrated recognition of the fact that no police car available for sale in California in 1980 could go fast enough to meet the patrol's requirements.

A memorandum detailing the meeting and documents bearing on related developments were obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

EPA cuts awards of treatment funds

By BRYCE NELSON The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency cut off all awards of federal highway and sewage treatment funds to six California urban areas Thursday because of the state's failure to adopt legislation requiring inspection of auto emission systems.

Douglas M. Costle, the EPA administrator, said that his overriding concern "is that these two states finally act to protect their citizens from the health threats posed by excessive levels of automobile pollution."

Legislature adjourned in early September. Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. threatened to call the Legislature back into special session to pass a program but did not.

Economists say recovery to continue

By KATHRYN HARRIS The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Economists at the University of California, Los Angeles, Thursday forecast a continuing recovery from the 1980 recession for the national economy, but they also predicted persistent double-digit inflation next year as well as troubles for the auto and housing industries.

1981 from "the very dismal lows of 1980," and new home sales by as much as 25 percent, according to case.

If President-elect Ronald Reagan is to balance the budget by the end of 1983, his administration must hold the average annual rate of increase in federal spending to 9.6 percent, according to the UCLA forecast.

Department drops conspiracy charge

By LAURA A. KIERNAN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Justice Department lawyers Thursday dropped a conspiracy indictment against former acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III, conceding that they could not prove Gray had authorized illegal break-ins in search of fugitive members of the Weather Underground in the early 1970s.

to say whom he blamed for any malicious action or whether he thought his prosecution had been politically motivated. He did add that he believes the Justice Department's general effort to protect the constitutional rights of the citizens who were targets of the break-ins was "appropriate."

B. Bryant. Both are to be sentenced Monday. In August, after Gray's lawyer, Alan I. Baron, challenged the strength of the government's key evidence, prosecutors made it clear the decision to move ahead with Gray's trial would depend on evidence brought out in the Felt-Miller case.

U.S. may miss out on comet's return

By THOMAS O'TOOLE The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Halley's Comet is coming back in 1986, and as plans currently stand, the United States won't be up there to watch.

"The way things are planned right now is not very sensible," said Dr. Jacques Blamont of the University of Paris, chief scientist of the ESA and the architect of the French plan to cooperate with the Soviet Union in the study of Halley's Comet.

operate with the Soviet Union, France or the Europeans to aid their observations of Halley. "We need American help, we need their superb navigating capability and their tracking antenna in Australia," Blamont said.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said in an interview. "This mission would do three very important things that no other spacecraft of any other country would do because they don't have the technical capability. This mission is still an option for the United States."

New exodus phase open

By JIM WOLF Agence France-Presse

BANGKOK — A plane-load of U.S. bound Vietnamese arrived in Bangkok Thursday, opening a new phase in the post-war exodus that began in shabby fishing boats.

City Thursday to escort the refugees to Bangkok. They were the first U.S. government officials to return to the former South Vietnamese capital since the U.S. embassy staff was snatched from rooftops by helicopters on April 30, 1975, after the communist victory.

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U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie yawns as he talks with Lord Carrington, center, Britain's foreign minister, before Thursday's NATO foreign ministers meeting in Brussels. At right is U.S. permanent representative to NATO, William Bennett. The meeting began with the United States urging political and economic retaliation if the Soviet army intervenes in Poland. (AP Laserphoto)

Poles may be used to quell unrest

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Army readiness in eastern Poland has been increased in what U.S. analysts describe as the first concrete indication that Poles — not Soviets — might be used to suppress popular unrest.

The report by U.S. intelligence sources came Thursday after Poland's army newspaper repeatedly warned the country's independent labor movement against any actions that would threaten the communist hold there. The paper hinted Poland's armed forces might take a direct hand to suppress dissent.

According to reports reaching here, all of Poland's army divisions assigned to eastern part of the country have been ordered to an 80 percent level of readiness. U.S. specialists said this is considerably higher than normal.

There are three Polish motorized rifle divisions and an airborne division stationed in eastern Poland. U.S. intelligence reports also say one Polish reserve army division has been brought to a low level of mobilization. It was unclear what this involves, but some U.S. specialists said it appears it has been strengthened slightly.

The sketchy reports did not specify whether the increased readiness orders came from Polish government civilian leaders, Polish generals or Soviet military officials. Poland is a member of the Warsaw Pact, which is dominated by the Soviet military.

There has been a recent increase in the number of Soviet officers assigned as advisers to various Polish military headquarters and staffs, U.S. intelligence sources have said.

Although the Polish army newspaper backed Communist Party leaders and warned dissidents, U.S. specialists on Eastern Europe say they doubt that Polish soldiers could be relied upon to suppress their countrymen violently.

Warsaw Pact leaders met in Moscow last week and appeared to give Polish government chiefs additional time to regain firm control of their country. U.S. specialists said the increased readiness of Polish army units could be an action designed to show the Soviets that Poles can preserve communism in their country without outside intervention.

For days now, Carter administration officials have said Soviet and Warsaw Pact preparations near Poland have reached a point where a military incursion from western Russia, East Germany and Czechoslovakia could be launched if the Kremlin orders it.

A fresh report indicates the Soviets have completed reconnaissance of Polish roads along which an incursion force likely would advance.

In an interview Thursday with Chicago television station WBBM, Vice President Walter F. Mondale said, "The Soviets and the forces that they control in East Germany and Czechoslovakia are now in a position where they can move at any time with very little notice and enter Poland."

He added, "There was a time a few months ago when we would have had much more advance notice but today they are poised in a way it is clear they are preparing for maximum readiness for such purpose, though whether they actually will use those forces is still a matter of speculation."

An estimated 30 Soviet, East German and Czech divisions have been believed ready to move against Poland. A force of this size would total more than 300,000 men. The Polish army of 15 divisions numbers about 200,000. Much of its Soviet-supplied equipment is old.

NATO plans responses to meet Soviet action

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON
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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The NATO allies hope their threat of "appalling" consequences will deter the Kremlin from intervening in Poland. But they are planning for a variety of responses to meet any type of action the Russians may take, stressing the need for unity they failed to achieve in replying to Moscow's thrust into Afghanistan.

Foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Alliance, winding up their annual winter meeting today, agreed that Soviet intervention could take varying forms, ranging from a massive military strike to a regime of repression by a puppet government in Warsaw.

The ministers also agreed that different forms of intervention would require different responses. So they ordered their permanent NATO representatives in Brussels to continue preparing for each and every conceivable set of circumstances that could arise. And they agreed on arrangements to ensure speedy response to any Soviet action.

Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said he and his colleagues at their first day-long meeting Thursday expressed "very strong, positive, unanimous expressions of points of view on the Polish situation." He told reporters any sort of Soviet intervention would be "the gravest sort of development, one that would call for the most serious kinds of responses."

But he refused to specify any likely responses, and said: "Given the possible scenarios, I doubt that the ingenuity of man could construct an automatic response." The French, who traditionally take a maverick stance within the alliance, also emphasized the unanimity of the allies. Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet said there were "no appreciable differences of viewpoints as to what should be done."

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Three held on cocaine smuggling attempt

NEW YORK (AP) — Three West Coast men and two women have been arrested at Kennedy International Airport here and accused of attempting to smuggle \$1 million worth of cocaine by air from Bolivia to West Germany, federal officials said.

The alleged scheme involved a switch in baggage claim checks to avoid a search of cocaine-laden luggage by German customs officials.

Federal officials acting on a tip seized the five Thursday after inspecting two suitcases, each said to contain 20 pounds of cocaine. They were aboard Lufthansa Flight 493 from La Paz, Bolivia, en route to Munich via New York.

Arrested were Kenneth Charles Feld, 26, an artist, of Bolinas, Calif., described as the ringleader; Albert B. Foreman, 27, of Emeryville, Calif.; Michael J. Muench, 31, a salesman, of Ephrata, Wash.; Micala Evans, 35, a restaurateur, of Bolinas; and Michelle A. Lewis, 25, a San Francisco model.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Shepard said Feld brought the cocaine to Kennedy from Bolivia, where it was transferred in suitcases to Foreman and Miss Lewis, who remained in a customs area where no search of luggage was required.

Muench and Ms. Evans boarded the plane carrying luggage that included skis and clothing suitable for European slopes, while Foreman and Miss Lewis allegedly went aboard with the cocaine, Miss Shepard said.

The plan, according to the prosecutor, was for the two couples to exchange baggage claim checks, since German customs officials ordinarily examine baggage from South America more thoroughly than baggage from the United States. The cocaine would have been listed as ski equipment when Foreman and Miss Lewis went through German customs, officials said.

The five appeared before U.S. Magistrate A. Simon Chrien in Brooklyn on charges of possession and intent to distribute cocaine. He scheduled arraignment for Dec. 19.

Conviction on the charges carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in federal prison and a \$10,000 fine. Bail was set at \$500,000 for Foreman, \$250,000 for Miss Lewis, \$100,000 for Feld, and \$15,000 each for Muench and Evans.

Aid may be resumed to El Salvador

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. commission sent to El Salvador will probably recommend the resumption of American aid to that strife-torn Central American country, after finding no clear-cut evidence linking Salvadoran troops to the slaying of four Americans earlier this month, according to a published report.

The Washington Post, in today's editions, quoted unidentified sources as saying that while the recommendation would probably be made to help moderate forces gain the upper hand in El Salvador, a final decision has still not been reached.

The United States suspended \$25 million in aid to El Salvador last week, until it could learn whether Salvadoran security forces may have had some part in the killings of three American Roman Catholic nuns and one lay worker on Dec. 2.

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