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Soviet official says jet was on spy mission

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin charged today that the South Korean jumbo jet it shot down was on a carefully coordinated spy mission with a U.S. reconnaissance jet, and warned that Soviet defense forces will shoot again if necessary.

In an unprecedented news conference, the Soviet chief of staff, Marshal Nikolai V. Ogarkov, said the decision to bring down the jumbo jet took 2½ hours during which 10 interceptors gave chase and 120 warning shots were fired.

"We dragged on our activities for two hours and a half and it was only when we were convinced we were

dealing with a reconnaissance airplane totally ignoring our defense forces. What was left to us?" Ogarkov told a Western-style, question-and-answer news conference, a rarity in the Soviet Union.

It was the first time Ogarkov had met with foreign reporters, and illustrated Soviet efforts to still the international furor over the shooting down of an unarmed civilian plane with the loss of 269 lives.

He bristled when reporters continued to press him as to why an unarmed commercial plane was shot down even if the circumstances were unusual.

"It was a completely different type of plane, not a plane there in error. The Soviet Union honorably and justly fulfilled its obligations," he said.

"Anti-aircraft defense forces attempted to force the plane to land. A complete conviction was achieved that we were dealing with a reconnoitering plane," Ogarkov said.

He insisted the fighter crew and ground command had acted properly and legally, and warned, "In the future, if need be, they will also perform their combat tasks."

The South Korean airliner was shot down Sept. 1 by a Soviet air-to-

air missile and all 269 people aboard perished, including 61 Americans. The catastrophe has aroused a worldwide furor and demands for a Soviet explanation.

After a series of government statements providing the Soviet versions of events, the Kremlin today arranged the extraordinary news conference that lasted two hours and was televised abroad. It provided the most detailed argument to date on why the Soviet Union insists it was justified in shooting down the airliner.

In addition to Ogarkov, Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Kornienko,

and Leonid Zamyatin, chief of the Communist Party's Information Department also fielded questions from dozens of correspondents.

Ogarkov said the jumbo had rendezvoused with a U.S. RC-135 spy plane, flew with it for 10 minutes, deliberately entered Soviet airspace then defied four Soviet interceptors over Kamchatka and six over Sakhalin and tried to flee.

He said the plane had flown over at least one "nuclear defense" site and a "very important" defense center near the city of Yuzhno Sakha-

link on the southern tip of Sakhalin.

The three Soviets at the news conference continued to blame the United States for the catastrophe, and Ogarkov claimed Washington dispatched the plane "completely without taking into account, or perhaps taking into consideration, human losses."

At one point, Kornienko said, "The Americans do not want to admit the truth."

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Staff Photo by Ron Jaap

Fall fun

The call to "Start the Fall with a Bang" met with a positive response from a number of Midlanders Thursday, when the Pickwick Players presented excerpts from "Snoopy," in the courtyard at First City National Bank. Other acts presented during the noon

hour concert included performances by Midland and Lee high schools' drum corps and a visual arts presentation from the Midland Palette Club. Sponsored by the Midland Arts Assembly and First City, Thursday's concert opened the series of four.

Drought drives up food prices, government says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices, driven up by the first food price increase in four months, rose 0.4 percent in August, the government said today.

Food price hikes, largely the product of the summer's devastating drought and heat wave, were posted for vegetables, poultry, eggs and pork. In all, food prices rose 0.4 percent, matching the overall gain.

Experts had been predicting that the devastating weather would send food prices up next year, but the speed with which the increases are being felt shows just how severe the drought and heat have been.

Even with the food price increases, however, many economists say that the Labor Department's wholesale price calculation for all of 1983 may rise at its slowest pace since the mid-1960s.

Indeed, prices for the first eight months of the year were flat. For the year ending in August, prices rose just 1.4 percent, their best 12-month showing since 1967. They had risen 3.7 percent in 1982.

This summer's weather was felt in a number of statistics in today's Producer Price Index for finished goods:

—Vegetable prices, reflecting withering damage to corn, bean and other crops, skyrocketed 16.5 percent, a dramatic turnaround from July's 11.9 percent decline.

—Poultry prices soared 5.1 percent after falling 2 percent in the preceding month. Indeed, million of chickens suffocated in the oppressive heat of July and August.

—Further evidence of the diminished hen population could be seen in egg prices, which rose 4.4 percent after falling 1.4 percent.

—Pork prices rose 0.6 percent after five months of sharp declines, an indication in part of pigs' susceptibility to unrelieved heat because they cannot evaporate moisture through their skin.

On the plus side, fresh fruit prices fell 5.6 percent.

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Rockets strike Marine zone again

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The U.S. Marine zone at the international airport was rocketed twice during the night after President Ronald Reagan pledged "whatever support it takes" to shield American peacekeepers from attacks.

No new casualties were reported.

Another barrage struck close to the international peacekeeping force's French contingent at its mid-city base. A French spokesman denied a local press report that the French aircraft carrier Foch retaliated by shelling artillery positions in the Druse-controlled central mountains.

Associated Press photographer William Foley today said the first rocket barrage came at about midnight and the second about 75 minutes later.

Nine rockets hit in the first attack and three in the second, sending the 1,200 Marines at the airport into bun-

kers and foxholes on each occasion, Foley reported.

No further attacks had occurred by dawn, but artillery fire could be heard in the mountains, where Christian and Druse militias have been struggling for control since the Israeli army withdrew to a new defense line further south last Sunday.

The rocketing came a day after the U.S. Navy frigate Bowen fired on and destroyed a Druse militia battery that had shelled the airport, where four Marines have been killed and 28 wounded since late last month.

In a telephone call to the Marines' commander, Col. Tim Garaghty, Reagan offered his condolences Thursday for the casualties and said: "I am determined to see to it that we provide you whatever support it takes to stop the attacks on your positions.

"Tell the Marines the entire nation is proud of you and the outstanding job you are doing under difficult odds," Reagan told Garaghty. The telephone call was reported in Washington by Larry Speakes, the chief White House spokesman.

Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., said in Washington he would try to get Congress to block funding for the Marine contingent as of Nov. 1 unless Reagan filed a report acknowledging the Marines are in a combat situation and seeking congressional approval for their continued presence.

He contended Reagan had moved the Marine force into a war position without proper congressional approval.

Druse leader Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party claimed in a communique issued in Damascus, Syria, today that its forces had captured the ancient Christian town

of Beit-Eddin in the Chouf mountains and had laid siege to neighboring Deir Al-Kamar, the largest Christian town in the region.

The Druse forces were braced for "the final assault into Deir Al-Kamar any moment unless the (Christian) Phalangists surrender to avoid bloodshed," the communique said.

It pledged to spare the lives of thousands of Christian refugees who have fled to Deir Al-Kamar from other Chouf and Aley mountain areas overrun by the Druse in the past five days.

U.S. F-14 Tomcat jets from the carrier Eisenhower flew over Deir Al-Kamar Thursday at the request of the Lebanese government to conduct "humanitarian documentation of the refugee situation," Marine spokesman Maj. Robert Jordan disclosed today.

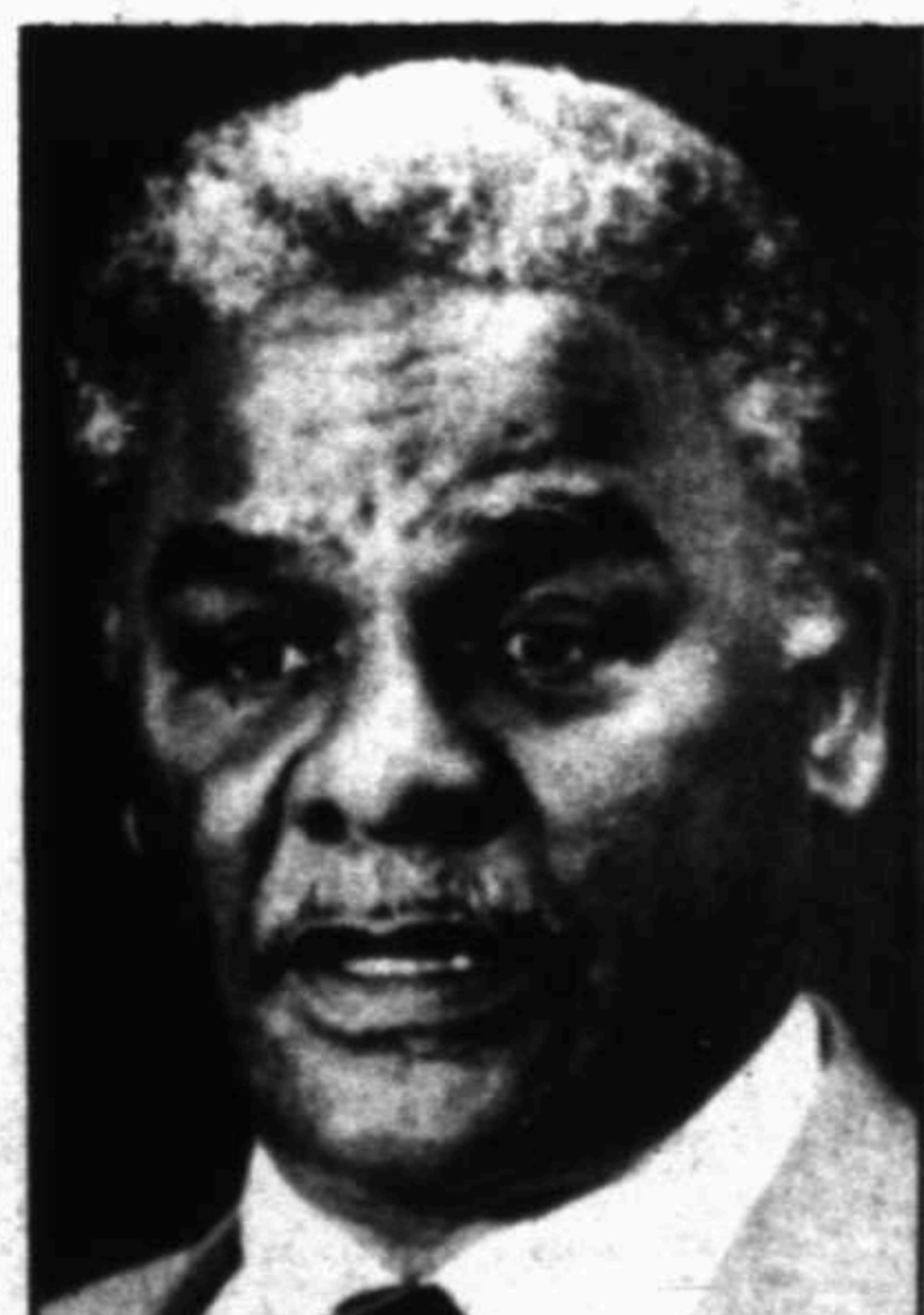
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AP Wirephoto

U.S. Marines take a break playing chess after their position was shelled. They were on "condition one" most of the day Thursday, and dug into foxholes and bunkers.

Assassination of Chicago mayor allegedly plotted



Harold Washington

CHICAGO (AP) — The chatter of "a loud-mouthed drunk in a bar" led to criminal charges that landed a wealthy real estate broker in jail for allegedly plotting the assassination of Mayor Harold Washington, the broker's attorney claims.

The suspect, Lawrence N. Oberman, 38, was indicted by a Cook County grand jury Thursday on two counts of solicitation to commit murder and one count of possession of cocaine, said Cook County State's Attorney Richard M. Daley.

Oberman was arrested Wednesday night. At a preliminary hearing Thursday, Circuit Court Judge Joseph J. Urso set bond at \$4 million.

Daley told a news conference Thursday that Oberman offered to pay an undisclosed sum of money to have Washington, the city's first black mayor, assassinated. Daley declined to say how much money was offered or what was the motive.

Daley said the offer was made to

an undercover informant he identified only as Keith Freeman.

George Murtaugh, Oberman's attorney, said in a telephone interview Thursday that his client was set up and that his tape-recorded comments were "light drunken banter."

He said Freeman is Oberman's cousin and helped law enforcement agents for his own benefit.

He said the tape recordings are "a parroting of a loud-mouthed drunk in a bar. I'm talking about my client. He's the kind of guy that you walk away from in a bar."

"I'm glad it's tape recorded. When you hear the tapes, you'll see how silly this thing is."

However, said Daley, "Threats of violence must be taken seriously and we do take them seriously whether they involve a public official or a private citizen."

Unnamed sources were quoted in the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times as saying that Oberman was recorded offering \$1 million for

the mayor's assassination because he was concerned about the future of the city under Washington's administration.

Murtaugh said Oberman will plead innocent to the charges at his arraignment, which is scheduled Sept. 29.

Oberman was arrested in front of his home in an affluent lakefront neighborhood on the city's near North Side after allegedly purchasing 1½ ounces of cocaine from a government undercover agent, Daley said.

Daley, who lost to Washington in the city's Democratic mayoral primary last February and is the son of the late Mayor Richard J. Daley, said Washington's safety was never in jeopardy. He said the mayor's bodyguards were advised of the investigation when it began Aug. 12. The probe originated with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, then was turned over to local officials, he said.

Daley said Oberman had no previous criminal record and described him as "having some wealth... We know Mr. Oberman has a substantial amount of money."

According to the Tribune, Oberman told investigators that he has earned \$600,000 this year.

A lifelong Chicago resident, curly-haired and heavyset, Oberman lives in Astor House, a posh 31-story apartment building in the lakefront neighborhood known as the Gold Coast.

"I don't believe it. No way. No. I know that he is not a violent person. He's a very good-hearted soul," Oberman's mother, Esther Oberman of Skokie, said of the charges.

Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey J. Kent asked Urso for a high bond, saying Oberman has "substantial liquid assets." Oberman could be released by posting \$400,000, 10 percent of the bond.

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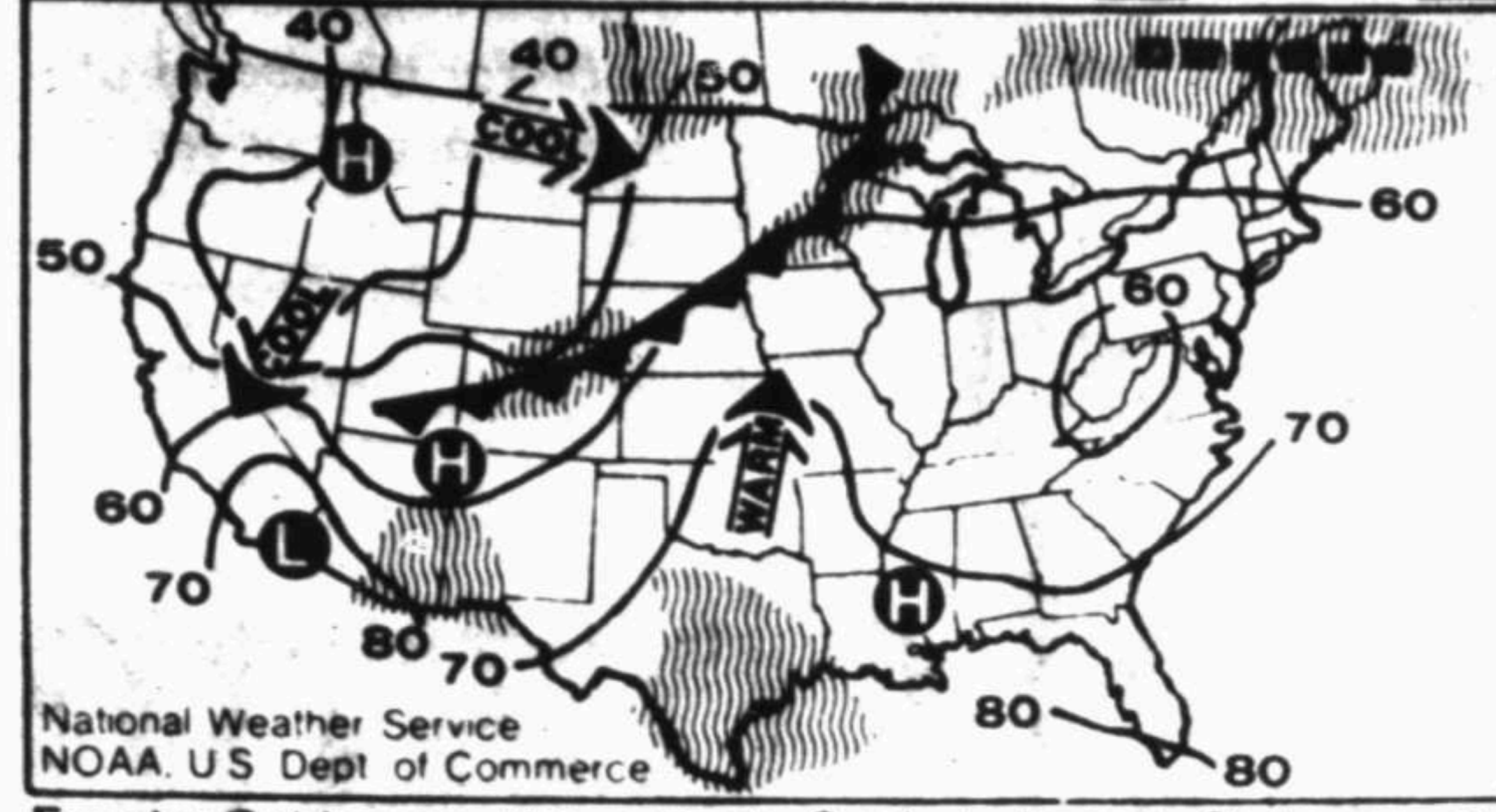
Weather
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT
Saturday, September 10
Low Temperatures



The National Weather Service forecast shows for Saturday for Texas and parts of Michigan and Minnesota. Clear skies are forecast for the rest of the nation.

Autumn creeps into West Texas air

Autumn, slowly but surely, is creeping into the West Texas air. The high Thursday reached only 90, while nighttime temperatures consistently have begun dipping into the 60s. The National Weather Service expects similar temperatures for tonight and Saturday, as the low should be in the mid 60s and the high Saturday in the low 90s. Thursday's extremes of 90 and 68 were well off the all-time records for the date of 97 in 1964 and 53 in 1956. Only a trace of precipitation has been recorded by the Midland NWS station this month, leaving the 1983 total at 2.79 inches.

Midland statistics

FORECAST	
Fair tonight with low in mid 60s and winds south early 5-10 mph. Fair Saturday with less than 20 per cent chance of isolated late afternoon thunderstorms. High in low 90s and winds southerly 5-15 mph.	
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS	
Overnight Low	80 degrees
Sunset today	68 degrees
Sunrise tomorrow	6:03 a.m.
Precipitation	7.29 a.m.
Last 24 hours	0.00 inches
This month to date	trace inches
1983 to date	2.79 inches
LOCAL TEMPERATURES	
6 a.m.	70
7 a.m.	69
8 a.m.	69
9 a.m.	73
10 a.m.	75
11 a.m.	78
noon	80
1 p.m.	81
2 p.m.	82
3 p.m.	85
4 p.m.	89
5 p.m.	89
6 a.m.	70

Weather elsewhere

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Dir
Albany	78	49	0	cdy
Albuquerque	85	64	0	cdy
Anchorage	56	47	0	cdy
Asheville	87	65	80	cdy
Atlanta	88	71	0	cdy
Atlanta City	81	57	0	cdy
Baltimore	86	56	0	cdy
Birmingham	82	68	0	cdy
Birmingham	82	68	0	cdy
Boise	79	47	0	cdy
Boston	83	65	0	cdy
Burlington	77	56	0	cdy
Casper	88	51	0	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	91	77	0	cdy
Charleston, W.V.	88	54	0	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	91	68	0	cdy
Chattanooga	82	53	0	cdy
Chicago	90	70	0	cdy
Cincinnati	85	54	0	cdy
Cleveland	77	57	0	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	95	68	0	cdy
Columbus	84	54	0	cdy
Dayton	85	56	0	cdy
Denver	88	60	0	cdy
Des Moines	89	76	0	cdy
Detroit	79	54	0	cdy
Duluth	80	68	0	cdy
Fairbanks	54	44	0	cdy
Fargo	85	55	0	cdy
Flagstaff	71	47	0	cdy
Great Falls	68	49	0	cdy
Harford	83	54	0	cdy
Havana	74	50	33	cdy
Honolulu	85	56	0	cdy
Indianapolis	86	59	0	cdy
Jackson Miss	89	58	0	cdy
Jacksonville	91	75	0	cdy
Jenewa	58	42	0	cdy
Kansas City	98	73	0	cdy
Las Vegas	98	78	0	cdy
Little Rock	95	70	0	cdy
Los Angeles	90	73	0	cdy
Los Angeles	89	57	0	cdy
Mammoth	84	73	0	cdy
Miami	92	73	0	cdy
Milwaukee	81	64	0	cdy
Minneapolis	83	71	30	cdy
Mobile, Ala.	97	84	0	cdy
New Orleans	91	70	0	cdy
New York	85	65	0	cdy
Norfolk	83	65	0	cdy
Omaha	97	84	0	cdy
Oklahoma City	91	69	0	cdy
Philadelphia	96	76	0	cdy
Phoenix	93	76	0	cdy
Pittsburgh	80	54	0	cdy
Portland, Me.	83	48	0	cdy
Portland, Ore.	68	50	0	cdy
Providence	84	58	0	cdy
Raleigh	90	66	0	cdy
Reno	83	41	0	cdy
Richmond	87	57	0	cdy
San Antonio	93	74	0	cdy
San Diego	86	59	0	cdy
San Francisco	84	72	0	cdy
San Jose	71	54	0	cdy
St. Louis	80	59	0	cdy
Seattle	57	50	0	cdy
Shreveport	92	69	0	cdy
Spokane	97	65	0	cdy
Syracuse	68	45	0	cdy
Tampa	78	51	0	cdy
Tucson	90	75	0	cdy
Tulsa	99	75	0	cdy
Washington	96	84	0	cdy
Wichita	96	72	0	cdy

Texas temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Abilene	86	73	00
Alice	85	73	00
Amarillo	92	68	00
Austin	89	70	00
Beaumont	93	74	00
Brownsville	86	75	10
Childress	84	71	00
College Station	87	69	00
Corpus Christi	78	59	00
Dalhart	91	68	00
Dallas	90	70	01
Del Rio	84	72	00
El Paso	95	70	00
Fort Worth	90	70	00
Galveston	84	72	22
Houston	93	74	00
Longview	92	68	00
Lubbock	90	68	00
Lufkin	90	70	00
Marfa	86	58	00
McAllen	88	74	12
Midland	90	68	00
San Angelo	93	73	00
San Antonio	90	72	78
Stephenville	87	70	00
Texasarkana	84	68	00
Victoria	84	72	37
Waco	84	71	15
Wichita Falls	87	69	00
Wink	M	70	00

Border states forecasts

Louisiana: Partly cloudy days and mostly fair at night through Saturday with widely scattered mainly afternoon thunderstorms a little more numerous in the south both days. High 70s and Saturday mostly low 90s. Low tonight 60s to 70s.

Arkansas: Partly cloudy with a few afternoon thunderstorms through Saturday. Elsewhere mostly sunny and quite warm. Highs mostly in the 90s through Saturday. Fair and mild tonight with lows in the mid 60s to low 70s.

Oklahoma: Clear to partly cloudy through Saturday with not numerous. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly in the Panhandle. Highs today and Saturday in the 90s. Low tonight mid 60s in the Panhandle to the mid 70s east.

Cold front sweeps through Minnesota

By The Associated Press
Pounding thunderstorms swept the upper Midwest with Minnesota buffeted by chilly 75 mph winds and heavy rain, while less severe storms were scattered over parts of Wyoming, Utah and the Florida Keys

Texas area forecast

West Texas: Isolated to widely scattered late afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly south of Amarillo. Partly cloudy today, clearing tonight and fair Saturday. Highs today and Saturday mostly in the 90s except near 104 in the Big Bend valleys. Lows in the 60s except 70s south.

North Texas: Partly cloudy days and fair at night through Saturday with widely scattered mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms through Saturday. Warm days with high near 90 east to middle 90s west. Lows near 70 to lower 70s.

Meanwhile, a flood watch continued in effect for Galveston and Chambers counties in Texas, even though only a few showers lingered along the western Gulf Coast. Skies were cloudy in the Pacific Northwest.

Marine zone hit again by rockets

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He said U.S. and French jets would conduct such flights from time to time, but "we're not going to announce every time we do it." The Druse claimed in a statement Thursday that Lebanese troops and Christian militiamen "massacred" 40 people at a Druse religious shrine in Ebey, 7 1/2 miles southeast of Beirut. There was no independent confirmation of the claim, the latest in a series of reports of massacres this week by both Christians and the Syrian-backed Druse.

In the northern port city of Tripoli, a car bomb exploded in front of the office of the Sunni Moslem fundamentalist group "Islamic Union." Hospital officials said seven were killed and 20 were wounded in the blast. Two ABC television crew members — David Owens, 35, of Wichita, Kan., and Akram Abi Hanna, 23, a native Lebanese — returned safely to Beirut after being reported missing since last weekend. They said heavy shelling forced them to seek shelter in a mountain cave, where they spent two nights.

Rich man allegedly plots assassination

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However, Kent said, "During the course of our de-briefing of Mr. Oberman last night, he expressed some serious concern with regard for his safety were he to be placed on the street."

press secretary, said switchboards at city hall lit up after the report about the alleged plot Thursday morning. He said the mayor first learned of the allegations from news reports, but was "unshaken." "It's not the first threat," Mitchell said. Washington has been the subject of "bomb scares and threats fairly frequently."

Reagan wants Aeroflot ties severed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, trying to cripple worldwide operations of the huge Soviet airline Aeroflot, is urging allies to follow the U.S. lead in severing all business ties with the Russian carrier and formally closing its already dormant ticket offices.

Reagan moved against Aeroflot, which claims to be the world's largest airline, Thursday in a second installment of retaliation against the Kremlin for shooting down an unarmed South Korean jumbo jet with 269 people aboard. Limited sanctions on cultural and other transportation agreements had been announced Monday.

The latest steps failed to satisfy critics who had urged Reagan to be tougher with the Soviets. Terry Dolan, head of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, said few Americans would consider flying Aeroflot in the first place and that Reagan's action "is hardly bold or decisive."

Indeed, the closing of Aeroflot's two offices — effective next Thursday — will have hardly any direct impact because the airline had done little apparent business in the United States since its flights were banned from landing in this country on Jan. 5, 1982, in reaction to the Soviet-backed imposition of martial law in Poland.

The U.S. offices had served only to book flights out of Montreal and other foreign cities and had been shut by the Soviets themselves in recent weeks. The Canadian government ordered the Montreal flights suspended for 60 days in retaliation for the Korean jetliner downing.

Reagan, meanwhile, planned to attend a memorial service for the plane victims today at the Washington Cathedral. Diplomats and members of the Cabinet also were invited.

White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the U.S. action "certainly costs them (Aeroflot) in prestige and it costs them in foreign exchange, to some extent." "It is our hope that if other nations will step in and do this same thing, then it could have a profound



A security officer keeps a protester away from the Washington offices of the Soviet airline Aeroflot. The White House announced the offices will be closed and won a Civil Aeronautics Board order severing ties with the carrier in retaliation of the shooting down of the South Korean jet.

effect on the Soviet airline," said Speakes. "The economic impact of the U.S. sanctions is hard to estimate at the present time with any precision."

Aeroflot says its 1,500 planes fly more than 390,000 people a day to places as far-flung as Brazzaville, the Congo, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In banning commercial relationships with Aeroflot, the CAB urged American travel agencies to observe the "letter and spirit" of that action and "deny further commercial benefits to Aeroflot." In other words, it asked agents to go a step further and quit booking any business that

would use an Aeroflot flight — by a foreign airline connection as well as American.

Speakes acknowledged that Americans still could travel to Moscow through other countries and could book tickets to the Soviet Union through foreign airlines with offices in the United States.

On a 40 vote, the CAB approved Reagan's request to — Prohibit any U.S. carrier from selling a ticket to a passenger on an overseas flight if the passenger's itinerary includes traveling on the Soviet air carrier. — Prohibit Aeroflot from selling

air transportation in the United States through U.S. carriers. — Suspend any arrangements U.S. airlines may have to provide travelers from the United States with connecting service with the Soviet air carrier.

— Prohibit any U.S. airlines from accepting any tickets or shipping documents issued by Aeroflot worldwide. — Despite the ban on Aeroflot flights into the United States, U.S. carriers have routinely connected passengers traveling to the Soviet Union with Aeroflot flights in other countries such as Canada, Mexico and France.

The airline industry quickly said it would go along with the prohibitions and a spokesman for a large travel agency trade group said he expected travel agents to comply "almost 100 percent."

The airlines pledge full assistance in helping make certain that civilian aircraft are assured peaceful passage through the world's skies," the Air Transport Association said in a statement endorsing Reagan's actions. The association represents most of the large carriers.

Richard Knodt, president of the American Society of Travel Agents, said the organization will "support the president in all ways" and will call upon its 11,000 member agencies to stop all Aeroflot bookings.

But he and other travel agents said the action could mean lost passengers for U.S. carriers flying the North Atlantic routes as passengers bound to or from Moscow shift to the various European airlines that serve the United States.

The U.S. carriers which had connecting flights to Aeroflot include Pan American World Airways, Trans World Airlines, Delta Airlines, Northwest Airlines, People Express and World Airways.

In issuing its order, CAB chairman Dan McKinnon said, "It is in the essential foreign policy interest of the United States to take resolute action against the Soviet carrier Aeroflot." The order goes into effect Monday, CAB officials said.

Official says jet was on spy mission

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OGARKOV said the plane at one point was headed directly for "a major base of the U.S.S.R.'s strategic nuclear forces," and that the order to shoot was given "only after the Soviet air defense forces had used every warning measure possible under those (night) conditions."

OGARKOV said Soviet fighter pilots tried to contact the Korean crew by radio. He also said the pilots fired two sets of warning shots, including a series of "four bursts" totaling 120 rounds of tracer shells as the plane flew over Sakhalin.

Tapes released by Japan and the United States contained no reference to warning shots or efforts by the Soviet interceptors to talk to the Korean pilot. Zamyatin at one point referred to tapes, saying, "historically we have many examples of what can be done to recorded transcripts..."

Behind the three Soviets was a wall-sized map of the Soviet Far East and the air routes crossing it.

"There is an official statement of the Pentagon representative who said the RC-135 was in the Soviet air space in the vicinity of the Korean plane to monitor the course of the plane," OGARKOV said. "But we know this was certainly not the only goal because as we can see on this flight chart... Their flights were certainly coordinated so as to make our task more difficult and confuse our air defense forces," the marshal said.

OGARKOV also acknowledged for the first time that the Soviets had shot down the plane with an air-to-air missile, one of two he said were fired. Previously, the Soviets had said only that the flight was "stopped."

Asked by an American reporter why the Soviets couldn't identify a jumbo jet, and why in any event it was shot down, OGARKOV said it was difficult to determine the silhouette of the plane because of the darkness.

"The Soviet air forces made attempts to make it land but the plane evaded, altered course... all

possibilities were exhausted and flew side by side for about 10 minutes.

The United States has said an RC-135 was in the area — but not in Soviet air space — that it was never closer than 75 miles to the Korean plane, and that it had been on the ground at its base in Alaska an hour before the Korean airliner was shot down.

OGARKOV said one plane turned back and flew to Alaska, while the second plane flew straight to Petropavlovsk in Kamchatka.

"This led the Soviet control point to the conclusion that an American airplane was entering Russian air space. What was the point of that entry? Obviously the flight of that plane was being controlled, precisely controlled I would say, and the entry was deliberate."

"The action became defiance. No matter what attempts were made, it did not respond to signals from Soviet planes, and it began to maneuver, changing speed and altitude, obviously trying to evade. It began approaching positions."

Lawmakers threaten to cut off funds for Marines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional critics are threatening to seek a cutoff of money to U.S. troops in Lebanon while President Reagan is pledging his full support to the 1,200-man Marine contingent in the war-torn Mideast nation.

"I am determined to see to it that we provide you whatever support it takes to stop the attacks on your positions," Reagan said Thursday in a telephone call to Marine commander Col. Tim Garaghty in Beirut. "Tell the Marines the entire nation is proud of you and the outstanding job you are doing under difficult odds."

Reagan's phone call preceded a news conference by Rep. Clarence Long, D-Md., to protest the administration's assertion that the Marines are not involved in combat but instead are caught in the middle of hostile fire in their role as a peace-keeping force.

Four Marines have died in recent fighting in Beirut, and a total of five have been killed since the force was sent there a year ago.

"President Reagan, with all good intentions, has ordered our Marines into a war which is the constitutional job of Congress to declare and provide the money for," said Long, chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

The administration acknowledges that U.S. troops are firing on leftist Druse gunners in the mountains out-

side Beirut, and Long said "any 9-year-old kid can watch TV and see our people in combat, but the president of the United States does not see any combat."

Long said he will introduce legislation to block funds for U.S. troops in Lebanon as of Nov. 1 unless Reagan has filed a report under a section of the War Powers Act that would require him to acknowledge the Marines are in a combat situation.

If Reagan filed such a report, he would have to withdraw the troops after 60 days unless Congress voted to allow them to stay. He could get a 30-day extension by pleading that it was needed to get the Marines out safely.

Sources on Capitol Hill say the administration is trying to get Congress to initiate legislation to allow the troops to remain, but White House chief spokesman Larry Speakes said that "it would be highly premature to indicate the White House was talking about any resolution."

Speakes also said the president had been informed that U.S. troops in Beirut and off the coast of Lebanon are returning fire from leftist Druse-Moslem gunners trying to prevent the Lebanese army from moving into mountains outside the capital.

"We regard it as exactly what we said we'd do," Speakes said.

Drought drives up prices, government says

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Fresh price declines were also posted for beef and veal, down 1.3 percent, a sharp cutback, however, from July's 4.8 percent drop.

As for beef and veal prices, which have been moderating as breeders liquidate their herds rather than pay high feed prices, many analysts expect higher prices in the coming months as the liquidation ends and the supply of cattle going to market shrinks.

Further gains are also expected for other food prices as the effects of the drought and heat spread. One

economist, Kathleen Cooper of the Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, said that food prices "are starting to take off."

Food prices overall had fallen 0.6 percent in June and, again, in July. As for other areas of the wholesale price report, the department said energy prices rose a modest 0.3 percent, slightly higher than the 0.2 percent gain of the previous month.

Gasoline prices rose 0.4 percent, less than half the 0.9 percent gain of the month before. Natural gas prices edged downward 0.2 percent after tumbling 1.2 percent. Heating oil prices rose 0.5 percent after falling

0.7 percent. The energy price calculations reported today were actually for July. That component of the wholesale price measure lags a month because energy companies report their prices too late for inclusion in the most recent index.

The department also reported that — Passenger car prices rose a sharp 1.3 percent after holding flat in July. Light truck prices were up 0.3 percent, reversing a 0.3 percent decline.

— Capital equipment costs rose 0.7 percent, their sharpest rise since

November 1981. Much of the increase was due to higher motor vehicle prices. Those costs are for machinery and transportation equipment used by business.

All the price changes are adjusted for normal seasonal variations. In all, the Producer Price Index for finished goods stood at 286.2 in August, meaning that goods costing \$10 in 1967 would have cost \$28.62 last month.

If last month's 0.4 percent increase held steady for 12 straight months, the yearly advance would be 4.7 percent.

Ex-con schools teens in armed robbery

MIAMI (AP) — A convicted burglar fashioned himself into a modern-day Fagin, recruiting middle-class youngsters and schooling them in the techniques of armed robbery, then coaching them through a series of restaurant stick-ups, police say.

But unlike Fagin, the unscrupulous character in Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" who taught street urchins to pick pockets, Herbert Hammond recruited youths 15 to 17 who lived in nice homes with their parents and who had no previous criminal records, detectives said Thursday.

"A 15-year-old, never been arrested before, walking into a restaurant with a sawed-off shotgun in his hands."

Hammond, 27, arrested Tuesday at a Miami Beach hotel, taught at least four suburban boys the business of robbery, Fisten said. Two teen-agers and Hammond have been charged with one armed robbery each, but detectives said they will be accused of committing at least eight such crimes in Dade and Broward counties since Aug. 15.

Hammond was released last year from the Union Correctional Institute at Raiford after serving five years for a 1975 burglary that led to a chase in the Everglades.

"When he got out of jail," Fisten said, "he started recruiting," introducing himself casually on the streets and bragging that he had killed a policeman. Investigators say Hammond did not kill a policeman, but his lengthy criminal history includes charges of burglary, grand theft, aggravated assault, possession of a stolen car, possession of cocaine, loitering and prowling and carrying a concealed firearm.

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Ray Perkins to defeat Auburn in Alabama debut

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

The last time anyone other than Paul "Bear" Bryant was Alabama's head coach, the Crimson Tide lost to Auburn 40-0, in the final game of the 1957 season.

The coach was the immortal J.B. "Ears" Whitworth.

Saturday, Alabama will have a coach other than Bryant for the first time since that 1957 finale. In the spotlight and on the hot seat will be Ray Perkins.

"I expect them to keep on winning," said a hard-to-please alumnus (class of '67) from Petal, Miss., named Walter R. (for Ray) Perkins.

That's just fine with Coach W. Ray Perkins.

"They should expect to keep on winning," said Perkins. "I do, too. I went to school here. I played ball here. I'm one of them."

Alabama, ranked No. 14 nationally, is an 18-point favorite for Perkins' Crimson Tide debut Saturday

against Georgia Tech. The pick is Alabama...35-14.

The opening week of the season produced a modest record of 20 right and 13 wrong for a percentage of .606. Against the spread, it was only 2-6 for 250.

No. 18 Florida at No. 9 Southern California (favored by 7): The Gators won last year 17-9 and the Trojans will be out for revenge in Ted Tollner's debut as head coach. Upset Special of the Week...Florida 21-17.

No. 12 Florida State at No. 13 LSU (6): The Seminoles may have been thinking of revenge for last year's 55-21 pasting by LSU when they squeaked past East Carolina 47-46 last week. This could be another shootout...Florida State 31-28.

Wyoming at No. 1 Nebraska (no line): Except for UCLA in two weeks, the Cornhuskers may not be truly tested until the Oklahoma game in late November...Nebraska 49-14.

No. 2 Oklahoma (10 1/2) at Stanford: John Elway passed the Sooners into

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submission in 1980 and West Virginia's Jeff Hostetler did it last year. A must game for...Oklahoma 34-17.

Southern Mississippi at No. 4 Auburn (10 1/2): The War Eagles don't want to get caught looking ahead to Texas, especially after last year's 21-19 scare with Southern Miss...Auburn 21-14.

No. 5 Notre Dame (8) at Purdue: Will Coach Gerry Faust finally find the luck of the Irish? The Boilermakers traditionally give ND fits. Second Upset Special...Purdue 24-17.

Washington State at No. 6 Michigan (15): Michigan's three September opponents are Washington State, Washington and Wisconsin. That's W as in Wolverines and winning...Michigan 28-10.

Oregon at No. 7 Ohio State (24): The Buckeyes have two big games in September, but this isn't one of them...Ohio State 34-13.

Memphis State at No. 8 North

Carolina (no line): The Tar Heels should breeze into next month's Atlantic Coast Conference schedule with an unblemished record...North Carolina 28-7.

Utah at No. 11 Arizona (no line): A second straight romp for the Wildcats...Arizona 35-7.

No. 16 Iowa (6) at Iowa State: A rude debut for Iowa State Coach Jim Criner...Iowa 24-14.

No. 17 Maryland (1) at Vanderbilt: It's pass-happy Boomer Esiason against Vandy's pass-thieving "Men of Steel"...Maryland 27-17.

No. 19 Washington (15) at Northwestern: Now we'll find out just how far Northwestern's program has come...Washington 28-21.

Other games:

East — No. 20 Penn State 38, Cincinnati 6, Colgate 28, Army (1) 14; Boston College 20, Clemson (5) 14; Pitt (18) 20, Temple 17; Rutgers 24, Connecticut 10; Syracuse 21, Kent State 7; West Virginia 28, Pacific 14.

South — Kentucky (2) 21, Kansas State 20; Louisville 31, Western Ken-

tucky 14; North Carolina State 28, East Carolina 24; Southwestern Louisiana 24, Northeast Louisiana 14; Richmond 20, Ohio U. 16; South Carolina 21, Miami, O. 13; Tennessee 21, New Mexico 7; Tulane (2 1/2) 21, Mississippi 14; Navy 24, Virginia (2 1/2) 17; Virginia Tech (18) 28, Wake Forest 21.

Midwest — Ball State 27, Wichita State 17; Eastern Michigan 17, Akron 13; Indiana (pick 'em) 24, Duke 21; Michigan State (12) 21, Colorado 17; Illinois 30, Missouri (1) 21; Toledo 27, Massachusetts 13; Wisconsin 27, Northern Illinois 17.

Southwest — No. 15 Southern Methodist 31, Grambling 14; Arkansas 24, Tulsa 21; Brigham Young (pick 'em) 31, Baylor 21; Houston (5) 27, Miami, Fla. 20; Oklahoma State 28, North Texas State 14; Rice 21, Minnesota (2) 14; Texas-Arlington 24, Western Michigan 17; Texas Christian (1 1/2) 28, Kansas 24; Texas El Paso 27, Idaho State 13.

Far West — Air Force 28, Texas Tech 17; Arizona State 35, Utah State

Isao Aoki captures European Open lead

INZAI, Japan (AP) — Japan's Isao Aoki, winner of the European Open last Sunday, fired a 5-under-par 67 Friday and took a two-stroke lead over Australia's Terry Gale after two rounds of the \$204,000 Suntory Open golf tournament.

Aoki, who also won the Hawaiian Open earlier this year, moved ahead of first-day leader Fujio Kobayashi with a round that included six birdies and one bogey over the par-72 7,179-yard Narashino Country Club course in Inzai, east of Tokyo.

Rebs take two wins

Midland Lee's football future is looking brighter all the time after a double sweep by the junior varsity and sophomore teams Thursday.

The Rebel JV won a 38-0 victory in Andrews while the sophomores took a 49-0 win over Abilene Cooper at the Lee Field. The Lee JVs are now 2-0 and unscored on this year. They have outscored opponents 82-0. The sophomores are also 2-0 and have outscored opponents 62-0.

J.B. Brown scored on runs of 55 and 35 yards to key the victory over Andrews, a game in which the Rebels jumped to a 28-0 halftime lead. Lonnie Dixon scored from 42 yards out and Kevin Witt from 30 yards out. Tye Rankin had a 25-yard TD and Lawrence Medlock had a 16-yard run.

The sophomores were paced by Novart Morales and Ron Pertile, each with two touchdowns.

The Lee JV will face Midland High on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m. at Memorial Stadium while the sophomores will host Odessa Permian at the same time at the Lee Field.

MC strong in tourney

HOBBS, N.M. — New Mexico Junior College's first day 292 was tops in the NMJC Invitational golf tournament here Thursday, but Midland College Gold is only three strokes off the pace with a 295.

NMMI has a 298 for third while Odessa White and South Plains Orange both stand at 299.

Drew Ragiand led the MC effort with a 71 while Ed Barnes shot a 74. Danny Kloza, David Hicks and Jeff Cranford all had 75s.

The Midland College Green team posted a 306 total Thursday with Chris Gomez leading the way with a 73. Other Green team members were Rob Marburger 76, Jim Vollmer 78, Jeff Pinkston 79 and Craig Bagley 84. MC's Raymond Cole, playing as an individual, had an 81 round.

Action continues today with another round of 18 holes.

Conference play begins next week for the Chaps, so this tournament is important in the preparation process.

USSR tour is still on

By The AP

The scheduled tour of the United States by the Soviet Union basketball team still is on, Bill Wall, executive director of the Amateur Basketball Association United States of America, said Thursday.

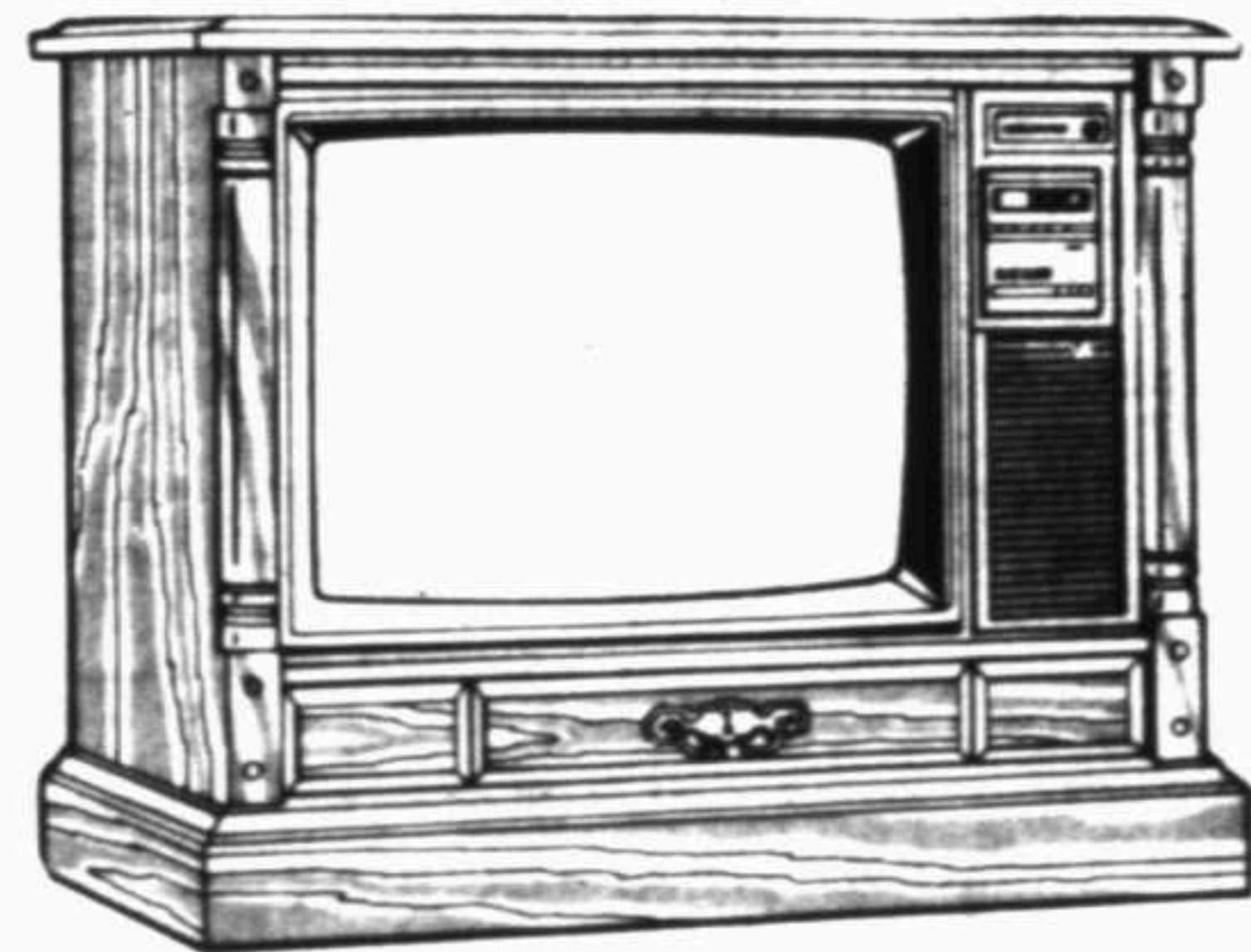
But two universities have canceled exhibition games in the wake of the Soviets downing a Korean airliner last week. ABAUSA is the governing body of amateur basketball in the United States.

Vanderbilt also canceled its Nov. 17 game against the Soviets.

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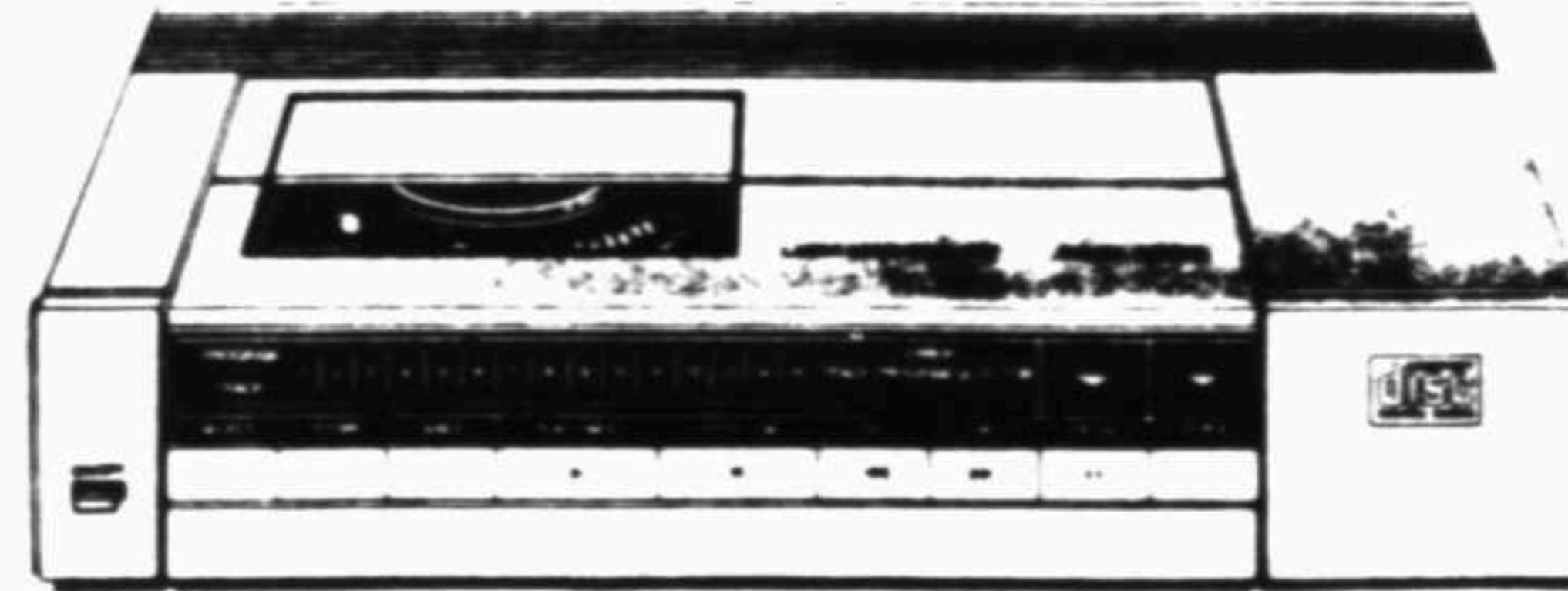
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Stock market gains

By CHET CURRIER AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market crept closer to record highs with a narrow advance Thursday.

But although the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rebounded from some early selling to post its fourth straight gain, analysts said the market's showing wasn't especially impressive.

Several broader market indicators finished in the minus column, and the pace of trading slowed, in part because of the observance of the Jewish new year.

The Dow Jones industrials, off about 5 points at midday, closed with a gain of 2.03 at 1,246.14. The average's 39.33-point rise over the past week has brought it within 3 points of the record closing high of 1,248.30 it reached on June 16.

Analysts have attributed the market's recent rise to encouragement over a slowdown in the growth of the money supply and declining interest rates.

How ever, interest rates turned upward in the credit market Thursday.

Stock prices, meanwhile, staged a mild rally in the last hour of trading, but it faded toward the close.

The first item on the agenda for Wall Street Friday is the government's monthly report on the producer price index of finished goods.

Analysts generally expect this measure of inflationary pressures to show some increase from its recent pace.

At Merrill Lynch, for example, economist Jack Lavery has projected a 0.5 percent rise for August, against 0.1 percent in July.

Lockheed was one of the stock market's standout gainers Thursday, rising 4 1/2 to 117 1/2.

BUSINESS MIRROR Industry 'victim' of interest rates

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — Home loan rates may be heading lower again but that isn't likely to assuage the worries of those in the industry, more and more of whom seem to feel they are destined to be victimized.

It is understandable. If there is one thing that drives the industry, it is the level of interest rates since home sales customarily are made on loans of 80 percent or more of the purchase price.

But although the National Association of Home Builders last year estimated that a rate rise to 18 percent from 13 percent reduces the number of possible buyers by more than 7 million families, leaving only 17.2 million families able to buy.

Even though home mortgage rates have fallen slightly in recent weeks, to just under 14 percent, they remain well above the levels of last spring, when the average was around 12.5. That's a loss of 3 million potential buyers.

The slowing of resale activity is a direct response to the rise in mortgage interest rates over the past 90 days, says Jack Carlson, the chief economist and executive vice president of the National Association of Realtors.

Concerned about the future of interest rates, Carlson has been outspoken in denouncing the big federal budget deficits, which he believes will, unless corrected, inevitably put long-term pressure on borrowing costs.

Not everyone is as concerned about the industry. Critics argue that housing has been given such favored tax treatment over the years that it has come to be viewed as an investment as well as a shelter.

That contention is quickly countered by developers and owners who point out that high interest rates, real estate taxes, fuel bills and repairs have all but eliminated operating profit or cash flow from many operations.

Debt service is taking too many rentroll dollars, and the risk is growing that highly leveraged programs will exhibit zero or negative cash flows, says Daniel Fruitbain, chairman of D.B.G. Property Corp., a syndicator.

As he sees it, syndicators will have to place larger downpayments on their properties in order to avoid the consequences of high interest rates, losing in the process the advantages of leveraging and the protection of tax dollars.

There are critics also who argue that the United States no longer is underhoused, if it ever was, and that in fact there might be a housing surplus. They maintain that smaller houses and apartments could suffice for many people and that vast amounts of useable housing have been abandoned in big cities.



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INVESTOR'S GUIDE Study prospectus before investing

By BILL DOYLE

Q I am trustee for my mother's trust. On March 3, on my broker's recommendation, I invested \$59,999.50 of my mother's money in Government Securities Income Fund, GNMA Series I, elected to receive interest monthly, and to reinvest the principal. As of Aug. 2, that investment was worth only \$53,822.57.

I am also responsible for investments of our small company in May, on the recommendation of the same broker, I put \$76,000 of the company's money in the same fund, electing to reinvest all interest and principal. As of Aug. 2, that investment was worth only \$71,951.86.

IBM shares were down 4 1/2 at 122 1/2. Auto stocks were a strong spot, with General Motors up 1 1/2 at 73 1/2, Ford Motor up 1 1/2 at 62 1/2, Chrysler 1/2 higher at 29 1/2, and American Motors up 1/2 at 8 1/2.

The daily tally on the Big Board showed about five issues rising in price for every four that declined, while the exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks slipped .01 to 96.95.

Nationwide turnover in NYSE-traded issues, including trades in those stocks and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 95.5 million shares. Standard & Poor's index of 400 industrials dropped .20 to 189.45, and S&P's 500-stock composite index was down .19 at 167.77.

The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 1.03 to 301.79. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index closed at 225.94, up .04.

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'Intellectual property' may get Congress' attention

By The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — The recent Appeals Court decision extending copyright protection to computer software is expected to increase congressional attention on the broader concern of protecting high-technology "intellectual property" such as computer chip designs, according to Capitol Hill sources and industry lobbyists.

"A lot of people are concerned that Congress has really failed to anticipate the pace of technological change," said a staffer on the Senate subcommittee on patents, copyrights and trademarks. "But it's an enormously complex subject. It's not an area where decisions should be made quickly."

A three-judge panel in the United States Court of Appeals in Philadelphia decided that Franklin Computer Corp., a maker of Apple-com-

patible computers, had violated copyright law by copying the Apple computer's "operating system" — the software enabling the machine to run other programs.

The court ruled in favor of Apple Computer's argument that computer software is protected by copyright even if it is a physical part of a computer chip rather than a separate set of operating instructions.

Opponents of copyright protection have argued that a computer pro-

gram contained on a chip is really part of a machine and thus entitled only to patent protection. Another line of attack was author John Hersey's assertion in the report of the Commission on the New Technological Uses of Copyright (CONTU) that copyrights should protect only communications intended for human consumption and not computer processing.

Franklin said it is considering an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Many people in the computer industry view the decision, which overturns a lower court's ruling allowing Franklin to continue offering the Apple-compatible competitive computer, as an important step in protecting software companies from "programming plagiarism."

"This is a very positive development," said Ron Palenski, associate counsel for the Association of Data Processing Service Organizations (ADAPSO). "The court essentially

said that programs and programs on chips are copyrightable, and that's what we wanted."

Last year, ADAPSO sought to introduce a bill in the House extending copyright protection to all forms of expression of computer programs. Palenski said that the organization will try again this year.

After Congress rewrote the Copyright Act in 1976, it created CONTU, a special commission, to examine the computer software question.

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AARP U.S. Gov't M.M.T.	3,006.0	38	8.6	8.6
Alex. Brown Prime	593.2	31	9.0	9.0
Alliance Group				
—Alliance Capital Reserves	504.5	44	8.7	8.7
—Alliance Gov't Reserves	157.6	24	8.6	8.6
American General Reserve	348.7	15	9.1	9.3
Automated Cash Mgt. Trust	130.2	27	9.2	9.2
Automated Gov't Money Trust	148.6	33	9.0	9.0
Boston Company Cash Mgt	288.7	38	9.0	9.0
Bull & Bear Dollar Reserves	151.6	14	8.8	8.8
Capital Cash Mgt Trust	124.0	28	9.1	9.1
Capital Preservation	1,886.2	23	8.3	8.3
Capital Preservation Fund II	603.6	3	8.6	8.7
Cardinal Gov't Securities	308.0	18	9.2	9.1
Carnegie Gov't Securities Trust	109.0	17	8.8	8.8
Cash Equivalent Fund	4,006.6	31	9.1	9.1
Cash Equivalent Gov't Only	401.7	23	8.8	8.7
Cash Management Trust	596.0	20	9.5	9.3
Centennial Money Mkt Trust	147.1	20	8.8	8.8
Columbia Daily Income	457.6	34	8.8	8.8
Composite Cash Mgt Co	163.1	24	8.6	8.7
Current Interest M.M.F.	1,022.4	32	8.6	8.6
Daily Cash Accumulation	3,206.8	19	8.9	8.9
Daily Income	484.8	43	8.9	8.9
Dean Witter				
—Active Assets Gov't Sec	109.8	36	8.3	8.6
—Active Assets M.T.	1,338.4	36	8.9	8.9
—Sears Liquid Asset	5,817.3	41	9.0	8.9
—Sears U.S. Gov't M.M.T.	315.3	36	8.3	8.3
Delaware Cash Reserve	1,368.0	41	9.1	8.9
Dravet Burnham Lambert, Inc.				
—OBL Cash Fund Gov't Sec Port	177.7	55	8.7	8.8
—OBL Cash Fund M.M. Portfolio	939.6	57	9.0	9.0
Dreyfus				
—Dreyfus Liquid Assets	7,932.4	52	9.0	9.0
—Dreyfus M.M. Instruments Gov't	866.2	40	8.6	8.6
ED Jones Daily Passport	524.3	30	8.7	8.6
Easton Vance Cash Mgt Fund	177.4	29	8.8	8.7
Equitable Money Mkt Account	265.8	38	8.7	8.7
Fahnestock Daily Income	132.5	43	8.8	8.8
Fidelity Group				
—Fidelity Cash Reserves	3,433.6	34	9.0	8.9
—Fidelity Daily Income	2,882.8	27	9.0	8.9
—Fidelity U.S. Gov't Res	298.0	26	8.8	8.8
Financial Daily Income	212.8	21	9.2	9.2
First Investors Cash Mgt	373.0	29	8.8	8.8
First Variable Rate	739.5	29	8.9	8.9
Franklin Federal M.F.	116.7	3	8.7	8.7
Franklin Money Fund	800.8	24	8.8	8.7
Fund Gov't Investors	911.5	18	8.8	8.9
General M.F., Inc.	192.4	48	8.8	8.8
Government Investors Trust	382.0	19	8.7	8.7
Gradison Cash Reserves	441.7	28	8.7	8.8
Hilliard Lyons Gov't Fund, Inc.	129.5	20	8.6	8.6
Hutton, E.F.				
—Cash Reserve Management	4,532.8	32	9.3	9.2
—Hutton AMA Cash Fund	283.1	34	9.2	9.2
—Hutton Gov't Fund	647.2	19	9.0	8.9
IDC Cash Management	92.7	33	9.0	8.9
John Hancock Cash Mgt	417.8	31	8.2	8.2
Kemper Money Market	3,468.8	32	9.3	9.3
Keystone Liquid Trust	273.0	28	8.6	8.6
Kidder Peabody Premium	150.1	32	9.0	8.9
Legg Mason Cash Res. Trust	207.1	27	8.6	8.4
Lehman				
—Lehman Cash Management	575.0	21	9.1	9.1
—Lehman Gov't Fund, Inc.	102.7	11	8.7	8.6
—Lehman Money Market	235.8	36	8.7	8.7
—Liquid Capital Income	1,366.7	21	9.0	8.9
—Liquid Green Trust	130.3	37	9.0	8.8
—Lord Abbett Cash Reserve	229.3	30	8.8	8.7
—Lutheran Brotherhood M.M.F. (g) (r)	474.1	30	8.6	8.6
—Mass Cash Management Trust	772.2	26	9.0	9.0
—McDonald Money Market	145.5	42	8.6	8.6
Merrill Lynch				
—CMA Gov't Securities	1,239.2	42	8.8	9.2
—CMA Money Fund	12,559.0	47	9.8	9.5
—Merrill Lynch Gov't	1,404.2	45	8.9	9.1
—Merrill Lynch Institutional	943.1	33	9.1	9.3
—Merrill Lynch Ready	12,925.8	47	9.7	9.5
—Merrill Lynch Ret. Res. M.F. (r)	1,086.4	48	9.6	8.8
—Midwest Income ST Gov't	153.0	19	8.3	8.3
—Money Market Instruments	195.7	26	8.6	8.5
—Money Market Management	282.8	37	8.7	8.7
—Mutual of Omaha M.M.A.	292.5	31	8.7	8.7
NEI Cash Management Trust	691.5	34	8.9	8.9
National Liquid Reserves	1,530.2	34	9.0	9.0
Nationwide M.M.F.	396.4	31	8.9	8.9
Oppenheimer M.M.F., Inc.	1,258.2	23	9.1	9.1
Oxford Cash Management	103.0	19	9.1	9.1
Paine Webber				
—Paine Webber CASH FUND	4,209.9	34	9.0	8.9
—Paine Webber RMA M.M. Port.	361.1	35	9.2	8.9
Parkey Cash Fund, Inc.	385.1	40	8.5	8.5
Prime Cash Fund	101.5	21	9.0	9.0
Prudential-Bache Securities				
—Command Money Fund	508.0	27	9.1	9.0
—MoneyMart Assets	2,829.8	28	9.2	9.2
—Prudential-Bache Gov't Sec. Trust	183.4	31	8.9	8.7
Putnam Daily Dividend Trust	311.7	48	8.8	8.7
Reserve Fund - Gov't	268.3	29	8.7	8.7
Reserve Fund - Primary	1,987.3	26	8.8	8.7
Rothschild (L.F.) Earnings & Liq.	367.0	29	9.0	8.9
Scudder				
—Scudder Cash Investment Trust	916.2	36	8.6	8.6
—Scudder Gov't Money Fund	124.7	35	8.3	8.4
Seigman C.M. Fund Prime	408.5	19	8.8	8.7
Shearson/American Express				
—Fund	1,297.8	39	9.1	9.1
—Shearson Daily Dividend	4,003.5	32	8.8	8.8
—Shearson FMA Cash	473.8	34	8.9	8.9
—Shearson Gov't & Agencies	878.2	42	8.7	8.7
—T-Fund	853.5	36	9.1	9.1
—TempFund	3,844.3	40	9.3	9.2
Short Term Income Fund	245.8	45	9.0	8.8
Standby Reserve Fund, Inc.	232.0	33	9.0	8.9
Stein Roe Cash Reserves	779.3	34	9.0	8.9
Summit Cash Res.	477.7	40	9.5	9.3
T. Rowe Price				
—T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve	2,843.4	38	9.0	9.0
—T. Rowe Price U.S. Trust M.F.	130.8	36	8.4	8.6
Transamerica Cash Reserves	318.3	29	9.2	9.2
Trinity Liquid Assets Trust	186.9	17	9.2	9.2
Trust Cash Reserves	154.7	26	8.5	8.5
Tucker Anthony Cash Mgt	322.0	33	8.6	8.6
USA Money Market Fund	117.2	34	9.0	9.0
United Cash Management	337.9	37	8.8	8.8
Value Line Cash Fund	496.8	23	9.1	9.1
Vanguard M.M.T. Federal	378.5	35	8.9	8.9
Vanguard M.M.T. Prime	1,031.1	34	9.0	9.1
Webster Cash Reserve	1,132.7	31	9.0	8.9
Donoghue's Money Fund Average (Averages for all 248 taxable funds)		36	8.78	8.74

MONEY FUND TABLE COMMENTARY: Assets of the 248 taxable money funds reported by Donoghue's MONEY FUND REPORT of Holliston, MA 01748 increased \$117 million to \$182 billion for the week ended September 6, 1983. The taxable money funds' 7-day average yield increased to 8.78% from 8.70%. The taxable money funds' 30-day average yield increased to 8.74% from 8.69%. The taxable funds' average maturity shortened to 36 days after three weeks at 37 days. William E. Donoghue says, "Money fund yields resumed their climb this week. The 7-day average yield of taxable money funds hit a ten-month high of 8.78%. This is the fifth consecutive week that average yields of all taxable money funds have outperformed average rates on bank and thrift MMDAs. Some of the increase in money fund assets this week can be attributed to investors choosing the higher returns offered by money funds." Yields represent annualized total return to shareholders for past seven and thirty-day periods. Past returns are not necessarily indicative of future yields. Investment quality and maturity may vary among funds. X - average term to next rate adjustment date, Y - one time sales charge, Z - restricted availability. Reprinted in condensed form with permission from Donoghue's MONEY FUND REPORT of Holliston, MA 01748. (C) 1983 DONOGHUE'S MONEY FUND REPORT OF HOLLISTON, MA. DISTRIBUTED BY TRIMLINE COMPANY SYNDICATE, INC.

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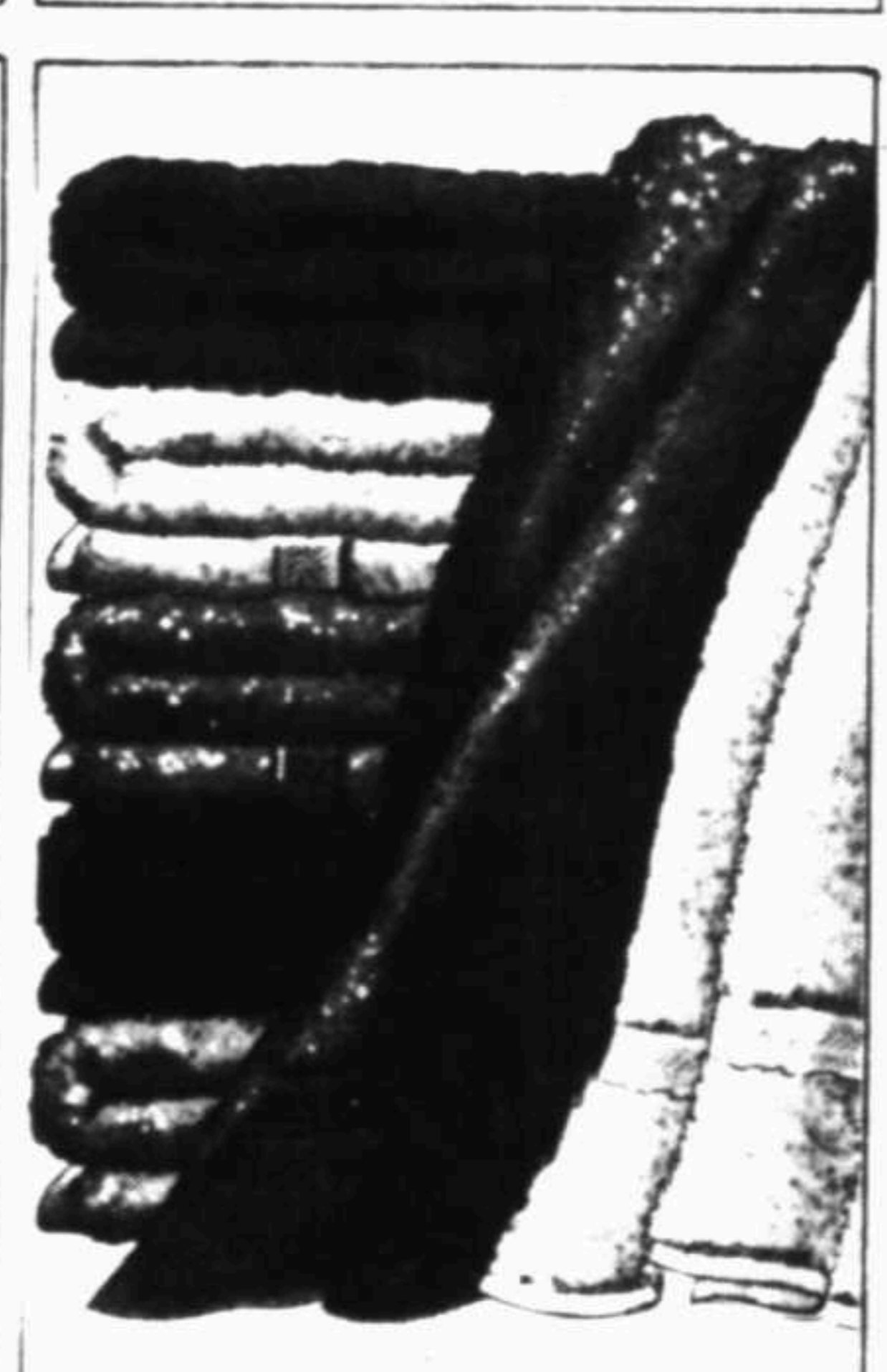
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Bible Belting

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Dr. W.A. Criswell, chancellor of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies (CCBS) and pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church, has his Bible in hand as he leaves the Midland Hilton for a speaking engagement at Green Tree Country Club. With him are, from the left, Dr. Paige Patterson, CCBS president; Charles Shelby, CCBS vice president for development, and Gary W. Boyd, CCBS student.

Baptist 'under-shepherd' still going strong at 73

By ED TODD Staff Writer

Dr. W.A. Criswell, "under-shepherd" of the First Baptist Church of Dallas since 1944, at 73 is a dynamic and forceful pastor who leads the nation's largest Southern Baptist congregation. "He's a very forceful individual," said Dr. Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas. Criswell, a man of "dynamics" and stamina, "still preaches three times on Sunday," said Patterson. "He's still as brilliant as he ever was." Though not speaking in Criswell's stead, Patterson, in a press conference at the Midland Hilton late Thursday afternoon, offered some insights into Criswell the man, into his ministry and into his 1970-founded Criswell Center for Biblical Studies. Criswell was in Midland to promote the CCBS and to give thanks to Midlanders who support the center. However, he did not attend Thursday's press conference here. "He does not go anywhere where he meets a stranger," said Patterson, 40. "He's a very outgoing, gregarious individual." Criswell ministers the 24,000-member congregation of the First Baptist Church, which operates on an \$8 million annual budget, and is chancellor of the CCBS. Though Criswell will celebrate his 40th year at the church in 1984, his predecessor, Dr. George W. Truett, pastored the church for 47 years until his death in 1944. The "great church" reflects the Criswell ministry, Patterson said. "It just takes awhile for a church to begin to assume the personality of the pastor," he said of the benefits Criswell's longevity has had at the church. Criswell, he said, is a superb minister. "Like all great preachers, he is the master of pathos," Patterson said. "He's a great storyteller" who laces his sermons with insights into the Biblical language and with quotations from notable writers and poets, such as Shakespeare and Longfellow. "He blends the intellectual and illustrative material that makes for great preaching...You're laughing one minute and crying the next." The Criswell Center today has an enrollment of 400 full-time students and has a 23 full-time faculty members. "Each faculty member has earned Ph.D. in hand," said Patterson, who also is associate pastor of the church which Criswell pastored when he became the center's president in 1975. It had 12 full-time students and four full-time faculty members. "The Lord has been gracious to us." The CCBS is "very tightly tied" to the First Baptist Church, is governed by a board of trustees, said Patterson, and is termed a "center for Biblical studies" rather than a seminary because "We thought that sounded too much like a cemetery," Patterson said. Under the "umbrella" of the CCBS are the Criswell Bible College, the Criswell Graduate School of Bible, KCB-FM radio and the "Shopphar," a quarterly publication. The CCBS offers the bachelor's and master's degrees and is "very fundamental" in its teachings. "It's a very difficult school," he said, and, due to the Criswell influence, places "very strong emphasis on linguistics." Students, for example, are required to be able to read the Hebrew of the Old Testament and Greek of the New Testament. He said Criswell sought "top-flight" biblical instruction and an intellectual approach to biblical studies.

HRC to close October 31 because of lack of funds

By LANA CUNNINGHAM Staff Writer

Its function was to solve problems and heal relationships. But the Human Relations Council couldn't overcome its own difficulties and will be closing its doors Oct. 31, partly a product of the local recession.

The action won't be made official until the HRC board meets Oct. 10. However, the board president and another member see no option but to abolish the council while two former directors are regretting the action to be taken.

Lack of funds was cited by Board President Edia Hernandez as the reason for shutting down the agency that has been aiding Midlanders since 1971. "The primary factor is the economic situation of the community," she noted. The City Council allotted \$25,000 this next fiscal year for the agency. And a few other organizations also gave.

"But it wasn't enough for a full staff and office. We could have kept it but it would have been one person and that couldn't serve the community," Ms. Hernandez added.

The HRC board tried a fund-raising project, but the money didn't come. They tried surveying organizations, such as Lions and Kiwanis, for their opinion of the agency with results showing 96 percent felt HRC should continue.

"But we also need people who have the money to support it," she said. "Unfortunately, the office and staff people need to get paid."

GROUPS WHICH gave money have been informed of the upcoming board vote and probable results, she said, "because many of them are working on budgets right now."

On Wednesday, the City Council was informed and the \$25,000 was placed into another area.

Dan O'Grady, former president and ex-officio board member, said the agency has enough money to continue through the end of October. "Normally, another grant comes in December. But if things hadn't changed, we would have been reduced to half staff."

He agreed with Ms. Hernandez about Midland's recession contributing to HRC's demise, tacking on an increased cost of doing business. But that's not the only reason, he said, and looked back to some rocky months since January. That is when internal problems surfaced and the agency stood on the edge of shutting down.

In one year, the agency had three directors and was housed in three offices, the current one being at 2101 W. Wall St.

GLORIA ELLIS, who is on vacation, inherited the director's job after Marion Clee resigned in January. Ms. Clee contended then the agency had lost its function and was no longer needed.

Before Ms. Clee took the job, her predecessor had been Michael Mitchell and County Commissioners on the problem of Midland Draw and effluent water.

A SPARK program drawing in volunteers from the community to help in the school district was started by the Human Relations Council. In 1979, said Ms. Modisett, SPARK did 25 programs in the school district. In 1982, it handled 150 programs. "We more than tripled in one school year."

HRC TOOK ON a weatherization program that involved work on more than 100 homes and also the federal cheese give-away. "And we visited the elderly on a monthly basis when we were making rounds in the community," Ms. Modisett added.

And recently the council was taking applications for the city's federally-funded housing rehabilitation program and was involved with the food bank and a training seminar with Casa de Amigos, according to Ms. Hernandez.

The needs have not diminished, even though HRC will be disappearing.

"Personally, I think it's unfortunate," said O'Grady of the closing. "No day goes by without a number of people going by the office or calling for help; people needing help with rental assistance, utilities, clothing, the basic human needs." Under Ms. Ellis' leadership, HRC was instrumental in getting the Black Advisory Council organized and in getting some neighborhood beautification work planted, he said.

"Human Relations Council was originally established as a means of reducing tensions and promoting harmony between racial groups. The general feeling about HRC is we don't have a racial problem and we don't have discrimination in Midland," said O'Grady. "You can look around and see that discrimination will always be with us. In that way, there is a need for the Human Relations Council."

"It's a common ground to get together and promote better relationships. That's not something readily visible."

But, Ms. Edwards added, "Maybe the lack of a Human Relations Council will force each of us to accept individual responsibility for improved communications and cooperation between all neighborhoods and races in Midland."

chell of California, who never really took the reins before leaving. About January 1983, Midland County Commissioners asked the council to find other offices. HRC had been housed in the County Annex.

It moved to an office on North Weatherford Street for several months before the last move to Wall Street.

It may not be just the lack of money and recent internal confusion leading to HRC's termination, but a different makeup of the board and a change in its attitude toward spending and programs since some of the earlier boards, offered one observer.

The council began as an outgrowth of concern by community leaders over busing and desegregation in the late 1960s. When Goals for the 70s were formulated, an idea for such a council was among those. A meeting was held about 1970 and the council formed in 1971.

TWO FORMER directors — Susan Edwards who served from June 1976 to June 1979, and Kimberly Modisett who served from 1979 to 1981 — pointed to accomplishments during their years and said they view the council's abolishment with remorse.

"In its sphere of purpose, the Human Relations Council has acted responsibly, appropriately and commendably as a liaison between numerous factions within Midland's communities for many years," said Ms. Edwards.

"Their ability to coordinate differences of opinions has often put them in the midst of adversity and to their credit they were able to moderate these confrontations to a peaceful, mutually acceptable end. Their influence in regard to the establishment and maintenance of many city-wide programs, such as Mid-Tran, housing and community development, Christmas in April, Child Welfare Board and MISD desegregation, will remain — long after the council is disbanded."

Seeing HRC closed is like "losing an old friend, and I believe its work is not yet completed," Ms. Edwards added.

Ms. Modisett believes, "You can always find something to do. I feel like there will always be room for a Human Relations Council. Part of its function is to grow and expand with the city as it grows and expands."

During Ms. Modisett's years as director, the council took the fledgling Christmas in April program under its wing and nurtured it. Two years ago, the housing rehabilitation program for low-income persons separated from HRC and now stands on its own.

"The growth of CIA was one of our best programs," said Ms. Modisett. She then pointed to coordinating harmony of integration with the school system in its busing program, resolving a football league crisis that involved racial problems and working as a mediator between the City



Fred Dement

Medicare changes play havoc with hospitals

By HALLYE JORDAN Staff Writer

The name of the game is efficiency, but the first play is a stall, according to Parkview Hospital's new controller, Fred Dement. Looking down the court at the government's proposed Medicare changes, effective Oct. 1, Dement said the game will be played in various stages — and he's pretty sure there will be substitutions to the rules throughout the period. "It's hurry up and wait," Dement said. "It's been rush, rush, rush to get all these good things done. Now

it's supposed to start in October and they're just now coming around with the DRGs (diagnosis-related groups)." The government decided there were too many diagnoses and surgical procedures — more than 10,000, Dement said. A team was hired from Yale University, but the reduction to 4,000 different procedures wasn't enough. With the new Medicare reimbursement system, there now are about 470 groups. Each Medicare patient, when admitted into a hospital, will be classified in one of the categories. Each category will be assigned a weight

factor, determined by such items as average length of time a patient stays in the hospital, their age and sex, Dement said. In addition, hospitals will receive two Medicare payment limits. The Section 223 limit sets a ceiling on the amount of reimbursements a hospital can receive for Medicare patients and a target rate. The target rate is computed from a formula using the hospital's total operating costs, less payments for hospital-based physicians, income tax, malpractice insurance and phone expenses, plus 25 percent as a break for the first year.

THE COST per case is derived from dividing the year's total allowable Medicare patient costs by the number of Medicare discharges, rather than covering average routine costs according to the number of days of care provided to Medicare patients. Hospitals will be paid depending on how the actual cost relates to the target rate, with no payment allowed above the Section 223 limit. "It can help some hospitals, or it can hurt them," Dement said. "What it boils down to, is if you're an efficient hospital, you're not going to be hurt by this."

Twenty-five percent of the hospital's reimbursements will be based on prospective reimbursements and 75 percent on target rates the first fiscal year of implementation. For Parkview, it begins April 1, 1984. In the second year, prospective reimbursements will make up 50 percent of reimbursements, 75 percent in the third year and 100 percent thereafter, Dement said. (See MEDICARE, Page 2C)

Man pleads not guilty to first degree felony

By PATRICK DEAREN Staff Writer

RANKIN — Thomas Alan Graham, 18, of McCamey pleaded not guilty in 83rd District Court here Thursday on a charge stemming from a July 15 McCamey hardware store break-in during which an Upton County deputy was slain. William H. Earney of Marfa, 83rd District Judge, set a trial date of Nov. 14 in San Angelo after accepting court-appointed defense attorney Lawrence Barber's motion for change of venue from Upton County. The decision was reached in a chambers conference between Judge Earney, Barber and District Attorney Aubrey Edwards of Big Lake upon Graham's arraignment on a charge of committing a burglary during which a murder occurred. A conviction on the first degree felony carries with it a sentence of 5-99 years. Graham also has indictments against him of capital murder and murder in connection with the death of 46-year-old Charles A. "Chuck" Renfro, a 4 1/2-year sheriff's department veteran who died from a shotgun blast while



Thomas Graham responding to a silent alarm inside the McCamey hardware store of Eugene Covell. Graham was wounded and his father, 40-year-old Richard Lee Graham, killed July 17 at a gas plant near Bakersfield by a supervisor who claimed the pair was trying to steal a pickup. The younger Graham was "blinded for life" during the incident, according to Barber. (See MAN, Page 2C)

Board considers landfill options

Consideration of alternatives regarding Midland's collection of fees for those disposing of refuse at the city's landfill operation was referred to the municipal committee of Clean Midland, Inc., during that group's Thursday board of directors meeting. That step was taken after municipal committee chairman Fred Baker, who is the city's director of Public Works, explained to the board guidelines under which the city must operate the landfill and costs of operating the landfill. Baker provided that information to the board in a continuation of the topic from last month's meeting because questions from some board members had been unresolved. Baker told the board Thursday that the city collects between \$36,000 and \$50,000 in fees at the landfill site each year and that if those fees were not charged, the city would have to make up the lost revenue through higher charges on Midland residents' monthly garbage collection fee. He also said the landfill fees are charged on a sliding scale so that those carrying trash to the landfill operation pay only for the use of the landfill. He said a landfill operation has been determined to be a utility and that fees for the landfill operation are based on making the city sanitation department self-supporting. The possibility of asking the city to suspend fees charged at the landfill had been raised in last month's meeting by board member Susie Hitchcock. She had noted that the fees may be a contributing factor to Midland's problem with illegal refuse dumping. (See BOARD, Page 2C)

Nancy Nelson, vice chairman of the Texas Commission on the Arts, from left, Barbara Jowell, hostess, Richard Huff, executive director of TCA, and Hugo Neuhaus Jr., chairman of TCA, talk about mutual experiences and friends during Thursday's reception for TCA held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jowell and co-hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Mitchell. Staff Photo by Cody Bell



Texas Commission on the Arts holds fall meeting in Midland

By GEORGIA TEMPLE Entertainment Writer Since 1980, Midland arts groups have received monies and performances totaling \$68,000 from the Texas Commission on the Arts. In addition, the Midland-based Thruvent String Quartet was listed on the commission's touring arts program in 1981 and 1982. (See ARTS, Page 2C)

Local performances, such as the Midland-Odessa Symphony's Pops series, Midland College's presentation, on two occasions, of the Texas Opera Theatre, Renwood Inc.'s performance of the Texas Little Symphony and Penman Civic Ballet's staging of the Dallas Ballet, were made possible in part by grants from TCA. (See ARTS, Page 2C)

DEATHS

Gladys Sanders W. Castleman Jr.

Services for Mrs. Sam (Gladys) Sanders, 65, of Fort Stockton, were to be at 4 p.m. today in the Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Burial was to follow in Resthaven Memorial.

She died in a San Angelo hospital.

Mrs. Sanders was born Jan. 16, 1918 in Sparks, Okla. She moved to Midland County in the early 1920s. She attended school at Valley View. She married Sam Sanders March 14, 1933, in Odessa. They lived a number of places before returning to Midland in the early 1950s. They moved to Fort Stockton in 1971. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Forrest T. Sanders of Midland; a daughter, Maggie Davis of San Angelo; three sisters, Dora Mooney of Bolton, Pearl Roberts of Midland and Junie Auldridge of San Angelo; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services for William Pryor Castleman Jr., were Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Frank Beasley officiating. Additional services were to be at 11:30 a.m. today at St. Michael's All Angels Chapel in Dallas. Burial was to follow at Restland Mausoleum in Dallas directed by the Restland Funeral Home. Local arrangements are directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Sunday at his home.

Pallbearers were Dr. Jake Shapiro, Wright Cowden, Joe Vaughn, Tom Sealey, Bob Duryer and John Casselman.

Clara Branch

Services for Mrs. Clara Jane Branch, 83, of 2800 N. Midland Drive, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the

Greenwood Baptist Church in Saltillo. Burial will follow in the Saltillo Cemetery directed by Sam Harvey Funeral Home of Mount Vernon. Local arrangements are directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday in a Midland hospital.

Mrs. Branch was born April 30, 1900, in Hopkins County, where she grew up. She married W.J. Branch in 1920. They lived in Midland and the Greenwood Community near Saltillo for many years. Her husband died in 1970. She was a member of the Greenwood Baptist Church in Saltillo. She moved to Midland in 1977.

Survivors include a son, Afton Wallace Branch of Midland; a sister, Chloe Mae Rogner of Bay City, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard W. Box Funeral Home. Price, a Crane resident since 1968, was a retired truck driver. He died at his home Wednesday.

J.J. Menefee

McCAMEY — Services for Jackson Jerry Menefee, 38, of McCamey were to be at 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church of McCamey. Burial was to be in McCamey Cemetery under direction of Dennis James Funeral Home.

Menefee died Wednesday in an automobile accident in Pecos County.

He was born July 27, 1945, in McCamey, was graduated from McCamey High School in 1964 and received the bachelor's degree from North Texas State University. He served in the Vietnam War, was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and was employed by Halliburton Services.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Ann; a son, Jason Jerry; a daughter, Arriane Michelle; his parents, John and Velma Menefee of McCamey; a brother, Calvin L. Menefee, and a sister, Dr. Marjorie Menefee of Austin.



Midland Memorial Hospital President Ray Branson, center, displays a new X-ray machine to Trustees Martin L. Allday, left, and Dan Mendell III, far right. The machine was purchased with money received from a donation of \$45,000 from Exxon Company, U.S.A., for replacement and purchase of equipment in the radiology department. Mendell, manager of Exxon's Midcontinent Production Division in Midland, said the company also donated \$15,000 to Temple's Scott and White Memorial Hospital for construction and equipment of a trauma room and the relocation of the emergency room.

Medicare changes confuse hospitals

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Although the government first wanted to enter the system based on 100 percent prospective reimbursements beginning this October, Dement said the American Medical Association pointed out many hospitals would be forced to close their doors if the plan was implemented at full scale that early.

TEACHING AND psychiatric hospitals will be exempt until 1987, Dement said. At that time, physicians also will be required to go under the prospective payment system.

However, hospital-based physicians will begin the new system Oct. 1, he said.

"They're putting ceilings on what a physician can or cannot make. An emergency room physician may make \$85,000 per year, but he'll have to keep up with the time spent in the hospital. Say a pathologist may make \$12,000 per year if he spends eight hours a day in the hospital. If he spends only 50 percent of his time there, he'll get only half (of his salary)."

While the government probably won't allow appeals on amounts designated per DRG, Dement said other factors in the system may be forced to change.

"I think the concept is good if it's run correctly," he said. "But under the old Medicare regulations, they were constantly changing due to appeals."

Hospitals are grouped according to bed size and location in rural or urban areas, but by 1987, the government expects one rate to be applied to all hospitals.

"There is no way possible that can work," he said. "Take a hospital in New York City, or California — it can't afford to get the same rate as a hospital in Topeka, Kan."

PATIENT COSTS may be higher in larger urban areas because of more specialized services, but supplies may be more costly in remote rural areas because of transportation distances, he said.

Using a bell curve, Dement explained a hospital will be reimbursed the same amount for patients who are discharged early as it will for those who remain in the hospital longer than expected. The difference in the costs to the hospital and the reimbursement it receives, a loss or a gain, will not be billed to the patient. If the hospital realizes income from one patient, it probably will be consumed in expenses for another, he said.

Government and health care officials agree the five percent of patients discharged early will happen more often than the five per-

cent of those discharged later, causing extra expense to the hospital, according to Dement.

"We'll eat it," he said.

Hospital officials have another concern, Dement said: If a patient is admitted to a hospital and is later transferred for specialized care to another hospital, the hospital that discharges the patient will receive the reimbursements.

Most likely an agreement will be worked out between the two hospitals allowing the initial hospital to receive a portion of the reimbursement, he said.

"BUT IT'S another headache," Dement said. "The government is saying you'll have to work out the agreement with the receiving hospital. That will increase the (initial) hospital's cost because they'll have to have someone to keep up with it. And some hospitals might not want to do it."

Also, if a patient is admitted into a hospital for foot surgery and has a heart attack while on the operating table, the primary diagnosis is still foot surgery, Dement said. The heart attack would be a secondary diagnosis.

"There is going to be some formula — they haven't come out with it yet. You still won't get paid for both diagnoses, but you will get paid for more than just foot surgery," Dement said.

Because payments will take into account a patient's age, with reimbursements for older patients higher, Dement said hospital officials argued with the government that it usually is more complicated and expensive to heal a young person with a heart attack than an older patient.

"The government has deaf ears," he said.

It also has a Peer Review Organization that will check medical records of Medicare patients to make sure the hospital is abiding by the rules, providing quality care and appropriately admitting patients.

THE PRO program, "or the watch dogs" may come into a hospital and look at Medicare patients' medical files at random, Dement said.

"You don't have any idea whose file they're going to pull," so all must be in order, he said, adding the AHA is already protesting as are intermediaries, usually insurance companies that have contracts with the federal government to take care of Medicare claims and reimbursements.

"It's gotten so complicated running hospitals that you can't put just anybody up there to run it," Dement said.

Man pleads not guilty to first degree felony

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The state will decide at a later date which of the three indictments to try him on, said Edwards.

Graham, adorned in dark glasses and bearing the scars of shotgun pellets on the right side of his face and neck, sat stoically with his hands folded at his chin as Judge Earney explained his decision to accept the change of venue motion.

"San Angelo has good motel facilities, they've remodeled the courtroom, it has good acoustics, and I think it's sufficiently far enough from McCamey and Rankin that you won't have people over there who've heard about it like they have here," said Judge Earney. "I'm from a small town and I know that everybody knows what all's going on in the town, and sometimes, what's not going on. I think a fair trial can be given by the people in San Angelo."

Privately, Judge Earney agreed that extensive Midland-Odessa media coverage of the deputy's death was a primary factor in his decision to move the trial out of the 83rd District.

"Ordinarily, you'd move it somewhere else in the district," he noted, "but we wouldn't gain anything by moving it somewhere else in this district."

Neither the district attorney nor the defense lawyer objected to the selection of San Angelo. Edwards previously had indicated he would like to see the trial held at that site, while Barber indicated that the city "is fine with me. Because I'm from Odessa, I'd like to have had it in Odessa. But Judge Earney is a good judge and I think we'll have a fair trial down there."

Earney will serve as trial judge and Edwards as district attorney even though the trial will be held outside their district.

Barber, a former Monahan's district attorney who resides outside the 83rd District, was appointed as Graham's defense attorney because of a dearth of qualified lawyers in that district, explained Judge Earney.

"I've got to appoint someone who knows what they're doing," he said. "We don't have enough attorneys to handle criminal cases, so we have to go to Odessa or San Angelo to find someone."

Graham, out on two personal recognizance bonds of \$10,000 each, is in the custody of his mother in McCamey.

The plant supervisor who wounded Graham and killed Graham's father was not indicted in connection with the shootings.

R.H. Price

CRANE — Services for R.H. "Blackie" Price, 74, of Crane were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in the First Assembly of God Church in Crane. Graveside services were to be at 4 p.m. today in the City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of

Marshal's district honored

The United States Marshal's Service for the sprawling federal court system's Western District of Texas has been named the "Distinguished District for the United States Marshal's Service" for 1983, according to U.S. Marshal Bill Jonas of San Antonio.

The district, one of 94 U.S. Marshal's districts in the nation, extends westward from the San Antonio-Austin-Waco area to El Paso and takes in seven divisions: Austin, Waco, San Antonio, Del Rio, Midland, Pecos and El Paso. The district takes in 68 counties and 94,000 square miles.

In winning the nationwide honor, the marshal's force in the district was cited for its "sustained outstanding performance on an individual basis" by William E. Hall, director of the U.S. Marshal's Service.

In turn, Jonas expressed gratitude to the other elements of the federal criminal justice system which service the Western District of Texas.

"I am grateful for the cooperation which we have received from each individual United States district judge and from all of the elements of the federal judicial system in the Western District of Texas," the marshal said.

Chief Judge William S. Sessions of San Antonio recommended the district's marshal force for the award, he said.

The deputy U.S. marshal servicing the Midland-Odessa Division of the district is Gail Boggs of Midland. The division's presiding judge is Lucius D. Bunton.

The U.S. Marshal Service was established by Congress in 1789 to serve the federal courts.

Arts commission meets in Midland

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Today, the commission is holding its fall meeting here. This is the second time in its almost 20-year history that the commission has met in Midland.

Created by the Texas Legislature in 1965, TCA's 18 commissioners are appointed by the governor for 6-year terms and represent all fields of the arts throughout the state.

"It's the third most sought after appointment, according to what we've been told," Richard Huff, TCA's executive director, said during a Thursday reception for the commissioners. The two which precede TCA are The University of Texas Board of Regents and Texas A&M Board of Regents.

"I think people are interested in the arts," Huff said, explaining the high drawing power of this commission. "Since the federal government got involved, there is a growing realization that generous support makes the arts available to more of our citizens and that it's exciting to play a role in providing opportunities for not only observation, but 'hands on' experience with the arts."

"It plays an economic role in our communities," Huff said, citing the Dallas Arts District as an example. Prices on houses jumped from \$45 a square foot before the district to over \$125 a square foot after the district.

The commissioners are from Houston, Dallas, Waco, Fort Worth, Galveston, Amarillo, Brenham, San Antonio, Austin and Midland. Mrs. J. Harvey Herd is the commissioner from Midland. This year marks her 6th on the commission.

"Up until the appropriations approved and signed into law by the governor for the fiscal year '84 and '85, Texas ranked 47th out of the 50 states in state appropriations," Mrs. Herd said.

"Our standing has improved considerably since the state increase over the previous biennium was 140 percent. The grand totals for fiscal year '84 is \$4,286,848 and for fiscal year '85 is \$4,575,040."

TCA also receives funds from other sources, including the National Endowment for the arts, an independent agency of the federal government created in 1965 to encourage and support American arts and artists.

The commission states its purposes as:

— To serve as a catalyst for the development of quality arts throughout the state with support from the public and private sectors.

— To ensure public access to quality arts regardless of geographic isolation, race, income, age, handicap or social barrier.

— To promote the creation and presentation of quality arts programs throughout Texas by supporting arts organizations, community organizations, institutions, Statewide Partners, local arts agencies and individual artists.

— To involve Texans of all ages in arts education and arts activities by supporting organizations involved in these activities.

"There are nine Advisory Panels who review grant applications, consisting of at least 12 members who are experts or professionals in their respective fields. Two members of the commission sit on each panel," said Mrs. Herd.

"They (the experts or professionals) may be nominated by an interested person or organization to serve a three-year term."

The nine panels cover the following fields: community arts, dance, education, literature, media, music/theater, and touring and visual arts/architecture.

"Funds granted must always be matched on a local basis so that cities are encouraged to support their own art programs," Mrs. Herd said. "Matching must be all cash, not 'in kind.'"

Board considers landfill options

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She also noted that with only one landfill located on Midland's east side, residents who have to drive all the way across town to dispose of refuse — and then are charged for doing so — may elect to dump the trash elsewhere illegally. She had offered a possible alternative — another landfill on the city's west side and, perhaps, suspending landfill charges if possible.

Baker told the board the city is studying the possibility of putting a trash compactor at a location inside the city that would give residents an opportunity to dispose of refuse, and then could be hauled to the landfill operation. He noted that getting another landfill operation, as suggested, would be both time-consuming and costly because of legal requirements. It costs \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year for the city to operate a landfill,

he said, and the landfill has to meet State Health Department requirements.


Board chairman Jim Everett referred the matter to Clean Midland's municipal committee and named Ms. Hitchcock to that committee.

In other action, it was noted that Clean Midland board members and volunteers will be manning a booth at Septemberfest this weekend and trash receptacles there will bear "Pitch In" posters provided by the organization.

China acquires \$200,000 grant

China will modernize and expand port facilities and improve higher education and research in agricultural sciences with the help of almost \$200 million granted recently by the World Bank and its affiliate, the International Development Association.


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