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GOP may capture new representatives

By LEE JONES
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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas House, where Democrats outnumber Republicans three-to-one, has voted for a congressional redistricting bill that one Democrat called a coup for the GOP.

House members tentatively approved the bill Monday, 103-41, with a final vote set for today.

The bill assigns the three new congressmen Texas receives by virtue of the 1980 census to Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas where the GOP has made sizeable gains in recent years.

Reps. Ron Coleman, D-El Paso, and Gene Green, D-Houston, said the House redistricting committee bill — despite Democrat control of the House — would give all three new seats to Republicans.

The leader of the Mexican-American caucus asserted that blacks and Hispanics had been "pitted against each other" in the jockeying for votes.

The bill allocates one of Texas' three new congressional seats to a

Dallas-Fort Worth mid-cities area, another to Houston and the third to an area dominated by Houston but including suburban and rural counties to the north and west.

Corpus Christi is split, with most Anglos going into a coastal district that runs north into Brazoria County while Mexican-Americans join the district of U.S. Rep. Abraham Kazen, D-Laredo.

Mexican-American legislators protested the division to no avail.

Green, majority whip, failed in an 86-58 vote to put across an alternate redistricting plan approved by most members of the House Democratic Caucus.

The caucus plan would have preserved the re-election chances of Congressmen Bill Patman, D-Ganado, and Jim Mattox, D-Dallas, whom the House redistricting committee plan shoved into politically unfavorable new territory.

It also would have placed the three new districts in a Mexican-American area of South Texas, a solidly Democratic section of Houston and an area taking in parts of Tarrant, Collin and Denton counties. Nueces County (Cor-

pus Christi) would have gone entirely into the South Texas district.

"In our plan, there are three new districts that could be filled by Democrats. Under the committee plan, there are three new congressional districts that probably will be filled by Republicans," Green said.

Green urged Democrats to reject bipartisanship, saying states with Republican-controlled legislatures were doing no favors for Democrats in their redistricting plans.

He also appealed to the state representatives to consider the impact of redistricting on the chances of House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, to become speaker when Tip O'Neill steps down. Wright's chances depend on continued Democratic control of the U.S. House.

"I don't think we should get into Republican versus Democrat...that is really not our purpose.... We need to look at the plan in terms of basic fairness and compliance with the law," said Rep. Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad, redistricting committee chairman.

U.S. economy slowing as nation cuts spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — American consumers are finally cutting back their spending, and the national economy is slowing down with them, a new government report indicates.

Personal consumption spending increased 0.2 percent in April, the Commerce Department reported Monday. But that plus undoubtedly would have been a minus had not inflation driven up the prices of goods.

Such spending, which makes up more than 60 percent of the gross national product, had risen 1.4 percent as recently as January. But then it leveled off at about the rate of inflation before dropping in April.

The Commerce Department was releasing revised first-quarter GNP figures today, and analysts said in advance that the revision could show even more strength than the robust 6.5 percent growth reported last month.

But they also said that the growth was concentrated in January and that the economy has slowed considerably since then.

Two Commerce reports released Monday seemed to back that up, indicating that:

—Personal income rose only 0.6 percent in April, the smallest increase since last June, while spending climbed 0.2 percent, the smallest rise since last May.

—Housing starts rose 4.2 percent last month, making up only a little of the 27 percent decline recorded in February. And the department's acting chief economist, William Cox, said that "the housing sector is without a doubt going to be a negative influence on the next couple of quarters" of overall economic growth.

A separate Federal Reserve Board report showed U.S. manufacturers operating at 80.3 percent of capacity

in April. That 0.3 percentage point increase — to the highest level in a year — was considered an indication that producers are not about to shut down entirely in the face of reduced consumer spending.

Taken together, the reports appeared to show the sluggish, basically flat economy that most economists — including those in the Reagan administration — have been talking about for some time.

Personal consumption spending, one of the most important fuels the economy runs on, "seems to have come to a halt," Cox said.

He noted that after taking inflation into account, spending showed no gain in February and actually declined about 0.1 percent in March. And April will probably be even lower when inflation figures are announced, he said.



Battling the blaze

An unidentified city fireman soaks a smoldering mattress Monday afternoon after a fire destroyed a storage shed and its contents on Midkiff Road, a

half-mile south of Interstate 20. The blaze, which broke out about 1:30 p.m., is under investigation. Owner of the shed is Mary J. Parker.

Pope's prognosis may soon change, doctors say

ROME (AP) — Pope John Paul II sipped tea with milk for breakfast today, the first time he swallowed liquids since he was shot last week, and doctors said he had almost no fever when he woke after a tranquil night.

"If the Holy Father continues the present pace of recovery, we will soon be able to lift the 'guarded' prognosis, perhaps as early as tomorrow," a papal physician was quoted as saying by the Italian news agency AGI. The doctors said previously it would be seven or eight days from the shooting last Wednesday before they could modify the "guarded" prognosis, used when the patient's survival is not guaranteed.

A medical bulletin issued at 10:30 a.m. (4:30 a.m. EDT) noted the pope's "vastly improved physical state" on the first full day in an 11th floor suite. John Paul was moved out of an intensive care unit on his 61st birthday Monday.

"I feel better than in the previous days," John Paul was quoted as saying by urologist Eugenio Alcini, one of the pontiff's doctors at Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital.

Alcini told reporters the pope slept seven hours without using sedatives and his temperature at 8 a.m. (2 a.m. EDT) was 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The pope had been running a fever of around 100.4 for the past five days.

Later, the pope was examined by a team of five foreign doctors, including two Americans, invited as consultants by the Italian medical team treating the pope as consultants.

Habib to take talks back to Israel

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — U.S. envoy Philip C. Habib held a third round of talks in Damascus with Syrian President Hafez Assad today and prepared to return to Israel in his mission to calm the two nations' tense and dangerous standoff over Syrian missiles in Lebanon.

A Lebanese newspaper reported Habib was carrying a four-point plan for defusing the missile crisis and removing its root cause, the fighting between Syrian soldiers and Lebanese Christians.

Even before the meeting, however, the official Syrian newspaper Al-Baath said Syria is not ready to accept "what the mediator considers a suitable solution."

Arab League foreign ministers planned to meet Friday in Tunisia to examine the situation in Lebanon, sources close to the league's secretariat said. The meeting was requested by Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sources said. Meanwhile Syrian troops and rightist

Christian militias in Beirut traded sporadic artillery and rocket fire overnight across the "green line" frontier that divides the city into Moslem and Christian sections, and police said 29 civilians were killed and 142 wounded.

In Washington, there were reports Monday that President Reagan started to take a personal role in the diplomatic effort to solve the Syrian-Israeli crisis.

ABC News said the president met over the weekend with Saudi Arabian prince Turki el Faisal and discussed the possibility of renewing the Saudis' discontinued subsidy to Syria as one way to persuade the Syrians to withdraw their Soviet-made anti-aircraft missiles from Lebanon.

White House spokesman David Prosser said he had no information on the reported meeting.

Habib, the retired career diplomat Reagan sent to the Middle East as his special envoy to defuse the standoff, returned to Damascus on Monday

after a weekend visit to Saudi Arabia where he reportedly sought Saudi help in solving the crisis.

No details of the Riyadh meetings were made public, but Saudi officials said King Khaled exchanged private messages with Assad. Saudi Arabia also publicly pledged full support for Syria if war breaks out with Israel.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait earlier discontinued their subsidy that had helped pay Syria's bills for keeping troops in Lebanon to police that nation's fragile armistice from its 1975-76 civil war between Christians and Moslems.

The Lebanese newspaper An-Nahar, which has close ties to Lebanon's Christian-Moslem government, reported Habib had obtained Saudi support for a four-point plan.

The proposal was said to called for a stand-down of Syrian and Christian forces in eastern Lebanon's strategic hilltops, a gradual withdrawal of the SAM-6 missiles in exchange for a moratorium on Israeli overflights,

talks among the parties under U.S. auspices and a resumption of the Saudi and Kuwait aid.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told reporters Monday: "In my opinion, Saudi Arabia is not capable of playing any useful role whatsoever. It is one of the most corrupt states in the world."

Israel has demanded that Syria remove the anti-aircraft missiles it deployed in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley on April 28, one day after Israel shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships. Syria refuses, claiming the anti-aircraft batteries are for defensive purposes only.

Egypt, which was suspended from the Arab League because of its U.S.-sponsored peace initiatives with Israel, is virtually the only Arab nation that has not pledged its support to the previously isolated Syrians.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer described the Lebanese situation as "extremely tense and extremely dangerous."

Attorneys not doing justice...

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The mercy of justice may not be strained, but the quality and budget are, or so suggested the Midland County Bar president, who said that court-appointed attorneys nor their defendant-clients are getting due justice in Midland County.

The injustice, Bar President Bill Smith told the Midland County commissioners on Monday, is in the relatively meager fees paid attorneys who are appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases.

And he said that Judge Perry D. Pickett had expressed concern over that before he retired last year after presiding over the 142nd Judicial District Court here for 26 years.

"He (Judge Pickett) thought that there was not enough quality representation as a whole — not isolated —

as a whole," Smith said. Smith approached the commissioners while they were taking respite from their 1982 budget studies.

"Well, here it is spring time," Smith said as if to humor the commissioners and County Judge Bill Ahlers. "Here I am to talk about money."

Smith said that only 10 — more or less — of Midland's 285 or 300 licensed lawyers are on the district courts' rolls and thereby are subject to court appointments. About four attorneys are on comparable rolls for county court.

"Any lawyer in town who chose not to represent indigent defendants could pay \$300 in the Central Fund" and thereby get out of court appointments, Smith said. The Central Fund is administered by the Midland bar; funds from that are added to Midland County funds to pay for court appoint-

ments. Court appointments as a rule do not "pay" as well as hired-out lawyers, whose fee may be \$60 to \$100 per hour in and outside of court. Smith said that \$80 per hour was a most reasonable fee for an able member of a reputable law firm.

IN CITING his own case, which he seemed to know best, Smith said that he must take in \$40 an hour (based on a 20- to 30-hour productive work-week) just to cover his overhead of a full-time secretary, office space and law books.

"I'm not trying to tell you guys what a proper figure is," said Smith, who seemed to suggest the \$60-\$80 per hour range for court appointments.

Minimum fees for court appointments are governed by state law, which says a \$75-a-day fee is to be paid to a court-appointed lawyer in

most criminal cases and \$250 a day in capital-murder cases, of which Midland has few.

Some court-appointed lawyers may get \$40 an hour in contested cases tried before the court or by a jury.

But the judges set the fees, which seem to be limited by the funds allowed for court appointments by the commissioners. This year, the commissioners have budgeted \$60,000 for that.

In addition, the bar's own "slush" fund, fed by about 100 lawyers each paying \$300 a year, goes toward paying court-appointed lawyers. Smith could not explain why or how the some 200 other lawyers in Midland do not contribute to the Midland County Bar's Central Fund.

Regardless, the fees paid to court-appointed attorneys are causing

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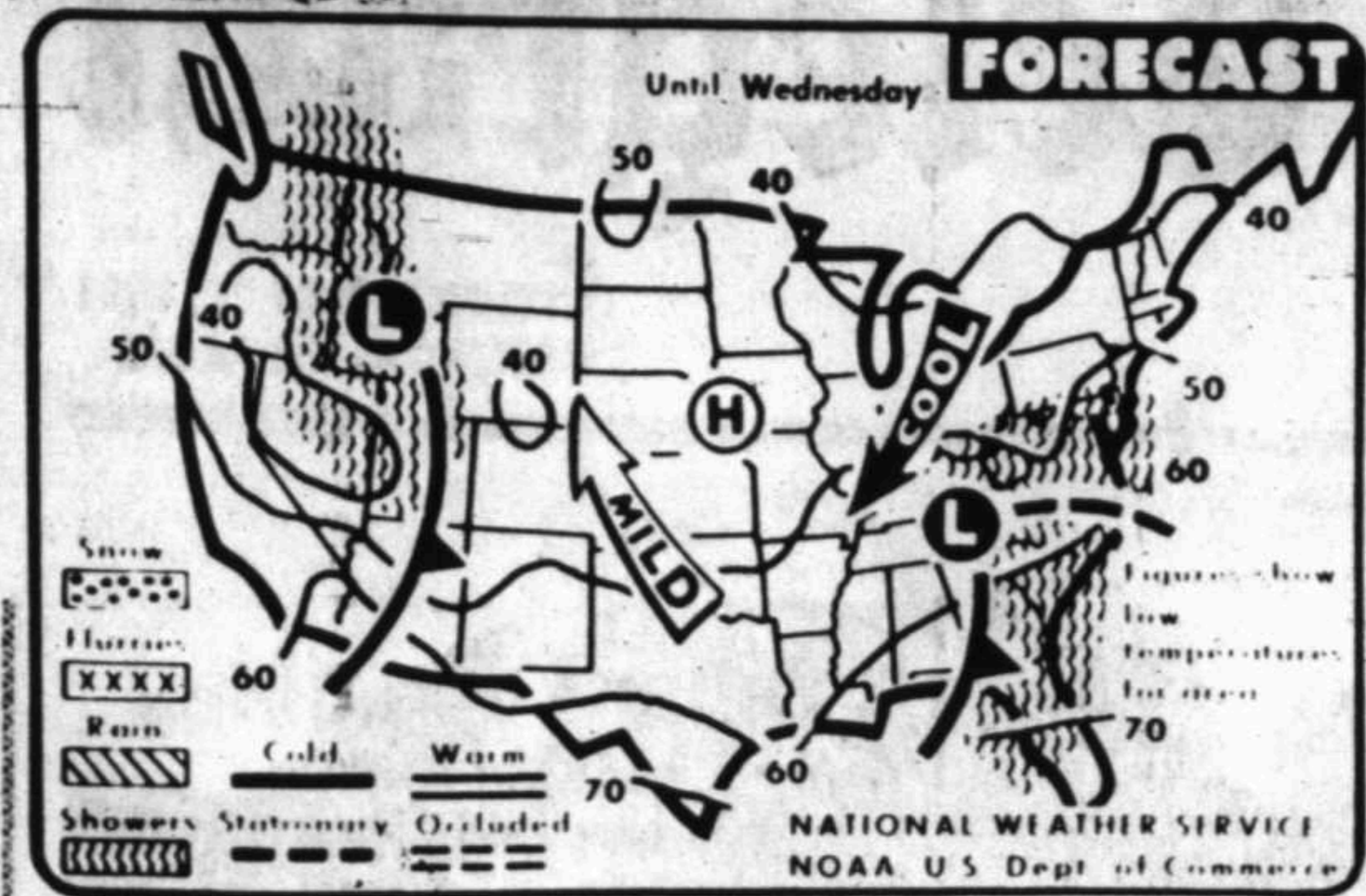
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WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service forecast for today until early Wednesday predicts showers for parts of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Showers are also forecast for the East Coast from Florida to New Jersey and inland to Ohio and Kentucky.

Southwest loves to have birthdays

By SUE FAHLGREN Staff Writer

LUV is 10 years old. But in Midland, it will be four on Wednesday.

Southwest Airlines will celebrate its fourth birthday at Midland Regional Airport Wednesday, according to Howard Putnam, president of Southwest Airlines.

Sunday, the airlines celebrated a little early by having its "best day since a holiday" with some 85 percent of "the entire airline" in operation, Putnam said Monday in a telephone interview from Dallas. May is Southwest's 10-year anniversary month.

Initially, he said, Southwest had some problems getting into Midland — mostly because of competitors.

AS AN INTRASTATE airlines in 1977, Southwest was regulated only by the Texas Aeronautics Commission, while other airlines were governed by the Civil Aeronautics Commission. Coupled with low fares, loose restrictions on Southwest hampered other airlines, Putnam said.

"When they saw maybe Southwest was going to succeed," Putnam said, other airlines visited chambers telling "cities we were going to be bad for this community."

Despite the warnings, Putnam said,

"the worst thing we do is cause you to increase the size of your parking lot" as business persons take day-long commuter trips to Dallas and back.

"The original problem was here in Dallas: nobody wanted us to become an airline," said Putnam, who has been president of Southwest for three years. It took four years from 1967 to get the necessary approvals to start the commuter airlines operating out of Love Field.

Since then, Putnam said, "we've had 30 lawsuits and two times have gone to the U.S. Supreme Court" over the legality of an airlines with such low fares. But each court sided with Southwest.

"In some of those very early battles, it was bitter to persuade people," Putnam said. "But Southwest has done a heck of a lot to bring low fares to the people of West Texas."

WITH 25 Boeing 737s now in operation, Southwest flies to 14 cities — 11 in Texas and Albuquerque, Oklahoma City and New Orleans. "We now have the eighth largest passenger boarding system," Putnam said. The main reason for its fast growth, he said, was "our fares are 45 to 55 percent less than on other carriers."

In addition, he said, "we try to focus our scheduling on the needs of the people." With Midland as an oil cen-

ter, Putnam said, Southwest began offering flights to cities "interested in energy: Houston, Dallas, Tulsa."

Already from January through April, Putnam said, some 92,425 passengers have traveled from Midland Regional Airport. The majority, about 42,000, have been travelers to Dallas. Houston had some 17,000 passengers; Austin, 10,500; El Paso, 6,000; and San Antonio, 3,000.

Unlike other airlines, Putnam said, Southwest actually has benefited from the gas shortages. "Every time gas went up at the pumps, more people chose flying over driving. That's why we've been able to do it (keep fares constant). You have to be smarter and figure out how to do it," he said.

SOUTHWEST'S MOST recent fare increase was in January, Putnam said. "We hope to make it through the summer without a price increase," he said. "We'll try to make it through the year."

Putnam said he expected some additional competition with American and Sun-Air Airlines coming to Midland, however, he said it was good.

"It depends on where the folks want to go," Putnam said. "We assume that they (American) will have a few flights we won't."

In addition, he said, proximity

would be a major factor. For instance, people who wanted to go to downtown Dallas would probably take Southwest and fly into Love Field, while people traveling to Fort Worth or Arlington would probably take American, Braniff or Texas International and fly into D-FW Regional Airport.

"BUT WHAT WE have found," Putnam added, "is with fares as low as we have, other airlines' fares drop. So, it will help all of us."

"Wherever we are, we double the size of the market in 18 months," Putnam said. "With low fares and frequent service, more people fly."

Since May 20, 1977, Putnam said 1,292,987 people have arrived at or departed from Midland Regional Airport on Southwest. "Compared to how much money they would have paid for fares on other airlines," he said, "the people who took Southwest have saved a total of \$39,650,000 — some 49 percent over other air fares."

If those passengers had flown other airlines, Putnam said they would have paid an estimated \$80 million.

"As for the rest of this year, we don't have any more planned expansions," Putnam said. However, "the future of Midland is very strong. The folks here have the money to spend."

Midland statistics

The weather elsewhere

WEATHER FORECAST Fair tonight becoming partly cloudy Wednesday. Windy and warmer Wednesday. Low tonight upper 50s. High Wednesday mid-90s. Easterly winds 5-10 mph tonight. Southeasterly winds 20-30 mph Wednesday.

Table with columns for Readings (Yesterday's High, Overnight Low, etc.), Precipitation, and Local Temperatures for various times of day.

Table listing weather forecasts for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Ansonia, Atlanta, etc.

Table titled 'SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES' listing high and low temperatures for cities like Abilene, Denver, El Paso, etc.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas - Decreasing cloudiness Panhandle today, otherwise fair most sections through tonight, becoming partly cloudy Wednesday. Cooler today. Windy and warmer Wednesday. Widely scattered thunderstorms Wednesday. Highs mid 60s to near 90. Lows 30s and 40s. Highs Wednesday mid 70s to lower 90s.

North Texas - Mostly cloudy north and partly cloudy south. Windy and cooler. Fair and warmer Wednesday. Highs 60 northwest to 78 southeast. Lows 48 to 53. Highs Wednesday 78 to 81.

South Texas - Mostly fair and cooler through tonight. Fair and mild Wednesday. Highs 80s north to low 90s south. Lows mid 50s north to upper 60s south. Highs Wednesday 80s.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor - Northerly winds 15 to 20 knots through tonight, becoming northeast near 15 Wednesday. Seas 4 to 6 feet.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville - Northerly winds 15 to 20 knots through tonight, becoming east and northeast near 15 Wednesday. Seas 5 to 7 feet.

Extended forecasts

Thursday Through Saturday

West Texas: Chance of thunderstorms most sections east of the mountains Thursday and Friday. Otherwise partly cloudy and warm. Windy north latter part of the week. Highs in the 70s Panhandle to 80s central and south except for the Big Bend lowlands. Lows in the 50s and low 60s except 40s Panhandle Saturday.

Cool nights, warm, windy days forecast

If the weatherman's forecast is correct, Midlanders can expect it to be cool tonight and warm as well as windy Wednesday.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, the forecast calls for the fair skies today to give way to partly cloudy Wednesday, with warmer temperatures and southeasterly 20-30 mph

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma - Decreasing cloudiness from northwest today. Clear to partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Wednesday. Warmer Wednesday. Highs 60s. Lows 38 to 47. Highs Wednesday 70s.

New Mexico - Increasing high cloudiness from west today. Partly cloudy northeast and fair southeast. Widely scattered showers possible tonight north central mountains and higher elevations northwest, partly cloudy elsewhere. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers mountains and northwest Wednesday, partly cloudy southeast. Highs 60s and 70s mountains and north, 90s elsewhere. Lows 30s and 40s mountains, mostly 50s south.

winds Wednesday.

The low tonight is expected to be in the upper 50s with the high Wednesday in the mid 80s. Winds tonight will be easterly at 5-10 mph.

The record high for Monday was 98 degrees set in 1946. At 7 a.m. today, Midland was only two degrees warmer than the record low of 46 degrees set here in 1971.

Rings, clothes among items reported stolen

In light criminal activity reported to police during the past 24 hours, Joe Garcia of 4400 Parkdale St. said two wedding rings worth a total of \$1,700 were taken from his residence, and Robert Gray of Bedford told officers men's clothing valued at \$600 was

Police Roundup

stolen from his room at the Holiday Inn, 3904 W. Wall St., sometime Friday.

Fire destroyed a fence at 3206 Roosevelt Ave. about 2:45 p.m. Monday. The owner of the fence was not listed in the report.

And a fire at the McClatchy Bros. Trucking Co., 4400 W. Industrial Ave., shortly after midnight destroyed some rig timbers on the property.

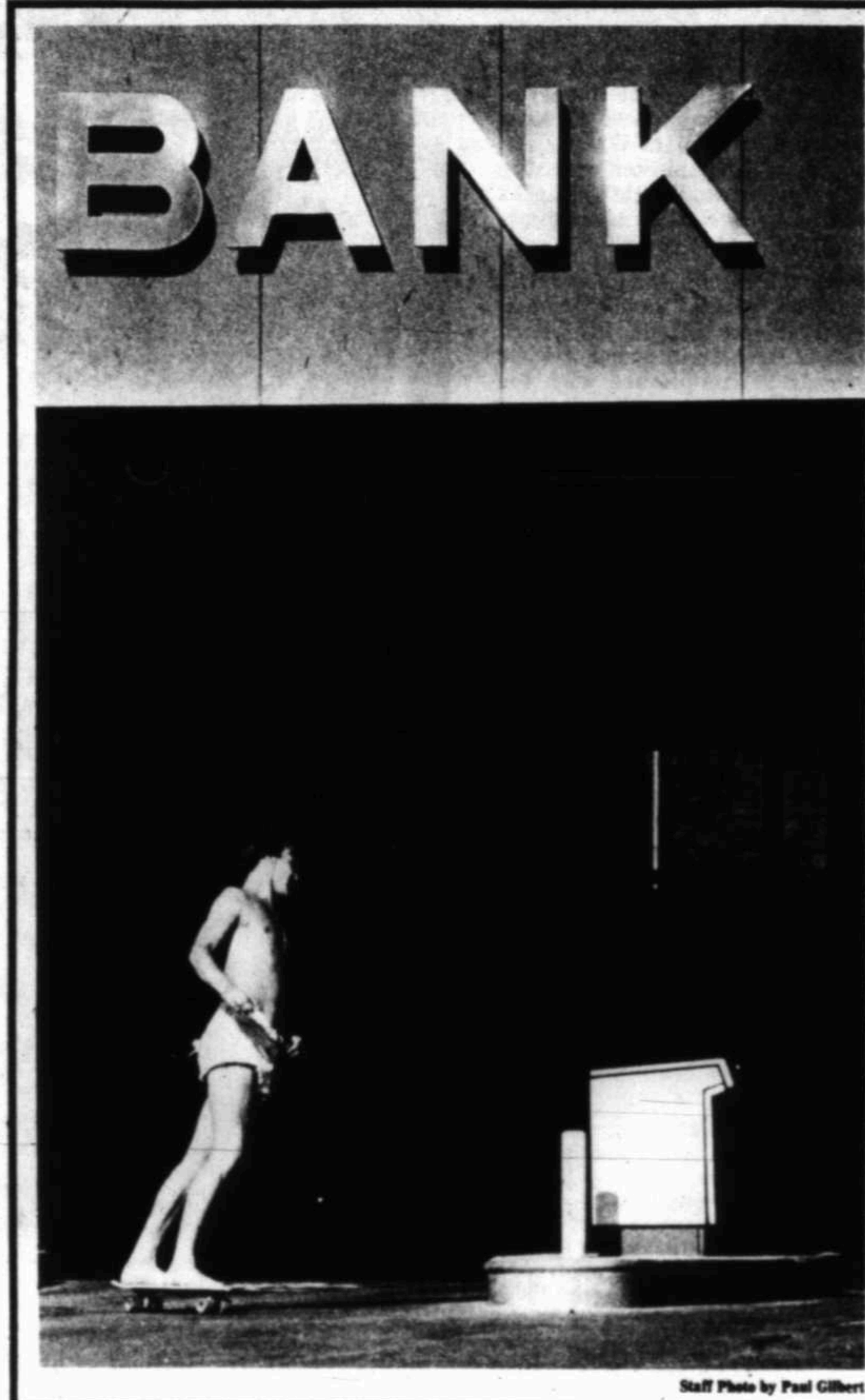
Separate traffic accidents sent two men to the hospital, with one of them

admitted for treatment of multiple lacerations.

James Peck, 30, of Gardendale, was listed in satisfactory condition at Midland Memorial Hospital this morning. According to police, Peck was westbound on FM 868 about 4:15 p.m. Monday when his 1972 Triumph and an eastbound 1977 pickup truck collided almost head-on at the intersection of North Midkiff Road.

Police said the pickup was driven by 15-year-old Brady Richardson of Route 3, Midland, who was attempting a left turn onto Midkiff Road when the accident occurred.

The second mishap took place shortly after 4 a.m. today when a westbound 1968 Pontiac driven by 49-year-old Woodie Warren, 1116 N. Big Spring St., veered off the road in the 1400 block of East Front Street and struck a utility pole. Warren was treated for minor injuries and released from the hospital.



Where's the skate-in lane?

Doug Ferguson rides his skateboard through the First National Bank's drive-in facility on Colorado Street. The electronic tellers made a unique slalom course.

Testimony begins in shootout trial of Richard Chavez in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A shootout that left three people dead and one wounded may have resulted from a case of mistaken identity, a Pecos police sergeant testified.

Sgt. Roy Hicks took the stand Monday in the attempted murder trial of Richard Chavez, 24, which was moved to El Paso from Pecos on a change of venue.

Chavez has pleaded innocent to the charge stemming from the wounding of Steve Prewit during an Aug. 13, 1980 shootout. Chavez was tried for murder late last year in the death of Clifton Glenn, but the case ended in a mistrial when jurors failed to reach a verdict.

Hicks said his investigation indicated the gun battle may have occurred because Glenn — who had been made to "beg for his life" at a Pecos bar earlier that day — thought that the Mexican-Americans were the same ones who threatened him earlier.

There was evidence that Glenn may have mistaken Jaime Villareal, 24, for one of his tormentors, Hicks said.

Police have said Glenn shot Villareal and Chavez's brother, David, 20, to death and then was shot to death himself. Prewit was wounded in both arms.

Hicks also testified that when he

found Prewit at the shooting scene, the wounded man told him to arrest someone besides Chavez — a man Hicks said later was charged for a time in connection with the shooting.

But before the officer could continue the statement, District Judge Woodrow W. Bean II halted the proceedings and ordered the jury out of the courtroom.

Bean then warned the attorneys to take care in addressing other charges stemming from the shootout.

"I don't want to have a mistrial or something like that here," the judge said. "At the appropriate time, if it comes up, it comes up. But I just don't want to get into that now."

After the jury was returned, Hicks said under questioning that he did not search Prewit or a car in which Prewit had arrived at the scene.

Defense attorney Richard Abalos contended that Prewit was seen firing a .38-caliber pistol before he was shot. However, no pistol ever was recovered.

Hicks said discharged shells found at the scene fit a .243-caliber rifle and an AR-15 rifle that have been linked to the shootings, but no pistol ammunition was found.

Reeves County Attorney Jack McGowan, who is prosecuting the case, said the .243-caliber rifle was the gun fired by Glenn. It was found in

Glenn's car after the shooting, Hicks said.

The AR-15 was recovered later in a lot near the Chavez residence, Hicks said.

Both guns were entered into evidence Monday, along with a club and a baseball bat that were recovered from the scene.

Midland, Odessa councils planning joint session

Midland City Council and Odessa City Council will hold a joint session at 10:15 a.m. Thursday in the EOC Room at Odessa City Hall.

The two panels will look at rates and legislation regarding taxis at Midland Regional Airport.

Midland will present a report on Midland Regional Airport construction program and airline services.

In addition, the two councils will consider a report on the Permian Basin Police Academy and a report on the status of the North Route which will connect the two cities.

This will mark the third joint meeting of the two councils.

Fees have influence on justice

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fewer and fewer lawyers to get on the rotating rolls.

"Little by little," said Smith, "the 10 lawyers who were willing to accept this type of cases were dwindling down."

And the bar president intimated that both lawyer and client were suffering from fee arrangement.

"THERE'S NOT ENOUGH money," he said. "The system is not functioning very well at all. The basic problem is money."

And Smith, who said he wouldn't presume to tell any judge what fee to set, said that the judges "are concerned about the those who come before them and the tax dollar."

But he did emphasize that \$40 an hour, based on a lawyer's estimated 1,000 to 1,500 productive work hours each year, would just pay expenses and leave no profit or pay for the attorney.

In his own case, Smith that he must gross between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year just to pay overhead or "so my CPA tells me." Income beyond that goes toward his own salary and profit, which last year was his best ever.

Smith implied that his practice is both rewarding and profitable, but said that a lawyer who depends on fees from court-appointments would not fare well.

"You ain't doing too well if you're representing those cats," he said of indigent defendants.

He said the commissioners should allow more money in the judiciary for court appointments to attract more lawyers who would view it profitable to get their names on the judges' rolls.

"It's a matter of economics and overhead," Smith said. "I enjoy trial work. A lot of lawyers don't."

Smith said that sufficient funds for court appointments would make it easier for the judges to award enticing fees to attorneys.

THE BAR president referred to the U.S. Constitution and noted a defendant's right to a fair and impartial trial and his right to proper counsel.

Moreover, Smith said that because criminal defendants may be indigent and request the aid of attorneys "doesn't mean they are scoundrels" or that they "don't deserve proper representation."

"He may end up in the electric chair or out on the street," Smith said.

Smith, who said he was "shooting from the hip," estimated that \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year in court-appointment funds might be just and reasonable.

The judges, including District Judges Pat Baskin, Vann Culp and Barbara Culp, and County-Court-at-Law Judge Willie DuBose are to appear before County Judge Bill Aders, who presides over the Commissioners' Court, and the commissioners to recommend the budget for the judiciary.

"I'm not here to quarrel, men," Smith said. "I'm here to help."

Tarrant jury decides 'performance art' not really art

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — When local artist Bill McLean burst into a museum symposium last year, carrying what looked to be a pistol and two Molotov cocktails, it was merely a work of "performance art," he said.

Monday a six-member jury disagreed. They found McLean guilty of a making a terroristic threat, a Class A misdemeanor, and recommended he be fined \$500 and put on probation for a year.

"Six people of a Tarrant County jury decided it wasn't art," McLean

said after the verdict. "I think they should accept responsibility. It has been defined as non-art. So I have nothing more to say. It's not the role of the artist to talk."

He told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "I did my work as an artist. I didn't want to talk about it. Other people have testified that it was not art. It's not my decision."

McLean's attorney, Tom Hill, said he was pleased with the decision but if McLean could afford to appeal, he probably would.

"We had a quarrel with the jury but

the war ain't over yet," Hill said.

Witnesses said McLean burst in on a crowded, Dec. 2, 1980, symposium at the Fort Worth Art Museum, a discussion on how artists can survive financially outside New York City. Police were told McLean brandished two wick-topped bottles filled with a clear liquid and a plastic jug filled with gasoline.

Witnesses testified McLean loudly lectured the audience on the meaninglessness of the panel discussion when a front-row spectator tried to grab the bottles and McLean pulled

out a gun and threatened the spectator.

As the crowd rushed toward the exits, the witnesses testified, McLean said, "If you don't want to play my game, I'm leaving."

The gun later was shown to be a toy and the clear liquid in the bottles was water. McLean surrendered voluntarily that same night and has contended his act was an artistic statement intended to make the audience think about its own survival and expand the panel discussion.

"I didn't intend to sustain the un-

easiness very long," he said, adding that the trial has not dampened his artistic spirit.

"I will go on creating art in any media I think is suitable — painting, sculpture, print-making, maybe performance art."

Hill said in final arguments that while his client may have been guilty of poor judgment or even disturbing the peace, "his intent was not to go in there and terrorize those people."

However, prosecutor Larry Moore countered that McLean did intend to "alarm" the audience.

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Money market move rejected

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Senate committee has rejected a proposal investment officers claim would threaten the only chance middle-class America has to "offset the pain of inflation."

Sen. Bill Meier's proposal would only have required money market funds to report their finances every six months to the State Banking Department.

Several witnesses, however, told the Senate Economic Development Committee the measure was part of a scheme by banks and savings and loan institutions to force the funds out of Texas.

The committee voted 6-3 Monday to table the

measure.

Arnold Scott, senior vice president of Massachusetts Financial Services, said if the House-approved bill got to the Senate floor it would become a "Christmas tree for the proponents who came before this committee this morning."

"What they really want is to force money market funds out of Texas," said Scott.

A banker and representative of savings and loan associations, builders, realtors and apartment owners supported Meier's proposal.

It was stated that money market funds have total assets of \$117 billion, and DeWitt Hale of the Texas Association of Builders said \$100 billion of that amount had

been withdrawn from savings accounts.

Six million Americans, including 217,000 Texans, own shares of money market funds, which pay higher yields than savings accounts, the committee was told.

"Texans are now \$180 million wealthier over the first four months of 1981 alone by virtue of their placement of funds in MMF's versus pass-book savings accounts," testified George Morgan, finance professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Austin lawyer C.C. Small Jr., general counsel for the Texas Savings and Loan League, said Texas savings institutions "are being crippled every day" by withdrawals that go into money

market funds.

"Those being hurt are people who need capital to run businesses and to live on," said Small. "It's high time something is done in this state to help borrowers of money."

Witnesses for the funds said they already report four times a year more information than Meier's

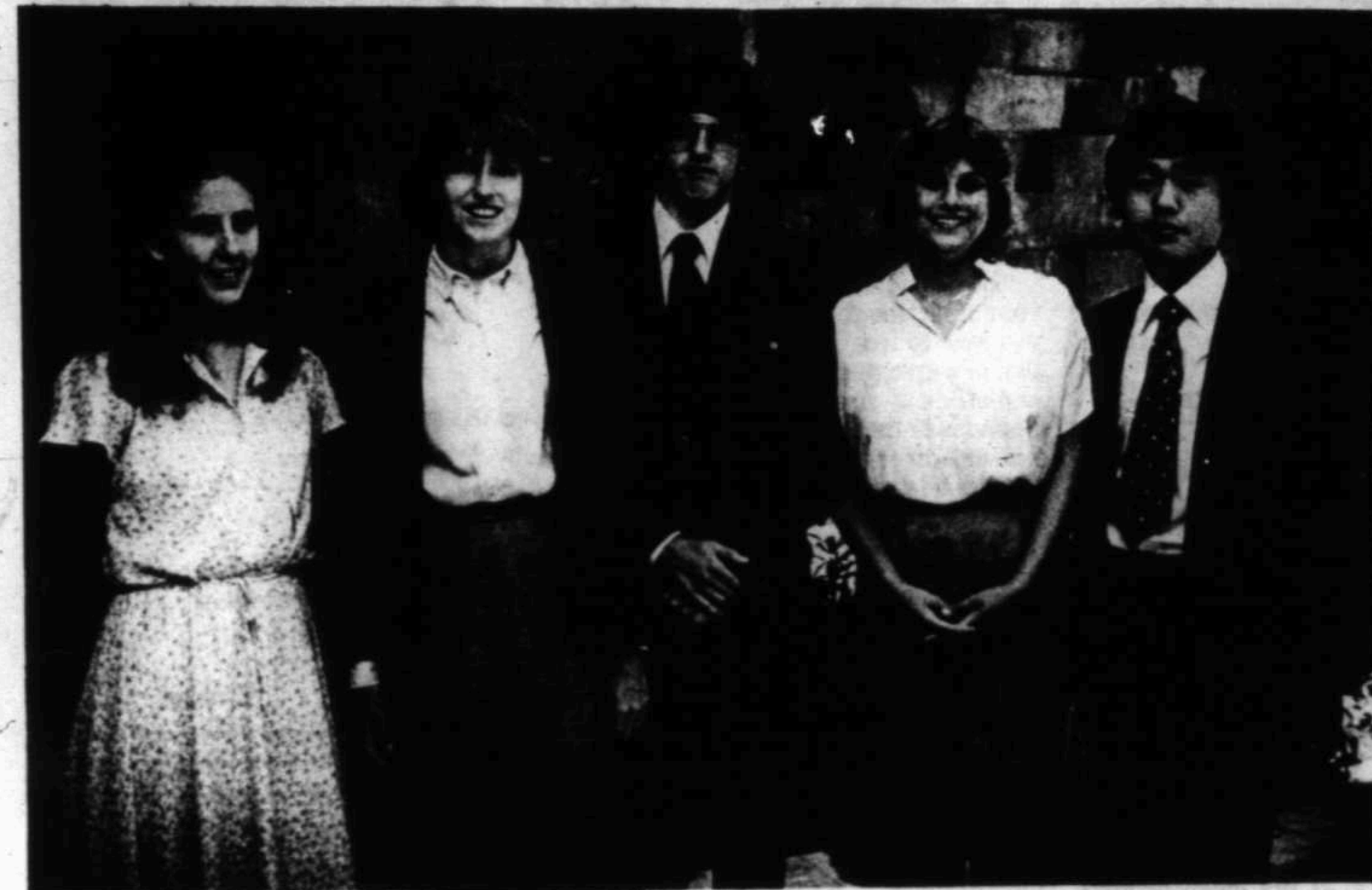
bill would require to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Texas Securities Board and six million shareholders.

Paul Jacobs of the American Association of Retired Persons said the funds "are the first and only opportunity for small investors" to fight double-digit inflation.



Named as outstanding students in various academic areas at Lee High School are, from left, DeLaine Cargile, social studies; Jon Franke, science; John Kimberly, math; Marilu Hastings, English; and Ri-

chard Stacey Carson, foreign language. The seniors were recognized Monday by the Midland Exchange Club during its annual awards luncheon.



Recognized as the top students in various academic areas at Midland High School are, from left, Kathryn Mear, foreign language; Susan Green, science; Kevin Legendre, English; Sara Josefy, social stu-

dies; and Hee-Bum Lee, math. The seniors were recognized by the Midland Exchange Club during its annual awards luncheon.

Panel OKs campaign reforms

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Senate committee has approved a campaign finance reform bill that would tighten campaign finance regulation and make political action committees disclose more about their membership.

The bill by Speaker Bill Clayton, D-Springlake, was approved by the State Affairs Committee on Monday, despite voluble opposition by Sen. Jack Ogg, D-Houston.

Ogg said he opposed the measure because it won't do any good.

"You can't legislate morality," he said after the 7-1 vote.

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Imminent female geologist discusses her work



Dr. Tanya Atwater

By NANCY LORD
Lifestyle Writer

Geology may be the best profession to be in, according to Dr. Tanya Atwater, a geologist who was in Midland last week to teach a class at the Permian Basin Graduate Center.

She said the field of geology offers very good pay, interesting work and the opportunity to travel, plus a great deal of self-respect.

Dr. Atwater is a professor of geology at The University of California at Santa Barbara. She received her doctorate from Scripps Institute of Oceanography. She also taught at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for six years.

Originally an engineering major, she said she got into geology by accident about halfway through undergraduate school. She took a geology class and liked it so much, she decided to change majors.

"You see a lot more after taking a geology class and have a broader perspective of the world," she explained.

She said geology is a study of why the world looks the way it does. There are many branches of geology, according to Dr. Atwater, including petroleum geology. Geologists may also be involved in all types of mining, environmental studies and city planning, she noted.

Dr. Atwater says that she had some difficulty being accepted in a profession that is predominately male, especially when she wanted to go on oceanography expeditions.

"The ships were built with the idea that only men would be on them," she remembered. At first, the women had to sleep on the floor of the laboratory rather than in the bunk room with the men. After a while, they were allowed to sleep in the bunk room with curtains around their beds.

She goes on these expeditions about twice a year and says that there are more and more women accompanying them each time.

Dr. Atwater has a six-year-old son named Alysha. She said he more or less accepts the long hours she works and has become accustomed to having his mother go out to sea twice a year.

"Until recently, he just assumed that everyone's mother was a geologist," she noted.

She is careful to spend enough time with her son, however, and often takes him along when she goes on field trips. "Children should be mixed into work places more than they are," she stated. She feels that by doing this, children will be better equipped to handle working situations when they are older.

"There's a lot of guilt put on women who work today," she said. But she said it is important for women to prepare themselves in a career that they will enjoy and can make a living at.

"It's a sadistic fact that most women end up supporting themselves," she said.

She feels that many women do themselves in by quitting math early in their schooling, thereby wiping out all of the science fields.

"If you work hard and pay attention, you can do anything you want," she said. "It's nice to be smart, but that's not the main ingredient."

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Placing blankets on clothes hangers saves space



Dear Heloise: To save space when storing blankets, I put them on coat hangers and hang them in various closets.

Easier than having to reach on a high shelf, and it's a very convenient way of getting them when you need extra bedding for guests, or whomever.

I got so efficient (ha) that I covered them with plastic garment bags so they were protected, using clear ones so they could be seen through. — Mrs. V.H.

SANDED SOLES
Dear Heloise: I take my slippery soled shoes to my shoe repair man and he sands them down slightly on his sanding machine.

This really works much better than trying to do it at home with a piece of sandpaper. — Marguerite Mahek

PACKING POINTERS
Dear Heloise: You asked for tips on packing. My husband always does his own, and very neatly I might add.

Two of the things he does may be of interest to other men.

He rolls one pair of shorts, an undershirt and a pair of socks together, leaving the tip of the sock hanging out so he can easily choose the color socks he needs for the day.

He also clips his tie pin to his tie so he won't forget it or have to hunt for it.

A little thought beforehand saves him precious minutes on the road. — Ann McChesney

MAKE A DRAIN BASKET
Dear Heloise: If the holes in your kitchen sink drain are too large, remove the top of a scouring powder can. Twist a small loop of wire through two of the holes for easy handling.

The top fits right in most drains and keeps small objects from going down the large holes.

This is a good stop-gap measure to use when you don't have a drain basket. — Mary De Rose

HANDY FOR SPILLS
Dear Heloise: If you have kids who drink soda pop, etc., in the car, keep a couple of disposable diapers folded under the front seat.

The day that inevitable spill occurs, you'll be amazed at how the diaper soaks up the mess in one big gulp. — Lynn C.

THIS COLUMN is written for you... the homemaker. If you have a hint or a problem write to Heloise in care of this newspaper. Because of the tremendous volume of mail, Heloise is unable to answer individual letters. She will, however, answer your questions in her column whenever possible.

Emerson sets kindergarten roundup

Emerson Parent Teacher's Association will host a kindergarten roundup at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria.

Program provides the prospective kindergarten student and his parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the faculty members and pre-enroll for the upcoming school year.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate and current immunization record to the program to aid in proper registration.

Present kindergarten classes, led by Donna Rice and Carol Whitfield, will entertain parents and children with a program that shows some of the skills that are learned during the first year of school.

Parents will also be given information concerning teacher conferences, supervised non-class times and traffic safety information, as well as information about the services provided by the school and PTA projects.

This program was awarded state-wide recognition by the Texas PTA and Grolier Educational Services in November 1980.

Submitted as an entry in the state's project participation program, Emerson's roundup was selected as one of two school PTA programs in

the state to win awards in November.

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AT WIT'S END

Keep it clean

By ERMA BOMBECK

When the kids were growing up, no one was more of an anti-mess militant than I. Call me a fanatic. Call me strict. Call me picky. But I insisted all food stowed under the beds had to be covered. Windows had to be kept closed at all times to keep the pollution localized. And dead pets had to be buried underground.

That's when I was the nagger and they were the nagges.

The other day my son walked into my office and observed, "This place is a dump!"

"If you don't like it," I said, "you don't have to look at it. Just close the door."

"If I close the door, it's still a part of the house. What are you doing with dead flowers on your desk?"

"DON'T TOUCH MY DESK!" I said. "I know where everything is."

"And these old coffee cups. I cannot believe you are too lazy to carry them out to the kitchen."

"Look, do I come in your apartment and tell you how to live? This office is warm and lived-in and efficient. Everything I need is in the wastebasket and everything that should be thrown out is on my desk."

"My friends will never believe me when I tell them about this room," he said. "When was the last time this ironing board was down?"

"In 1971. The year we moved."

"And I suppose you are going to tell me you are going to return that soft drink cooler from wherever you got it?"

"I told you I'd return it to the garage and I will... when I get time."

"I certainly hope you're cleaner when you visit people. I'd be embarrassed to death to have people think you were my mother."

"You are confusing neat with clean. I wash my hair every day."

"I know. I just checked your bathroom and there

are 36 pounds of hair in the drain. Is this sweater dirty?"

"No."

"Then what is it doing on the floor?" he asked.

"Did you want something?"

"I wanted to tell you to pick up this place. I have friends coming over."

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DEATHS

Betty Ringhoffer

STANTON — Betty Jo Ringhoffer, 54, of Stanton, died Monday at a Stanton nursing home after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Ricky Jones, pastor of the Church of God in Stanton, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Abilene under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born March 12, 1927, in Abilene. She moved to Stanton 30 years ago from Abilene. She was employed as a nurse at Stanton View Manor. She was married to Henry Ringhoffer in June 1967 at Stanton.

Survivors include her husband of Stanton; her mother, Destie Phillely of Abilene; two aunts and two uncles.

sa, J.D. Williams of Garland, Morris Williams of Tuscola and E.F. Williams of Fort Worth; a sister, Jannie Lee Nix of Lyndon, Wash.; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her grandsons: Bobby Whiteaker, Dennis Whiteaker, Steve Whiteaker, Frankie Whiteaker, Kevin Chambers and Michael Chambers.

Allen J. Watts

Services for Allen J. Watts, 86, of Midland will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with burial in Resthaven Cemetery.

Watts died Monday morning in a Midland nursing home.

Born Jan. 31, 1895, in Lone Star, Kan., he was a World War I veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He moved to Midland in 1928 and married Artamye McMullan in 1949. He worked for the Mid-Continent Oil Company for a number of years before becoming an independent oilman. He retired from the petroleum business in 1977.

He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, a charter member of the Petroleum Club of Midland and a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneers.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Laura Katherman of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Cal J. Watts of Yucalpa, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested that memorials be sent to the Shriner Burns Institute or the West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

Kenny Hughes

Kenny Hughes, 21, of 3113 Roosevelt St., died Sunday at a Midland hospital.

Graveside services were to be at 9 a.m. today in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Officiating was to be the Rev. E.M. Jones, minister of Bethel Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Don Barron of Bethel Assembly of God Church assisting.

Hughes was born July 17, 1959, in Midland. He attended Midland High School. He was a member of Tower Baptist Church and worked as a carpenter's helper.

Survivors include his father, James Newell Hughes of Midland; his mother, Charlene Beauchamp of Fort Stockton; two brothers, Toby Hughes and Greg Beauchamp, both of Midland; two stepbrothers, Keith Mansell and Shane Mansell, both of Midland; two sisters, Cindy Barron and Terri Hughes, both of Midland; a step-sister, Nichole Mansell of Midland; and several aunts and uncles.

Ronnie Rogers

Ronnie Rogers, 33, of rural Midland died Sunday in Oklahoma City, Okla., following a brief illness.

Services were to be at 1 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Doug Church of the Stanton Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 2, 1947, in Corpus Christi. He was reared in Midland after moving here in 1957. A graduate of Midland High School, Rogers entered the U.S. Coast Guard and served four years, including a tour in Vietnam. He was manager of Eaton Transmission Co. of Midland. Rogers was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and the VFW Post No. 7298.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Lee Rogers; a son, Brian Rogers of Midland; two daughters, Leslie Rogers and Lori Rogers, both of Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Owens of Wichita Falls; a sister, Sandra Rogers of El Paso; and four nieces.

Ruby Whiteaker

Services for Ruby Maye Whiteaker, 67, of 1501 N. Lamesa Road, were Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Saturday morning in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include her husband, Claud L. Whiteaker; four sons, Robert E. Whiteaker and Frank Whiteaker of Midland, Jerry M. Whiteaker of Corpus Christi and Dennis C. Whiteaker of Allen; two daughters, Wanda Chambers of Midland and Mrs. Audrey James, also of Midland; four brothers, E.N. Williams of Odes-

Katie Lloyd Dyer

Services for Katie Lloyd Dyer, 92, a Midland pioneer, were to be at 3 p.m. today in the Presbyterian Church in Barstow with burial in Barstow Cemetery directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dyer died Sunday at her home here.

Born Nov. 12, 1888, in Osceola, Ark., she moved to Midland in 1902 when her father, the Rev. J.F. Lloyd was the first resident pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

She moved back to Midland in 1961 from Barstow, where she had lived for 57 years. She was active and well-known in social, church and community affairs. She held many offices at local, district and state levels of Presbyterian women's organizations.

She was twice president of the Ward County Council of Parents and Teachers Association, was on the district board of directors of that organization for 20 years and was president of the 15th District of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Association.

She had been a member of the Texas State Historical Association; the Permian Basin Historical Society and co-chairman of the Ward County Historical Commission. She was a member of garden clubs in Barstow, Monahans, Pecos and Midland.

She was the widow of F.I. Dyer, longtime Ward County law officer, rancher and businessman, who died in 1973.

Survivors include a son, Irby L. Dyer of Midland; a brother, the Rev. R. Gage Lloyd of Big Spring; a granddaughter, Debbie Dyer Gutting of San Antonio; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

Mittie Norman

Mittie G. Norman, 93, of Midland died this morning in a Midland nursing home.

She was born March 2, 1888, in Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Norman.

Services are pending with the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Joe Norman Jr. of San Antonio; a sister; a brother; and a granddaughter.



Staff Photo by Ed Todd

Ruben Bustamante gets a congratulatory hug from his father, Phil Bustamante, and a gleeful smile from Midland County Judge Bill Ahders moments after the young Bustamante, 27, was sworn into the State Bar of Texas as a licensed attorney and as an

assistant to County Attorney Robert Rendall by the judge. Bustamante, a 1980 graduate of the Texas Tech University Law School, just recently passed his State Bar of Texas examination. He is a lawyer-prosecutor in the County Attorney's Office.

Butz agrees to plead guilty

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz has agreed to plead guilty to a complaint in relation to a federal tax violation charge, a newspaper reported Monday.

The Indianapolis Star quoted David T. Ready, U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, as saying he had concluded negotiating both the plea and the process that will be used to charge Butz. Ready declined to say what charge Butz will plead guilty to, the newspaper said.

Ready said the tax violations did not relate to the time that Butz served as agriculture secretary, according to the Star.

Butz, reached by The Associated Press in Fargo, N.D., where he was to speak at a meeting of the

North Dakota Banker's Association, said "I'm not making any comment" when asked about the report.

The newspaper reported Butz earlier had said he cooperated with the Internal Revenue Service in an audit of his tax returns.

Ready said Butz is scheduled to appear Friday before U.S. District Judge Jesse E. Eshbach, waive his right to be indicted by a federal grand jury, be charged by an information complaint and plead guilty, the newspaper reported.

The U.S. attorney declined to discuss the amount of money the government will charge Butz with failing to report, saying the exact figure would be entered into the public record on Friday.

Arrested man 'forgotten'

WASHINGTON (AP) — District of Columbia police left a Virginia man locked in a paddy wagon for 14 hours, officials confirmed Monday.

Felden Louis Callahan Jr., 43, of The Pains, Va. was arrested Friday night and charged with carrying a dangerous weapon — a shotgun, according to police.

What police cannot explain is how Callahan was left to spend all that time locked in a paddy wagon parked in front of a precinct station, where he was supposed to have been released on bond after the trip back from being photographed and fingerprinted at headquarters.

Fourteen hours after Callahan was

arrested, a passing officer heard him screaming "Let me out" and kicking the door of the paddy wagon.

Deputy Chief Rodwell M. Catoe said Monday an investigation had been ordered. Catoe refused to identify any of the officers involved.



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Leave us in 19th

One doesn't have to be politically astute to recognize the wisdom behind the decision of the executive committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce reiterating the importance of leaving Midland County in the 19th Congressional District.

It's easy to understand because the Legislature's proposals to remove Midland County from the 19th District make no sense whatsoever. Midland County's best interests will be served by allowing it to remain in the 19th District, represented by Congressman Kent Hance of Lubbock.

Yet both redistricting plans for the House and Senate in Austin call for removing Midland from the 19th and lumping it with the sprawling 21st district which includes San Antonio and San Angelo as well as much of the Hill Country.

What is created in both plans is a "hanger-on" sort of situation, with Midland County kind of stuck off on the uppermost edge of the proposed 21st Congressional District. On the map, the impression is that this vital area would be little more than an afterthought — in either plan.

Despite the abilities of the various legislators involved, Midland could wind up in such an unfavor-

able situation. The interests and problems facing most of the communities in the 21st District, San Antonio for example, hardly can be compared to those facing the Petroplex cities of Midland and Odessa.

Common sense alone should dictate that Ector and Midland counties be together in any congressional redistricting plan. Yet the cities would be separated in either the House or Senate version.

At least one West Texas newspaper has even inferred that Rep. Hance favors the loss of Midland County from his district for "political reasons," an assertion the congressman, understandably, has denied. He is a capable representative who has served Midland County from his district for "political reasons," an assertion the congressman, understandably, has denied. He is a capable representative who has served Midland County from his district for "political reasons," an assertion the congressman, understandably, has denied.

Texas is a large state with long distances between many of the major and medium-sized cities, and we realize that redistricting is no simple chore here. But we can only hope that a new more sensible and workable plan can be designed. Midland County should be left in the 19th Congressional District.

Spending falls short

Defense ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations, meeting in Belgium, renewed their pledge to increase defense spending 3 percent a year, after allowing for inflation.

That's good, even though the same pledge was made in 1977 and has been renewed every year thereafter without producing the desired results in most of the nations.

Performance often falls short of promise. Domestic politics in every country means that defense ministers do not always have their way.

According to Fortune magazine, four nations met or exceeded the goal, taking an average for the last two years. They were the United States, 3.6 percent annually, France, 3 percent, Portugal, 3.2 percent, and Luxembourg, 9.9 percent.

The lower figures were for Brit-

ain, 2.8 percent, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Turkey, all 2.3 percent, Belgium, 2 percent, Italy, 1.6 percent, and Greece and Denmark, far behind.

Year-to-year comparisons are not really so important. What counts is the long run.

Over the last 10 years, Fortune says the real growth in defense outlays was negative for the United States (a minus-0.7 percent average per year for the period, 1971-1980). Meanwhile, all the other NATO partners except Portugal showed increases for the same period.

We must not be peremptory with our allies. We will achieve more if we are clear and consistent in our own defense policy and foreign policy, if we recognize the political and economic problems of others, and if we keep the pressure gentle.

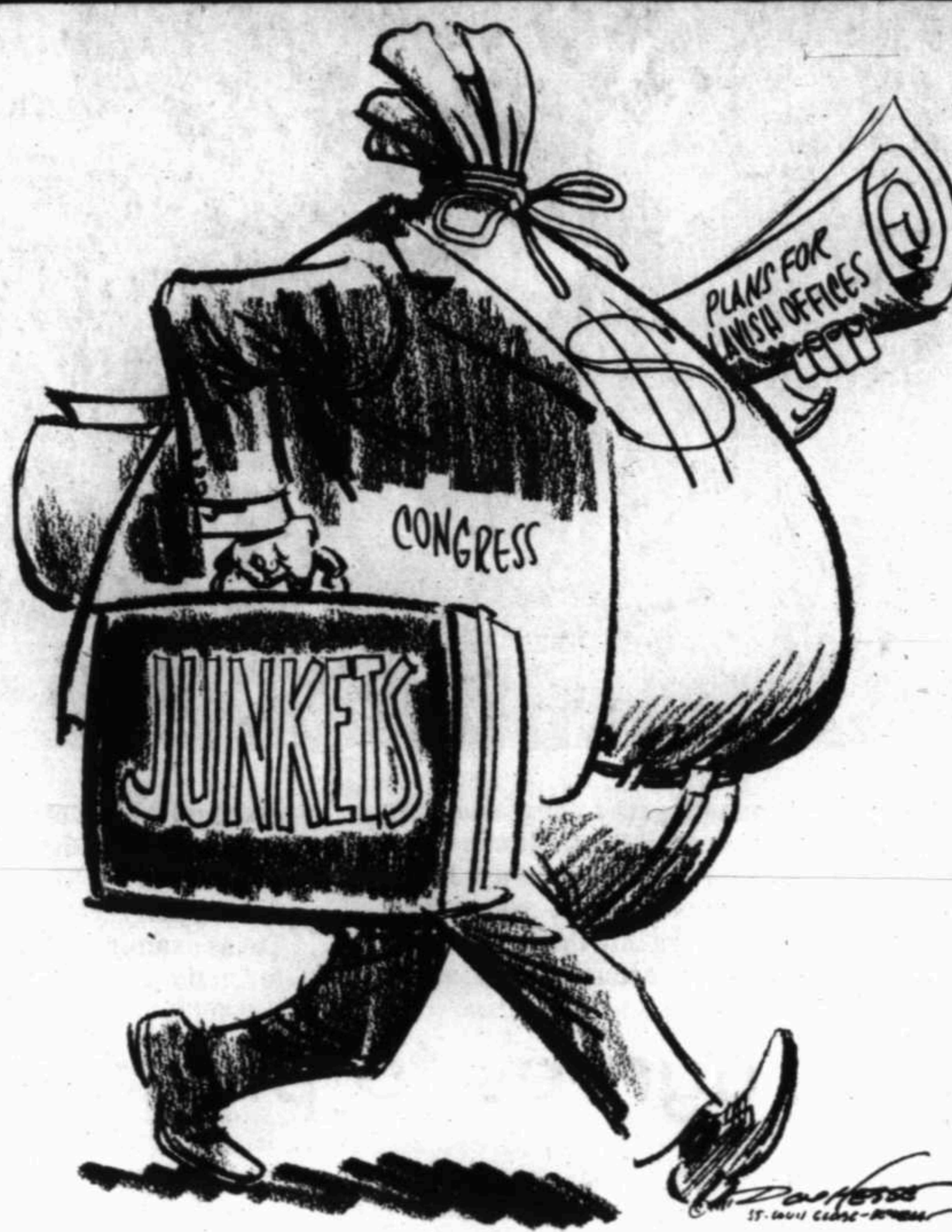


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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

AID abuse making rich Egyptians richer

WASHINGTON — Salah Taroty is a prominent member of the Egyptian parliament, a wealthy lawyer and the owner of much valuable real estate. He is also the recipient of a low-interest \$30,000 loan from the U.S. Agency for International Development to buy equipment for a Wimpy fast-food restaurant he is building.

Kathouh Hassan made a fortune as an Egyptian government contractor, and is now getting into the hotel business by building the luxury-class Uncle Sam Hotel. The name is appropriate: Hassan got a \$1 million AID loan to buy elevators, furniture and other supplies for his hotel.

Kamal Hanna, a millionaire who owns 10 companies and part of two Egyptian banks, hit up AID for a \$1 million loan to buy construction equipment — most of which he resold to the Egyptian government at an undisclosed profit.

Why is a U.S. agency, whose purpose is to help the world's needy, laying out the American taxpayers' money for the benefit of Faroukian fatcats along the Nile? The answer seems to be that this is the price successive administrations have felt they had to pay to "buy" peace between Israel and Egypt.

When Henry Kissinger sweetened the peace pot for Anwar Sadat in 1975 with a promise of U.S. aid, Kissinger pledged \$750 million a year to Egypt. How he came up with that amount is anyone's guess. A Senate source told my reporter John Dillon that the then-secretary of state pulled the \$750 million figure "out of a hat."

The result was that AID had to scramble to find ways to spend the money Egypt had been promised. "It was more money than they had projects down the line for," said the Senate insider.

In fact, the amount of economic assistance going to Egypt is now running over \$1 billion a year. If the



Jack Anderson

agency had used its usual criteria for granting loans, Egypt would be getting only about \$200 million a year. But because of the link between U.S. assistance and the peace accords with Israel, Egypt's AID program is not typical at all.

The commitment to peace is a worthy undertaking, and certainly less costly than a resumption of hostilities between Israel and Egypt would be. But if the American taxpayers are bearing the cost of the peacekeeping effort, they are at least entitled to feel that their money is being properly spent.

Unfortunately, as my roving correspondent Peter Grant found during a month's investigation in Egypt, the AID program is floundering in a morass of waste, corruption and bureaucratic incompetence.

With American blessings, President Sadat has been trying to encourage a rebirth of private business, which all but died out during the socialist fervor of Gamal Abdel Nasser's regime. AID has been pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into this private sector renaissance.

"Only private businessmen can provide the investment and jobs Egypt so desperately needs," explained one U.S. embassy official, adding: "It also makes it harder to turn the clock back to socialism."

CHARLEY REESE

Real 'crisis' in education spiraling unnecessary costs



Charley Reese

It should tell us something when the taxpayers have to provide loans to the university system the taxpayers have provided.

Every year now, so long as I have been around government, there has been an annual "crisis" in education which occurs as regularly as the earth's revolutions. The cry is always that education costs are going up and that, to be sure, is true.

The trouble is our legislators have failed to ask the right question. Instead of asking every year, how can we fund the increased cost of education, they should be asking, how can we reduce the cost of education?

Just to stimulate your thinking, let me suggest a few things.

One way to reduce education costs is to eliminate campuses. Classrooms, students and teachers are necessary for an education, but broad expanses of landscaped terrain are not. One reason community colleges are able to provide, as a rule, two years of academic education cheaper than a four-year school is that they have generally not been as land-hungry.

Conceivably, college classrooms could be built in high-rise type buildings or even set up in existing office buildings. Students could sleep and eat at home.

Physical education, with its gymnasiums, playing fields and swimming pools, could be eliminated. It would be cheaper for parents to buy their students a membership in a private health club than to fund all this stuff.

Specialization could be made a reality. There is no reason for a student seeking a degree in accounting or business administration to pay for multi-million dollar facilities for physics or fine arts. One can certainly teach the business administration major humanities and basic science without expensive theatres and laboratories.

Standardized text books could be adopted — and kept for a period of years. One of the greatest con jobs going is the notion that textbooks have to be changed almost semester by semester because of the "knowledge explosion."

When you consider that the job of a university is to teach the basic facts, principles and methodologies, then you can see what nonsense this is. No, it's not nonsense. It's a publishing racket. Most of the "new" information is of interest only to specialists, not to undergraduates. Continuing "revisions" mean that students cannot buy used books.

Curricula could be streamlined. A casual glance at any university catalogue will reveal to anyone a number of marginal courses without which no student would suffer. The State of Florida, for example, offers over 1,000 hours of instruction in education.

What we the taxpayers must realize is that we can no longer afford to let architects whose primary source of income is tax-paid buildings to tell us how to design our schools nor can we determine the structure of education.

Educators always say they need smaller student-teacher ratios to produce quality education. A recent Harvard study found this not to be true. Since 1971-72, public school enrollment has dropped from 46 million to 43 million while revenue has increased from \$50 billion to \$80 billion. During the same period, Scholastic Aptitude Test score averages have dropped from 453 to 429 (verbal) and from 484 to 468 (quantitative).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 19, the 139th day of 1981. There are 226 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On May 19, the 130 ships of the Spanish Armada sailed from Lisbon, Portugal to attack England.

On this date: In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second queen of England's Henry VIII was beheaded.

In 1649, England was declared a Commonwealth.

In 1792, Russia invaded Poland.

In 1943, Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill addressed the U.S. Congress and pledged full British support in the war against Japan.

In 1945, more than 400 U.S. Superfortress bombers attacked Tokyo during World War II.

Ten years ago: Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin signed an agreement in Moscow to establish regular high-level contacts between their countries.

Five years ago: The Senate voted to establish a permanent committee on intelligence to oversee activities of the CIA.

One year ago: Florida's Gov. Bob Graham ordered 2,500 more National Guard troops to Miami as the death toll rose to 15 in the violence stemming from a jury's acquittal of four white ex-policemen in the death of a black businessman.

Today's birthday: Labor arbitrator Theodore Kheel is 67 years old. Thought for today: We first make our habits, and then our habits make us. — English poet John Dryden.

BIBLE VERSE

And this is the judgement, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. John 3:19

INSIDE REPORT:

AFL-CIO pushing for Poland's Walesa as ILO representative

By ROWLAND EVANS AND ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO will cause trouble at the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva next month if the communist government of Poland fails to send Solidarity leader Lech Walesa or one of his aides as Poland's "worker delegate."

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland is quietly passing word to free-world labor movements that he will stage a credentials fight to block the sitting of a bogus communist worker delegate. Kirkland also will demonstrate AFL-CIO anger by the ceremonial award of the George Meany Human Rights Memorial to Solidarity. Walesa is certain to attend the ILO session even if he is not named the Polish worker delegate, and would be asked to receive the award personally.

But if the Polish government plays straight and sends Walesa to Geneva as the official worker delegate, Kirkland will postpone the Meany award until the AFL-CIO's annual convention in mid-November. Walesa soon will be invited to attend the convention.

SOCIAL SECURITY BLUES

President Reagan's political operatives in the White House were unpleasantly surprised by his Social Security belt-tightening, which they fear endangers new Republican gains in the Deep South.

"I can't fathom it," one such aide confided to us. "The great minds must have a deeper purpose that I can't comprehend." That deeper purpose, in fact, was to reassure finan-



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cial markets to show the president means business on the budget.

The Social Security cut also came as a shock to the Republican National Committee, whose April-May newsletter for senior citizens bragged about no change in Social Security. "President Reagan keeps promise, retirement benefits go untouched," said the newsletter's headline.

HAIG-BAKER 'LOVE' SET

Secretary of State Alexander Haig and White House chief of staff James Baker, who have been fighting the Reagan administration's worst personal feud, are now a doubles team in tennis.

Haig and Baker purposely teamed up and the word was purposely spread around Washington that their power struggle had been sublimated to cooperation on the tennis court. That symbol reflected the realization that the White House staff onslaught on Haig was damaging not only Haig but the president and U.S. foreign policy.

Haig and Baker played Michael Deaver, deputy White House chief of staff, and Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada on the White House court. Haig and Baker won.

SNOOPERS' TEAM B

President Reagan's plans to revive the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) include transforming it into something of a permanent "Team B," making its own estimates of Soviet strength to compete with the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA).

Team B was the name given the group of outside experts appointed by President Ford in 1976 to give a Soviet intelligence estimate, independent of the CIA's. Team B produced a much higher estimate of the Kremlin's prowess, an evaluation pooh-poohed by the Carter administration. President Carter's attitude toward such outside intelligence estimates was reflected when he quickly abolished PFIAB.

A footnote: Texas Republican leader Anne Armstrong, a member of the Ford Cabinet and later ambassador to Britain, is the leading candidate to become PFIAB chairman. But San Francisco banker Laurence Silberman, who held subcabinet posts and later was ambassador to Yugoslavia during the Nixon-Ford administration, has strong conservative backing for the post.

REAGAN DEMOCRATS

Contrary to expectations, the conservative Democratic senators who visited President Reagan May 13 did not discuss the vital tax bill until the

last moment of their meeting, but instead concentrated on law enforcement issues.

Their meeting shared a common hard line against crime. As they left, the president commented that he assumed they were all in just as much agreement on taxes. That brought laughter, considering the variety of views on the tax question. But on the previous day, 11 of the 14 non-Republican senators present at the White House had voted against an effort to knock the Reagan tax program out of the budget resolution.

The enlistment of the veteran Sen. John Stennis of Mississippi brings the number of Democrats in the loosely organized Conservative Caucus to 13. A 14th senator attended the White House meeting: Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, the Senate's only independent, who sits on the Democratic side of the aisle.

WHO'S GOT A SECRET? — The government has a truly awesome number of documents stamped "confidential," "secret" and "top secret." But General Accounting Office auditors found that contractors for the Defense Department don't have the foggiest notion of what should be classified.

Of 496 documents the GAO examined, an incredible 90 percent were found to be improperly stamped. The errors ran both ways: (1) stamping something with a classified designation when in fact there were no secrets in it, and (2) failing to protect sensitive national security information with a classified stamp. The GAO concluded the Pentagon doesn't give its contractors adequate training.

WATCH ON WASTE — Dismayed by reports that some Customs Service officers were making \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year in overtime alone, Congress told the agency to clamp down. So now, while the service's overtime is still running high — about \$26 million a year in public funds — the taxpayers are also getting stuck with a \$541,000 bill to hire people to run the special program to cut down on overtime.

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Clayton hosts speakers' reunion

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The current members honored the current speaker, and the current speaker honored the former members. It was Speaker's Day in the House on Monday and Speaker Bill Clayton celebrated by hosting the first reunion of all former members.

Nine former speakers were introduced, and about 275 former members lined up to introduce themselves.

"This is the first time in my 20 years here that we've allowed lobbyists on the floor of the House," Clayton said as he gazed out on the former lawmakers, many of whom have become law-pushers.

The older former members returned to a changed chamber. There's electronic voting now, and each representative is backed by a staff of aides and secretaries.

It was not the way Harry McKee, 88, recalled the Depression-era House he served in from Port Arthur.

"We served for \$10-a-day and we

didn't have administrative assistants," he told the House, recalling the bank of stenographers who waited at the back of the House.

McKee lost by a year to Charlie Pigg of Waxahachie in the oldest former member contest. Pigg, who served from 1943 to 1950, drew no opposition from the current lawmakers when he said, "I do believe all members of the Texas Legislature are just a little bit above the average fellow in morality and intelligence."

Pigg said he once drew support for a bill by saying he was a distant relative of former Texas Gov. Jim Hogg.

Jess Osborne, who once represented the West Texas district Clayton now serves, was the third oldest alumnus at 86.

House Dean Bill Heatly, D-Paducah, looked at former members and warned his colleagues, "All these old men ... they're the ones who saved Texas. Let's not give it away." Heatly, a 14-term member, introduced former Speakers Robert Calvert, Claude Gilmer, Durwood Manford, Ruben Senterfitt, Waggoner Carr, Byron

Tunnell, Ben Barnes, Jim Turman and Rayford Price.

Most of the former members announced only their name and years served. Others could not resist the lure of the front microphone in the

House. "In four years in the House and 18 years as a lobbyist I never lost a vote in the House," boasted D.W. Buchanan of New Braunfels, who later became a Texas Brewers Institute lobbyist.

Bets are still out on Texas legislators' horse racing bill

By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — House members thought they were free of the fear of having to cast a politically dangerous vote on legalization of horse race gambling this session.

But the fear revived Monday night when Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, told them he was releasing the grip that had kept the horse racing bill from reaching the floor after the House State Affairs Committee had approved it.

Uher, the committee chairman, had blocked the bill by the simple method of failing to sign the committee report. Last Thursday, the House refused to force him to sign.

The committee approved the bill May 11 by an 8-7 vote that set horse racing lobbyists to cheering.

Uher announced Monday night he had signed the report.

"You can anticipate voting on pari-

mutuel wagering some time in the near future," he told the House.

Rep. Susan McBee, D-Del Rio, chairwoman of the House Calendars Committee, indicated the measure probably would come up next Wednesday — five days before the legislative session adjourns.

That means House members would be making a record on a bill that has virtually no chance of passing both the House and the Senate before adjournment day.

"It's going to be treated like any other bill — no better and no worse," Mrs. McBee said.

Uher had said he feared the racing lobby would spend large amounts of money in the next election to defeat representatives who voted against horse race gambling. Meanwhile, many House members have large constituencies of Southern Baptists who historically have opposed pari-

mutuel wagering.



Katherine Elise Wood of 2001 Gulf Ave., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gist, has been awarded the Hulda Driscoll Memorial Award by the Midland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She is a senior at Midland High School and plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the school of Arts and Sciences. She is a member of the National Honor Society, JETS, Youth Center Junior Council, Student Council treasurer, German Club and Junior Rotarian Student honoree.



Debra McCarty of 3207 Apperson Drive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McCarty, has been awarded a scholarship by the Midland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She is a senior at Lee High School and is a member of the National Honor Society, Rebelettes, Chorale, Chorale, Student Council, "100" Club, and the Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow. She plans to attend Trinity University and major in accounting or special education.



Lonna Bartley of 1602 W. Pecan Ave., daughter of Judy E. Bartley, has been awarded a scholarship by the Midland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She will attend Angelo State University with a major in business. She is a member of Medical Explorers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, church choir and ensemble and the swim team.



Holly Joseph of 3313 Maxwell Drive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Joseph, has been awarded the Francis Sidwell Creative Writing Award by the Midland Branch of the American Association of University Women. She is a senior at Lee High School and plans to attend Midland College. She is a member of the Latin Club, is on the staff of "A Pebble Cast" and is active in her church.

Texans vacationing more as gasoline prices improve

Gasoline prices have fallen during the past five weeks, availability has improved dramatically and Texans are taking advantage of these developments by taking vacation trips in much greater numbers than last year.

Furthermore, the price of gas in the Midland-Odessa area is less than the average price in the rest of the state.

These facts are indicated by surveys conducted by the American Automobile Association, which also showed that gasoline will be abundant in Texas during the Memorial Day Weekend. Nearly 90 percent of the stations surveyed plan to pump gas on the holiday.

The survey of 370 Texas service stations showed that the average price of regular gasoline has declined by about 1 cent per gallon since AAA's last survey early in April. The average price of unleaded fuel fell by about a half-cent, while the price of premium unleaded rose slightly.

A pattern of increasing vacation travel by Texans is shown by AAA's study of the requests of its members for maps and auto travel counseling. The number of these requests increased by about 20 percent in April compared to April of 1980, erasing a decline of 15 percent be-

tween April 1979 and April 1980.

"We interpret these figures to mean that Texans have become accustomed to high gasoline prices and are resuming the vacation travel patterns which were distorted by the gasoline shortage and huge price increases of 1979," a Triple-A spokesman said.

The Triple-A survey indicates that gasoline availability is better now than at any other time during the past two years. Sixty-eight percent of the stations are open on Sundays, 57 percent sell gas on weekday nights, 10 percent are open 24 hours a day and 89 percent will be open on Memorial Day, May 25.

Current average full-service gasoline prices (April's prices in parentheses) are: regular \$1.359 (\$1.369); unleaded \$1.407 (\$1.411); and premium-unleaded \$1.469 (\$1.456). Average self-service prices are: regular \$1.267 (\$1.279); unleaded \$1.335 (\$1.339); and premium unleaded \$1.401 (\$1.394).

Average prices in Midland/Odessa for full service are \$1.323 for regular and \$1.356 for unleaded. Self-service prices are \$1.25 for regular and \$1.286 for unleaded.

The survey indicated that premium leaded gasoline has virtually disappeared in Texas, with fewer than 1 percent

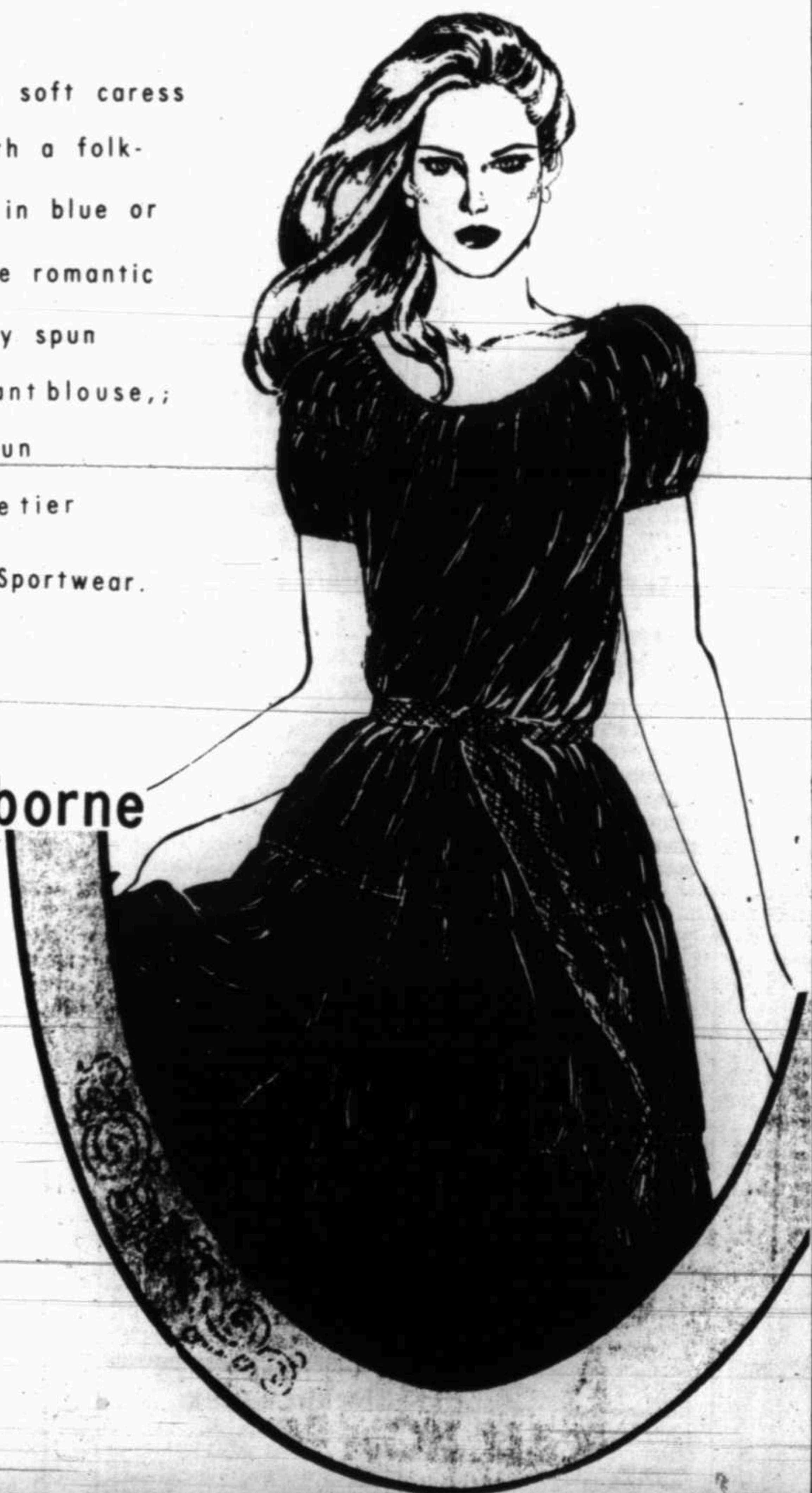
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Bill fails

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AUSTIN — Midland Sen. W.E. "Pete" Snelson failed to get the necessary support Friday to bring up for consideration a bill that would increase retirement benefits for three retired state employees.

Snelson said the bill merely would allow three state retirees to change the optional program under which they selected retirement benefits.

However, Snelson fell two votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to bring up the bill.

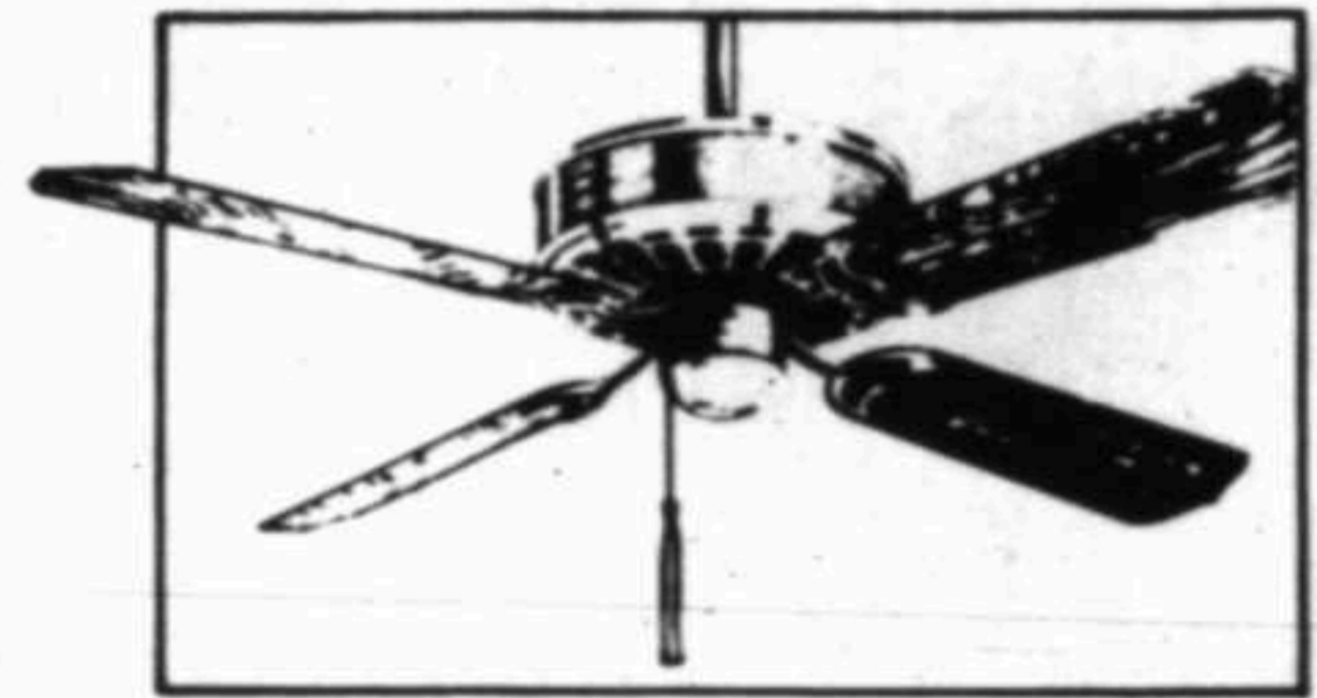


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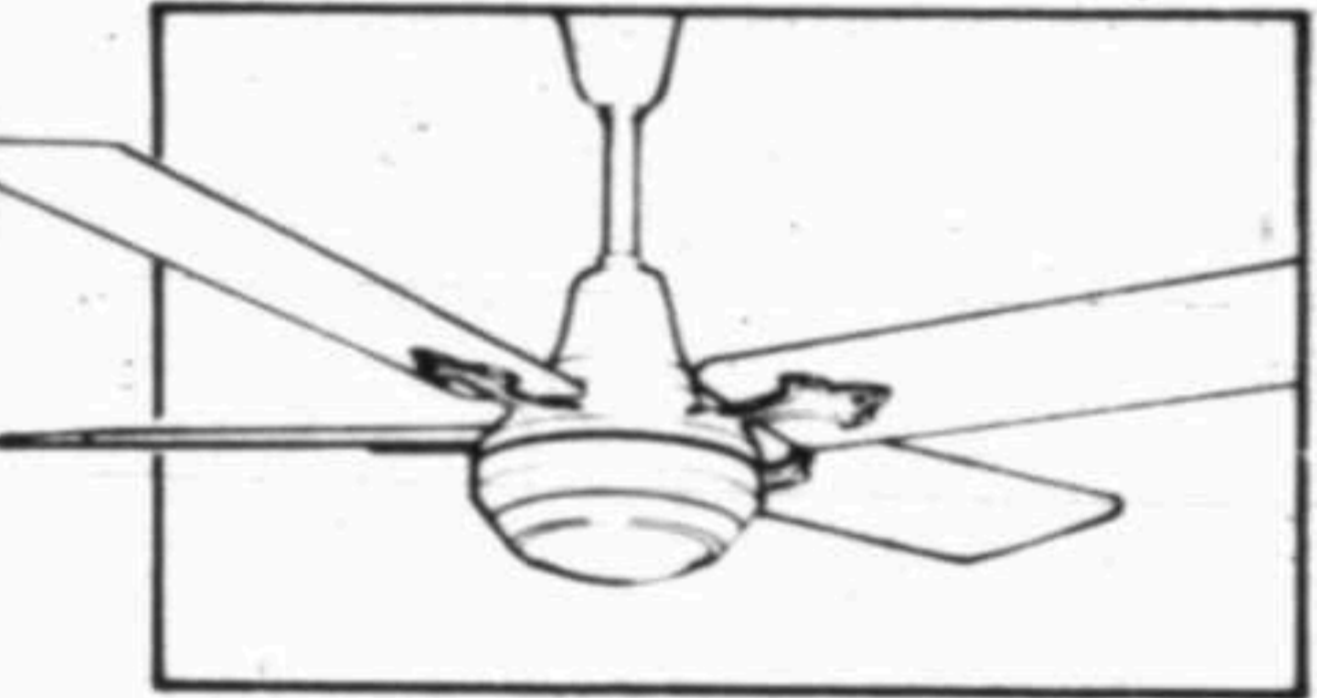
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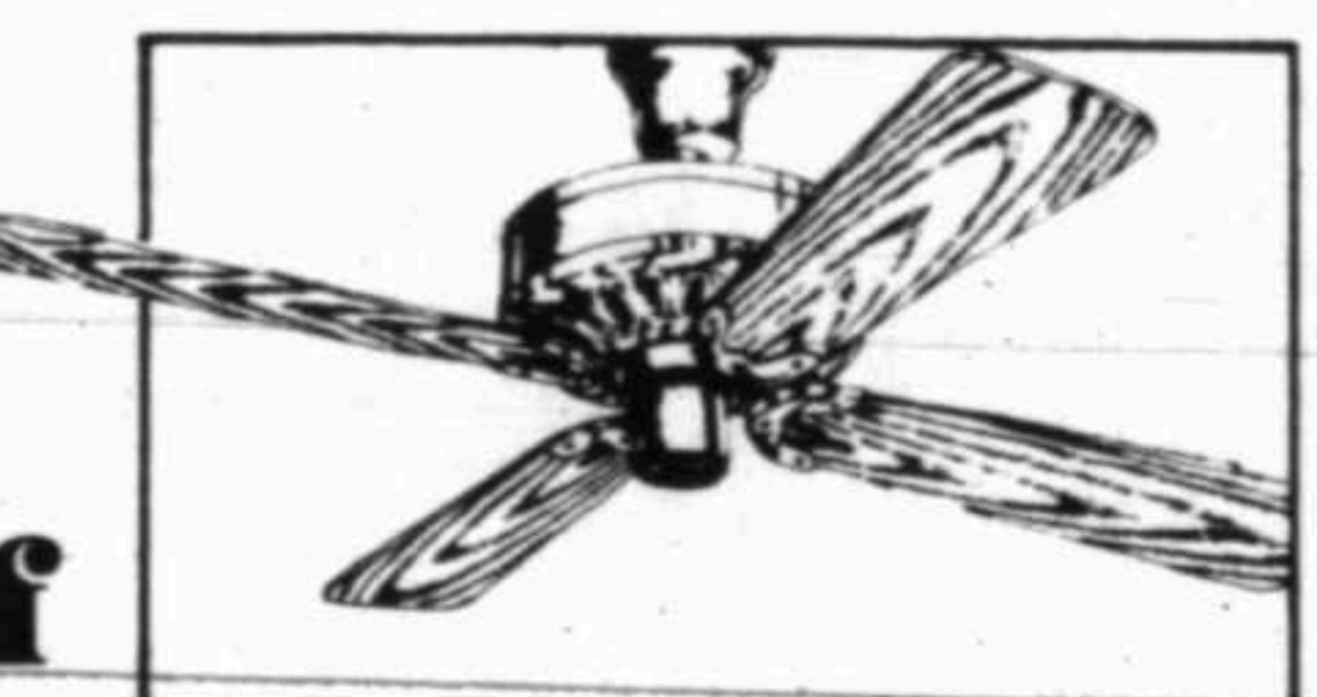
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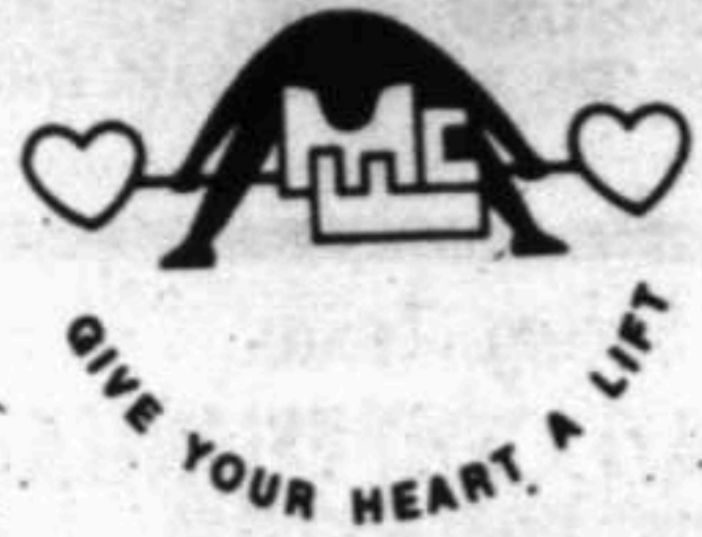
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An elderly Miccosukee Indian woman dressed in traditional garb makes her way along U.S. 41 (Tamiami Trail) returning to her village after a trip to a nearby grocery

store. The Miccosukee tribe resides solely in south Florida in small villages along the Tamiami Trail in the Florida Everglades, about 40 miles west of Miami.

Rangers form golf cart patrol

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Burglars had better beware when Marshal M.L. "Cotton" Owen straps on his pistol and calls out the rangers in the town of Palm Valley Estates.

Since Owen and others organized the volunteer force in February, the newly incorporated town has cut its burglary rate to zero among the 421 spacious houses patrolled.

What makes the crime-fighting force unique is that one-third of the 41 rangers ride their golf carts around the affluent neighborhood that lines the Harlingen Country Club golf course.

Owen, a 62-year-old retired contractor from Kansas City, was elected town marshal in January after the area incorporated. It had asked to be annexed to the city of Harlingen but was turned down.

The marshal and resident Bill Harrison asked fellow townspeople to help patrol the streets after a series of burglaries that snatched \$300,000 from 11 homes.

On weekends, parades of motorists came through the area, congesting traffic and making residents nervous about "suspicious" persons.

"It started to look like the Indianapolis 500 on Saturday and Sunday nights," said Harrison.

The rangers started out with five volunteers. About half of the force are part-time residents who return to the Midwest during the summer.

Rangers sign up to patrol the area in two or four-hour shifts between 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The watch lasts longer on some nights. Volunteers drive either their golf carts or personal cars equipped with citizen band radios.

Each monitors a frequency connecting them with Owen, the other two town marshals and the Cameron County sheriff's department.

If a ranger spots a car driving with no lights, stopped for no apparent reason or displaying other questionable behavior, he notifies Owen to come check it out.

More often, a ranger will simply follow an unfamiliar car through the area until it leaves.

"If you see someone following you, you're going to leave if you have no business in here," said Owen, whose own police car is a Cadillac Seville.

When the program first started, neighbors did not recognize each others' cars and sometimes followed themselves. The rangers now have reflective stickers and residents soon will get town car stickers.

If a driver is stopped, his vehicle tag numbers quickly are run through the sheriff's computer by radio to see if the registration matches the drivers license information, Owen said.

Sheriff's deputies provide backup if Owen and his rangers feel they're in over their head. On a recent call for assistance, deputies found a teenager smoking marijuana behind a fence. The golf carts can ride both on the street in front of a house and along the golf course behind it, where burglars likely would break in, said Owen.

He is proud of his record against burglaries but is realistic.

"They're going to hit us sooner or later we've got it cut down," he said.

The system works so well because 75 percent of the town residents are retired, many of whom moved here to play golf every day and take it easy.

Harrison, who moved from Illinois three years ago, found life become too slow after a while. He had installed a CB on his golf cart to check in frequently with his wife, who has a heart condition.

Their house turned into radio central when the ranger program started. His wife, Gladys, monitors the base radio almost every night.

"This ranger business has really helped give me something to do," Harrison said.

Owen took an eight-week course at the Rio Grande

Valley Police Academy to learn his stuff.

"I was a contractor in Kansas City. I didn't know who you could arrest or stop," said Owen, who had not made any arrests.

Since October, the town has raised enough money to buy a standard police car and has hired a second assistant marshal.

Owen says he is convinced the area has better police protection now that it would if Harlingen had annexed it.

During the prime patrol hours, a ranger will drive by a given house once an hour, he said.

"Before this, we only had the sheriff's office. They maybe came by once a week," he added.

Former pilot arrested in connection with large cocaine seizure

HOUSTON (AP) — A former airline pilot charged in connection with the largest airplane seizure of cocaine in U.S. history was arrested at a Houston attorney's office Monday, authorities said.

Former Texas International Airlines pilot Clarence Dennis Newell, of Kemah, Texas, was taken into custody Monday by three Texas Department of Public Safety officers and an investigator from the Greater Austin Area Organized Crime Control Unit.

Newell, who was charged in Tennessee March 24 with possession of cocaine with intent to resell, is accused of piloting the twin-engine Beechcraft that allegedly took off near Waco, Texas, and returned to Tennessee March 23 after obtaining the drug in Colombia.

The day after the plane returned, officers seized 614 pounds of 90-percent pure cocaine worth \$219 million at the Sevier County Airport near Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Authorities said two other men eluded Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agents who were waiting for the aircraft.

The men, both Gatlinburg businessmen who had lived in the resort town only a few months, used bogus names and were negotiating with the local county government to buy the operation and management lease to the county-owned airport, authorities have said.

Authorities have alleged one of those men was Charles Leslie Kageler who formerly lived in Meridian, northwest of Waco. Kageler, also a former pilot for TIA, was convicted last year in Houston on tax-related charges.

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New device gives voiceless speech

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tower Snow held his forefinger over a hole in his neck and wheezed a string of raspy words.

"Do you have any trouble understanding me?" the 72-year-old man asked a visitor at his Walnut Creek home east of here.

Snow's voice was a whisper. A few words were lost in a hiss of air. But most of his sentence came across.

A few months before, Snow "spoke" with an electronic gadget pressed to his throat. The retired insurance man is a laryngectomee, one of some 9,000 Americans each year whose larynx — or voice box — is surgically removed, usually because of cancer.

Snow now speaks with a feather-light, silicon tube, just over an inch long and rounded at one end into a one-way duckbill valve. The Blom-Singer device, named for its developers, stays in place in a surgically-made opening in his neck.

Snow is "absolutely delighted" with it. Doctors who treat such patients also are impressed with the device, now used by about 500 Americans.

"At the moment it's the best thing we have if you can't master esophageal speech," said Dr. Herbert Dedo, professor of otolaryngology at the University of California, San Francisco.

Doctors estimate that at least 50 percent of laryngectomees can't learn esophageal speech. It involves gulping air, forcing it down the esophagus instead of the windpipe and burping it into the pharynx, a cavity where a sound resembling a voice is made.

Lack of motivation, a poorly-trained speech therapist and the amount of tissue that was surgically removed usually figure in the failure, doctors say.

Before development of the Blom-Singer device, unsuccessful students of esophageal speech carried an awkward instrument, as Snow did, to communicate. Forgetting the device left one literally speechless.

The outlook for laryngectomees began to brighten considerably about three years ago when Dr. Mark Singer of Indianapolis began inserting a tube into a small opening between the trachea (windpipe) and esophagus — a hole created in a simple surgical procedure.

The device extends from a hole in the neck to just inside the esophagus. The small "wings" of the device are usually taped to the skin on the neck to hold it in place.

When the speaker blocks the opening in the neck with a finger, air passes from the lungs up the trachea and into the device through an opening in the bottom of the tube near the hole. A slit-like, one-way valve in the inner end of the tube lets air into the esophagus for speech. When the person isn't speaking, the valve stays closed.

The valve has disadvantages. The patient must remove the tube once a day to clean it. If the tube isn't quickly reinserted, the hole begins to close and sometimes must be reopened surgically.

Singer says about 90 percent of the 150 procedures he has done were successful. Dedo and other doctors who have done fewer such surgeries report a slightly lower rate of success. Success means giving patients a voice that's as good or better than esophageal speech.

Oddly enough, Singer said in a telephone interview, his procedure doesn't differ much from a technique used in what may have been the first laryngectomy, in 1873.

That operation probably succeeded, Singer said. But when patients survived laryngectomies back then, they often succumbed to infection.

But doctors are concerned that patients will become overly optimistic when they hear of the Blom-Singer device.

"I don't think it's the final word," said Dr. George Sisson of Northwestern University. He recalls publicity surrounding a Midwestern doctor who fashioned tissue from tendons and other body parts to work as vocal cords.

But he never presented his case so others could confirm his work, Sisson said.

Doctors still advise laryngectomees to use esophageal speech if they can and avoid more surgery.

Bolstering their opinion are laryngectomees such as John Herald. In the 21 years since his larynx was removed, Herald has learned esophageal speech so well that someone listening to him forgets he has no voice box. He now teaches other patients to speak.

Herald and Snow also educate those who can't understand the frustration of literally being speechless.

"Children would stare at me, and their mothers would try not to have them look," Snow recalled. "I go up to them and say, 'Do you know why I have this? Because I smoked. Don't you ever smoke.'"

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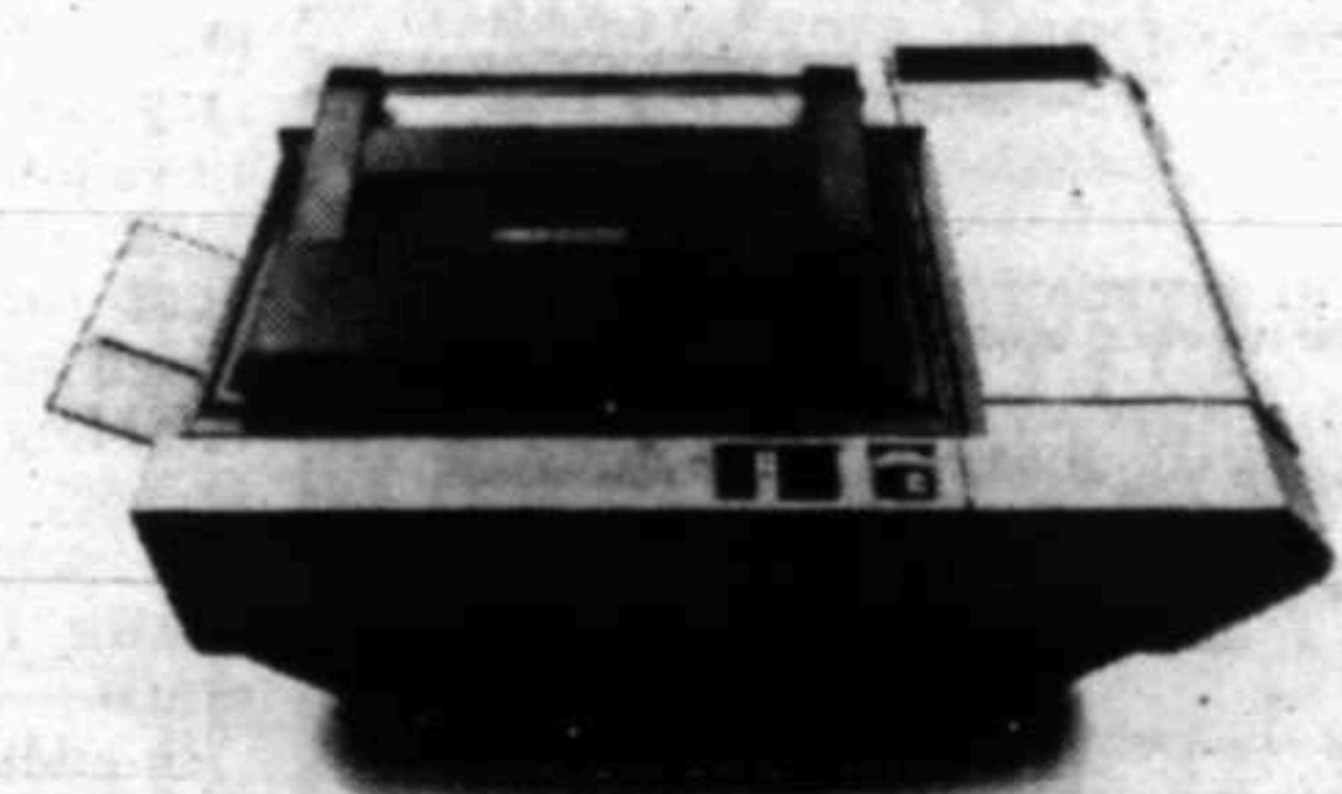
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Beaumont residents honor astronaut

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Greeted by the friendly roar of waving crowds, pealing church bells, wailing sirens and jet fighters thundering overhead, space shuttle astronaut Bob Crippen enjoyed his very own day in the town where he was born.

Never mind the fact that Crippen spent only the first year of his life in this Gulf Coast industrial city — Monday was Bob Crippen Day.

One of the pilots of the nation's first space shuttle was born here Sept. 11, 1937, and city fathers — with some prompting by a high school student — wanted to show their pride in a native son.

Crippen, whose family moved from Beaumont a year after he was born, said he remembered very little about the town but added, "It's nice to have a chance to come home."

Bob Crippen Day was the result of research by 16-year-old high school student Mark Snauffer, who read in a NASA biography that Crippen was born in Beaumont.

Through Snauffer's urging, city officials designated May 18 as Bob Crippen Day and invited the Navy pilot for a celebration.

Schools were let out and students gathered with their parents along the sidewalks to cheer as the astronaut rode atop a car with the jets, church bells and sirens adding to the din.

Crippen told reporters the space shuttle Columbia did its job well.

"We had less than a dozen malfunctions," he said. "The only significant thing we had break down was the potty. But we were only up in space a couple of days. I guess they'd better fix that because I understand the next shuttle flight might last a week."



Nancy Reagan greets son Ron backstage after his performance in Washington Monday with the Joffrey II Dancers.

Yoko Ono recalls life with jealous Lennon

NEW YORK (AP) — Slain ex-Beatle John Lennon was an extremely jealous husband and didn't like it when his wife, Yoko Ono, read Japanese books or newspapers, Miss Ono says.

"Jealous! My God!" she said in an interview with New York magazine. "After we were together, he made me write a list of all the men I'd slept with before we met. I started to do it quite casually, then I realized how serious it was to John.

"He didn't even like me knowing the Japanese language because that was a part of me that didn't belong to him. After a while, I couldn't even read any papers or books in Japanese," she said.

Lennon was shot Dec. 8 as he and Miss Ono were entering their New York apartment building. Mark David Chapman, who is charged with second-degree murder in Lennon's shooting, is to stand trial June 1.

Miss Ono says that shortly before Lennon was shot to death, she thought to herself how happy their life together had been.

"He was so happy," Miss Ono said. "Both of us were. A few days before it happened, I remember thinking, 'This is so good. I wonder if things can go on being as good as this.'"

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another Reagan has had his debut in the nation's capital.

This time, however, it was Ron Reagan, the son of the president.

President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, slipped out of the White House amid tight security Monday night to see their 22-year-old son perform with the Joffrey II ballet troupe at George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium.

"You were great," the president told the dancers. "This is only my second trip to George Washington University. I enjoyed this one much more." Reagan was rushed to the university's hospital March 30 when he was wounded in an assassination attempt.

The only other time the president has seen his son dance was March 15 in New York City.

When the motorcade left for the auditorium — about a mile away from the White House — there were two identical black limousines. One was an apparent decoy; the other contained the first family.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — National Urban League President Vernon E. Jordan Jr., who suffered a gunshot wound last year, warned more than 3,500 graduates of the University of Pennsylvania that they were entering a world polluted with "pockets of hate."

Jordan said in a commencement address Monday that the world has changed since he graduated nearly three decades ago from DePauw University, "but not nearly enough" — the wrongs that still remain face the new graduates.

"It is in many ways a mean, mean world," he said. "The superpowers rattle rockets at each other. Television brings us, between commercials for expensive cars and clothing, pictures of some of the earth's starving millions. People still judge other people by the color of their skin...."

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedian Bob Hope has come out in favor of gun control, saying he sees it as a deterrent to violence in America. And he says he's going to give President Reagan his views on the subject.

Hope was interviewed Sunday by ABC News while taping a television special at West Point.

"I think the violence today is a concern of every citizen and I am now for gun control," he was quoted as saying. "And when I see President Reagan again I'm going to talk with him about that because I don't see any reason why we shouldn't have gun control."

MacArthur prizes surprise famous, obscure geniuses

BY SHARON COHEN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A secret search for genius by one of the nation's wealthiest foundations has brought windfalls of up to \$300,000 to 21 people whose sole obligation now is to pursue their dreams.

"It makes a free man of you," winner Carl E. Schorske, 66, said Monday. The retired Princeton professor and specialist in modern European history is among four Pulitzer Prize winners honored.

Both the famous and the obscure were named prize fellows Monday by the MacArthur Foundation, which had tapped 100 educators, scientists and artists across the country to nominate "exceptionally talented individuals" for the five-year stipends, which winners can use as they please. The identities of the talent scouts were withheld to prevent lobbying, the foundation said.

The disciplines of the winners are as diverse as their backgrounds. They include three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Robert Penn Warren; a 21-year-old California physicist; an exiled Soviet poet sent to an Arctic labor camp for "parasitism" and a colorful mosaic of scientists and historians, mathematicians and artists.

Henry Lewis Gates, Jr., 30, a literary critic interested in the portrayal of blacks in European literature, called his award "a bolt out of the blue. I asked if it was a joke."

"All of a sudden, I can dream again," he said in an interview Monday from his New Haven, Conn., home.

The MacArthur Foundation, the third-largest in the nation, is named after Catherine and John D.

MacArthur, who made his fortune in insurance, real estate, banking and industry. MacArthur died in 1978 and the foundation was created two years ago. This is the first time the awards have been given.

The foundation intends to name 29 more winners this year and has committed \$10 million to \$12 million for the five-year undertaking.

"This program is probably the best reflection of the rugged individualism exemplified by my father — the risky betting on individual explorers while everybody else is playing it safe on another track," said Roderick MacArthur, MacArthur's son. "It's a high-risk venture."

The prize fellows, selected from more than 500 entries, will receive \$24,000 to \$60,000 annually for five years to "provide the economic freedom" so the recipients can devote themselves to their careers. The amounts vary according to age.

Warren, 76, of Fairfield, Conn., will receive the most money — \$300,000, which he said will buy him time to write.

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Alamo program planned

This summer the Alamo YMCA, in conjunction with the Midland Parks and Recreation Department, will have a program at Alamo Junior High School.

The recreation center will be open from 8 a.m. until noon for elementary age youth and from 1 to 5 p.m. for junior and senior high youth. The cost for these times which includes classes in tumbling, cheerleading, archery and tennis are free. A \$3 charge will be made for arts and crafts.

In addition to this program, parents may leave elementary age children at the recreation center from noon until 5:30 p.m. for a cost of \$25 a week (for monthly sign-ups) or \$30 a week (by week rather than month for limited members).

Registration is May 26 through May 29 at the Alamo YMCA only. For more information, contact the Alamo YMCA at 694-2528 or come by 901 N. Midland Drive.

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Two District 8 wildcats sited

Exxon Corp. of Midland has sited a location for a 20,500-foot rank wildcat in Loving County 20 miles west-northwest of Kermit.

Six wildcats sited in District 8 area counties

Area operators have sited wildcat locations in District 8-A counties of Borden, Hale, Garza and Dickens.

HOWARD WILDCAT SITED Flag-Redfern Oil of Midland will drill the No. 1-A D. Allred as 10,800-foot wildcat test in Howard County 14 miles northwest of Big Spring.

Don Main gets traveling trophy

Don Main, geologist for Union Texas Petroleum, was the overall winner of the World Series and was recently presented the \$1,000 cash prize and trophy for Young Explorationist of the Year by Dr. Jack G. Elam of the Permian Basin Graduate Center.

Nations power sources vulnerable to sabotage, terrorism says GAO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The congressional investigative agency says the nation's electric power system is vulnerable to war, sabotage and terrorism. The Energy Department says it isn't.

Nolan County sited for five District 7B probes

Five new field wildcats have been scheduled in Nolan County and one in Fisher County of District 7-B of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Drilling report

WILDCATS Andover Oil Co. No. 1-29 A. B. Connell; total depth 10,000 feet, testing, swabbing.

Cuba, Puerto Rico make \$1 billion demand from U.S. gasoline taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected attempts by Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to obtain more than \$1 billion in gasoline tax revenues from the U.S. Treasury.

Highschool offers day oilfield training class

EDITOR'S NOTE—School days, school days, dear old gushing oil well days. In oil country in Western Pennsylvania, the training starts early.

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Italians rebuff church, vote for liberal abortion law

ROME (AP) — Italy is 97 percent Roman Catholic, but the Vatican's influence apparently doesn't reach inside the polling booth where Italians voted 2-1 to keep a liberal abortion law.

"Italians — non-believers and believers — have demonstrated their will to safeguard the lay character of the state against any kind of religiosity," Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer said Monday after voters rejected a church-backed referendum

against abortion.

Berlinguer spoke to thousands of cheering abortion supporters waving red flags in front of party headquarters in downtown Rome. Many of the demonstrators sported large "No" buttons, showing they opposed the referendum brought the Movement for Life to outlaw abortion except when the pregnant woman's health is in "serious danger."

The current law, in effect the past three years, permits women over 18

free abortions in state hospitals during the first 90 days of pregnancy.

Berlinguer had accused Pope John Paul II of meddling in Italian politics because of the pontiff's repeated public condemnations of abortion in the weeks before the pope was wounded by gunfire six days ago in St. Peter's Square. It was not known whether the bedridden pontiff had been informed of the results of the ballot.

John Paul did not specifically mention the referendum in his blasts

against abortion, which he called "the killing of an innocent creature." But the Italian Bishops Conference publicly urged Roman Catholics to vote for the anti-abortion measure, marking the second time since 1974 that it has asked the faithful to support repeal of a bill passed by Parliament.

Italians also rebuffed the church on that occasion, when 60 percent voted to keep divorce.

The vote against the measure was 21.5 million to 10.2 million, or 67.9

percent to 32.1 percent. More than 60 percent of the voters rejected the proposal in every region.

It was a big day for "no" votes. By even larger margins, the voters turned down four other proposals, including one to liberalize the abortion law further, all offered by the small left-wing Radical Party.

The other proposals would have eliminated life sentences in prison, making the maximum term 28 years; forbade Italians to carry firearms

outside their homes, even with a license; and repealed an anti-terrorism law that allows police to hold suspects for two days without a hearing.

According to the Vatican's 1978 statistical yearbook, there were 55.3 million baptized Roman Catholics in Italy out of a total population of 56.7 million. The remaining Italians are mostly Protestants, many of whom live in northern Italy near the French border, and Jews.



Astronaut Robert Crippen steps from the NASA turbo-prop jet that brought him from Houston to National Airport in Washington Monday evening.

Crippen and fellow astronaut John Young will be honored today in Washington, and are scheduled to meet President Reagan.

Police doubt story told by suspect in shooting

ROME (AP) — The man accused of shooting Pope John Paul II told police he went to England to kill Queen Elizabeth II but police doubted the story and believe he went London for some other reason, a well-placed police source said today.

"I think he went to England, but I don't think he went there for that reason," the source said in an interview with The Associated Press. "He's trying to make things more difficult for us."

The suspect, Mehmet Ali Agca, also told police he considered killing U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim or Simone Veil, president of the European Parliament, the source said. Police did not take those threats seriously either, said the source, who asked not to be identified.

Agca told police during questioning Monday he finally chose the pope as his target because his personal ideology would not permit him to kill a woman and he could not fly to New York to kill Waldheim, the source said. He believed the statements were intended to mislead investigators.

He said Italian police have asked British police to help establish the accuracy of Agca's description of the places he stayed on his 10-day trip to England last fall.

"He told us he went to London to

make plans," said the police source, who asked not to be identified. The source said Italian police have asked British police to confirm Agca's description of his trip to England is true.

The source said the suspect, who is held at police headquarters with five guards in his room, told police he wanted to draw attention to the problems of developing countries by killing someone he considered a symbol of imperialism.

"He's a very strict Moslem," the source said. "He doesn't drink alcohol, he doesn't smoke, he won't eat pork. He hardly sleeps at all. He sleeps in an arm chair with his elbows on a table. He won't sleep in bed."

Agca escaped from a Turkish jail in November 1979 where he was awaiting trial on charges of murdering a journalist. He was convicted in absentia in April 1980 and sentenced to death.

Police believe extreme right-wing Moslem fundamentalist groups in Turkey helped him escape from jail and obtain a false passport that allowed him to travel in half a dozen European countries and six Italian cities.

Agca has insisted that he acted alone for "ideological" reasons, telling police he got money by extortion

— not from a political group.

"He calls himself an idealist who acted completely alone," said another official who asked to remain anonymous in another interview. "He said he did it as a noble act to attract public attention to the problems of the Third World, to the imperialism of the United States and the Soviet Union."

Italian regulations prohibit members of the special anti-terrorist squad of the police from being quoted by name in the press without authorization from the Interior Ministry.

The police source told The Associated Press that investigators believe there is a "fifty-fifty" chance that Agca acted alone, both in the planning of the attack against the pope and in the execution, s he claims.

But there is also a strong possibility that he had financial help from rightwing Turkish nationalists in West Germany and possibly other countries, the source said.

In Tunis, sources at the Tunisian Ministry of the Interior said Agca spent two weeks in Tunisia late last December, entering the country as a tourist carrying papers under an assumed name. The sources said he stayed at a tourist resort in northern Tunisia, but gave no other information about his activities.

Court puts off decisions on issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, heading into the last weeks of this term, is leaving open several key issues it had been expected to decide, including the validity of state sodomy laws and methods to resolve interstate child-custody disputes.

The high court on Monday also backed out of deciding whether Ohio is illegally prosecuting Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt.

While simply rejecting some issues, like the sodomy question, the court also did not decide other disputes after hearing arguments on them.

This term, the justices have backed out of cases more often than they did during any recent term, according to a Supreme Court official who asked that his name not be used.

The count so far includes eight cases that were accepted and never argued and at least five cases that were accepted and argued.

The trend may reflect attempts by the court's conservative majority "to discourage appeals to the Supreme

Court," according to Professor Sanford Levinson of the University of Texas Law School.

Levinson said some of the dismissals help to "tighten the jurisdictional rules to keep cases at the trial court level."

He noted that some of these "technicalities" used to dismiss cases may not be discovered until the justices have actually studied the facts of the disputes.

Among other issues the court accepted but backed out of this term was the question of the rights of allegedly unfit parents to keep their children.

Another case was expected to decide whether property owners are entitled to compensation when some government action makes their property useless or worthless.

Sometimes a new development in a case the court has accepted may cause the justices to think twice about deciding it.

For example, the justices ruled Monday that a new federal law makes

it unnecessary for them to decide whether the elderly in California may give away their property shortly before applying for Medicaid.

The court, on a 9-0 vote, sent the case back to a lower federal court for further study of whether California's measure conforms with the new federal law restricting such transfers.

The court declined without comment Monday to review a decision by New York's highest court striking down an unconstitutional state's consensual sodomy law. The law is similar to those in a majority of the states.

And in a tangled proceeding, the justices by an 8-1 vote dismissed a child-custody case on which it had already heard arguments.

The case was expected to give a definitive answer on what separated or divorced parent will get custody of a child when courts in two or more states issue conflicting decisions. At issue was a model law adopted by 44 states to guide judges in making their determinations, but the dispute was thrown out of the Supreme Court on a technicality.

Student charged with killing 12-year-old

CHICAGO (AP) — Friends and teachers see 18-year-old George Jones as a model student — a gifted actor, a track team hurdler, editor of the school newspaper and a popular "class clown" active in school affairs.

They were stunned by charges that this clean-cut, well-dressed son of a Chicago policeman is a killer.

Authorities and a 10-year-old boy in a hospital bed accuse Jones of being the intruder who viciously attacked the boy and brutally murdered his 12-year-old sister in their South Side home.

As editor of his high school newspaper, Jones wrote with contempt of the violent society that bred the assassination attempt on President Reagan and the gang-related slaying of a classmate earlier this year.

And now, just weeks before his graduation, Jones has been charged with murder and aggravated battery.

Jones is not permitted to talk with reporters, but his lawyer said the youth denies the charges.

Sheila Pointer, 12, was sexually assaulted and fatally beaten, and her brother, Purvy Pointer Jr., was attacked and nearly killed when someone entered their house while their parents were away May 4. Jones lives near the Pointers.

Police recovered a lead pipe, which they believe to be the murder weapon. No motive has been established for the attack, police say.

After the slaying, Jones discussed the incident with his friends. "How can somebody do such a thing to an innocent little girl?" one friend quoted young Jones as saying. "She didn't even have a chance to grow up."

But young Purvy kept repeating the name "George" the first few days after the incident, his mother said.

Detectives had to wait a week before they questioned the boy because he was so seriously injured. But de-

tectives took a photograph of Jones to the hospital last week and Purvy "began to cry and stated that (Jones) was the man who had come in his house and hit him and his sister on the head," according to the police report.

Jones, who told police he had been home at the time of the beatings, also was identified by the boy when they took him to Purvy's hospital bed, police said.

A neighbor also had given the police a description of a teen-ager she saw standing behind the Pointer home the morning of the attacks. She picked Jones out of a police lineup. Jones was arrested May 13.

At Fenger High School, Jones' teachers are bewildered.

"This is so hard for us to believe," said journalism instructor Helen Burnett. "I just don't know. You just don't know what goes on in young people's minds, but it just doesn't fit him."

"We're just hoping against hope that it's a case of mistaken identity," said Principal Leo Dillon.

Classmates called him "Bookworm," but teachers said Jones could do better than the B's he earned. His acting talent, however, had won him a spot in a program for promising students at the Goodman Theater, a prominent local theater school.

Jones, who is being held in Cook County Jail, will plead innocent at his June 3 arraignment, his attorney, Peter Schmiedel, said Monday.

"I don't know what to do or what to think," Jones' mother, Betty, said in an interview. "We are completely devastated."

A neighbor and close friend, Leslie Haskins, said Jones "wanted to be accepted so much that when something went wrong he would ask, 'What's wrong with me, what have I done?' I don't know if that is insecurity or if he just wanted to be liked."

Changes considered in grain elevator operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of a federal task force on grain elevator bankruptcies says the government is not considering any new bureaucracy or costly program to deal with the problem.

"We believe most people agree there is no need to create a new federal agency to deal with the problem of elevator insolvency," says Raymond Lett, executive assistant to Agriculture Secretary John Block.

"Neither is there any significant support for some form of insurance or indemnity program," said Lett, who has headed Block's five-member Elevator Task Force Executive Committee.

And while he told the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on courts Monday that the government is considering some changes in regulations, Lett said increased state involvement in grain elevator operations "would be most beneficial and efficient."

There have been at least 177 elevator bankruptcies across the country since 1975, Lett said. Interest on the federal level was prompted by an elevator bankruptcy in the Missouri Bootheel that saw farmers defy a federal judge and break into an elevator to get their grain that had been impounded as part of the bankruptcy proceeding.

"We feel that two of the major causes of grain elevator bankruptcies are the recent state of the economy and the high interest rates being charged for business loans during the past several years," Lett told the panel.

He also said commercial and business failures of all kinds hit a 13-year high in 1980, showing that insolvency is not unique to the grain industry.

In the grain elevator industry, Lett said, the task force identified some underlying reasons for bankruptcies, including poor management, possible

diversion of funds and speculation in commodity futures.

Lett outlined a series of "options" the panel can consider in trying to find ways of dealing with the problem of bankruptcies, ranging from changes in Agriculture Department regulations to uniform state licensing laws to an intensive informational campaign by the government.

All alternatives should be considered, he said, even though some may be found later to be too costly or not workable.

The federal government licenses only 2,110 of the estimated 10,000 elevators in the nation, Lett said, and those only at the voluntary request of the elevator's management.

Lett said the administration still has not completed its review of proposed changes in federal bankruptcy laws under consideration by the subcommittee.

"The bankruptcy laws are drawn,"

he commented, "to help solve a problem that has been created, rather than prevent it from happening in the first place, and revision in itself would not be an entire answer where elevator insolvencies are concerned."

Among the options to be outlined by the task force in its upcoming report, Lett said, is including some federal licensing requirements in the federal standards for elevators storing grain under government loan. Such elevators, numbering in the thousands, now are not required to be federally licensed.

He also said the government could regulate the kind of market transactions federally-licensed elevators could get involved in.

"Some of these proposed changes, we will find, may be done administratively; others, we will also find, would require new legislation," Lett said. "We stressed that answers would not come quickly nor easily."

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