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## Democrats attack GOP's reaction toward Hispanics

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Republicans won't be able in the 1984 presidential election to get away with claims that they care about Hispanics' interests, representatives to two national convention meetings were told.

Charles Manatt, the national Democratic chairman, said President Reagan "is going to have to do more than serve tacos and enchiladas to Queen Elizabeth" — a reference to a menu the president planned during the queen's recent visit to the United States.

Gov. Toney Anaya, D-New Mexico, said Reagan will be judged not by his promises but by "the higher unemployment levels, the cuts in food stamps, the cuts in education funds, the backtracking on 30 years of civil rights progress."

Manatt's criticism of Republicans' concern for Hispanics came during the National Conference of State Legislatures, which began here Monday.

Anaya addressed about 200 Hispanic leaders in San Antonio for a national Hispanic convention.

The Hispanic leaders prepared today for speeches by Vice President George Bush and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Anaya applauded a move to register a million Hispanic voters by the 1984 presidential election, which would raise the number of registered voters to more than 70 percent.

"The hands that historically have picked the lettuce in this country and the hands that historically have

picked the cotton in this country are the hands that can pick the next president of this country," Anaya said.

The added voting clout could swing election results in Texas, California, New Mexico and New York — states with large numbers of Hispanics, the New Mexico governor said.

The support of Hispanics was crucial in the recent victories of Federico Pena as the mayor of Denver and Harold Washington, a black, as mayor of Chicago, Anaya said.

"Politicians of all kinds are courting us. We are the second-largest and fastest-growing minority in America," Anaya added.

"We are sending out the word that Hispanics are not going to be satisfied with a symbolic 'in-house Mexican' and that we're not going to be satisfied with a verbal commitment for a few more dollars for bilingual education," Anaya said.

At the National Conference of State Legislatures, Manatt said Reagan will find Hispanics demanding "that he replace his rhetoric with reality and make major shifts in budget priorities."

Texas Rep. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said Reagan's claims of economic recovery ring hollow in Hispanic communities.

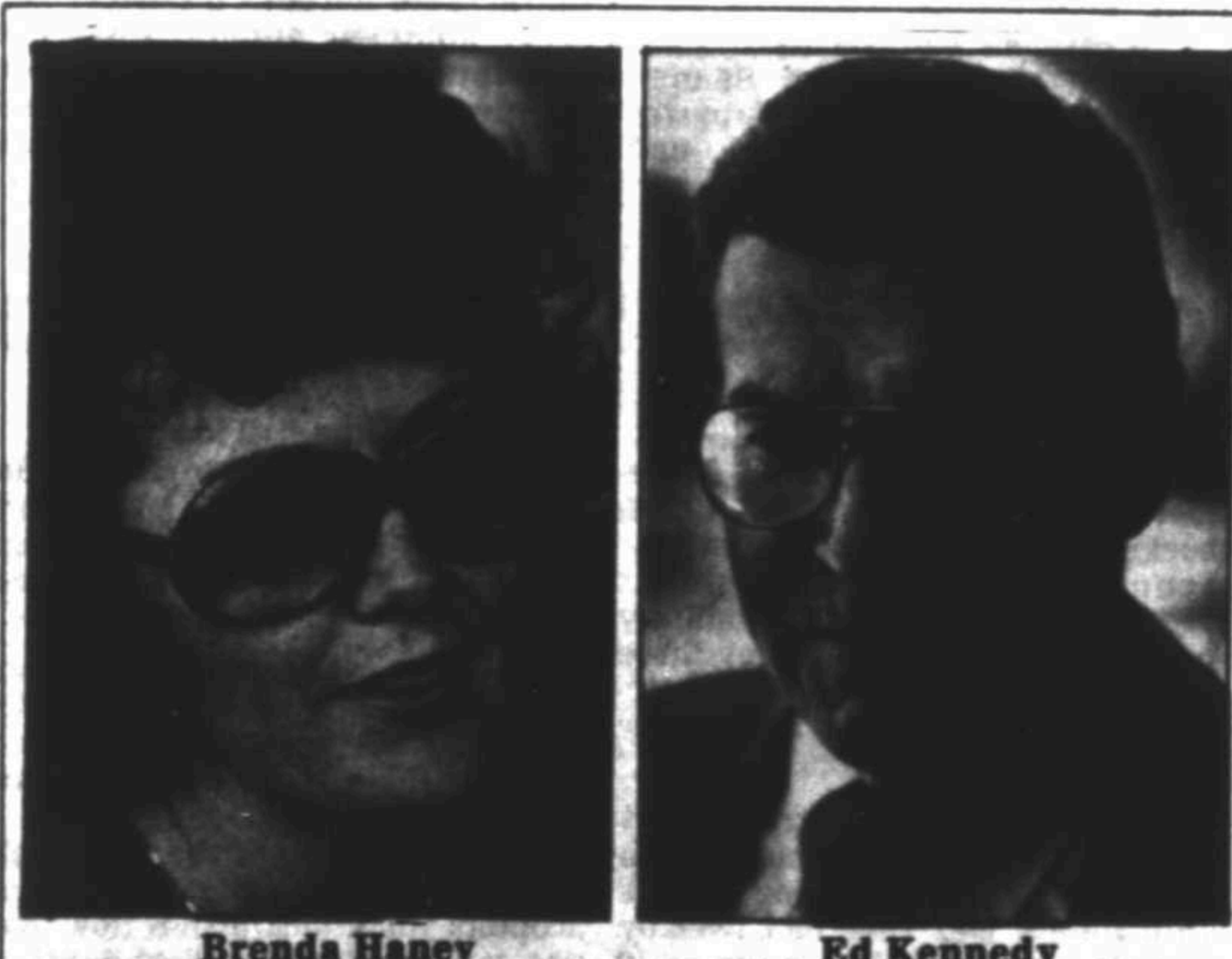
"What recovery? Recovery for whom? The rich?" Barrientos asked. He compared the Reagan economic plans to giving the people porridge with the finger, adding "You don't get much to eat that way."

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Striking in the rain

A few sprinkles didn't stop union members — Elmer Gay, a Western Electric installer and Bonnie Lawson, a repeater technician — of the Communication Workers of America Local 12127 from picketing in front of the Southwestern Bell building Monday afternoon.



Brenda Haney



Ed Kennedy



Eddie Johnson



Al Sisk

## Midlanders say phone service not affected

By GAIL BURKE  
Staff Writer

Few Midlanders contend that the recent strike against the American Telephone & Telegraph strike has affected their phone service.

In a random survey of about 50 people outside the Main Post Office Monday, many residents said they didn't notice any difference when making operator assistance calls.

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## Guatemalan general stages coup

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Guatemala's new ruler has abolished the secret military courts of ousted President Efraim Rios Montt, but vowed to wipe out leftist rebels and end his predecessor's born-again Christian influence in this mostly Roman Catholic nation.

Gen. Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores, the defense minister and a 35-year military veteran, seized power Monday in a rapidly staged coup that ended Rios Montt's 17-month-old regime after a brief but bloody shootout at the presidential palace.

Mejia Victores' first act as president was to scrap the clandestine courts established by Rios Montt that had sentenced at least 15 people to death for leftist subversion.

The new ruler also vowed to end the "religious fanaticism" he said characterized the regime of Rios Montt, a general who was a minister in a California-based Protestant evangelist sect.

Rios Montt's loyalists at the National Palace had held out briefly during a shootout that Mejia Victores said ended with one soldier killed and three wounded. Local reporters said two soldiers were killed.

The abolition of secret courts was part of a nine-point program signed

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by the nation's military commanders which largely echoed the goals of Rios Montt's rightist regime. The most substantial difference between the ousted and new president appears to be their religion.

Mejia Victores, a 52-year-old Roman Catholic, promised to respect "the faith and traditions of the people of Guatemala" and to "keep out foreign influences that wound the feelings of Guatemalans."

A joint statement by the commanders said: "A fanatic and aggressive religious group, taking advantage of the power of its highest members, have used and abused the government for their benefit, ignoring the fundamental principle of the separation of church and state."

Rios Montt had promoted evangelical Protestantism in Guatemala, which is about 80 percent Catholic. He had appointed two elders from his Church of the Word as top aides. "at the disposition" of the army but refused to elaborate. A political source close to the army said secu-



city agents were holding Rios Montt at a house in the capital. The new president pledged to "combat Marxist-Leninist subversion and the paramilitary group, to protect the people of Guatemala."

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## Aircraft may play key role in Chad

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says American aircraft sent to monitor the fighting in Chad will remain in the region only a short time, but officials hinted there could be a key role for the planes if Libya persists in fighting on the rebel side.

Reagan made his statement in a letter formally notifying Congress that he had dispatched two AWACS surveillance planes and eight F-15 fighter escorts to the region along with 500 support personnel.

"These forces will be available to operate in close coordination with the government of Chad and other friendly governments assisting it," Reagan said. He said the mission of the F-15s is to protect the AWACS, if necessary.

"It is not possible at this time to predict the precise duration of this deployment of United States armed forces in the region," Reagan said. "They will remain for only a limited period to meet the urgent require-

ments posed by the present situation."

Reagan said the purpose of the U.S. aircraft is "to support the objective of helping to preserve the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Chad."

In addition, Pentagon sources said the United States also sent an RC-135 jet specially equipped with listening devices to the region, presumably to monitor conversations between Libyan pilots and their ground control.

The AWACS remained on the ground in Sudan on Monday pending the next move in the fighting in Chad. U.S. officials, who insisted on anonymity, said the AWACS would be put to use coordinating movements of French jet fighters if the French committed aircraft to counter Libyan aircraft.

However, as of late Monday, the French still had not decided to send in aircraft, and there were indications of U.S. impatience over what

appeared to be French foot-dragging.

"It is obvious what decision the French take would be a factor" in deciding whether to use the AWACS, said John Hughes, the State Department spokesman.

"At the moment they are on the ground and are not being used," he said of the planes.

Hughes said it is "appropriate that the French take the lead" in defending the government of its former colony from outside aggression.

But he also said that while Washington has "not sought to be a policeman in Africa," the administration "is disturbed over what is a clear-cut case of Libyan aggression" in Chad.

The AWACS, sophisticated radar aircraft, would be of little help by themselves in combating Libyan aircraft, which have been pounding government forces in the north African nation.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT Wednesday, August 10 Low Temperatures



National Weather Service NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

The National Weather Service forecasts showers for the upper Great Lakes and cooler weather for the northwest and northeast.

Area rainfall climbs to 2.5 inches

Following Monday's slight and scattered showers, rainfall recorded for the year rose over the 2.5 inch mark. But with only a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the forecast through Wednesday, it looks like Mother Nature's gaunt generosity has gone.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, mild temperatures, however, will continue with a low tonight expected in the upper 60s and a high on Wednesday in the middle 90s.

Tonight's light and variable winds should turn southerly at 5-15 mph Wednesday.

Monday's high of 81 was 13 degrees cooler than the record high of 104, set in 1952. The overnight low of 66 was four degrees warmer than 1976's record low of 62.

Midland statistics Weather elsewhere

Table with columns for WEATHER FORECAST, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS, LOCAL TEMPERATURES, and SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES. Lists various cities and their weather conditions.

Texas area forecast

West Texas: Fair to partly cloudy through Wednesday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms south. High 80s and 90s to near 100 in the south. Low 60s to 70s in the north.

North Texas: Scattered thunderstorms most sections through Wednesday. Otherwise, partly cloudy. High 80s to 90s. Low 70s to 75.

East Texas: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, some possibly heavy, through Wednesday. High around 90. Low around 72.

South Texas: Partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, some heavy, through Wednesday. High 80s and 90s to near 100 in the south. Low 60s to 70s in the north.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southeastern winds around 10 knots through Wednesday. Winds briefly higher and gusty near shore during the afternoon. Seas 5 feet or less. Winds and waves higher and near scattered thunderstorms, some possibly heavy between Port O'Connor and Baffin Bay.

Thursday Through Saturday: West Texas: Widely scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms southwest, otherwise sunny warm days and fair nights. Low 60s north to low 70s south except near 80 mountains. High 80s to 90s in the south and 90s to 100 in the southeast with near 100 Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Partly cloudy with warm afternoons and mild nights. Widely scattered thunderstorms east Thursday and Friday. High 80s. Low 70s.

South Texas: Partly cloudy Thursday with scattered thunderstorms and Saturday with widely scattered showers. High 80s. Low 70s except mid to upper 80s in the country.

Border states forecasts

Louisiana: Scattered to numerous thunderstorms through Wednesday. High 90 to 92. Low 72 north to 75 south.

Arkansas: Partly cloudy with scattered to isolated afternoon thunderstorms through Wednesday. High 90 to 92. Low 72 to 75.

Midlanders: Phones not affected

(Continued from Page 1A) With the Communication Workers Union strike against AT&T Sunday, Southwestern Bell supervisory personnel have been called off their desks to operate switchboards. And most Midlanders didn't know the difference.

Democrats attack GOP reaction

(Continued from Page 1A) Reagan was in San Antonio in May for a Mexican-American celebration. Bush was on the agenda for the Hispanic conference today, and Reagan has scheduled trips to El Paso and Tampa, Fla.

Anchorwoman awarded \$500,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Anchorwoman Christine Craft, awarded \$500,000 in a sex discrimination suit against her former employer, says she's glad she won but has no illusions "that this is going to make a huge difference in TV news."

A federal jury deliberated 8 1/2 hours over two days before finding Metromedia Inc. guilty Monday of fraud and awarding Ms. Craft \$375,000 in actual damages and \$125,000 in punitive damages.

The four-woman, two-man jury also recommended that U.S. District Judge Joseph E. Stevens Jr. find that Metromedia committed sex discrimination. If Stevens accepts that recommendation Ms. Craft could receive further damages, but he is not expected to rule on the issue for at least a week.

The jury found Metromedia innocent of violating equal-pay laws when it paid her less than the television station's male co-anchor.

The \$1.2 million suit by the 38-year-old Ms. Craft accused Metromedia, former owner of KMBC-TV in Kansas City, of demoting her in 1981 for being "too old, unattractive and not deferential enough to men."

The suit charged the company with fraud for misrepresenting the job when it hired Ms. Craft as co-anchor in January 1981, with sex discrimination and with violating equal-pay laws.

Jury foreman Kenneth W. Green said the panel made its decision because "we didn't want to see anyone else put through what she went through."

But Ms. Craft seemed less sure of the verdict's effect. "I have no illusions, shall we say, that this is going to make a huge difference in TV news, but... if it keeps one news director at one station someplace, somewhere, from doing



Dennis Eagan, left, attorney for KMBC-TV anchorwoman Christine Craft, right, wipes forehead when asked how he felt about the verdict in his client's case. The jury awarded Ms. Craft \$500,000 in her sex discrimination suit against a Kansas City TV station.

the same thing, I hope it does that," she said. Ms. Craft said she planned to return to her current anchoring job at KEYT-TV in Santa Barbara.

Because KMBC was sold to the Hearst Corp. in May 1982, she called the part of her suit seeking reinstatement to her KMBC post a "moot point."

"I consider today a victory for civil rights in this country, for women's rights, for the rights of men and women journalists," said

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program said it was "awfully good news."

But Christine Lund, anchorwoman for KABC-TV in Los Angeles, said that choosing anchorwomen and anchormen "will always be a matter of caprice and personal taste, miles away from judging a person strictly as a journalist."

The fraud ruling was based on Ms. Craft's contention that Metromedia defrauded her by saying she was hired solely for her journalistic skills.

The two-week trial centered on Ms. Craft's claim that on Aug. 14, 1981, former KMBC news director Ridge Shannon said she was being demoted because she was "too old, unattractive and not deferential enough to men."

Shannon denied on the witness stand ever making the comment, and also denied that Ms. Craft's sex had anything to do with her salary or her demotion. He declined comment on the verdict.

Metromedia said it demoted Ms. Craft because surveys showed audience reaction to her was extremely negative.

But Ms. Craft said she had no negative effect on KMBC's ratings and that the station was No. 1 in the ratings during her tenure.

Media consultant Frank Magid said it would be wrong to conclude from the trial that sex and age are the key factors in picking anchors. "We have found that age and sex really play very little role in the popularity a newscaster might have," he said.

General expected to be tough

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Brig. Gen. Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores, Guatemala's new military president, is a tactician paratrooper who favors a tough line in the fight to crush the left-wing insurgency that has troubled this country for decades.

Mejia Victores, 52, who seized the presidency Monday from another general, Efraim Rios Montt, will continue in his previous position as defense minister, the military high command announced.

In his first statement as president, read over radio and television, he vowed to "fight by any means to eradicate Leninist-Communist subversion that threatens Guatemala's liberty and sovereignty."

Veteran observers, speaking on condition they not be named, said they expect a stern administration under Mejia Victores, a strapping soldier who talks little and does not have a wide circle of friends.

Some months ago, Mejia Victores came out strongly in favor of maintaining special secret courts Rios Montt set up a year ago to try major crimes, including those related to guerrilla attacks.

However, he told reporters after taking the oath of office that he was disbanding the special tribunals immediately as part of a program to return the nation to democratic rule.

Fifteen people convicted by those courts have been executed, most for acts of terrorism. The names of the

Rios Montt accused of religious fanaticism

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The religious convictions that helped Efraim Rios Montt become president of Guatemala ultimately were used as an excuse to depose him, says a leader of an evangelical sect to which he belonged.

Rios Montt's removal from power of the Central American nation was announced in broadcasts Monday that accused him of religious fanaticism and failure to maintain a separation of church and state.

The young officers who helped put Montt in power in 1982 hoped his strict moral code would rid the government of corruption, said Joseph Anfuso, a director of Gospel Outreach in a telephone interview from Eureka.

"I think the people who have taken power (in Guatemala) were looking for reasons to add credi-

bility to what they've done," Anfuso said. "I think there was definitely a separation of church in terms of it being involved in the government," Anfuso said. "In terms of policy, the church itself was never involved in those things (the government)."

Anfuso said Rios Montt, though from a Catholic background, converted in 1978 to the Protestant Church of the Word, a Guatemalan offshoot of the Eureka-based Gospel Outreach.

He quickly became active leading Bible classes and as academic director of the church's day school, but dropped those duties after he became president because he was too busy.

But Rios Montt attempted to infuse his ardent beliefs in his daily life and work as president,

judges — who by law can be either lawyers or military officers — are not made public. The procedure had raised strong protests from human rights groups both here and abroad.

Mejia Victores is one of two "old guard" holdovers from the military-backed government of Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia, who

was overthrown March 23, 1982, by young officers who then installed Rios Montt as one of a three-man junta.

The officers had accused Lucas Garcia of corruption and claimed that an ally of his, Defense Minister Gen. Angel Anibal Guevara, had been elected president a month earlier through fraud.

Mejia Victores was deputy defense minister under Guevara, and after the became defense minister. The other holdover general from the previous regime was Federico Puentes, administrator of national disaster relief since an earthquake devastated the country in 1976.

The larger membership in Guatemala probably stems from the work of missionaries the church sent there after a major earthquake in 1976, he said.

General stages coup, takes over Guatemala

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At least four leftist guerrilla groups operate in Guatemala. Paramilitary rightist death squads also have flourished and are blamed by human rights groups for hundreds of deaths.

Mejia Victores said he would maintain an electoral tribunal created last month and would "speed up" the electoral process. Rios Montt, who came to power in a March 23, 1982, military coup, had promised elections in July 1984.

The State Department reacted cautiously to the coup, saying it wel-

comed "any concrete step" to restore Guatemalan democracy. The coup came one day after Mejia Victores met in Honduras with Brig. Gen. Frederick Woerner, commander of U.S. forces in Panama, but there was no word whether U.S. officials knew about coup plans in advance.

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government accused the Reagan administration of plotting the coup as part of what it called a scheme to "launch its aggression against Nicaragua." The Sandinistas claim Mejia Victores, a staunch anti-communist, will be more cooperative with Wash-

ington than Rios Montt. Only one civilian has ruled Guatemala in the 29 years since a CIA-backed coup ousted the leftist government of the late President Jacobo Arbenz. Most of the military presidents were elected, but three coups interrupted the cycle of elections, scheduled to be held every four years.

Rios Montt ousted ultra-rightist President Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia, led a junta of three officers until June 9, 1982, then took over by himself. He survived as many as 10 coup attempts and last month proclaimed a state of alert that

suspended some civil liberties. Human rights group charge Rios Montt continued Lucas Garcia's brutal anti-guerrilla policies in the countryside where the country's Indian majority live.

He affronted the Catholic hierarchy by rejecting a papal appeal for clemency and executing six guerrillas on the eve of Pope John Paul II's visit to Guatemala in March.

The first inkling of the coup came Monday morning when air force helicopters and attack planes flew over the capital. After the short gunfight at the palace, however, few security forces were evident on the streets.

Brinks' robbery defendants stomp out of courtroom

GOSHEN, N.Y. (AP) — Raising clenched fists and shouting political slogans, three defendants in the \$1.6 million Brinks' robbery and murder trial stomped out of court when a judge cut off one defendant's rambling opening statement.

The action Monday came shortly after the prosecution's statement to the jury on the Oct. 20, 1981, holdup of a Brink's truck at a suburban shopping mall which was followed by a shootout at a police roadblock in Nyack.

The defendants, who call themselves "freedom fighters" and do not recognize the legitimacy of the court, contend the state has no right to try them for what they have called a political act against imperialism.

Kenneth Gribetz, the district attorney, stayed away from politics as he presented his opening statement.

Gribetz said he would rely on hair, glass, fingerprint and ballistics evi-

dence plus the testimony of "police officers who watched as their colleagues were gunned down" to convict Kuwasi Balagoon, Judith Clark and David Gilbert. They are charged with 13 counts of murder, robbery, assault and grand larceny.

Balagoon, 36, spent about a half-hour reading an opening statement about racism, slavery and genocide to the all-white jury before Orange County Judge David Ritter stopped

"Obviously I have no business in this courtroom," Balagoon said, as he and Ms. Clark, 33, and Gilbert, 36, saluted their supporters and walked out surrounded by sheriff's deputies.

"Death to the Klan! Free the Land!" shouted a dozen or so supporters inside the courtroom, some of whom had demonstrated earlier outside the courthouse to denounce what they called a racist judicial system.

U.S. aircraft may play key role in Chad

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The French clearly were not eager to commit their combat aircraft, although a U.S. official said if the crisis worsened with Libyan involvement, then Paris still might move. Another official said the aircraft could provide a useful surveillance function on movements of Libyan aircraft even if the French did not intervene.

Hughes said Libya is "in no doubt" about U.S. concerns about the fighting but that there has not been any direct contact between Washington and the government of Libyan leader Muammar Khadafi.

Hughes indicated the Libyans themselves may determine the next move for the United States and France. He said the Libyans have up-

to 2,000 troops besieging Faya-Largeau, a key oasis outpost in northern Chad, along with Libyan-backed rebels. He said they are equipped with artillery and armored vehicles.

women. He said news reports over the weekend that France had decided against intervening directly on the side of President Hissene Habre's forces apparently were incorrect.

"If there is a major ground assault, I think that we and the French would treat that very seriously," Hughes said.

"Libyan success in this particular country (Chad) obviously raises consequences for other countries in Africa," Hughes said. "I don't think we've seen Libyan activity on this scale before," he added.

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Today's mid-morning markets report

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Stock market loses

By JAMES PELTZ AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market skidded to its lowest level in four months Monday after the nation's major banks raised their prime lending rates by one-half percentage point to 11 percent.

BUSINESS MIRROR Saving slumps as consumers spend more

NEW YORK (AP) — If any rainy days lie ahead for the economy, American consumers apparently aren't saving for them. Just a few months out of a long recession, they are spending far more and saving much less than most economists expected.

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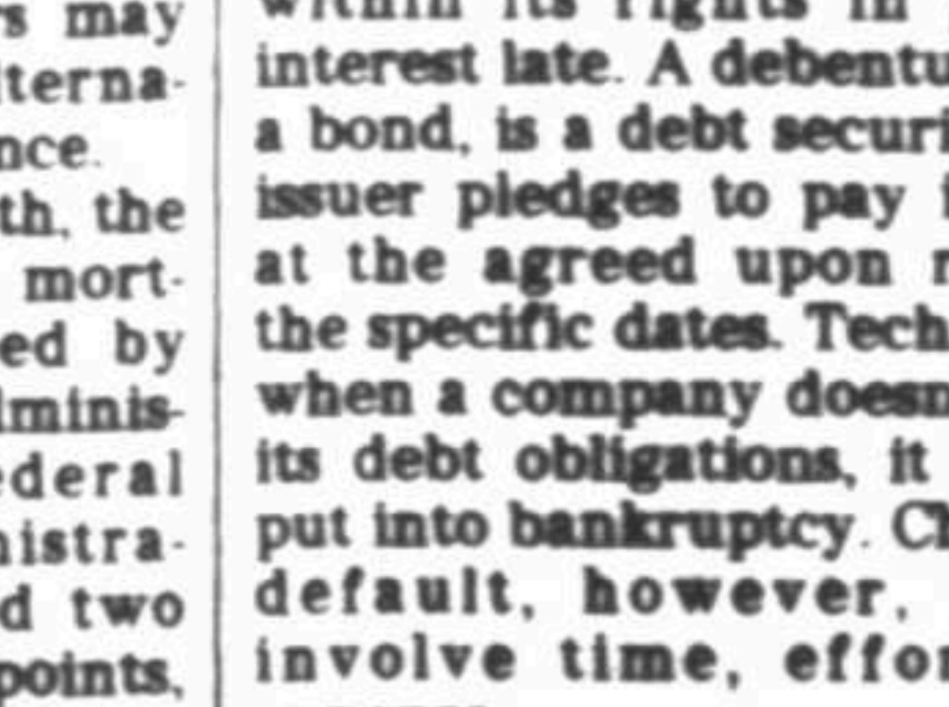
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# BUSINESS/INDUSTRY NOTES

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"The Ancient Chinese Banquet" an authentic Chinese etching, is seen on the menu of Midland's newest Chinese restaurant - The Peking Chinese Restaurant. Owner Frank Feng is open Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday/Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and daily from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit The Peking Chinese Restaurant for authentic Chinese dishes. (They serve American dishes too.)

## Decor as authentic as meals at Peking Chinese Restaurant

Owner Frank Feng is proud to announce the opening of his restaurant - The Peking Chinese Restaurant. Located in the Village at 10 Meta Drive, Mr. Feng's establishment brings authentic Chinese dishes to Midland.

"The Peking Chinese Restaurant offers authentic dishes which are Mandarin (Northern Chinese), Hunan (spicy Southwestern Chinese) and Szechuan (spicy Southwestern Chinese), explains Taiwanese born Mr. Feng.

Highlights of the new menu include Peking Duck, Po Po Platters, Fried Dumplings (Pot Stickers), Sesame Beef and Crispy Shrimp.

The Peking Chinese Restaurant offers a House Dinner. This allows the customer to choose a main entrée in addition to a Po Po Platter, dessert and fortune cookie.

Another house specialty is "The Businessman's Lunch." There are 13 specials served daily between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

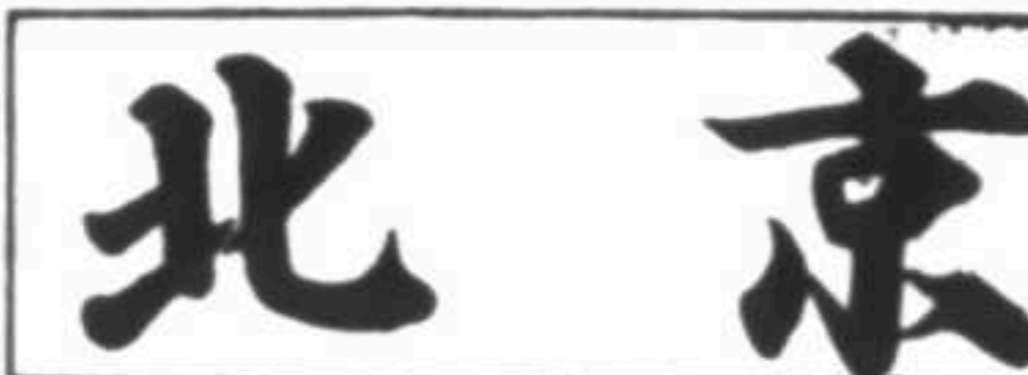
It should be noted that dishes originating from Southwestern China (both Hunan and Szechuan) are hot and spicy. Mr. Feng explains that, "any hot and spicy dish can be modified to your taste."

For those who desire non-Chinese meals, The Peking Chinese Restaurant has several options. American dishes include steak, seafood, fried chicken and pork dishes.

The chef of The Peking Chinese Restaurant is well-known for his banquet dishes. The restaurant houses a "party room" with a 60 person seating capacity. The room is moon-shaped, adding to the atmosphere of the restaurant. Silk scrolls and landscape paintings from China grace the walls. Hanging from the ceiling you'll find Chinese chandeliers imported from Hong Kong. A Buddha fountain and silk paintings round out the Oriental decor.

The Peking Chinese Restaurant is located in the Village at 10 Meta Drive in Midland. For reservations call Mr. Feng at (915) 682-3247.

Dinners are served Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Luncheons are served 7 days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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# Court agrees to build jail, but undecided about cost

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

A new Midland County jail may be on the eastern horizon if the Midland County Commissioners' Court follows through with its latest proposal for a jail.

The court on Monday agreed to build a jail for 200 to 250 inmates and quarters for the sheriff on 6.95 acres adjacent to the Midland County Exhibit Building off U.S. Highway 80 East.

But the commissioners have yet to settle on how much of the taxpayers' money they want to spend on the project; they suggested \$4 million. But Architect Walter Pate implied that such a cost might be unrealistic for a first-class jail.

Commissioner C. Wallace "Wally" Craig, who proposed the site, said he did not foresee any serious protestations coming out of the site choice.

"Number one," he said, "this is a full-fledged, full-security jail as opposed to a stockade."

Last year, Midlanders objected to proposed sites for a fenced-in stockade. Among other complaints, the protesters alleged the stockade would drive down property values, would be unsightly and might propose a hazard to the safety of those

living near the stockade site. Craig cited his reasons for proposing the site.

—It allows easy accessibility to the downtown Midland County Courthouse.

—The county already owns the land. The county purchased the acreage for \$1,000 an acre in 1974. "We could foresee the possibility of some future use," said Commissioner Durward Wright. Comparable land today might cost \$10,000 an acre.

—There's a natural barrier — Scharbauer Draw — east and north of the site. The highway is to the south, "and the county is its own buffer to the west side," said Craig.

Craig said the cost of the jail would be "substantially less" than the proposed \$11.69 million for expanding the courthouse and building a jail on the downtown square. That proposal was defeated by a 4-to-1 vote in a countywide bond election April 23.

Previously, the commissioners have proposed raising the revenue for a jail via certificates of obligation. By that route, they could bypass the electorate and increase the tax rate to pay off the indebted-

ness unless the voters petitioned for an election on the issue.

Craig alluded to Sheriff Dallas Smith putting skilled and semi-skilled inmates on work details, such as building offices and other carpentry and related work.

"I don't think it would be proper for the inmates to build their own jail," he said.

Wright suggested that the commissioners consider a relatively economical metal building to house the jail's cells and other facilities. He cited the county's metal Tax Office Building which was constructed for about \$22 a square foot.

"We can't come up with any \$6 million to build a jail."

The architect seemed wary of the "lasting quality" of a metal building and said that brick buildings have "been around for 200 years."

The sheriff, who is willing to use prisoner labor on projects, said he had dreamed of something beyond metal and brick and mortar for a jail building.

"I really had considered granite and marble with a big tower," Smith said.

"With a restaurant on top?" asked an amused Wright.

# East Texas banks file federal lawsuit against FNB of Midland

Two East Texas banks which purchased more than \$4.5 million in loans from The First National Bank (FNB) of Midland have filed a \$10 million lawsuit against FNB-Midland after it allegedly "guaranteed to repurchase" the loans but "failed and refused to."

"Many of the loans have defaulted," the plaintiffs, First National Bank in Clarksville and the First National Bank in Belts, contend in their petition filed Monday in federal court in Midland. The complaining banks say that FNB-Midland was aware that the loans were "not...of good quality" prior to the assignment.

The Clarksville and Belts bank allege that FNB-Midland had "promised and guaranteed" to service the loans but "failed to service, collect and attempt collection of the

delinquent loans in accordance with good banking practices."

Further, the banks contend that the FNB-Midland represented that it was "in solvent financial condition and could and would repurchase each such participation loan upon the demand" of the banks.

"In fact, the defendant was in poor and deteriorating financial condition," the petition alleges.

The Clarksville and Belts banks began purchasing the loans in September 1981 and in February 1983 demanded that the FNB-Midland repurchase the loans.

The two East Texas banks are charging FNB-Midland with fraud and racketeering.

They allege that Charles D. Fraser, former president of FNB-Midland, and fellow bankers Olen M. Brock, Mike Irons and Harold Wills "conducted the affairs of such enterprise

(the bank) through a pattern of racketeering activity which affected Interstate Commerce."

The East Texas banks say they are entitled to treble damages, since FNB-Midland allegedly violated the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act.

Exhibits attached to the petition indicate that the two banks still hold 44 outstanding loans. The unpaid balance on the original \$4.5 million in loans was \$2,404,441.96 as of last July 25, says the petition. In addition to seeking treble damages, the Clarksville and Belts banks are asking for \$2.5 million in punitive damages and \$250 per day lost as the result of the loss of use of the funds in making direct loans after March 1, 1983.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs are Jim D. Lovett of Clarksville and Jerry P. Childs of Odessa.



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## Management manning

Southwestern Bell's Public Relations Manager Jay Allen learns how to operate the switchboard operator services. Bell supervisory personnel are manning phone lines while union members are on strike against AT&T.

# Past days...exhausting, fulfilling for Bell management employees

By GAIL BURKE  
Staff Writer

Midland Southwestern Bell personnel continued to connect calls today, while communication union members got a busy signal during the third day of a strike against American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

But if Monday was any indication of how business calls will be handled, Midland telephone customers shouldn't be drastically affected by the strike, according to Jay Allen, Southwestern Bell public relations manager.

"It was exhausting and fulfilling," Allen said, referring to the past two days he and other management employees have been working the phone lines.

"I picked it (the board) up pretty good Sunday," Allen said. "It's not easy. You've got a bunch of different buttons and lights that all mean different things."

"We're all doing well and in some areas, we'll get better and will be more confident."

Although there were some delays in operator assistance calls, most residents got through to their parties with the help of 175 Southwestern

Bell management employees.

While 600 Midland Communication Workers Union members at Southwest Bell continued their strike against AT&T Monday, management staffers were manning the phone lines and will continue until negotiations arise.

The CWA, along with two smaller unions — the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Telecommunications International Union — opted to strike against AT&T Sunday after failing to successfully negotiate a three year contract. The unions turned down a 3.5 percent a year pay raise for each of the next three years.

"I'm really impressed with the way the people — both management and union — have reacted to the strike," Allen said Monday after completing a 13-hour day as an operator and public relations manager.

"There was no complaining by management whatsoever. They did what it took to do the job," Allen said, adding that Southwestern Bell's management staff will continue to work 12 hours a day, six days a week until the strike ends.

He said Southwestern Bell is providing free lunch and dinner to all the staff who work through the

strike period. About 90 percent of the 30 long distance and directory assistance operator positions are manned by the staff.

Allen said telephone customers were patient and understanding Monday.

"Operators have a lot of contact with the public," Allen said. "I talked to someone every four to five seconds on that board, and very few people complained."

"We are recommending that customers do as much work as possible on their own. If the customers would call direct — instead of going through the long distance operator — and use the phone book — instead of the directory assistance operator — it will make it a lot easier for everyone," he added.

"While residents can continue dialing without too much inconvenience, getting repairs and installation will be more difficult."

"No phones will be put in," Allen said, explaining that if the strike ended by the close of the week, there would be a significant backlog of orders.

Allen added that although rain "would not automatically be bad, if it were to downpour, it would cause problems."

# Counties studied for disposal

PATRICK DEAREN  
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Howard, Borden, Mitchell and Scurry counties are among 15 counties still under state consideration in the search for a radioactive waste disposal site.

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority had hoped to have the search narrowed to five potential sites by early August, spokesman Tom Blackburn said Monday.

"What we have done is narrowed it down from the 73 counties we had previously to 15 counties," he explained, adding that those counties include approximately 40 potential sites.

Created by the 67th Legislature in 1981, the Authority is charged with determining the best location for a disposal site to handle low-level radiation originating in Texas. Wastes would include that from hospitals, universities, industries such as oil and gas, and certain low-level radioactive wastes from nuclear power plants.

Already, considerable opposition has arisen in several of the areas under consideration.

"We've received numerous petitions, resolutions, letters from private citizens and public officials — a little smattering from just about everything so far," said Blackburn. "But we've also had some positive feedback from certain areas — individuals and companies offering land to sell us — but unfortunately it hasn't been in the right location."

Certain communities — also outside the preferred areas — also have expressed interest because of the economic impact the plant might have, he added.

The areas under consideration originally had included counties in the Trans-Pecos, but those are "completely out now," said Blackburn.

Among other considerations, the Authority is taking into account an area's average rainfall, soil acidity and percentage of alkaline clay. The actual plant would consist of 10-50 acres and be surrounded by a buffer zone of 300-400 acres. Radioactive waste in 55-gallon steel drums would be stack-buried in trenches 40 feet deep, 50 feet wide and 100 yards long.

Blackburn said the Authority hopes to narrow the potential

sites down to 15 by the end of August or first part of September, and that a final decision on a potential site should be forthcoming "probably sometime in November."

A public hearing and meetings with local officials will follow. If that site is given the okay, a one-year on-location study and another public hearing will be held prior to initiation of plant operations.

Blackburn was optimistic the delay in the determination of a site wouldn't affect the timetable. "We think there's enough slack," he said, "to keep the first part of 1983 as an operational date."

The Authority already has completed a study of radioactive wastes generated in the state. Produced in 1982 were approximately 30,000 cubic feet of low-level radioactive wastes, more than 80 percent of which came from hospitals, universities and medical research facilities. The remainder was produced by industries.

In addition, approximately 135,000 cubic feet of low-level waste are expected to be produced by the end of the decade by the four nuclear power plants now under construction.

# Commissioners may have to reconsider tax rate hike

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

Midland County commissioners went through the motions of levying a new tax rate Monday, decided to get on an austerity campaign and to freeze wages.

There will be no blanket raises or cost-of-living increases for the 300 county employees in 1984 unless there's an upward turn in the economy, the commissioners indicated.

The commissioners voted to levy an 18.23-cent tax rate per \$100 valuation to satisfy 1984's \$11.2 million budget requirement.

But they may have to reconsider their vote. Texas law requires that "all members" of the five-member Commissioners' Court be present when taxes are levied.

"I forgot about that," County Judge Bill Anders said afterward.

Commissioner Win Brown, who is ailing, was not present for the vote. Midland County Attorney J. Scott Henderson, who had a rift with the commissioners over their no-wage-increase stance, said the commis-

sioners "didn't bother to check the statutes before setting the tax rate."

Henderson, county attorney since late 1981, seemed miffed over the court's salary freeze.

"I WAS PROMISED a considerable sum to get this job," he seethed after he rushed into courtroom following the vote, "and I haven't got up there."

Henderson said he was instructing his staff attorneys and clerks to restrict their work-week to 40 hours, since apparently they were not going to be rewarded for their industry and dedication to the job.

"If I was that unhappy," Commissioner C. Wallace "Wally" Craig told the court after Henderson exited the courtroom, "I think I'd quit."

Henderson was appointed county attorney in October 1981 and succeeded Robert Randall, who resigned the post to enter private practice. His 1983 salary is pegged at \$38,000, which is about \$4,000 more than many other elected officials get. Anders is salaried at \$44,184.

Later, Henderson said the no-raise

stance is "insulting my people" by effectively cutting their pay. He said the cost-of-living expenses would continue to rise. "I'm certainly not going to let them work more than 40 hours a week."

He said he would continue to "do whatever is expected of me as county attorney" and would advise the commissioners in writing on legal matters. "But I am not going to follow them around. We will continue to do our duty and will continue to advise them in writing."

IN SETTLING on a new tax rate, the commissioners opted not to raise taxes and decided to stay with the status quo. However, the 18.23-cent proposed rate would be a slight increase over the current 18.03-cent rate. The increase was added in to take care of the county's debt service from the courthouse renovation and expansion of the early 1970s.

The 1983 tax base used to generate 1984 operating funds is about \$4.048 billion, while the 1982 tax base is \$3.65 billion. The difference repre-

sents new developments and any increases in property values.

The county expects to generate more than \$7 million in tax revenue for its 1984 budget. Additional funds to round out the budget would come from fees, fines and other sources, said France Shuffield, Midland County tax assessor-collector.

Before going through the motions of setting the tax rate, the commissioners discussed the upcoming budget.

"We may have to go to an attrition budget," said Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis. "It doesn't look very good."

The commissioners are to go into budget study at 8 a.m. Friday.

ANDERS HAD suggested that the court award a blanket 4 percent pay raise to the county's 300 employees in 1984 "as long as we don't have to increase the staff."

"I've trying to dig up some more money," said Davis.

County Auditor Johnnie Thompson noted that at the current spending rate, the county would end 1983

with a \$685,000 balance in the general fund.

"That's the lowest it's been in a long time," said Davis.

The commissioners suggested that county employees be frugal and "not make that (long-distance) phone call, not make that trip."

"The pinch is on," Davis said. "It's hit us, and now it's come home to roost."

To avert a tax increase, county spending would have to be "cut to the bare bones," Davis allowed.

"There's a lot of waste in government," he said, "and we all know that."

Thereupon, Craig suggested that the county's employees be participants in the austerity program by foregoing wage increases.

"Each of us has got to say, 'I've got a problem,'" he said, and to be willing to "side-step" wage increases in 1984 and to say, "Gee, I'm happy to have a job...I'm tickled to death to work for the county...I'm tickle to death not to take a wage increase."

Each commissioner is salaried at about \$23,000 per year.

"This is a serious problem," Craig said of the county's budget.

Commented Davis: "We're all glad to (be able to) pay our bills, because we've got our jobs."

"I would like to have enough money to pay my bills," a county employee said after the commissioners had recessed.

Commissioner Durward Wright noted that "everyone will receive a raise during the course of the year if it's just a small amount." He referred to the county's longevity pay — \$5 added bonus per month for each year an employee has worked for the county — and any promotions.

Wright noted that the Commissioners' Court could grant a pay raise sometime next year if the economy substantially improves. "We can and have done that in the past."

Of the county's estimated \$10 million budget in 1983, about \$5.64 million is going toward the payroll. The average salary would be about \$18,800.

**DEATHS**

**Carl Langley**

Carl Langley, 72, of 1200 S. Webster died at Midland Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning after a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church and the Rev. Jimmy Stovall of South Memorial Baptist Church officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born May 21, 1911, at Iowa and was raised at various communities along the Texas and Pacific Railroad, for which his father was employed. He moved in 1927 to Midland, where he was employed by the schools 30 years before retiring in 1973. He operated a service station on West Highway 80 for 14 years. He was a member of South Memorial Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Langley, who died in 1978.

Survivors include his wife, Irene; three sons, Marvin C. Langley, Donald Roy Langley and Charles F. Langley, all of Midland; one daughter, Janie Strickland of Midland; two sisters, Marie McKandies of Midland and Verna Bell of Toyah; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials should be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2821, Midland, and Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland.

**Arlo Forrest**

Services for Arlo Forrest, 77, of 1500 Neely were Monday in First United Methodist Church sanctuary.

Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, directed by Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Friday afternoon in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Pallbearers were nephews Bedford Forrest, Travis Crow, Dean Forrest, Bill Kuykendall, Floyd C. Smith and Delbert Donelson.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Fellowship Class at First United Methodist Church and his friends.

**Afton C. Roper**

Afton C. "Buddy" Roper, 57, of Andrews died Friday morning in Odessa Medical Center.

Services were Monday in Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Allan Cartrite and the Rev. Lynward Harrison officiating.

He was born Dec. 21, 1925, in Blackwell and was raised in Clairemont. He served with the combat engineers in Korea in 1944. He returned to Clairemont and later moved to Magdalena, N.M., where he lived approximately four years

before returning to Clairemont. Nine years later he moved to Justicoburg, where he lived three years before moving to Muleshoe. He moved to Midland in 1960 and worked for Proctor Ranch one year. He then went to work for Guy Mabee Ranch and served as foreman.

He was married to Mary Tom Weston June 2, 1961 in Magdalena and was a member of Muleshoe Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Don Roper of Lufkin; two daughters, Janie Roper of Ocala, Fla., and Pam Harman of Austin; two sisters, Vera Darby of Midland and Dorothy Phillips of Ft. Collins, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Stanley Weston, Bill Weston, Tad Weston, Dale Tutt, Henry O. Mohr and Charlie Hodges.

**L.D. Huckabee**

**BROWNFIELD** — Services for L.D. "Huck" Huckabee, 56, of Brownfield and formerly of Midland, were Saturday at the Brownfield Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. E.K. Shepard of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

Huckabee died Thursday morning in a Brownfield hospital.

He was born Dec. 15, 1926, in Brownfield. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a toolpusher for Western Company for 14 years and for Cactus Drilling for 10 years. He married Cleo Fay Garner Sept. 21, 1978, in Lovington, N.M. They moved to Brownfield from Midland in 1982.

Survivors include his wife of Brownfield; five daughters, Linda Kniffin and DuJuana Crow, both of Midland, Kelly Huckabee, Tracie Huckabee and Lynette Huckabee, all of Andrews; three step-daughters, Marilyn Gree of Corrigan, Connie Dickey of San Antonio, and Debra Bush of Brownfield; his mother, Bernice Wilhoit of Brownfield; a brother, Fred Huckabee of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Judy Farris of Osona; and 13 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Dickey, Rick Bond, Bill Bond, Alfred Bond, Wendell Acker, Lemmon Eicke, Dean Smithson and Billy Huckabee.

**Paul Williams**

Services for Paul Williams, 63, of 3610 W. Ohio were Monday at Ellis Chapel with burial in Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger.

He died early Saturday at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Honorary pallbearers were Nub Jones, Max Perry, T.R. Rhodes, A. Provence, Bruno Hansen, Jim West, John Flynn and H.L. Huffman.

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Indeed, the mill is the only denim plant west of the Mississippi River. It's also a moneymaker, Hale said. The American Cotton Growers, a cooperative based in nearby Lubbock that owns the plant, does not release earnings figures for the mill, but Hale says it has made money every year since it opened in 1977.

The farmers, who sell their cotton to the plant and then share in the profits of its operation, normally make \$60 to \$80 more a bale than they would have made selling on the open market, Hale says. At 60 cents a pound, cotton normally sells for about \$300 a bale.

**Former teacher judges educational progress**

**LUFKIN, Texas (AP)** — Louis Killingsworth, who now works in a wholesale plant nursery, said he knew his 16-year teaching career was over shortly after one of his female students was badly beaten just outside of his classroom.

Killingsworth, who taught science, said the February incident was for him the culmination of a months-long process of teacher "burn-out."

He now criticizes what he said is a lack of discipline inside and outside the classroom, and a general unwillingness of the community to get involved in the educational process.

"In the last six years, teaching has definitely changed," he said, adding, "the classroom is a war zone now."

The 40-year-old teacher left Lufkin High School shortly after the February incident and went into a hospital for several days. For five months, he struggled against uncontrollable crying and deep depression.

Seven months later, Killingsworth says he has regained control of his emotions, but he still can't return to his former profession.

"I resent what happened to me, resent the fact that society allowed it to happen by letting the educational system get in the shape it's in," Killingsworth told the Lufkin Daily News.

The incident began when two students began fighting over some books that had been knocked off a desk onto the floor.

It ended with the female involved going to the hospital for plastic surgery and the male who fought her sentenced to prison.

The violence put Killingsworth in shock.

"I had just been teaching the girl, and when I looked down at her, I had to ask another student who she was," he said.

Killingsworth said he wishes he

had recognized what was happening to him before the Feb. 1 incident. He wishes he had paid more attention to the warning signs that had been developing for six months — loss of memory and periodic shaking.

Teacher burnout is an emotional and mental condition that recently has gained the attention of medical and school authorities throughout the country. It is brought on by prolonged periods of stress and leaves the teacher helpless to cope with normal classroom situations.

Killingsworth said he thinks many parents do not care about their children's education, and do not discipline them enough.

He stopped calling the parents of children who were not doing well in his classes because most of them just didn't care, he said.

"There is too large a percentage of parents who don't care, too large a percentage of kids who don't care, and the kids are given too much," Killingsworth said. "There were kids going around with more spending money than I had as a teacher, and they were driving new cars."

Killingsworth said he is optimistic about his future. But he isn't so sure about the future of the educational system.

"I've gotten back on my feet again, and I know with my education, background and drive I'll come out all right," he said.

"But the community has got to become involved in education. The parents have got to get involved in what the kids are doing, what they're taking in school, and what the school board is doing."

"I would like to see the school board become more concerned about the educational system," Killingsworth said. It seems like they think they are up there to manage the money, and what they're really managing is the future of this community."

**Texan studies worms**

**PITTSBURG, Texas (AP)** — East Texans are a hodge-podge of experts on topics ranging from possumology to waterwitching.

Bud Steger, for instance, is a student of worms.

But Steger's crawlers aren't the plain-vanilla brand.

His are plucked from trees.

"I guess a conservative estimate might be that we have almost 5,000 catalpa trees out there," said Steger, resident Pittsburg catalpa expert.

"In the 20 years they've been out there, I suppose we've had more than 100,000 worms," he said.

**STEGER, A JOCLULAR** man with a little boyish gleam in his eyes, will have you believe he knows very little about the green and black worms inhabiting his grove.

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What began as a hobby has turned into a semi-scientific study of the worms, their growth patterns, production of the trees and their life cycles.

AND, ANY fisherman who knows the difference between a bucket-mouth and a crappie will tell you that catalpa worms are considered gourmet fish food.

"I've seen the catalpa moth several times, but I've never seen one lay eggs," Steger said.

"A friend once said we ought to apply for one of those half-million dollar grants to study the life cycle of catalpa worms," he said, laughing. "You know, with what all the government gives out for studies, we just might get one."

Steger, who loves fishing almost as much as quail hunting, started out with a few trees planted along a small creek running across his property.

THEN, AS TREES were pruned, more were planted and pretty soon, a grove got started.

By accident, though, Steger discovered how to really make his grove come up to snuff.

"One day, I was out looking at the top of one of the trees which was several feet above my head," Steger said. "Well, I couldn't figure out whether to get the worms out of the top or just lose them."

"So, I grabbed ahold of the tree and bent it over and the tree, as I bent it, twisted," he said. "I just laid it over against the limb of another tree and left it there."

"Well, sir, about a week or so later, I looked out there and saw a whole bunch of new sprouts had sprung out of the bent-over limb," he said. "I started doing that to all the trees and that's how they got so thick. It kind of looks like a vineyard in there."

**CATALPA MOTHS** lay eggs on the underside of catalpa tree leaves, the eggs hatch into worms, which gorge and grow on the leaves and later fall off and burrow into the ground, emerge a short time later as moths and repeat the process.

"I've spent hours down there watching the worms, and nature has a way of protecting them and helping them along," he said. "We might have thousands of worms, but in all these years, I've only seen maybe a half-dozen moths."

"I've got a sneakin' feeling that nature determines ahead of time which of the worms will become moths and I've noticed that every now and then some of the worms are colored differently," he said. "I've always wondered whether that had anything to do with it."

**STEGER ISN'T** real keen about selling his worms, mainly because of the weird hours most fishermen keep.

**BIRTHS**

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

**August 3, 1983**  
Mr. and Mrs. Augusto Albo, 3220 Franklin Ave., girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Keith Brown, 1219 E. Jax Ave., girl.

**August 4, 1983**  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas James Saylor, 2507 Goddard Drive, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ribbie Boier, 4609 Andrews Highway, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Morris Allen

IV, 1902 N. Midland Drive Apt. 1106, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leonard Farrell III, 117 Casa Grande, Odessa, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nolan Davis, Star Route B Box 204, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carl Bradberry, Route 6 Box 400 No. 25, girl.  
**August 5, 1983**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry William Krueger, 3809 Cimmaron Drive, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Michael Vejarde, 1407 S. Main St., girl.

**Three Odessans injured in hit-run accident on I-20**

**ODESSA** — Three Odessa residents were injured, one critically, in a hit-run accident on Interstate-20 just east of the Ector County line late Monday night.

In critical condition at Medical Center Hospital with neck and back injuries was 58-year-old Johnnie Wallace, according to the Department of Public Safety.

He was a passenger in a 1979 Oldsmobile that rolled over after being hit from behind by a light-colored, four-wheel drive vehicle in the west-bound lane of I-20 about 11:30 p.m. Monday.

Also injured were the driver of the car, 19-year-old Karen Wallace, and a second passenger, 49-year-old Katherine Wallace. They were reported in stable condition at MCH.

**Woman shoots intruder who threatened family**

**SEGUIN, Texas (AP)** — A woman awakened by a man who bumped her bed while she slept shot the intruder as he advanced, fired twice more as he struggled for the gun and a fourth time as he tried to flee through a door, police said.

Police said they found the man collapsed and bleeding early Monday not far from the apartment door, sent him to Guadalupe Valley Memorial Hospital.

He was later transferred to Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, 30 miles west of here.

Hospital officials in San Antonio said a bullet was lodged in the man's spine and he may be permanently paralyzed.

Seguin police detective Reno Reiley told the San Antonio Express that the 35-year-old nurse, who police would not identify, said the intruder threatened to rape her and then kill her 4-year-old son.

He said the woman told the man she wanted to get a tissue from a nightstand and pulled a pistol instead.

The woman said the man then came at her and she fired once,

sending the wounded intruder staggering out of the room, reports said.

The would-be victim said she followed the man as he made his way through the still-darkened apartment toward the front door where he turned and a struggle ensued, investigators said.

The man shoved the nurse, sending her reeling into the kitchen where he grabbed her and tried to wrestle the gun away, she told officers.

The man strained to turn the barrel of the weapon toward her, the woman recalled, but she managed to keep the gun pointed at her assailant and pulled the trigger twice during the struggle in the kitchen.

As the man fled out the door, the woman told officers, she went to the door and fired another shot at him.

The woman fled to neighboring apartments with her son and a neighbor called police.

Patrolmen Harold Burns Jr., Thomas Neeley and Sylvester Vasquez Jr. arrived and said they found a badly wounded man about 20 to 25 feet from the door of the woman's apartment.

**Giveaway U.S. Cheese, butter in Juarez Store**

**EL PASO, Texas (AP)** — Cases of butter and cheese filling a 7-foot-high cooler in the rear of a Juarez store all bore the same markings: "Donated by the United States Department of Agriculture for food help programs."

Stamped in capital letters, the cases and individual packages read: "MAY NOT BE SOLD OR EXCHANGED."

But the American butter and cheese was for sale Monday at Super Henry, a small convenience store just across the Paso del Norte bridge, the El Paso Times reported.

The bargain butter was selling for 30 cents a pound — about 15 cents cheaper than Mexican butter, which often is hard to find, and about one-fifth the price of butter in the United States, the newspaper said.

Word that USDA products were on sale in Juarez surprised officials involved with the distribution of surplus commodities, a USDA program administered by the Texas Department of Human Resources.

"I have no idea how they got them," James R. Chilton, DHR's commodity distributor for West Texas,

said Monday from his office in Lubbock.

The store manager at Super Henry offered no help.

"I can't give you any information," he said nervously after ushering a reporter and photographer away from his cooler.

When asked his identity, he said "I have no name."

Moments earlier, a cash register clerk said the products were bought in Juarez from an individual he did not know.

Chilton said even if the seller were known to authorities, little could be done about it now. But that will change, he promised.

"All we can do now is turn it over to fraud and investigate, but we don't know of any state law against the sale, and USDA doesn't know of any federal law," he said. "But under the new program, it is against the law."

Chilton and other officials were unaware when the new law governing the Emergency Food Assistance Program takes effect or of the penalties for selling commodities that are supposed to be free to the poor.

**Textile mill becomes tough competitor**

By PHILIP BRASHER

**LITTLEFIELD, Texas (AP)** — When a farmer makes just a dollar off the cotton in a \$20 pair of blue jeans, it's easy to see why some Texas growers felt they weren't getting a fair deal.

So those farming on the High Plains decided to eliminate the middleman by setting up their own textile mill.

Dairy and produce farmers have long avoided middlemen by selling their commodities to the public through cooperatives, but until the mid-1970s cotton growers had never tried the idea.

About 2,000 High Plains farmers, members of 25 ginning associations, sold bonds in 1974 to finance a \$43 million textile mill that experts say is already rivaling the giants of the Southeast.

The sprawling plant, believed to be the only cooperative textile mill in the world, turns out enough denim for Levi Strauss and Co. each year to make 19 million pairs of blue jeans.

**Death-row inmate lobbies for reforms to death penalty**

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)** — A death-row inmate has registered as a lobbyist and sent letters to all 181 state legislators to push for alternatives to the death penalty.

Billy George Hughes, condemned to death for the 1976 murder of state trooper Mark Frederick, said he became a lobbyist because prisoners condemned to death "suffered a real bad PR (public relations) problem."

"Everyone thought we were just a bunch of dangerous murderers who would be better off put to sleep,"

said Hughes, 51, who has spent seven years on death row at the Texas Department of Corrections Ellis Unit near here.

Hughes said about 30 legislators wrote back to him. Many said he influenced their opinion on the death penalty, he added.

State Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Mesquite, said Hughes' letter "made me think seriously for the first time about alternatives to the death penalty." Lyon is a former policeman and death penalty advocate.

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