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COMING
SUNDAY



A place to cook

Midland Homebuilders Association's 1982 Parade of Homes, which will be on display through Sunday, offers a view of elegance in design and construction. See some of the finest features of the parade, including this convenient kitchen, in the Sunday Lifestyle section.



A place of love

If the 10-year dream of Frank Kiker comes true, boys ages 7-17, orphaned, neglected, abused or delinquent, will have a home on the ranch southeast of Midland. Read Sunday about the Hiding Place Boys Ranch, already under construction.



A place in time

Some 22,000 descendants of Jose Narcisco Cavazos, including Ruben Cantu of Midland, are laying claim to millions of dollars worth of mineral rights they maintain are theirs as a result of a Spanish Crown land grant to Cavazos in 1781. Read about it Sunday.

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Syrian PLA begins overland evacuation

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Army handed over mid-city positions in west Beirut to U.S. Marines and French paratroopers and began leaving by truck convoy for Syria today.

Italian troops escorted them down the Beirut-Damascus highway to protect them from attack by Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel's Christian militiamen.

A convoy of 107 trucks, 21 jeeps, three mini-buses and half a dozen private cars rolled out of Israeli-encircled west Beirut through the Galerie Semaan intersection about 6 a.m.

The convoy carried about 1,500 troops and officers

ians' fears of Christian attack. Later convoys will take the remaining 2,000 PLA guerrillas plus 1,500 Syrians who were trapped in west Beirut by the Israeli siege.

A chartered Italian passenger ship carried 687 Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas from the port of Beirut Thursday. Israel said they were bound for the Red Sea nation of North Yemen, but Lebanon's state radio said the ship was headed north to the Syrian port of Tartus. An additional 167 wounded guerrillas left on a West German Red Cross hospital ship for Greece.

There also were conflicting accounts of the number of guerrillas who have left west Beirut since the evacuation began last Saturday. PLO and Lebanese government sources said 4,671 guerrillas have been dispersed into the Arab world, while an Israeli army spokesman put the number at 4,348.

Israel says a total of 8,674 PLO guerrillas must be evacuated from the west Beirut enclave, along with the 3,500 men of the Syrian-commanded PLA, while the PLO says 7,100 to 7,500 of its fighters will leave the city.

Part of the 800-man U.S. Marine peacekeeping contingent moved out of the Beirut port area today to new positions in war-shattered Martyr's Square in the center of west Beirut.

The Marines were caught in the crossfire of Arab-Israeli politics Thursday when it was disclosed that American officers had met with PLO leaders despite a U.S. government ban on contacts between American officials and the PLO because the PLO does not recognize Israel.

"All I can say is that this was a technical meeting, and I just don't think we should attach any political significance to it," said Navy Capt. James Mathews, the chief spokesman for U.S. forces in Lebanon.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto Jr. said the peacekeeping Marines had been told not to fraternize with the guerrillas.

The final contingent of Italian troops for the peacekeeping force arrived in Beirut Thursday evening, bringing the force up to its designated strength of 2,100 men to oversee the Palestinian evacuation and protect the Lebanese Moslems and Palestinian civilians in west Beirut from the Christians.

The Italians were to man positions along an arc at the southern edge of west Beirut, while French troops were to patrol central positions along the so-called Green Line between the Moslem western district and the Christian east. The Marines will hold the a line from the port at the north to the French positions.



of the 3,500-man PLA, which is under Syrian control. Lebanese Moslem militiamen fired farewell machine-gun barrages at the western end of the intersection while Christian militiamen boomed as the convoy passed their positions at the eastern end.

The start of the evacuation via the Beirut-Damascus highway had been delayed three days by the Palestin-



Pipeline predicament

Telling a Washington, D.C., news conference Thursday that the administration has blacklisted two French firms in

the ongoing pipeline equipment dispute is Commerce Undersecretary Lionel Oliner.

U.S. blacklists two French firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, blacklisting two French companies, is warning other firms against defying the U.S. embargo on pipeline shipments to the Soviet Union.

The administration quickly issued a temporary order Thursday forbidding the export of all U.S. goods and services to the French companies after three compressors for the controversial Siberian natural gas pipeline were loaded on a freighter bound for the Soviet Union.

It was the first shipment of goods to Moscow in apparent defiance of the president's embargo. The British engineering firm John Brown Ltd. is scheduled to make a second shipment of embargoed goods early next week.

Reagan imposed the embargo in June to protest the military crackdown in Poland.

In blacklisting the French firms, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the action represented "a measured response that we hope will dissuade other firms from violating U.S. regulations."

Action will be taken against other companies if suspected violations occur, he said in a statement.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes, with the vacationing president in California, said the action would "set the tone of the way we would deal with any problems of this type that we see in the future."

Lionel Oliner, the Commerce undersecretary for international trade, told a news conference temporary restrictions were placed against Dresser France, a wholly owned subsidiary of Dresser Industries Inc. in Dallas, and Creusot-Loire, a private French firm that is a prime contractor on the pipeline. The administration opposes construction of the pipeline.

Hospital directors approve 1982-83 budget, set tax rate

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Midland County Hospital District's board of directors conducted financial business Thursday as it approved Midland Memorial Hospital's \$26.6 million 1982-83 fiscal year budget and set a seven cents per \$100 valuation tax rate.

Although the regular monthly meeting also was a public session for Midlandians to question the budget and tax rate, only six citizens attended to ask about the 20 percent increase from last year's budget of about \$19 million and the tax rate.

Dr. Henrie Mast, MMH director, gave a brief summary to the citizens about MMH's governing board structure, explained that the increased revenue from the tax rate would bring in the additional needed funds for indigent care and outlined assumptions that prompted the budget increase.

The boards voted to keep the current tax rate of seven cents per \$100 valuation, increasing revenue, but not necessarily taxes.

LAST YEAR'S seven cents per \$100 valuation tax rate prepared by Midland County Tax Appraisal District pro-

duced \$2,253,822 in revenue for the hospital.

But because of a larger tax base this year, the same tax rate will produce \$2,355,570. Since this tax rate — although not an increase over last year's amount — is more than the 3 percent increase allowed by law, a public hearing was held Aug. 20 and Thursday the MMH governing boards approved it.

"You may have seen the notice stating the hospital is raising the tax rate 8 1/2 percent, but in fact if your property value has not increased, your taxes will stay the same," Mast said,

referring to the .06457 tax rate the Midland County Appraisal District set to produce the same revenue for the hospital as last year.

"There has been so much new building...more valuation put on the tax rolls," he said. "So although the tax rate has stayed the same, the hospital will get more money. If you haven't added a swimming pool or increased the value of your property, your taxes will stay the same."

"DID I UNDERSTAND you right?" asked Earl Clemens, a 48-year resident of Midland. "If you haven't improve-

your property, your taxes won't increase?"

"Likely so," Mast replied. "So although the city (taxes) have gone up, unless there has been an improvement, my hospital taxes won't go up!" Clemens repeated.

Although unrelated to the budget and tax rate, Clemens also raised the question of services offered at MMH and the need for more communication.

"How would you class this hospital (MMH)...your rates for services...with Scott and White (a hospital in Temple)?" Clemens asked. "I know that this is not what this meeting is all about,

but there should be some communication between the hospital and the people...then people wouldn't be going out of town (for health care)."

"I think I can answer your question, if you could tell me what their room rates are," Ray Branson, MMH president, said. "But Clemens said he 'didn't know off hand.'"

BRANSON THEN gave a lengthy description of the type of beds and services offered at MMH, adding that "for

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INSIDE TODAY



Political process

Seeking support from the younger voters and trying to get them involved in the political process is George Strake, who was in Midland Thursday campaigning for the lieutenant governor's post. Among those attending the rally was Strake's daughter, a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

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By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

The president of a Dallas educational TV station visits Midland today in what he describes as an attempt to keep programs such as "Sesame Street" and "Mister Rogers" flowing to sets in West Texas schools and homes.

Dr. Richard Meyer, of Public Broadcasting System (PBS) affiliate KERA, said Thursday he will meet today with William Holm, Ector County school superintendent, George Batsche, West Texas Microwave executive vice president, and Ray Herndon, general manager of local television station KMID.

Meyer said the group will discuss the effects of an April tariff increase and restructuring by West Texas Microwave, the company which broadcasts KERA programming to many cable companies in West Texas. The company also transmits Channel 8, a Dallas-based ABC affiliate; Channel 11, an independent; and Channel 39, which offers religious and other programs.

The rate change, granted by the Federal Communications Commission, has forced some smaller cable operations to discontinue all or part of West Texas Microwave's services.

Batsche said that cable companies are dropping the West Texas Microwave "to some small degree." But one cable operator said that at least 18 of 27

cable systems in West Texas were forced to halt a portion, or all, of the programming provided by West Texas Microwave.

Tom Mixon, manager of Times-Mirror Cable Television of Midland, could not be reached for comment on the tariff issue. Times-Mirror Cable Television Inc., an Irvine, Calif., corporation, owns both West Texas Microwave and the Midland cable operation. Mike Cain, Cablevision of Odessa manager, also could not be reached for comment.

Meyer expressed concern that cable operators in the Midland-Odessa area may decide to eliminate the service. He has scheduled a public hearing and a meeting of West Texas cable operators and school superintendents for Sept. 14.

"Everybody's interested in preserving the service," said Meyer. "What I'm trying to do is get everybody in one room" to discuss the issue.

Many West Texas school systems receive science, math, history and other programs from KERA, either directly or on videotape.

"The schools are very upset," Meyer said. "You're talking about thousands of boys and girls who are receiving valuable educational programming every day."

Holm said Ector County school dis-

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Can we keep KERA tied into local TV cable?



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Programs such as concerts and educational television shows might be cut off in Midland as a result of a tariff increase by West Texas

Microwave, the company which broadcasts the signal of KERA, the Public Broadcasting System channel in Dallas received in this area.

Around Town.....	1B	Entertainment.....	6A
Bridge.....	9A	Horoscope.....	9A
Classified.....	10C	Lifestyle.....	1B
Comics.....	8A	Markets.....	10B
Crossword.....	8A	Obituaries.....	12A
Editorial.....	10A	Solomon.....	4C
Energy.....	9B	Sports.....	11C

Weather
Fair tonight. Sunny and very warm Saturday. Details on Page 2A.

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Want Ads..... 682-8222
Other Calls..... 682-5311

WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT
Saturday, August 28
● Low Temperatures

Rain ☂ Snow ❄
Showers ☂ Flurries ❄



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

Fronts: Cold ☐ Warm ☐ Occluded ☐ Stationary ☐

The National Weather Service forecasts showers for Saturday for the Southwest, northern Plains, upper Mississippi to mid-Atlantic and for southern Florida. Weather will continue cool from the northern Plains to the Northeast. Other areas will be warm.

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST
Fair tonight with southerly winds at 5-10 mph and a low in the low 70s. Sunny and very warm Saturday with a high in the upper 90s. Southerly winds Saturday at 5-15 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High 97 degrees
Overnight Low 71 degrees
Sunset today 8:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:21 a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours 0.00 inches
This month to date 0.66 inches
1982 to date 10.18 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

4 a.m.	71	5 p.m.	97
7 a.m.	70	7 p.m.	96
8 a.m.	71	8 p.m.	95
9 a.m.	78	9 p.m.	98
10 a.m.	80	10 p.m.	98
11 a.m.	80	11 p.m.	97
noon	87	midnight	83
1 p.m.	89	1 a.m.	81
2 p.m.	92	2 a.m.	79
3 p.m.	94	3 a.m.	77
4 p.m.	95	4 a.m.	75
5 p.m.	96	5 a.m.	74
6 a.m.	74	6 a.m.	74

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

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Amario	81		
Austin	81		
El Paso	86		
Fort Worth	101		
Houston	97		
Lubbock	86		
Maria	80		
Oklahoma City	100		
Wichita Falls	104		

Texas temperatures

Ablene	97	78	00
Abilene	100	74	00
Amario	91	85	00
Austin	100	79	00
Beaumont	93	78	00
Brownsville	96	77	00
Childress	96	77	00
College Station	96	77	00
Corpus Christi	97	76	00
Dallart	91	80	00
Dallas	103	81	00
Del Rio	97	79	00
El Paso	95	88	00
Fort Worth	101	81	00
Galveston	97	81	00
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Midland	97	72	00
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San Antonio	96	78	00
Shreveport, La.	98	78	00
Stephenville	98	77	00
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Victoria	96	77	00
Waco	102	79	00
Wichita Falls	106	83	00
Wink	100	73	00

Extended forecasts
West Texas: Continued partly cloudy warm days and fair and cool nights. Isolated late afternoon and evening thunderstorms mainly north. High near 90 north to mid-90s south except to near 100. Big Bend valleys. Lows mid-60s north to mid-70s south.
North Texas: Fair and continued warm. Lows in the 70s. Highs ranging from the mid-90s to around 100.

Dry, warm weather in store for area

Dry, warm weather will continue to dominate the Midland area, according to the National Weather Service. Tonight will be fair with the low dropping into the low 70s. Winds will waft from the south at 5 to 10 mph. Saturday will be sunny and very warm, the high reaching the upper 90s. Breezes will again be from the south at 5 to 15 mph. Thursday's high of 97 fell a half

dozen degrees short of the record 103 set in 1964. The overnight low of 71 came in one decade of the thermometer warmer than the record low 61 set in 1961. Sunset tonight comes at 8:19 p.m.; sunrise Saturday is at 7:21 a.m. No rainfall in the last 24 hours keeps monthly and yearly totals at 0.66 and 10.18 inches.

MMH trustees focus on image of hospital, media relations

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Midland Memorial Hospital's board of trustees breezed through a \$26.6 million 1983 fiscal year budget recommendation to the board of directors Thursday, and focused most of its attention on the image of the hospital and its public relations with the media. The trustees spent more than an hour discussing and finally approving a move to change the location of the MMH governing boards meetings to a larger room in the hospital to accommodate "others attending the meetings."

Ray Branson, MMH president, replied. "I for one have expressed a concern about eating free off of the hospital," Trustee Martin Neill said. "I respect any trustee or director who feels that way, but considering your time you have put in... a \$4 meal shouldn't concern you," Branson said. Ms. Purvis dropped her amendment to the motion "because other board members did not seem to agree." However, other members suggested that those eating could make contributions as they sat fit. George Veloz, an MMH trustee who is in the restaurant business, suggested that "if we're doing this for the general public, it would make more sense to move the hour to accommodate the general public," adding that since he "feeds other people at the noon hour... I don't eat at noon."

The board also approved serving a buffet-style lunch, extending an invitation to "others attending the meeting." Although the trustees hedged on referring to who the "others" were who would be attending the meeting, Arlene Strickland, MMH public relations director, said the trustees were talking about the news media. In the past, MMH trustees, directors and administration have dined at noon before the scheduled 12:30 p.m. meeting on meals ranging from chicken to crab at the expense of the hospital. The news media and all others have been asked to remain outside the board room until the meeting began. According to Eugene Abbott, trustee and chairman of the image and public relations committee, it was suggested that "the boards change their location to the medical staff room to give a more open atmosphere, that the meeting stay at the noon hour and that a free buffet lunch be available to whoever is there."

However, Roy Campbell, trustee, said "if the board education meetings (which start at 4 p.m.) were indicative of attendance it may not be feasible." "But, basically this change was to accommodate the media; now you're adding the public," Ramsoure added. Abbott agreed that the move was suggested to accommodate the media, resulting from a recent meeting that included the image and public relations committee, Branson and newspaper, television and radio management representatives. In that meeting, Abbott said, it was discussed that the board room was "too dark and too small." Other suggestions included a half-hour briefing period prior to lunch for any questions about board agendas, a five- to 10-minute education period at each trustee meeting, a 20-minute break between the trustees and directors meetings for news media interviews with hospital officials and board members and an information packet sent to publishers and station managers containing up-to-date lists of board members and policies. Teasing remarks continued throughout the meeting about opening the luncheon to "others attending the meeting" and whether or not "some would feast on several sandwiches."

But, after the 2 1/2 hour meeting Thursday, Dr. Henrie Mast, MMH director, said: "I've been quite embarrassed, as well as others, eating in here while you from the media come to inform the public what we are doing, and I'm happy you'll be joining us for lunch."

Each of us are human beings," Clemens said, adding that each person in the community should get the best possible health care for his or her dollar. "That's what we're trying to do," Director Pat Estes said. Clemens then said he appreciated the board allowing him to speak out on the issues. Although the citizens did not question the \$26.6 million figure for the 1983 fiscal year budget, one woman questioned one of the budget assumptions concerning room rates, which are expected to increase \$13 for private rooms and \$11 for semi-private rooms. Current room rates are \$130 for private and \$114 for semi-private rooms. "How many rooms do you have in this hospital that will go up \$13 a day?" she asked. "About 146 (private) rooms and 11 semi-private rooms," Branson replied.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Aug. 23, 1982
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Michael McDonald, 4615 Anetta Dr., a girl, Aug. 24, 1982
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Ernest Locklar, P.O. Box 1138, Denver City, a girl, Janis Leigh Johnson, P.O. Box 10563, Midland, a boy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray Wilhite, Route

1 Box 143-F, a girl, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kenneth Post, 503 S. Jackson St., a girl, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Aaron Smith, Star Rte. B, Box 134, Midkiff, a girl, Mr. and Mrs. Ismael H. Terrazas, 1407 S. Rankin Hwy., a girl, Aug. 25, 1982
Mr. and Mrs. John Carl Tolin, P.O. Box 30155, a boy.



Staff Photo by Cindy Bell

In seeking support from the younger voters and trying to get them involved in the political process, George Strake, second from left, talks to two organizers of a Thursday evening rally for the lieutenant governor's

candidate, Chris Eve Gholston, third from left, and Randall McCleskey. Surprising Strake at the Republican rally was his daughter, Chaille, a junior at Texas Tech University.

Strake appeals to 'Young Professionals' at rally

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Using the illustration that one election can affect the future for the next generation, lieutenant governor's candidate George Strake appealed Thursday evening to a group of Young Professionals to get involved in the political process this year.

Gathered at the Polo Grounds restaurant for a rally and fund-raiser, Strake told the group that votes from the young people can determine the outcome of the election this year. Afterward, he focused on needed changes in education during an interview with The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Strake is the Republican nominee trying to unseat incumbent Bill Hobby from his 10-year hold on the second highest elected position in the state. Groups known as Young Professionals, which include persons ranging from 22 to 35 years, are being organized across the state to get out the vote in support of Strake.

"If this campaign does nothing more than bring to your attention the need to get involved in the political process," then it would have accomplished something, Strake told the audience.

IF STRAKE WINS, it would be the first time that a Republican has won a statewide office below the positions of U.S. senator and governor. But the win

can't come without the help of the younger voters, he contended.

Gov. Bill Clements, the first Republican governor in over 100 years, was elected four years ago with a plurality of 16,000 votes, said the candidate. "We need your vote so badly in this campaign."

Strake spent about three hours in the restaurant visiting with some of the 200 persons who showed up off and on during the evening. Surprising Strake was his oldest daughter, Chaille, a junior at Texas Tech University.

Whoever wins this election will affect Texas for the next two decades, Strake contended, and that means "your kids will have to bear the burden."

"I'm involved because I saw the country that has been so good to me literally going down the tubes," he said. The Vietnam-era politicians sent children to a war they didn't want and this resulted in an "angry generation."

But a turnaround has been detected since the hostages were taken in Iran, he added.

In looking at the country on general terms, Strake prefers to take an optimistic viewpoint.

"We've come off two excellent years in the oil patch and we've hit a snag, but don't panic. We're coming out of a 50-year spendaholic" on the national level, he told the group. "We can look at an America that's down and pessimistic or we can look at one that's gone from 12 1/2 percent inflation to 6 1/2 percent. You can look at an America that's gaining worldwide respect. We're coming out of the doldrums."

"IN YOUR HANDS rests the future of this country. It's starting with young people," Strake continued. "Remember that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Constitution when he was 37."

During this brief swing through the Permian Basin, Strake focused on education and what he sees as declining levels of learning in the students. To remedy that, he suggested more money for teachers' salaries to attract quality employees.

"We're not turning out quality students," he said, and cited results from a statewide Standard Achievement Test which showed 54 percent of the ninth-graders failed the sections on math, reading or writing.

"We spend about 52 cents on every dollar for educational needs in the state. We need to find a way of raising teachers' salaries," he said, listing beginning teachers as the first place to start on the hikes.

"I'm for testing teachers with a strong participation from the local district," he said.

But one of the biggest changes he suggested would need the cooperation of the federal and state governments, and that is to turn the money allo-

cated to the schools over in a lump sum, rather than letting the governments designate how it should be spent.

STRAKE SAID THE superintendent of schools in Brownsville told him the school district had received some funding, but part of it had been designated for two television sets. "I don't need TVs, I need to pay my teachers more," he reportedly told Strake.

How the money would be used could be decided by the local superintendent and school board. And if the public doesn't agree, the superintendent can be fired or the board not re-elected, he suggested, thus giving local taxpayers more control over their schools and programs.

Raising teachers' salaries is one route to take in "getting the dignity of the teacher up in the community," he added.

Strake is preparing to have a poll taken on where he stands in the race, acknowledging that he started way behind Hobby. But his support has been growing, he said.

"I think 40 percent of the voters are of a mind now that Strake will win. My goal is to get 51 percent by November."

"In my deepest gut, I'm convinced I'll win. Like a boxer, I've body-punched Hobby. He's on the defense now. September and October will be the knock-out punches."

Hospital directors approve budget, set tax rate

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a 200-bed hospital we're as highly specialized as can be."

Branson added that the hospital's audit firm stated that five other hospitals in West Texas were comparable or higher than MMH's rates, but added that the auditors did not release the names of these hospitals.

"When you make a statement like this and then a person asks who they are, there should be some answers," Clemens said. "Excluding the six trips I took to Scott and White, I'd like to know how the expense compares."

Branson said he would be happy to give Clemens the answers after he knew Scott and White's rates.

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MOST EXPLAINED other 1983 fiscal year budget assumptions made in preparing the budget which include: —A 10 percent increase in patient days over the 1982 forecast, assuming 195 beds will be open and occupied 83 percent of the time.

—Critical care and post critical care bed rates to increase \$50 per day to \$325 and \$245, respectively, and nursery bed rates to increase \$10 per day to \$90, all in October.

—A 10 percent increase for ancillary service rates in October. Gross patient revenue is budgeted to increase from approximately \$465 to \$515 or 10.7 percent.

—A 5 percent general salary increase in June 1983 with the normal 5 percent merit increase and employee anniversary increase included.

—A 3 percent increase of supply costs in October and another 3 percent in April 1983 because of inflation.

—A 10 percent depreciation increase because of plant and equipment additions.

—A 17 percent interest expense increase because of the addition of the lines of credit and the Knorr building loan.

—A 9 to 8 percent bad debt decline, as a percentage of gross patient revenue.

—A 1 percent of gross revenue for Blue Cross contractual adjustment.

—Medicare/Medicaid contractuals to increase from 4 to 5 percent.

—Full-time equivalents per occupied bed to be 4.0, including overtime.

—Tax revenue will be \$2,237,791, based on a tax rate of seven cents per \$100 valuation and a 95 percent collection rate.

—Cash generated by reduction of days of revenue in accounts receivable will offset the working capital needs brought about by revenue increases, or the lag between the patients discharge and the money collected will be approximately 80 days.

OTHER FINANCIAL matters at the board of directors' meeting included a formal motion acquiring the Knorr

building property from Midland Memorial Foundation.

The new bank note of approximately \$532,000 would be transferred from The First National Bank to Midland National Bank to be payable within one year.

Also, the board was informed that apparently the Midland Tax Appraisal District has overpaid the hospital by \$112,000, but the board decided to wait for the tax appraisal district's audit report before reimbursing the funds.

In financial transfers, the directors approved a \$66,561.61 indigent care payment for July.

According to the financial statement by Dale Miller, MMH vice president of

finance, gross patient revenues were \$1,953,059, or approximately \$189,000 over the July budget and about \$2.1 million over budget for the year to date. Total expenses, including depreciation and interest, were \$2,161,684, about \$530,000 over the July budget and about \$2.9 million over the budget for the year.

Salaries and benefits totaled \$1,306,800 for July, which is \$363,724 over the month's budget. July's bad debts referred to collectors totaled \$296,163, which brings the year to date percentage of gross patient revenues to 9.3 percent compared to the budgeted 9 percent. Year-to-date bad debts total \$1,809,396 with \$170,939 recovered.

KERA president, other officials discuss service

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trict "has a tremendous investment in equipment and we use the PBS broadcasting extensively. We're real interested in continuation of that signal coming out here. We use an awful lot of it in our elementary schools." More than 14,000 students attend Ector County grade schools, Holm said.

The Region 18 Education Service Center provides taped KERA programming to several school systems not served by local cable TV in a 19-county area of West Texas.

Batsche said the boosted tariff was necessary in order to provide better service to West Texas viewers. He said new equipment has made the system more reliable and he expects no tariff increases in the near future.

He said the company plans to continue sending programming via microwave to West Texas. "We have no intention of terminating any of the services we have now unless there's a grand exodus and the tariffs can't be paid."

Meyer said financing options, including establishment of a "wholesale rate"

for school subscribers or special government grants, may be needed to continue PBS broadcasting to West Texas. "One of the things I hope to do is persuade some of the cable systems that have dropped out to come back," Meyer said. "We want to avoid any more rugs being pulled out until we can find a solution."

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Smaller raise favored for federal workers

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan is asking Congress to give federal white-collar workers a 4 percent pay raise, which is less than one-fourth of what they would need to keep pace with salaries in private business.

Reagan, who is vacationing at his mountaintop ranch near here, recommended Thursday that the 1.4 million federal workers receive the pay hike in October.

He said his advisers had calculated that an 18.47 percent increase would be necessary for the federal employees to achieve parity with private sector pay for the same levels of work.

The president's report was issued by the traveling White House as Reagan, in the fourth day of a 16-day vacation, remained in seclusion at his ranch.

The White House notice said the president and his wife Nancy went horseback riding for more than an hour Thursday and that Reagan also worked on his ranch.

The increase proposed for white-collar workers also would apply to military pay. However, Reagan noted that Congress is considering separate legislation on military salaries. He said that would take precedence if it is approved.

In proposing a 4 percent increase for white-collar workers, Reagan noted that federal law authorizes him to propose a pay scale below that in the private sector if that is warranted by economic conditions.

For the past five years, the White House has proposed pay hikes less than that needed to achieve comparability with private sector pay, according to Ed Vale, spokesman of the Office of Management and Budget.

Federal workers have known for some time they would not get big pay increases this year.

In the budget he sent to Congress last February, Reagan proposed a 5.8 percent boost for white-collar workers. However, the budget resolution later approved by Congress assumed they would receive a 4 percent increase.

Congress is empowered to overturn the president's recommendations, but that seemed unlikely since it matches the already approved figure.

At his ranch, the president was briefed on the activities of U.S. Marines in Beirut and the sanctions imposed against a French subsidiary of an American firm for violations of the embargo on selling equipment to the Soviet Union for the Siberian pipeline.

Will 'woman problem' affect balloting?

By EVANS WITT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan still has a woman problem.

American women retain deep doubts about the Republican incumbent after watching his first 19 months in the Oval Office, doubts that could spell trouble for GOP candidates this fall.

Women give Reagan lower marks than men for his work, continuing the unprecedented differences between the sexes in their opinions about a president, Associated Press-NBC News polls and other opinion surveys say.

And on the more personal ratings of the president, women are more negative on Reagan than men. They trust him less and they are less likely to say that he "cares about people like me."

Working women, who were the key to Reagan's poor showing among women in the 1980 elections, remain more negative about Reagan than other women.

This "gender gap," as it has come to be called, is also showing up in many Senate races, with polls finding Republican candidates doing less well among women than among men.

"I think Reagan is in large part responsible for the gender gap," says Kathy Wilson, president of the National Women's Political Caucus. "They are looking at the administration policies and saying, 'There's nothing in this for me.'"

"Frankly, the Republicans by and large have deserted women's rights," Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women, said Thursday.

"President Reagan's administration and his programs have been so extremely against the principles of women's equality and equal opportunity across the board that it is hard to single out one as being worse."

"We are trying to bring this to the nation's attention. We believe American women have caught on," she said.

Smeal said NOW is trying to capitalize on the gender gap and raise \$2 million to \$3 million to elect candidates who support women's rights this fall.

Women's concerns about issues directly affecting

them as a group were heightened by the demise of the Equal Rights Amendment on June 30 and were not significantly assuaged by Reagan's appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court.

And women's concerns about Reagan's defense policies, which first arose in the 1980 presidential campaign, have continued.

In the latest AP-NBC News poll, taken August 9-10, 40 percent of the men gave Reagan a good or excellent rating. But only 33 percent of the women gave Reagan such high marks.

At the high point in Reagan's overall job rating — 66 percent in an AP-NBC News poll taken in mid-April 1981 — 69 percent of the men gave Reagan high marks versus 62 percent of the women.

The gender gap in the overall job ratings has varied from a low of 4 percentage points to a high of 12 points in the 15 national AP-NBC News polls since Reagan took office.

Women also hold more negative views on Reagan's work on the economy and foreign policy, averaging about nine or 10 points below that of men.

On the economy, 23 percent of the women rated Reagan's work as good or excellent in the most recent poll, while 33 percent of the men judged his work that highly.

On foreign policy, 38 percent of the men in the August poll gave Reagan top marks for his foreign policies, while 29 percent of the women rated his work that way.

One of Reagan's strong points with Americans has been a favorable perception of him personally. But Reagan is much weaker on these dimensions among women than among men.

Using a standard question on compassion, men split by a 44-51 margin in the August poll on whether Reagan "cares about people like me." Women were even more negative, disagreeing by a 37-57 edge.

Women who work outside the home are the source of this negative attitude. Only 34 percent of this group thought Reagan was compassionate, while 61 percent

disagreed. Housewives, in contrast, split 44-48, much as men did.

The gender gap seems to extend beyond Reagan to state-level races, particularly for GOP incumbents.

"Yes, it is affecting us," said Vincent Breglio, executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. "There are a few Republican incumbents who do better among women than men ... The rest generally face a five- to ten-point gap."

And polls in Illinois say women are less likely to support Republican Gov. James Thompson than Democrat Adlai Stevenson III in the fall elections.

The gender gap developed when women's and men's perceptions of Reagan split sharply after the Republican Convention in July 1980. The convention's retreat from its longtime support of the Equal Rights Amendment and its direct and strenuous rejection of abortion triggered quite negative reactions from women.

Jimmy Carter's allegations that Reagan would be a trigger-happy president resonated with the women's doubts about the Republican contender, deepening the concerns.

On election day, those concerns turned to votes. Men voted for Reagan by a 56-36 edge over Carter, but women split 47-45 between the two candidates.

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Weidenbaum sees priorities changing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's record defense spending plans are contributing to "horrendous deficits" and could jeopardize next year's scheduled income tax cut, the president's just-departed chief economist warns.

"We've shifted priorities... We've cut non-defense spending substantially," Murray L. Weidenbaum told The Associated Press in a parting interview. "But for the first two years, have we on balance cut the budget, not ignoring defense? No. It's a wash."

Weidenbaum expressed clear displeasure that the unprecedented growth in the military's budget sought by Reagan has offset the heavily publicized cuts in non-defense programs the president has won from Congress.

"When you add that to the big tax cuts, you get such horrendous deficits," he said, noting that the red ink will exceed \$100 billion for the first time in fiscal 1982 and climb much higher in fiscal 1983, which begins in October.

Budget office officials estimate non-defense spending was reduced by \$27 billion from what it otherwise would have been in 1982, and at least \$19 billion in additional program savings should be achieved in 1983 — a two-year savings of \$46 billion.

During the same period, however, defense spending is expected to rise nearly \$45 billion, the officials estimate.

A fiscal conservative who long has advocated balanced budgets, Weidenbaum lamented that the combination of record increases in defense spending and last year's record tax cut put the administration on a track toward widening deficits.

As a result, he said, next summer's 10 percent installment of the three-year, 25 percent reduction in personal tax rates is "vulnerable" to being delayed or repealed by Congress.

"We haven't earned it (the tax cut) yet. We need more spending cuts," he said.

Speaking of Reagan's plan to spend \$1.6 trillion on defense in 1982 through 1987, Weidenbaum said, "What worries me is that these crash efforts rarely increase national security. They strain resources, create bottlenecks."

Weidenbaum was interviewed two weeks ago but asked that his remarks not be released until after his departure Wednesday from his post as chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisors. Reagan disclosed last month that Weidenbaum had resigned to resume his academic career at Washington University in St. Louis.

During the 90-minute interview, Weidenbaum also complained that the "combative" style of officials at the Environmental Protection Agency and Interior Department has slowed administration progress in stripping away federal regulations. "They stir up aspects of the environmental movement in their politics" rather than on the merits of their proposals, he said. By contrast, the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has accomplished more "in a much more quiet way" and with

"sensible, constructive approaches (so) ... you don't get the howls of outrage toward OSHA that you get toward EPA and Interior."

—Said last year's tax cut contained a number of "undesirable" provisions, including the All-Savers plan, a tax-exempt savings certificate designed to help the savings and loan industry. He called that provisions the "all-losers bill," because it failed to aid the thrift industry.

—Refused to join the president in endorsing the drive for a balanced-budget constitutional amendment, saying it will not solve budget problems confronting the nation now. "It'll be five years before it takes effect and, meanwhile, we have important decisions and tough choices to make now," he said.

Weidenbaum would not give specific reasons for his decision to resign, but he did not hide his disappointment with the administration's failure thus far to fulfill its pledges to curb federal spending, balance the budget before 1984 and reduce government regulations.

Other administration officials involved in economic policy have complained privately about the rapid expansion of the defense budget that Reagan is insisting on. But Weidenbaum became the first senior official to admit publicly concern about the impact military spending will have on the federal deficit and the economy's ability to handle a weapons buildup.

Reagan's long-range military program calls for annual spending to grow from \$182.8 billion this fiscal year to \$356 billion in 1987.

The defense growth rate would approximate 9 percent a year after adjustments for inflation, up from the 7 percent annual "real" growth Reagan called for during his campaign for the presidency. The defense share of the total federal budget would grow from about 24 cents of every \$1 in 1981 to 36 cents in 1987.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger argues that any further cuts in the Pentagon's budget would weaken the nation's defenses and send the wrong signal at a time when military threats posed by the Soviet Union is growing.



Murray L. Weidenbaum, who recently resigned his post as chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisors, says record military expansion is undermining Reagan's efforts to control government spending.

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80-82-041
Consider a request by Valley Construction Co. and Ralph Reynolds for a variance to the side yard setback requirement on Lot 2, Block 15, Belmont Addition, City of Midland, (1403 South Main Street)

80-82-042
Consider a request by James B. Colborn for a variance to the side yard setback requirement on Lot 2, Block 10, Permian Estates, City of Midland, (2350 Travis Avenue)

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Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of August, 1982, Letters Testamentary were issued to Virginia Lee James as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of George Ronald James, Deceased," being No. 6997 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Virginia Lee James at 1414 Almsie, Midland, Texas 79701 within the time prescribed by law.

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Philip Habib, left, U.S. negotiator to the Middle East, gestures Thursday as he has a meeting with the newly elected Lebanese president, Bashir Gemayel. The meeting was held at Gemayel's residence in East Beirut, Lebanon.

Israel's Sharon meeting with Shultz, Weinberger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's tough-talking defense minister, Ariel Sharon, is meeting with senior Reagan administration officials as new U.S.-Israeli tensions surface over the Palestinian issue.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz had rejected a request from Sharon to confer with senior officials in Washington two weeks ago because he felt Sharon was trying to bypass the peace efforts of U.S. Mideast envoy Philip C. Habib.

Sharon was to meet separately with Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger today.

Both Shultz and Weinberger have been openly critical of Israel's war in Lebanon, with Shultz saying it led to some "great strains" in U.S.-Israeli relations even though the overall relationship remains strong.

Sharon asserted in a speech in New York Thursday that U.S. pressures on Israel for restraint kept Israel from expelling the Palestinian guerrillas from west Beirut weeks ago.

Shultz said at a press conference a week ago that addressing the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" was "an underlying issue of great importance and is one that is at the center" of the turmoil in the Middle East.

But Shamir wrote: "To say that the 'Palestinian problem' is the root cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict is, at best, to betray ignorance of the facts of history."

President Reagan also said last week that lasting peace in the Middle East depended on action "to resolve the Palestinian issue in all its aspects."

And Vice President George Bush said Thursday, "We should not be naive enough to believe that lasting peace in the region can be found without a solution to the plight of the Palestinians."

demands that a separate state be created on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The U.S. position, recently stated by both Reagan and Shultz, is that the question of a separate Palestinian state should be decided in negotiations within the Camp David framework.

A State Department official said adopting the Israeli position that Jordan is a Palestinian state would mean dumping King Hussein, a longtime friend of Washington's. Hussein's army defeated PLO guerrillas who tried to seize control of Jordan in 1970 and 1971.

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IN A SPEECH FOR the American Legion National Convention, Bush also said, "The Arab states must also understand that peace is not achievable until they recognize the right of Israel to exist in peace behind secure and recognized borders."

Sharon has made the same argument that Jordan is a Palestinian state. Both Shamir and Sharon have said Israel won't tolerate a "second Palestinian Arab state" in the occupied territories, a reference to Palestinian

"I'M NOT BLAMING anyone," Sharon told the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. But if Israel hadn't listened to Washington, "we would have arrived at this stage of expulsion much earlier," he said.

While he said Habib "made a tremendous and a very important" contribution to the agreement for evacuation of Palestinian guerrillas from west Beirut, "I would not underestimate and I would not hide the contribution of the Israeli government and Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin."

Sharon, who was the architect of the invasion of Lebanon, praised the Israeli armed forces and government for what he called "a mortal blow" against international terrorism.

"The snake's head has been cut off, and that's a great victory for peace and freedom everywhere," he said.

SHARON PREDICTED that Israel would sign a peace treaty with Lebanon. He said "chances for peaceful coexistence with the Palestinian Arabs become better," as the Palestinians no longer face PLO intimidation.

But even as Sharon visited, new differences emerged between Israel and the United States on their approach to achieving a future status for Palestinians that will bring about a lasting peace.

The State Department on Thursday rejected statements by Israeli leaders that Jordan should be considered a Palestinian state and homeland.

John Hughes, the State Department spokesman, said the United States had a "commitment to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Jordan and our support for its unique and enduring character."

Officials said that was intended as a rejection of Israel's view, which has been voiced by both Sharon and Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli foreign minister.

Dallas signs contract to host GOP in 1984

DALLAS (AP) — It's official — Dallas will host the 1984 Republican National Convention.

The city and the Republican Party signed a formal agreement to that effect after weeks of talks. Richard Richards, chairman of the Republican National Committee, estimated the convention will enrich the city's economy by as much as \$40 million.

Richards also congratulated Dallas officials for their plan to finance extra convention costs through private donations rather than government money.

"In Detroit, they used federal funds," Richards said, referring to the site of the party's 1980 presidential nominating convention. "Frankly, I think it makes more sense to use private money."

Mayor Jack Evans said the city's cost of hosting the convention will be about \$9 million.

The contract, signed Thursday, guarantees at least 24,000 hotel rooms and that adequate transportation will be available for the convention.

In addition, the city will be responsible for security at the convention center and the party's headquarters hotel, provide liability insurance for members of the Republican National Committee and party employees, and guarantee at least 17,000 seats for GOP delegates, reporters and visitors on the floor of the convention center, the contract says.

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Referendum on handgun ban won't be on ballot this fall

MORTON GROVE, Ill. (AP) — A referendum on whether to repeal Morton Grove's ban on handgun ownership, considered the strictest in the nation, will not be on the ballot this fall, the village's electoral board has ruled.

The board, consisting of the village clerk, the president and a trustee, decided unanimously Thursday night that a petition submitted by village resident William Blumeuser did not have the signatures of 25 percent of the village's population, as state law requires.

Assistant village administrator James B. Sloan said the petition contained only about 1,400 signatures and the village has a population of about 24,000.

Supporters of the referendum argued that state law required the signatures of only 10 percent of the population, but they were told by board members that the 10 percent provision did not apply to ordinances such as the handgun ban, Sloan said.

The ordinance bans the sale or possession of handguns in the village and exempts only policemen, on-duty military and law enforcement personnel and licensed antique gun collectors.

The law, adopted June 8, 1981, has been upheld as constitutional at the U.S. District Court level. Opponents of handgun control, however, have carried their challenge to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has not issued an opinion.

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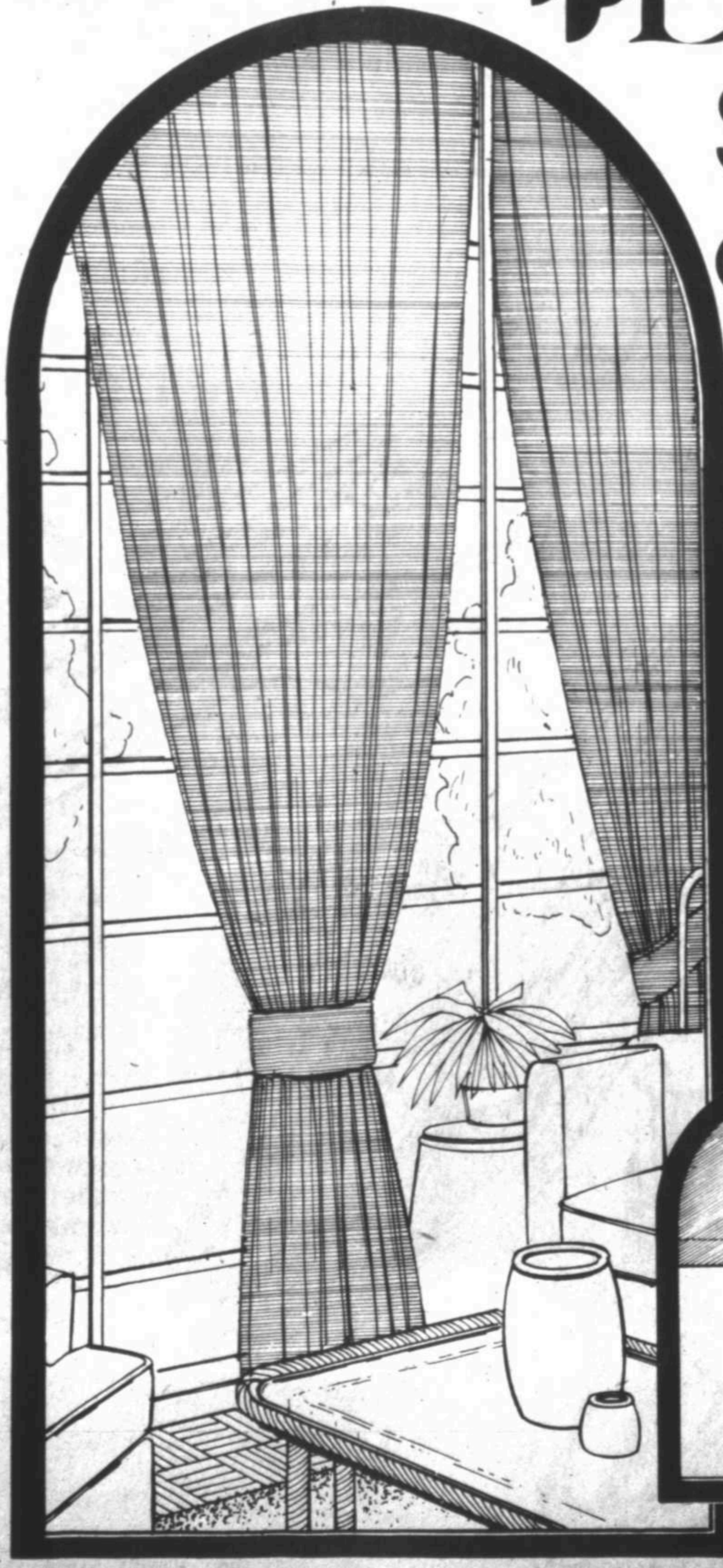
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Your favorite jellybeans can say much about you

WASHINGTON (AP) — Your favorite jellybean color indicates some basic personality traits, according to a psychologist who studied the candy most preferred at the White House these days.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Bard, a psychologist from Akron, Ohio, put it this way Wednesday in an address to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association:

"Both initial and final jellybean selections were found to reveal traits commonly associated with generalized adult personality profiles."

In view of the publicity given President Reagan's love of jellybeans, Mrs. Bard studied responses from 98 subjects from throughout Ohio. Her color choice conclusions, which differ for men and women, follow:

Orange — a male "has a powerful drive toward sensuousness and wishes to find stimulation in an atmosphere of luxury" while a female "has a high need for security" and wants success "in spite of insecurity surrounding it."

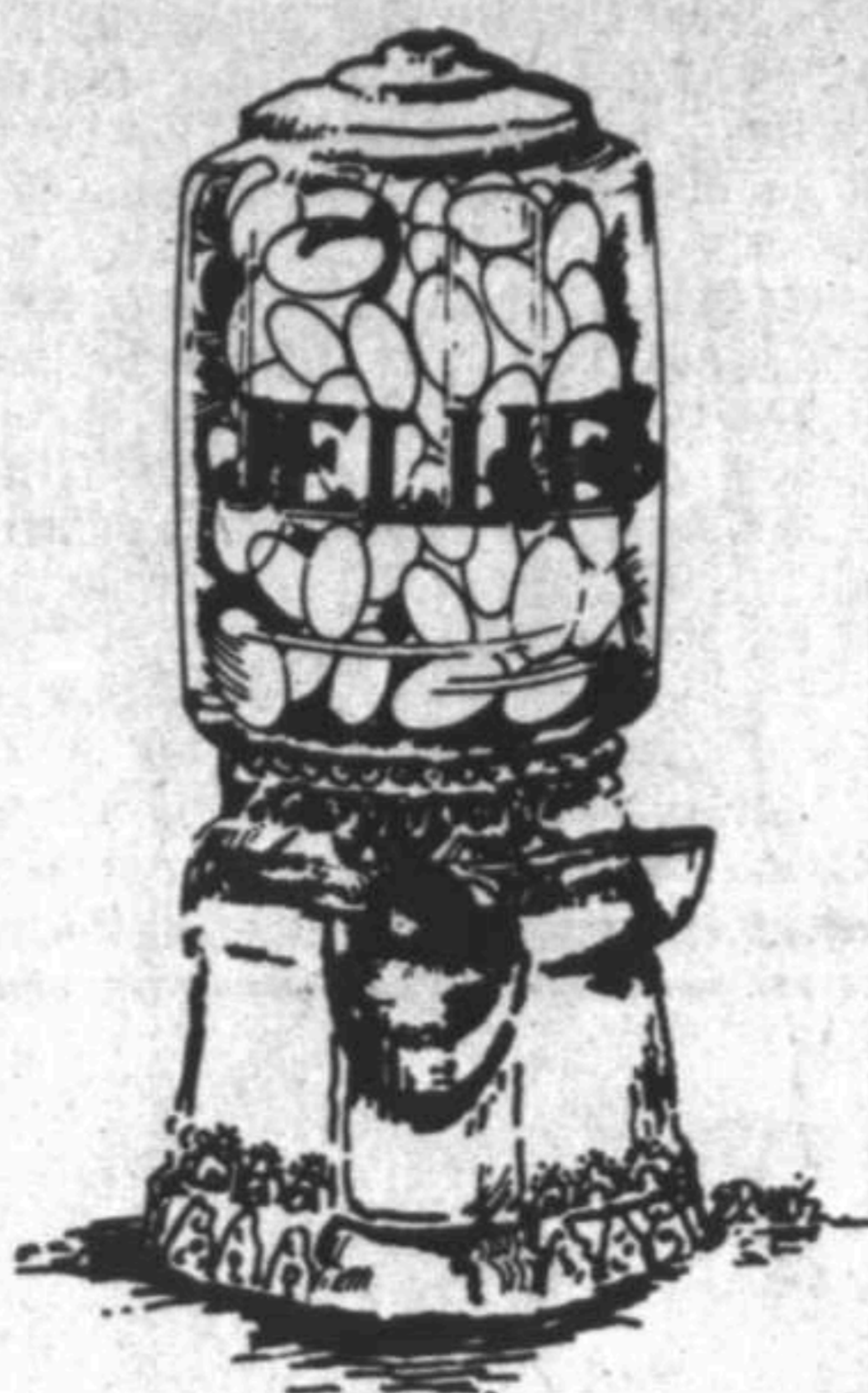
Black — a man "exercises great personal charm in dealing with others" and tends to cleverly "avoid endangering his chances for success" while a woman "desires recognition and control," seeks authority and "is considered persistent in her demands."

Yellow — a male "desires more power and control over his personal future" and wants independence, while a female "desires to be regarded as a charming individual with impressive influence."

Pink — a man "seeks personal contentment through strong bonds of affection" and "desires a tender relationship which will result in total acceptance," while a woman is "anxious to participate in many experiences" and "pursues personal objectives with a fierce intensity."

White — a man "attempts to control his own destiny yet needs praise and reinforcement from others to maintain self confidence" and a woman "seeks a relationship offering peace and intimacy" and "needs to be protected against possible exploitation."

Purple — the male "strives for a rich



Depending on your preference for jellybeans, you may have a "high need for security" or "desire recognition and control."

life including close relationships offering sexual and emotional fulfillment" while the female "seeks a mutually tender relationship in which her partner will show strong attachment and affection."

Green — the profile for this color is the same for both sexes, with all described as "ambitious yet sensitive" with a "strong need to feel appreciated and admired."

The man who prefers red, she said, is capable of powerful emotional involvement, while the woman who does so has great charm.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige offered a different account more than a year ago. He noted that then-Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. attacked the red jellybeans in Reagan's jar and consumed them "with an audible crunch as they are completely masticated." Baldrige concluded that Haig simply was "a man who doesn't like the color red."

Town insists on getting numbers right

MAGNOLIA, Del. (AP) — This little crossroads town has been complaining for two years about how it was sized up by Washington. Now it has won its battle.

The 1980 census said Magnolia had 197 residents, but everybody in town knew that wasn't right. Mayor Shirley Jarrell wrote letters and personally counted heads and houses to prove her point.

The census takers took another look and said Magnolia has 283 people and 113 housing units.

That's still 44 people and 14 houses too low, according to the town, but the mayor says that "after two years, we're not going to squabble about that small number."

The important thing, she said, is that the town can now retain its \$2,408 annual federal revenue-sharing grant.

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Of course, you can expect a few butterflies to start fluttering. After all, this is a big step forward in your journey to independence from the parental unit. And you'll probably have some bouts of homesickness. Remember the first time you went away to summer camp and how you felt when the counselor called for "lights out?"

There are a few precautions you can take, even before you leave home, to ensure you can cope with your new status.

Pack some of your favorite items from home — that dog-eared book of poetry you read when you're feeling down, your stuffed animal collection (or at least a few favorites), a couple of comfy pillows, your pet fern.

Buy yourself (or drop a hint that you'd like someone to buy it for you) one of those multiple frames with plenty of cutout spaces for photos of family and friends. Take new photos of loved ones before you leave, or garner old favorites out of the family album, being sure to have reprints made to replace them.

Update your little black book with current addresses (don't forget the ZIP codes) of the folks you're leaving behind. Letters from home will keep you in touch with what's going on in the old hometown and your letters will ease the gap in the family circle.

Arrange with Mom to send "care packages" of your favorite cookies, fudge or brownies. Popcorn makes perfect package protection — and you can eat the popcorn after the goodies are gone. Mom will probably be glad to have something to keep her busy — she's going to be missing you too, you know.

When you do get to school and have settled down in your dormitory, frat or sorority house or other living quarters, check out the school activities available. Most campuses have clubs for people of varied interests. Find one that appeals to you and you're sure to find kindred spirits with whom to form friendships.

You could also check out such organizations as church groups and political groups. Even museums and libraries sometimes have clubs that follow an interest in rock-hounding, poetry reading, etc.

Getting involved in writing for the school newspaper and running for student government posts are other ways to meet people and ease the transition.

One word of warning — don't tie yourself down to too many obligations. Remember you ARE at school to study and learn.

If all these maneuvers don't completely ease the pangs of homesickness, you can always "reach out and touch someone" as Ma Bell keeps reminding you. But do your checkbook a favor and call when rates are lowest.

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DEATHS



Charlie R. White

Charlie Ross White, 54, of Midland died Tuesday in a Big Spring hospital after a brief illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today at the North Side Church of Christ with Dan Johnson, minister, officiating. Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

White was born Aug. 17, 1928, in Bastrop. He spent 18 years in the Army.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Jean White; his mother, Mrs. Jessie B. White of Midland; a sister, Mary Kathrine Jones of Midland; an uncle, three nieces, a great-niece and two great-nephews.

Johnnie L. DeLong

Services for Johnnie Lorene DeLong, 61, of 1010 S. Fairgrounds Road, were to be at 4 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Curtis Hollis, minister of the Temple Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. DeLong died Wednesday morning in a Midland hospital following an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 3, 1921, in Stamford, where she spent her early life. She moved to Midland in 1938 where she married William M. DeLong in 1948. Except for a brief stay in Christoval, she had resided in Midland for the past 34 years.

Survivors include her husband of

Veteran of World War II convicted of murders despite insanity testimony

WACO, Texas (AP) — Punishment deliberations were scheduled today for a World War II veteran convicted of two murders even though a state psychiatrist testified the man was insane at the time of the killings.

L.M. Dickenson, 65, who spent almost two years in a state hospital for the mentally ill, could receive a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Jurors on Thursday convicted Dick-

enson in the shotgun killings of his daughter, Mary Ann, 7, and his 62-year-old sister, Annabelle Starke, on Aug. 23, 1980.

Bessie Stanley

Bessie Stanley, 90, of Odessa and a former longtime Midlander, died Wednesday morning in an Odessa nursing home.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel here. Officiating was to be Dr. Charles Lutrick and the Rev. J.B. Stewart, a retired minister of the First United Methodist Church. Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stanley was born Feb. 10, 1892, in Eastland County. She spent her early life on a ranch in Glasscock County. The daughter of pioneer Midland County residents, she moved here in 1908. She was married in 1911 to A.W. Stanley. He died Feb. 15, 1960. She lived in Midland 76 years before moving to Odessa in 1978.

Mrs. Stanley was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star chapter 253.

Survivors include a son, A.W. Stanley Jr. of La Grande, Ore.; a daughter, Dorothy Bess Wallace of Odessa; two brothers, Frank Roberts of Andrews and J.C. Roberts of Midland; a sister, Mrs. Johnnie R. Lovelady of Midland; an uncle, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to the First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Taray Haislip

LUBBOCK — Services for Taray Haislip, a 16-year-old student at Midland Lee High School, were to be at 10 a.m. today at the Sanders Funeral Home chapel, with burial in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Haislip died Wednesday of injuries suffered in a traffic accident last week.

Survivors include his father, J.W. Haislip of Midland; his mother, Jeannie Haislip of Lubbock; a sister, Tonya of Lubbock; a brother, Jeff, also of Lubbock; his step-mother, Kay Haislip of Midland; a step-sister, Ashleigh of Midland; and a step-brother Bryan of Midland.

Braniff seeks cut in employee pensions

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — More than 100 former Braniff International Corp. employees crowded into U.S. District Court and heard Braniff officials ask a bankruptcy judge to cut their pensions.

Braniff said the pension funds do not have enough money to meet their obligations, and reducing payments is the only way to make sure everybody gets something.

"What we have sought is an equitable distribution of the assets among all plan participants," said Braniff Treasurer Robert R. Ferguson during Thursday's court hearing on dissolving the four pension plans.

"I'll tell you what it means, it means the difference between steak and beans," said former Braniff employee Jerry Ross.

Under Braniff's proposal, monthly pension payments to retired pilots would be reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,000 and machinists would see their retirement checks reduced from \$700 to \$590 a month.

Braniff wants U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John Flowers to remove the company's responsibility for four pen-

sions, covering about 9,400 former employees. Flowers promised a prompt decision on the request. He frequently chided lawyers for the slow pace of Thursday's hearing.

Braniff on May 13 filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. On Aug. 20, the company asked for permission to terminate its pension plan. The company said its immediate concern was permission to reduce the amounts of pension checks due to be mailed Sept. 1.

In Washington, a federal agency said Thursday it stands ready to assume the pension funds' obligations.

The federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. is "prepared to assume this liability under our insurance guarantees," said Executive Director Edwin M. Jones. "We have been aware of Braniff's difficulties. The amounts involved are large, but are well within our capabilities."

The private agency, created by Congress in 1974, insures benefits for more than 36 million workers and retirees in more than 92,000 pension plans. The pro-

gram guarantees up to \$1,380 a month to members of dissolved pension plans.

Braniff's pension plans cover former pilots and machinists and some executive employees. The total amount the pension benefit agency must assume "appears to fall in the range of \$37 million to \$50 million," said Jones.

"We have had a continuing dialogue with the PBGC (Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.) and have exchanged ... data," said Sam Coats, senior vice president for Braniff. He said the agency's Thursday statement is "a clear indication that the PBGC is willing to act immediately."

Braniff has until Sept. 11 to present a satisfactory reorganization plan to the U.S. District Court here. After that the court could declare the company bankrupt but Coats said, "We're working very hard to have something for the court by that date."

One of Braniff's immediate goals, stated in testimony Thursday, was a reduction in the amounts of pension checks due to be mailed Sept. 1.

Call for session 'incompetent'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — For any Texan who doesn't think Gov. Bill Clements' call for a Sept. 7 special legislative session will provide fuel for autumn political campaigns, there's this from Attorney General Mark White, Democratic candidate for governor:

"This is a crystal-clear example of Clements' incompetence and inability to manage the affairs of the state of Texas."

Clements on Thursday called the Legislature back for the third special session in 14 months. This time the problem is the state's unemployment fund, which, as a result of increasing joblessness, is being drained.

The governor wants legislators to approve a federal government loan to pump up the fund. He also wants lawmakers to change the state formula that could spark a massive Oct. 1 increase in employers' tax payments into the fund.

That increase — estimated to be as high as 2,700 percent — would be triggered by the current formula, which requires an increase when the fund drops below \$25 million.

"By recouping, recovering some of the dollars we have sent to Washington, we can avoid this intolerable increase that has been discussed previously," Clements said, referring to a Texas Employment Commission estimate that the tax would jump 1,800 percent on Oct. 1.

The tax stands at \$6 per year per employee for companies with a good record of keeping people on the job and thus not collecting unemployment benefits.

"There should be no doubt in anybody's mind that whatever measures we finally end up with ... there will be no doubt whatsoever about the payment of these unemployment benefits," Clements said.

"There are very sensible, reasonable, equitable, fair answers to these questions. This is no great big extreme crisis," the governor told reporters outside the Governor's Mansion.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Bill Clayton and Comptroller Bob Bullock met with Clements at the mansion on Thursday and came out nodding agreement with Clements' plans.

But it took only a few hours for White's campaign headquarters to crank out a release blasting Clements for not reacting sooner to the problem.

The Texas Employment Commission and Rep. Lloyd Criss, D-La. Marche, say they had warned Clements of the problem. But Clements said there was no such warning.

White said Clements' handling of the matter "is highly reminiscent of the way he reacted to the Campeche Bay oil spill" in 1979.

Serta advertisement featuring 'Perfect Sleeper' and 'Littiwake' mattresses with price lists and product descriptions.

Large advertisement for Grammer-Murphy featuring a 25% off sale on luggage, with the text 'ENTIRE STOCK OF LUGGAGE 25% OFF ONE WEEK ONLY!' and the brand name 'GRAMMER-MURPHY'.

Two small South Carolina oil leases causing a big uproar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breaking its agreement with Congress, the Interior Department has approved oil and gas drilling leases in a South Carolina wilderness area.

Approval of two small leases covering only 295 acres prompted renewed calls for legislation to ban mineral leases on wilderness preserves. The leases are in the 1,600-acre Wambaw Creek Wilderness Area of Francis Marion National Forest.

The South Carolina arrangement violates the voluntary moratorium on such leases that Interior Secretary James G. Watt agreed to after a public outcry followed approval of leases in New Mexico's Capitan Wilderness Area last year.

Watt disclosed the leases, which

were approved May 1, in a letter to the leadership of the House Interior Committee. In his letter, Watt acknowledged the leases were approved "counter to my agreement with Congress," said Andy Wiessner, counsel to the panel's subcommittee on public lands.

However, Watt said he resolved the issue by persuading the leaseholder on Aug. 19 to accept an added provision in the lease banning surface occupancy. That would allow only slant drilling from outside the wilderness boundaries.

Conservationists and some congressmen said that wasn't enough.

Rep. John Seiberling, D-Ohio, chairman of the public lands subcommittee,

said the action "demonstrates the shakiness of relying on the secretary's voluntary moratorium and confirms the fears we had all along about the leasing process."

"Why did it take 3 1/2 months for the secretary to discover leases issued by his own department in violation of his own orders?" asked Seiberling. "This emphasizes the importance of moving the Wilderness Protection Act in the Senate."

Gordon Roberts of the Wilderness Society called the leases "a blatant violation" of Watt's moratorium, and said the secretary "should have made every effort" to buy back the oil and gas rights within the wilderness rather than settling for the surface occupancy

clause. Similar clauses are being challenged in the courts.

"I am outraged," said Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., in a statement. Hollings not only co-sponsored the legislation designating the wilderness area, but also was a co-sponsor of the wilderness protection bill pending in the Senate.

"Knowing Secretary Watt's position on the issue of oil and gas leases in our national forests and parks and knowing that we haven't been notified of these leases in 3 1/2 months, I have to wonder whether he knew all along. At best, Jim Watt has demonstrated mismanagement. At worst, he is guilty of surreptitiously working for what he wants in defiance of his agreement with Congress and covering it up,"

Hollings said.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., also sponsored the bill designating the Wambaw Creek wilderness. His office had no immediate comment.

Watt voluntarily agreed to the leasing moratorium until the end of 1982 to give Congress time to review wilderness protection laws.

Unless Congress changes those laws, Watt said, he believes they require him to approve wilderness drilling on the

same oasis as on other federal lands. About 1,000 applications covering some three million acres of wilderness are awaiting action.

Since the moratorium began, the House has approved 340-58 a bill banning new oil and gas leases in wilderness areas. Fifty-two senators are co-sponsoring an identical bill in the Senate. The bill is pending in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Mexico imposes controls on Americans

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The federal government announced Thursday that it will impose controls to prevent Americans from crossing the border and buying food and other Mexican consumer items at bargain prices resulting from the devaluation of the peso.

The announcement did not go into details, saying only that "export controls" will be enforced.

After the peso was devalued Aug. 5, doubling the value of the dollar, so many Mexicans from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California crossed over to shop that Mexican storekeepers complained their stocks were depleted.

The government also announced new preferential peso-dollar exchange rates and subsidies for basic foods to ease the plight of Mexicans living along the border.

The moves may also help American border towns hit by sales slumps resulting from two devaluations in six months that reduced the value of the Mexican peso by 65 percent.

The estimated 7.3 million Mexicans living along the border have been particularly hard hit by the crisis since virtually all of them dealt in dollars and many had dollar debts with either American or Mexican banks.

They did a large part of their shopping on the U.S. side because, among other reasons, lack of transportation reduced the supply of Mexican goods arriving in the area and because American goods were of better quality.

But the majority of them earned pesos, and the devaluations in effect doubled their dollar debts and made shopping on the American side prohibitive.

Thousands of businesses whose owners complained that they were on

the brink of ruin stopped working for 24 hours to demand tax breaks and other relief.

Calexico, Calif., and a number of other communities on the American side complained about a sharp drop in sales, and local officials talked about asking the U.S. government for help.

Meanwhile, banks complained that monetary controls and a three-tier exchange rate introduced Aug. 12 was causing people even more hardship and confusion. All dollar accounts were frozen on that date but withdrawals were allowed in pesos at an exchange rate of 69.50 to the dollar.

In addition, the government announced a rate of 49.50 to the dollar for the import of basic foods and essentials for industry and a free-market rate that fluctuates with supply and demand. The value of the peso dropped from 49 to the dollar before devaluation to around 120.

American Express Card: Mexicans don't leave home with it

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two major foreign-based credit card companies canceled this week the use of their cards for Mexicans traveling abroad, citing losses during the nation's severe financial crisis, officials said Thursday.

American Express of Mexico gave any of its 270,000 Mexican cardholders who may be traveling abroad until midnight Sunday to pay their hotel and food bills, then fly back home. After that, it warned, their cards will not be honored.

Diner's Club and most other com-

panies took similar action earlier this week or are planning to follow suit within the next few days, banking sources said.

The action does not affect use of credit cards by Mexicans at home. Americans and other foreigners also can use their cards normally inside Mexico.

Suspension of the cards was the latest in a series of economic consequences to the nation's severe recession, in which the peso has been devalued by more than 65 percent since the beginning of the year. The peso was valued at 49 to the dollar until an Aug. 5 devaluation, and closed at 110 on Thursday.

Spokesmen for both American Express and Diner's Club said there were incurring losses in buying dollars on the open currency market to cover charges on Mexican credit cards outside the country.

Border Patrol busy

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — As Mexico faces its worst economic crisis in 50

years, U.S. Border Patrol officers here are arresting record numbers of illegal aliens trying to cross into the United States.

"People are saying, 'It's just too tough in Mexico. I'm going north,'" said Alan Eliason, chief agent for the El Paso sector. "The peso devaluation is making more people think that way."

Arrests of illegal aliens surged after the peso's value was cut in half Aug. 5 and the numbers have grown as the economic situation has worsened, Eliason said.

A one-day record for arrests was set Tuesday when sector officers arrested 1,205 aliens, he said. That broke a record set the day before when 989 aliens were arrested.

The previous record was 951 captured July 4, 1978, he said.

"We've had our hands full," Eliason said, adding that he had beefed up patrols near the Rio Grande at dawn — the peak crossing time for aliens.

On Wednesday, 974 aliens were caught trying to cross the river. Eliason said Thursday's numbers also would show a decrease from earlier in the week, but said that is a typical pattern.

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