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## Consumer prices up by only 0.4 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices, held in check by a second straight month of falling food costs, rose a moderate 0.4 percent in July, the government said today.

For the first seven months of 1983, retail prices rose at an annual rate of just 3.2 percent, bettering the 3.9 percent clip for all of last year. Prices over the last 12 months have risen only 2.4 percent — the smallest gain in 17 years.

Also helping hold down the overall rise in July's Consumer Price Index was a modest 0.4 percent increase in gasoline costs. Those prices are now 2.7 percent lower

than a year ago, despite May's 4.2 percent surge and June's 0.7 percent gain.

The 0.1 percent drop in food prices resulted largely from fresh cuts in meat prices, a trend expected to reverse itself next year. Food prices overall had dropped 0.3 percent in June, the steepest one-month plunge in seven years.

In all, July's 0.4 percent seasonally adjusted gain doubled the 0.2 percent advance of the previous month. Even with today's report, however, economists were still predicting that inflation this year will be less than

last year's advance, which had been the smallest in a decade.

Leading the decline in food prices were a sharp 2.9 percent drop in pork prices and a more moderate 0.7 percent decline in the costs of beef and veal. Fresh fruit prices rose 3.1 percent while fresh vegetable prices tumbled 3.6 percent. Egg prices were off 1.1 percent.

While meat prices were declining for the second straight month and further cuts are expected as producers trim their herds rather than pay rapidly rising feedgrain prices, analysts caution that meat prices will begin rising next year as the

number of animals going to slaughter slacks.

The rising grain prices are largely the product of the drought that has scorched much of the nation's breadbasket.

Meals eaten outside the home rose 0.1 percent last month. Food bought at grocery stores declined 0.1 percent. Alcoholic beverage prices were up 0.2 percent.

Across the board, prices last month were slightly higher than in June.

—Medical care costs rose 0.6 percent, a bit above the increases of each of the previous six months but

much less than the double-digit gains prevalent over the last four years.

Even so, those costs have soared 8.4 percent in the last year, the sharpest gain for any of the major components of the index.

—Housing costs were up 0.4 percent, double June's 0.2 percent gain. Homeowners' costs rose 0.5 percent while renters' expenses rose 0.6 percent.

—Home heating oil prices rose 0.2 percent after falling 0.5 percent in June. Natural gas prices also turned up, rising 0.2 percent after falling 0.4 percent in the preceding month.

Since last July, heating oil prices have tumbled 8.9 percent, but natural gas prices have soared 18.6 percent.

—Used car prices surged 1.5 percent following increases of 1 percent in May and June. New car prices were unchanged after climbing slightly in the previous month. Overall transportation costs were up 0.5 percent last month.

—Clothing prices rose 0.6 percent, following a 0.4 percent gain in June.

—Entertainment costs increased 0.4 percent, the same as in June.

All the changes are adjusted for normal seasonal variations.

## Counterfeit ring busted

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Federal agents scooped up drugs, stock certificates and \$3.5 million in phony money and arrested nine people in what one official called one of the major counterfeiting busts in Texas history.

Most of the "funny money" was used to finance large drug purchases, said Secret Service special agent-in-charge Barney Boyett.

The ongoing investigation, which could result in more arrests, began in March when some counterfeit bills were passed to an undercover narcotics officer, he said Monday.

The fake money — \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills — circulated mostly in San Antonio, Dallas, Houston and Mexico and was "looking better and better with each printing," Boyett said.

Phony bills, printing equipment, counterfeiting paraphernalia and some stock certificates were seized from Alamo Graphics here, where \$3.2 million was printed Saturday, Boyett said.

"We can see a consistent improvement in their product over the months," he said. "This last batch of bills looked pretty good."

The owner of Alamo Graphics, Joe Cardenas Jr., was shot in the back when he tried to flee as he left the printing plant Saturday night, Boyett said.

Cardenas was listed in fair condition Monday at Medical Center Hospital.

Undercover agents had posed as joggers Saturday to keep an eye on the plant before officers moved in to make the arrests, Boyett said.

"We wanted to make sure we picked up the printer first and then picked up the individuals responsible for putting it out on the streets," he said. Three other San Antonio raids were coordinated Sunday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven C. Hilbig called the raid "one of the major, if not the largest seizure of an operating counterfeiting plant in the history of Texas."



Hosing the housetop

Silhouetted against the sky, Benny Matlock sprays down roof shingles after working on the air conditioner of his house at 2806 Franklin. Despite the slight chance of rain forecast for this evening, Matlock doubts his house will sprout another bedroom.

## Recovery 'certain'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's business economists, bearing good news for President Reagan and other political incumbents seeking reelection, say the U.S. economic recovery is virtually certain to last at least through next year.

The forecast of the 4,000-member National Association of Business Economists is filled with "buoyancy and reassurance," the association's president, Edgar R. Fiedler, told reporters Monday.

"The economists' projections are so free of anxiety that we appear to be entering an interlude of cyclical tranquility — 18 months of healthy growth without excesses," he said.

Describing the recovery's prognosis as "remarkably serene," he said a wide range of economists surveyed earlier this month "see no outbreak of inflation, no upsurge in interest rates and no new recession" through the rest of this year and next.

If Reagan were to seek a second term, he might find such a quiet economic situation a refreshing change from the previous presidential election years, when recessions, high interest rates and high inflation were major issues as incumbents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter went down to defeat.

Next year, there should be "less political discomfort for the incumbents," Fiedler said.

That doesn't necessarily mean the economy will be a big selling point for the administration, he added. Unemployment will still be high by past standards, and interest rates will hardly be low.

Fiedler said the economists saw only one major black cloud on the economic horizon: the prospect of federal budget deficits of \$200 billion or more for years to come. But the worst of the problems from those deficits probably wouldn't show up before 1985 at the earliest, he said.

## Marcos charges subversives 'hired' Aquino's killer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos charged that subversives seeking to discredit and undermine the rightist government hired a "professional killer" to gun down his chief political rival.

Government investigators said today they found the nickname "Rolly" embroidered on the underwear of the unidentified man they say assassinated Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. at Manila International Airport on Sunday.

The nickname on the man's underwear matched the "R" engraved on a ring the man was wearing, the official Philippine

News Agency quoted Gen. Prospero Oliva as saying.

Rolly is a nickname common among Filipinos named Rolando. Marcos and Oliva, who heads the assassination investigation, said they have yet to learn the killer's full identity.

"It is not easy to identify a professional killer like him," Marcos said Monday night.

"We hope to get a break in a few days," said Oliva.

Policemen's bullets felled the man moments after Aquino, 50, was shot once in the head as he stepped from a China Airlines jetliner to end

— Americans march against Marcos, "Asia's No. 1 assassin"...

— A Japanese journalist says he saw Philippine government soldiers gun down Aquino...

— Manila's "rumor mill" grinds out tales on Marcos' health, martial law...

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three years of self-imposed exile in the United States. The government had warned Aquino not to return, saying it had information of a plot against his life.

Condemnation of Aquino's killing

continued to pour in from around the world as more mourners, estimated by family members at more than 22,000, continued to file past the opposition leader's blood-spattered body in a casket at his suburban home.

Aquino's brother, Butz, standing on a platform, announced to the mourners that a "massive procession" was planned for Thursday, when the body will be moved to a nearby church.

Marcos denied government complicity in the assassination at a nationally televised news conference Monday night. But he told

reporters earlier, "No matter what explanation we make now, there will always be some kind of shadow over the government."

In his television appearance, Marcos said he wanted to put an end to rumors, sparked by the assassination and a widespread power blackout the following day, that he was dead or dying, had fled abroad or had been deposited by the military.

He said government investigators suspected the killing might have been a "rub-out job" by communists whom Aquino had wronged and who also wanted to embarrass the government.

## Children seek financial aid for 'migrant mother'

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Decades after her careworn, resolute face became a symbol of the grinding poverty of the Great Depression, Florence Thompson's children are asking for help to save their mother's ebbing life.

"If I needed something for myself, I wouldn't make a public appeal, but this is for my mother," said one of her 10 children, a 56-year-old son who asked not to be identified for reasons of privacy.

A "Migrant Mother" fund has been set up at County Bank in Santa Cruz to receive donations for Mrs. Thompson, her son said, after the family was unable to pay for her cancer treatments.

He was a boy of 9 when Dorothea Lange, a photographer for the federal Farm Security Agency, snapped a picture of his 52-year-old mother staring pensively while two of her boys buried their faces in her shoulders.

It was 1936, the height of the



Great Depression brought on by a stock market crash in 1929 that bankrupted millions and turned thousands of families into homeless wanderers who scavenged and begged for the barest necessities.

She was a widow with six children then, supporting them by picking

pos in San Luis Obispo County, only a few hours' drive from where she has lived in recent years. She continued to work at migrant labor, eventually raising 10 children.

Mrs. Thompson's son cares for the white-haired, 79-year-old woman in his home, sharing a vow with the

rest of the family not to send their mother to a convalescent hospital.

But the \$1,400 weekly expense for the round-the-clock battle against cancer, heart trouble and the effects of a stroke is more than they can handle, he said. They hope to get her strength up so she can withstand an

operation to save her from the cancer.

Years later, she was linked to the famous photo, entitled "Migrant Mother," and she eventually appeared on national television, although she never made any money from the picture that depicted the wandering poverty of the 1930s.

She lived in a trailer near Modesto until she was stricken with cancer four months ago and then suffered other ailments that led to a brief stay in a nursing home, her son said.

But when their mother failed to gain strength for an operation, they took her home again, saying she needed better care.

The children braid her long white hair. She isn't able to speak, but greets strangers with a firm handshake.

"We agreed to do anything in our power to keep from sending her back here," he said. "The doctors tell me there's no hope, but I don't believe it."

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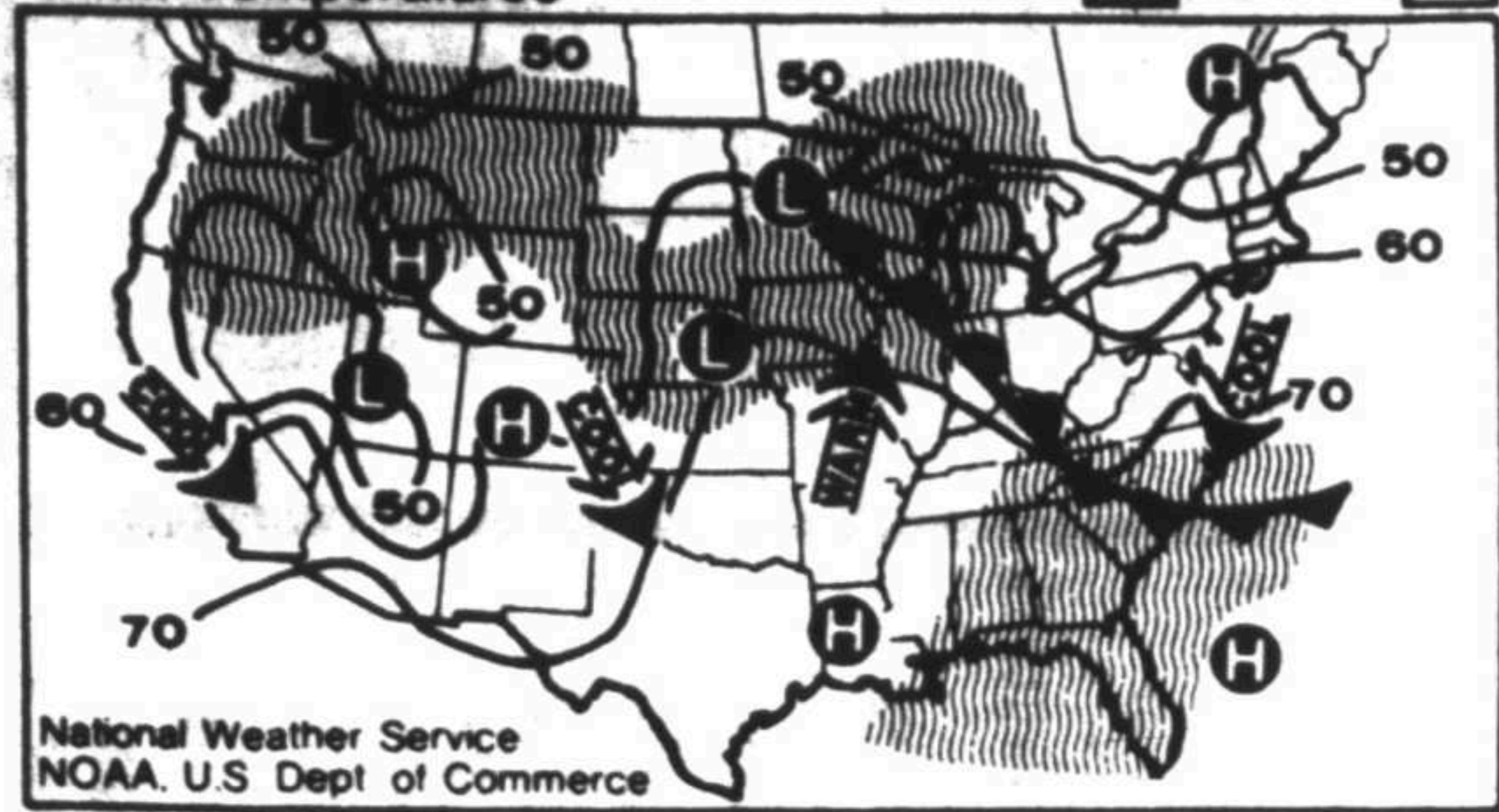
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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast For 8 a.m. EDT Wednesday, August 24 Low Temperatures



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

Showers from the Pacific Northwest to the upper Great Lakes and for the Southeast are forecast through Wednesday...

Slim chance for rain continues

A less than 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms this evening could cause hopes to rise, but they probably will drop into the dry dirt when skies clear later tonight.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, Wednesday will bring partly cloudy skies to the Permian Basin but with no chance of rain.

Temperatures, dropping near 70 tonight, are expected to climb into the upper 90s Wednesday.

Southerly winds will be at 10-20 mph Wednesday.

Monday's high of 97 was four degrees cooler than the record high of 101, set for that date in 1963. The overnight low of 71 was 10 degrees warmer than 1961's record low of 61 degrees.

Midland statistics

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Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

Extended forecasts

Thursday Through Saturday

West Texas: Partly cloudy and warm to hot afternoons with fair and mild nights...

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South Texas: Partly cloudy with hot days and warm nights...

Border forecasts

Oklahoma: Widely scattered thunderstorms mainly northeast and mostly fair elsewhere...

Arkansas: Partly sunny and quite hot today with a slight chance of thunderstorms...

Louisiana: Mostly sunny days with widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms...

Texas temperatures

Today

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities.

Demonstrators condemn Marcos

By The Associated Press

Scores of demonstrators against Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos marched in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco...

The protesters called for an end to U.S. support for the Marcos regime and urged President Reagan to cancel plans for a November visit to the Philippines...

Aquino was shot Sunday as he stepped off a plane at the Manila airport following three years of self-exile in the United States.

Marcos has denied his government was involved in the killing. Philippine officials say Aquino was shot by a lone gunman...

On Los Angeles' busy Wilshire Boulevard near the Philippine consulate, about 100 protesters unfurled an 18-foot sign...

Outside the Philippine consulate in San Francisco, a group of 50 demonstrators carried banners labeling Marcos 'Asia's No. 1 Assassin.'

In New York, the 50-year-old Aquino was hailed as a martyr to 'honor, peace and freedom'...

A protest vigil by Filipino and church groups began in Chicago, where the 7,000-member National Lawyers Guild condemned the assassination...

Hundreds of thousands of Filipinos live in the United States and many questioned Marcos' explanation as well as the soundness of plans for Reagan's visit.

'The Philippine people in the United States would hate to see Mr. Reagan shot again,' said Arturo Taca...

In a news conference in St. Louis, Taca referred to reports from anti-Marcos groups in the Philippines that blamed the Reagan administration for Aquino's death.

'We have taken such statements to mean that they will probably try to do great bodily harm to Mr. Reagan when he is in the Philippines,' said Taca...

White House statements indicated the killing probably would not affect Reagan's plan to visit the Philippines in November.

San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein said she might rethink her city's sister relationship with Manila in the wake of the killing.

Philippine-born Joel Rocamora, leader of the Coalition Against the Marcos Dictatorship...

'Marcos did not want Aquino in the Philippines because the country is entering into a crisis stage, considering the worsening economic condition, the massive corruption of the government and the increased repression of human rights,' said Alex Esclamado...

'You don't have liberty in the Philippines. You don't have democracy,' said a young man at the New York protest who declined to give his name...



Cardinal Jaime Sin, archbishop of Manila, offers a prayer for slain former senator Benigno S. Aquino late Monday in suburban Manila. Aquino was gunned down by a lone assassin upon his arrival Sunday in the Philippines. He has returned following three years in exile.

Japanese journalist says he saw Philippine soldiers shoot Aquino

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese journalist said he saw Philippine government soldiers assassinate Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino but he then appeared to contradict himself, saying he did not actually see the shot that killed Aquino...

before my eyes" at a distance of 16-20 feet "... Aquino was shot by the officers who boarded the plane to get him," Asahi quoted him as saying.

"At that moment, I did not see any soldiers around. Then the rear door of a truck that had been waiting at the side of the stairs opened. I saw a man come out, walking unsteadily, and he too was shot.

In a news conference at Narita airport, free-lance journalist Kiyoshi Wakamiya, 37, said Monday he saw two security officers kill Aquino as he descended from an airliner at Manila International Airport on Sunday...

The newspaper said he actually saw the fatal shot.

"I looked at my watch. It was 1:20 p.m. Everything happened at once. It took only about five minutes. It could only have been something that was planned, that had been rehearsed many times."

The paper further quoted him as saying:

"I saw the officers draw their pistols and heard the crack of two gunshots," he was quoted as saying. "I didn't see who fired the shots at that moment. Aquino fell forward with out even bending his knees, with blood gushing from his head," Asahi quoted him as saying.

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Manila's rumor mill at full tilt

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By DAVID BRISCOE Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines — The assassination of opposition leader Benigno Aquino, the disappearance from public view of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, and a massive power blackout set Manila's rumor mill at full tilt.

"I wish to vigorously deny all these rumors," he said.

The president is out of the country. He left last week for a kidney operation. The first lady and the military are running the show. It's been confirmed. It comes from my very close source," said one caller to the Manila Associated Press bureau Monday, just after the lights went out.

Most of the rumors were about the health of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, 65, who made his first televised appearance in several days Monday evening to deny government complicity in Aquino's death, and to deny the rumors.

That martial law, imposed in 1972 and lifted in 1981, had been declared again.

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Marcos acknowledged there have been rumors he is in a coma, that he has escaped by helicopter, that his defense minister is under house

That a curfew had been imposed in Manila.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's spokesman, Uri Porat, told the Associated Press that he

could not confirm the radio report about the timing of the redeployment, but he said that the government did intend to carry out the decision in "the near future."

That a major department store had been bombed.

Guerrilla organization broke out May 7. But there was no word of any involvement by Fatah guerrillas in the Baddawi fighting.

The PLO official, who declined to be identified, said the rebels repulsed an attack by Jibril loyalists to capture their Baddawi offices. The Voice of Lebanon said anti-Jibril forces overran a PFLP-GC training camp in Baddawi an hour after the fighting broke out.

Arafat has accused Jibril as well as Syria of actively backing the Fatah promoters in the Bekaa. The charge prompted Syrian President Hafez Assad to expel Arafat from Damascus June 24.

outside Tripoli was raging between loyalist guerrillas of Capt. Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and supporters of five front commanders who rebelled last week against Jibril's leadership.

Baddawi, with a U.N. registered population of 8,000, has become the headquarters of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's military command since a mutiny within his Fatah

The PLO's executive committee has been meeting in Tunis, Arafat's new political headquarters, for the last three days to explore ways of healing the Fatah rift and patching up Arafat's quarrel with Syria.

Fighting erupts at refugee camp

Israeli troops to begin pullout from Lebanese mountains

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Fighting broke out among Palestinian guerrillas in a refugee camp outside the northern city of Tripoli today, and Israel reported four of its soldiers wounded in an explosion opposite Syrian lines in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon.

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel will start pulling back its troops from Lebanon's Chouf mountains next Sunday, August 28, Israel Radio quoted sources in Beirut as saying today.

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Gunmen fired at a French peace-keeping patrol in Beirut early today, but no one was reported injured.

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The rebels have pledged allegiance to Arafat against their radical, pro-Libyan leader. The PFLP-GC dissident officers have the support of about 150 guerrillas from the group inside Baddawi.

In Tel Aviv, Israel Radio said Israeli troops will begin their controversial pullback from Lebanon's war-scarred central mountains next Sunday, Aug. 28. The Israeli government said it could not confirm the report.

The radio said that U.S. special envoy Robert C. McFarlane was making "feverish efforts" to bring about an agreement which will enable the Lebanese army to take over the areas to be evacuated by Israeli troops.

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A cease-fire between warring Druse and Christians remained in effect in the mountain area from which Israel intends to withdraw. The new cease-fire went into effect after a day of artillery and rocket duels Monday that police said killed six civilians and wounded 50 others.

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The Israeli military command gave no explanation for the explosion which wounded four Israeli soldiers about 11 miles from the Syrian-Lebanese border. It said the men were on patrol when the roadside blast occurred.

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GOP sources say Sen. John Tower won't seek re-election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Tower, the Republican chairman of the Armed Services Committee, will announce today that he will not seek re-election next year, GOP sources said.

his part that once you've gone through this so many times, you just don't want to grovel for votes again — like a prizefighter that quits at the top," said the official.

plans to beef up the nation's military. If Reagan runs for and wins another term, Tower might again be considered for the Defense post if a Cabinet shakeup were to follow the election.

and treasury secretary under President Nixon. Gramm, known to want to move up to the Senate, declined to comment prior to the Tower's formal announcement.

Tower's decision was particularly surprising in light of the hard work he has done in the last year to raise a campaign war chest for the 1984 race. This year alone, Federal Election Commission reports show he had raised more than \$1.4 million, part of it from a fundraiser featuring Reagan.

As of June 30, he had the biggest war chest of any Senate incumbent.

A leading conservative spokesman since he came to the Senate in 1961, Tower will announce his decision at a news conference in Austin this afternoon.

But Tower was also said to be one of the more vulnerable GOP incumbents up in 1984 as Democrats scrambled to win the nomination to oppose him.

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Tower had kept his decision "very close to the vest."

"He is simply bored with the job," said the Republican source, who requested anonymity.

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# business/energy

## Moudy to head Security Bank

### Covey resigns to pursue business venture

Ray P. Moudy has become president and chief executive officer of Security National Bank following the unexpected resignation of David B. Covey.

The board of directors of Security National announced the executive change Monday.

Covey resigned to pursue a business venture unrelated to the banking industry.

Moudy was one of the original organizers of the \$11.9 million bank, which opened in August, 1982, across from Midland Park Mall.

He was a stockholder and member of Security National's board until May of this year. At that time, he was required by bank law to resign when he became a senior vice president at First National Bank Midland. FNB called on Moudy to head its expanded loan-workout unit, a group which handles problem loans.

Moudy said his move back to Security National was not in response to First National's recent disclosures regarding its second quarter loss and loan problems, but rather, was to protect his investment in Security National and assure a continuity in management.

"The unexpected resignation of David Covey created an immediate need for the board to take action," he said. "As a stockholder of the bank, I became convinced that it would be in my own best interests and in the best interest of the bank that I accept this appointment offered by Security National's board."

Moudy said he feared his departure from First National would be misinterpreted by Midland's business and financial community.

He said rumors that Security National is the target of a bank holding company take-over are totally false. "A couple of our stockholders with reverses in their businesses are trying to sell their stock, so that might be the source of the rumor," Moudy said. "But, we are not negotiating with anyone to sell the bank."

Covey has launched a new corporation, Cattus, which manufactures reusable, nonabsorbent, odor-free cat litter. The company is located in the former Levi Strauss plant in southwestern Midland. Cattus operations were recently moved to Midland from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Covey told The Reporter-Telegram he had become aware of Cattus while in the banking business. He had been offered the company on several occasions, but had turned it down until the Security National board began talking about selling the bank.

"The board at one time had talked about selling the bank," Covey said, "and I wasn't really interested in working for a holding company."

Covey then decided to take charge of Cattus.

Security National is no longer for sale, Covey said, "but I've made a commitment, and I'm going to stick with it."

Covey said Cattus' patented product is distributed nationally. It is now being sold by Woolworth stores



Moudy

and pet shops. The principal ingredient is corn cob granules.

Cattus is a limited partnership. It employs eight.

At June 30, Security National listed \$9.7 million of deposits and \$7.6 million in loans.

The new bank opened 12 months ago in temporary quarters on Loop 250. The one-story building will eventually serve as the bank's drive-in and Saturday banking facility.

upon completion of a four-story office building for the bank.

The permanent building will soon be under construction at The Courtyard at Midland Park, a development of the Woodmont Corp., Fort Worth.

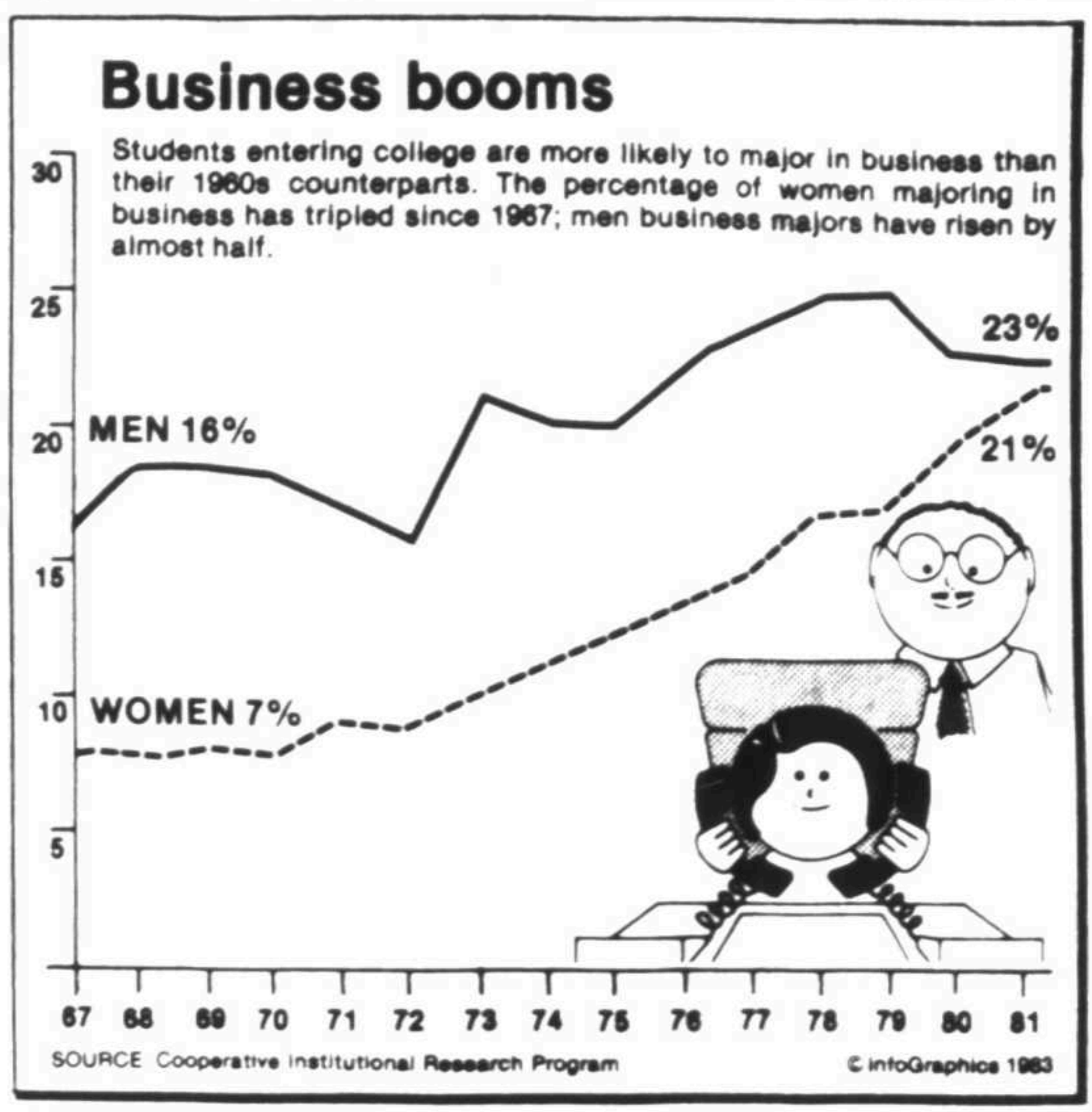
Moudy said the bank's building program is somewhat behind schedule because the developer wanted to be further along on the shopping center before starting the bank's office building.

In addition, the office building itself was redesigned and scaled down in response to the excess amount of office space available in Midland. The original plan which called for 80,000 square feet has been changed to 40,000 square feet, he said. Security National will occupy 7,500 square feet on the ground floor.

Moudy is a long-time Midland resident active in civic and banking affairs. He was formerly president of Citizens Savings and Loan Association, now known as Home Savings Association, and before that, was a vice president at First National Bank.

He is a former president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Lions Club and has been a director of the Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the United Way of Midland.

He is a trustee of Midland Memorial Hospital and a member of the board of Texas Housing Agency, having been reappointed to a second six-year term by Gov. Bill Clements in 1981.



## Troubles spring from waters' blend

By DENNIS J. OPATRYN  
Hearst Feature Service

SAN FRANCISCO — When Perrier bought out its major Northern California competitor, home-brewed Calistoga, in 1982, the marriage of the mineral water firms jacked up the price for the bubbly beverage 20 cents a bottle, a suit alleges.

Moreover, Perrier purchased Calistoga to corner the market and fix the price of bottled mineral water, the suit alleges.

The specific purpose and manifest predatory intent of this unlawful scheme is to eliminate competition and charge monopolistic prices," the complaint, filed in San Francisco court by attorney Joseph M. Alioto, asserts.

Their ultimate, unlawful objective is to eliminate competitors so that they can, in fact, charge artificially high and arbitrary prices for Perrier water, fix the prices of products of competitors purchased by them, and restrict trade and prevent competition," the litigation adds.

But Ronald Davis, president of Great Waters of France, the Perrier-owned national distributor for the French mineral water, disputes that the purchase of Calistoga affected the price of either beverage brand.

Davis said Perrier ranks 74th in size throughout the world as a beverage marketer, a position he contends hardly allows it to set the price for any drink.

"Anyone who believes that Perrier or Calistoga could increase the price of a bottle of water by 20 cents a bottle in the face of this competition doesn't know a single thing about the beverage business," Davis said.

"We challenge Mr. Alioto to support his allegation that the price of Perrier and Calistoga has increased 20 cents a bottle," he added.

The class-action suit asks that all who bought either Perrier or Calistoga since the alleged price-fixing began be awarded triple damages for their losses and any attorneys' fees it takes to recover them.

It does not seek any specific money damages nor does it seek punitive sums for the alleged price-fixing.

However, the suit also asks that Perrier divest itself of Calistoga, which it contends was bought by the French firm in violation of California's antitrust laws.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Osteria Romano, a local restaurant which sells mineral water to its customers, and Craig Burton of San Anselmo and Gwin Stumbaugh of Santa Rosa, both of whom drink the stuff.

In a companion suit filed on behalf of Andrew Salis, Perrier is accused of conspiring to eliminate its Northern California major distributor in exchange for future favors in the beverage business to another distributor.

The suit, filed by attorney John I. Alioto, accuses Great Waters of France of colluding with Golden Brand Bottling Co. and its proprietors, James Theodore and Paul Molakides, to ease Century Import Companies out of the springwater distribution business.

Salis was a 19 percent shareholder in Century, which Perrier bought out and dropped as its distributor after the purchase of Calistoga, the complaint charges.

Alioto said that Perrier and the Molakides entered into a secret agreement that gave Golden Brands, the Molakides firm at 255 Channel St., the exclusive San Francisco Calistoga distributorship.

He also contended that Perrier permitted Golden Brands a continuing contract to distribute its bottled water, but only after the Molakides sold the French firm their 81 percent holdings in Century.

Because of the sale to Perrier, the suit contends, Salis as a minority stockholder was denied full return on his investment in Century, which was put out of business by Perrier once it gained control of the company.

Alioto said Salis asks \$6 million in compensatory damages for the sale of Century without his knowledge and his subsequent loss, and then \$6 million in punitive damages for the alleged "conspiracy" between Perrier and the Molakides to enhance the value of Golden Brands distributorship.

Davis, spokesman for Perrier, called the conspiracy allegation "absolutely unfounded."

Mr. Salis is a disgruntled minority shareholder who is trying to extort money because Great Waters of France and Century Import agreed to a more efficient system of product delivery," he said.

The effect of this improvement has been to permit Perrier to avoid increases in the price it charges its distributor, thereby ultimately benefiting consumers."

Alioto said Perrier began steps to eliminate its Northern California competition when it realized costs were higher to sell its bottled water here, because of the 3,000-mile shipping expenses from New York, the port of importation.

"Calistoga in Northern California is in a unique market," he said. "It has its own indigenous source."

He said that because of this nearby source of mineral water, Calistoga had planned to "invade the Southern California market," which Perrier had dominated since bottled water became popular in the 1970s.

## Fluor announces China coal deal

By The Los Angeles Times  
Washington Post News Service

When Fluor Corp. announced Monday that it had received a contract from the Chinese government to develop two major coal mines in Inner Mongolia, the company said it was one of the largest deals it had received from that country and that the mine complex, when fully operational, will be among the largest in the world.

But at the same time, it was also learned that the Chinese are reviewing an earlier key protocol agreement with the Irvine, Calif.-based company for a 600-mile coal-slurry pipeline that could be one of the biggest Chinese projects ever undertaken with American cooperation, and one that would make Fluor one of the pioneer contractors in China's aggressive coal-slurry push.

But the review of the pipeline deal and the uncertainty that surrounds Fluor's dealings with the Chinese illustrates the trials facing large foreign contractors competing for a slice of the China market.

Dick Hughes, Fluor's sales vice president for central Asia, acknowledged that the coal-slurry line has "been delayed somewhat," but added, "we have every reason to believe it will go forward."

According to the protocol agreement, Fluor is to be a "participating partner" in the "successful completion and operation of the pipeline." But no formal contract was ever signed.

SOURCES IN PEKING report that the government is taking a second look at Fluor's bid. The first phase of the pipeline was to be com-

pleted by 1987, but the timetable has slipped and it is now uncertain whether Fluor will actually get the project, American business sources say.

The contract was of such importance to Fluor that David S. Tappan Jr., the company's president and chief operating officer, was on hand in China to sign the agreement.

In a statement released Monday to the Los Angeles Times, Tappan noted that "discussions on the coal-slurry line are proceeding satisfactorily. Over the past 4-12 months, two face-to-face discussions have been held in China, the most recent occurring within the last 30 days."

The apparent uncertainties about the coal-slurry line are reminiscent of the problems Occidental Petroleum Corp. is having in its bid to build a 15-million-ton-a-year coal mine in China. Industry sources say the deal has run into major roadblocks, a contention strongly denied by Occidental officials at the company's headquarters in Los Angeles.

Should the coal-slurry line fall through on Fluor, it would not be the first time the mercurial Chinese government has changed its mind about how to handle a huge development project.

THREE YEARS AGO, cash shortages forced China to suspend work on several multimillion-dollar development projects, including an \$800 million contract with Fluor to build the world's largest copper mine.

Still, in the construction business, China is regarded as one of the last frontiers of the billion-dollar energy projects on which Fluor has built its worldwide reputation.

China is in the same position that the Middle East was 15 years ago — on the threshold of a construction boom — contends Sherman Okun, a Massachusetts-based construction industry analyst.

Particularly important to the Chinese is the development of their huge coal deposits. U.S. trade officials estimate that coal provides more than two-thirds of China's energy needs, while crude oil provides less than a quarter.

Thus, the coal-slurry lines are extremely important because they would provide China with an efficient way to get its coal supplies to market, said Richard Gillespie, an analyst for the National Council for U.S. China Trade, a Washington-based trade promotion group.

China is planning to build seven such coal-slurry lines, Gillespie said, including the \$1 billion line on which Fluor received the tentative nod. San Francisco-based Bechtel Group has been selected to design a second line and fix the lines and awaiting contracts to build.

ALTHOUGH Department of Commerce officials expect trade between the United States and China to fall below \$7 billion this year — down from \$8.5 billion in 1982 — there are strong indications that China is awaking from its development slumber.

For example, Fluor's contract in Inner Mongolia to design two major open-pit coal mines with 30 million metric tons of capacity a year is part of China's push to increase its coal production from 620 million to 1.2 billion metric tons a year by the year 2000.

Fluor has been quietly active in China since the mid 1970s, having received engineering and construction advisory contracts on three crude-oil processing plants, two copper complexes and a petroleum processing research facility. The company also is helping China modernize its huge Fushun coal and oilshale mine.

Fluor believes China has huge potential — even if, as some trade experts believe, it takes another 10 years for that potential to be realized.

The driving force behind Fluor's China push is company president Tappan, who is a China expert.

BORN IN CHINA 61 years ago to Christian missionary parents, Tappan has emerged in recent years as one of the premier American authorities on the Chinese market. In addition to having served a recent two-year term as the chairman of the National Council for U.S. China Trade, he travels to China several times a year on business, associates say.

He feels there are very substantial rewards for a company that's willing to take a long-term view of China," said Christopher Phillips, president of the U.S. China national trade council.

Tappan's business style makes him popular with China's top leaders, associates say. "He's not a round about person," Phillips says. "He talks very frankly. If he has something to say, the Chinese don't like, he says it with a smile."

Perhaps as a result, the Chinese treat Tappan with a deference and respect rarely accorded American business executives.

## Economists say interests tied to money supply

By LAURIE ITOW  
Hearst Feature Service

The prime interest rate — currently at 11 percent — could slip as low as 8.5 percent or rise to 15 percent by 1985, depending on the growth of the nation's money supply, according to two economists for Bear, Stearns and Co.

Lawrence Roos and Robert Sinche, both of the brokerage firm's New York office, said high interest rates and high inflation will recur if the Federal Reserve doesn't maintain its tight hold on the money supply. Typically, the Fed limits the basic M1 money supply, including cash in circulation and in savings and checking accounts, by curtailing funds available to banks. It can com-

pel banks to raise reserves through restrictive money market activities, or it can directly reduce credit by imposing higher fees under which banks can lend from the Fed.

Roos said that if the Fed restrains money growth at a rate of 5 percent to 6 percent a year, interest rates and inflation would remain at steady lower rates. However, Roos, the former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and now an economic adviser to the brokerage firm, said inflation will probably rise to 7 percent in the fourth quarter of this year because of growth in the money supply that has already occurred during the first half of 1983. That compares to the current 4 percent annualized infla-

tion rate, he said.

Sinche, Bear, Stearns' chief economist, said the money supply grew at an annual rate of 14 percent in the first half of 1983. In the last two months, though, the Fed tightened the money supply, he noted. If the Fed keeps the money supply growth at 6 percent for the second half of this year and at 5 percent in 1984, Sinche said, the prime rate could fall to 9.5 percent or 10 percent by the end of 1984 and to 8.5 percent by the end of 1985.

Conversely, if the money supply grew at an 8 percent rate for the rest of this year and 8 percent to 10 percent in 1984, the prime rate could rise to 12 percent or 13 percent by the end of 1984 and more than 15

percent by the end of 1985. But Sinche said the Fed appears to have control of the money supply, he believes interest rates will decline.

Sinche and Roos said the Fed probably will be subjected to political pressure to expand the money supply before the presidential election next year. The increase would give a temporary boost to business activity, Roos said, but excessive expansion also would lead to higher interest rates and another recession.

Sinche said he believes the stock market is undergoing a correction that could last for several more months. The bond market, though, will continue to be an attractive alternative for the next six to nine months, he said.

## Regulators keeping close eye on Dunes hotel

By The Los Angeles Times  
Washington Post News Service

Nevada regulators said Monday they were watching closely to make sure that the troubled Dunes hotel-casino in Las Vegas had enough cash flow to cover wagers by the public, following a declaration that its prospective financial rescuers had thrown in their hands.

The intended buyers, Los Angeles-based Clifford and Stuart Perlman, terminated the Dunes purchase agreement during the weekend because of a number of problems, a Perlman spokesman said Monday.

However, a key public official told the Los Angeles Times that a new deal between the same parties is possible.

After two extensions of the closing deadline, originally set for Aug. 1, the Perlman brothers pulled the plug on the deal at midnight Satur-

day, despite the fact they had infused about \$30 million in the hotel-casino since late last year.

Dunes Hotels & Casinos Inc., the owner, was reported to be trying to make financial arrangements that would forestall its having to file for bankruptcy. It had said previously it might be forced to seek protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy laws if the deal fell through.

Chairman Jim Avance of the Nevada Gaming Control Board offered a word of optimism Monday amid the wreckage of the deal, on which state and industry officials had pinned hopes for the debt-plagued Dunes.

In a telephone interview, Avance said he believes that negotiations on a new deal between the Dunes and the Perlmans will be revived. Because the Dunes' public stockholders had approved the prior deal

on the basis of terms outlined in a proxy statement, Avance said, the Dunes could not negotiate any major restructuring of that deal.

And since the Perlmans have a lot of money already tied up in the Dunes, Avance said, there is a good chance negotiations will resume.

Dunes management, under majority shareholder Morris Shenker, could not be reached Monday for comment on that scenario. However, Randolph Read, assistant chairman of OPS Operations Inc., the Perlman company formed to run the hotel-casino, said his group would be interested in talking about some new proposition.

Earlier Monday, Read cited some of the items that sank the other one. Among them, he said, was the previously reported unwillingness of the Perlmans to shoulder debt above the \$105 million they agreed to take over. Estimates of the excess have

run to \$20 million or more.

The OPS announcement of the termination of the purchase agreement said in part, "Regrettably, the Dunes has not, and in some instances cannot, meet so many of its critical closing criteria that further delay cannot be justified."

Read said the Dunes, for instance, was unable to furnish documents showing what is owed to lenders.

Further, he said, his group discovered that the Dunes parent company had a loan with a Hong Kong bank that carried a prohibition against sale of the hotel. State regulator Avance, asked about that, said he was "not at liberty to comment" on it.

Read said OPS has a deed of trust on the property for the money the Perlmans have invested. He said his company does not plan to take any early action on their claim "and we hope other creditors do the same."

## Big deposit rate down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning today, savings institutions and commercial banks may pay as much as 9.77 percent interest on six-month money market certificates, down from 9.80 percent in the past week.

Financial institutions may pay as much as 9.18 percent on three-month certificates, down from 9.43 percent last week.

The new rates are a result of Monday's auction of Treasury securities, in which the decline in the yield on three-month bills — the sixth in the past 16 weeks — put the rate at its lowest level since the 9.13 percent of July 25.

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# Only small rise in coal exports seen

By VIC OSTROWICKI  
Hearst Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. coal exports will increase only slightly from its 1981 high of 110 million tons despite the deepening of eight ports, including those in Baltimore, Los Angeles and San Francisco, a federal study holds.

The high price of U.S. coal and not the lack of deep-draft ports is the main reason why America has not captured a larger share of the world's coal market, a Department of Energy (DOE) study concludes.

Currently, 48 ports have proposed deepening their channels to 40 feet or more. Of these, seven ports are candidates for deepening to 55 feet or more, another eight to 50 feet, and the rest to depths of between 40 and 45 feet. Most of the coal ports have proposed deepening their channels to 55 feet.

Deepening channels is expensive, particularly for the large, prospective deep-draft coal ports. While it would cost nearly \$5.2 billion to undertake all of the port deepening projects currently proposed, it would require \$1.7 billion to deepen just four of the country's major coal ports — at Hampton Roads, Va., Mobile, Ala.; New Orleans, La., and Baltimore, Md.

The study, by the energy department's Energy Information Administration (EIA), said that the cost of deepening the Port of Baltimore, the only port currently authorized for federally funded deepening, would cost \$363.7 million. It would cost an additional \$1.6 million a year to maintain that depth.

The Hampton Roads and Baltimore ports are expected to handle more than 60 percent of total U.S. exports in 1985. The EIA's forecast for U.S. coal exports that year is 174 million tons, and 144 million tons in 1990.

Even without the dredging, the EIA said, by the end of this year the seven ports used currently for coal exports will have the capacity to export 243.7 million tons of coal annually, far exceeding the projected levels of coal exports in 1980 and beyond.

If the Port of Baltimore is dredged to 50 feet and Hampton Roads to 55 feet, the net savings from using larger vessels for transporting coal to Northern Europe would be about \$2.25 per ton.

According to the study, the price of exported U.S. coal is higher than those of other major coal exporters because of high wages, long distances from mines to ports and high ocean transportation costs.

These costs, the EIA said, have probably kept U.S. exports down to about 50 million tons a year between 1960 and 1979, or only 13 percent of total U.S. production.

The study, titled "Port Deepening and User Fees: Impact on U.S. Coal Exports," said the price of U.S. steam coal delivered to the Netherlands cost \$6.02 more per ton than that delivered by the next most expensive supplier, Poland, and \$12.65 per ton more than that delivered by South Africa. The U.S. price of metallurgical coal to Japan was \$18.97 more per ton than Australia's price.

U.S. coal exports went up dramatically in 1980, to 90 million tons, because of labor and political upheavals in Poland and Australia when the two countries — were unable to provide the coal to buyers.

The early 1980s coal miners' and dock workers' strikes in Australia forced Japan, a large buyer of Australian metallurgical coal, to increase its purchases of U.S. metallurgical coal by 22 million tons. Between 1980 and 1982, America also supplied more coal than usual to Italy, France, the Netherlands and

Spain because of labor upheavals in Poland, their traditional supplier.

To support their port deepening proposals, U.S. coal port officials have cited port congestion experienced in 1980 and 1981 and the ability of other coal-exporting and importing countries to have deep-draft ports to receive cost-efficient, large colliers.

They argue that if America does not develop deep-draft ports, it will become even less price-competitive and lose part of its coal market to those exporting countries that can accept large colliers.

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, channel depths need to be 49 feet or more to accept ships with capacities of at least 100,000 tons.

The energy department study contended that the use of such larger ships would reduce the average cost of American exported coal to Europe by less than \$4 per ton and that the savings would not be sufficient to alter the U.S. position as a marginal supplier in the world coal market.

The study also said that no major decrease in coal exports would likely result if user fees were imposed on coal exporters to pay for maintaining and operating ports at current depths.

# Exxon, Shell contract to explore in China

PEKING (AP) — Affiliates of the Exxon Corp. and Shell Petroleum Co. Ltd. signed contracts with China today to explore for oil in two large areas in the Pearl River basin of the South China Sea, Exxon announced.

Exxon said Esso China Ltd. and Shell Exploration (China) Ltd., equal partners in the venture, bid on five areas and won contracts in two.

Esso, the operator for both, probably will drill the first exploratory well in the first quarter of next year, Exxon said.

The China National Offshore Oil Co. said the individual blocks are the largest so far awarded to a foreign consortium, and the two together cover 1,977 square miles.

A group led by British Petroleum signed contracts in May for five areas totaling 6,400 square miles, and a group led by Occidental Petroleum Corp. signed contracts Aug. 6 for two areas totaling 992 square miles.

Occidental chairman Armand Hammer said his group is committed to invest \$120 million in exploration in the first three years. The other groups have not announced their planned investment.

Chinese oil regulations require the exploring companies to bear the full cost and risk of exploration. If a commercial field is discovered, both the foreign companies and the Chinese company are to invest in cooperative development.

The foreign companies may recover their investment and expenses and be paid profits out of the petroleum produced according to provisions of their contracts, the regulations say.

The provisions on how the oil is to be divided have not been made public.

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Today's mid-morning markets report

NEW YORK (AP) — 11 a.m. national prices for New York Stock Exchange issues. PE Bases Last Chg.

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Stock market gains

By CHET CURRIER AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market recorded a moderate gain Monday as hopes revived for lower interest rates.

Energy and aluminum issues ranked among the leaders of the advance, while auto stocks lagged.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up more than 13 points in early trading, finished with an 8.94 gain at 1,205.15.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 78.42 million shares, up from Friday's 4 1/2-month low of 58.95 million.

Late Friday the Federal Reserve issued a statement showing a \$500 million drop in the basic measure of the money supply for the latest reporting week.

Analysts said the news appeared to increase the chances that the Fed would decide against any further credit-tightening in the near future.

Most interest rates declined in the bond and short-term money markets Monday. Prices of long-term government bonds, which move in the opposite direction from interest rates, are proaching \$5 for every \$1,000 in face value.

Late in the day the Department of Housing and Urban Development said the maximum rate on government-backed mortgages would drop from 13 1/2 to 13 percent effective Tuesday.

Most energy stocks continued their recent rally, which has been fueled by expectations of stable oil prices and a pickup in demand as a result of the economic recovery.

BUSINESS MIRROR How changed is summer?

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — There was a time, perhaps as recently as 15 years ago, when economic activity took a summer siesta of sorts and people almost forgot that getting and spending were the most compelling forces in their lives.

Noisy Wall Street became an empty echo because so many brokers left on Thursday, not to return until Tuesday. And on Main Street, car dealers yawned because nobody bothered to drop by until the new models were announced.

It was quiet even in Washington, difficult as that is to recall, because elected officials felt that in the heat of August nobody was inclined to listen to them or alert enough to wonder where they had sneaked off to.

It made little difference that important and even urgent matters were left unattended with, which incidentally would seem to offer historians a rich vein of study. Were problems resolved, for instance, because they were ignored?

As if in an attempt to assuage guilty feelings, activity everywhere picked up again right after Labor Day, with conferences and speeches and announcements scheduled in such profusion that nobody could accommodate them all.

But that is past. Now, important business, financial and economic news is as likely to occur under the blistering summer sun as under the cool clouds of fall, as attested to by the frantic pace of such events this summer as the rise of the dollar and the big swings of the stock market.

What happened? That question, asked casually but repeatedly, revealed a pattern of answers that might be significant or could, perhaps, be of little significance at all.

The world appears to have entered a period of such basic and pervasive economic change that a crisis atmosphere seems to exist. The threat of billion dollar deficits, for example, is big news, summer or winter.

Better communications. And also, a more sophisticated understanding of how to use them. Pressure groups know how to get attention by making their pitch when they won't get drowned out by their news.

Because of economic change and upheavals there is a greater interest in monthly statistical information from the various government departments. Having bounced over such a wide range, the jobs, inflation and interest rates are now big news all year round.

The lives of people are more directly related to economic decisions made in Washington. Self-interest raises attention levels.

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Investor's Guide

Invest retirement funds with caution

By BILL DOYLE

Q. The company for which I work has discontinued its profit-sharing plan and I will receive about \$100,000. I am 58, would like to retire at 60 and tend to think conservatively. My wife feels this money should go into 30-month savings certificates. I have been advised to put this money into Ginnie Maes or zero coupon bonds, but I am not familiar with those investments.

A. You are in my book. T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund is one of the biggest no-load growth mutual funds. Its aim is to increase the fund's share value by investing in common stocks that are expected to rise in market price. The fund has a good record of doing just that.

Nevertheless, auto stocks were a weak spot. General Motors dropped 1 1/2 to 67 1/4; Ford Motor 1 to 55 1/4, and Chrysler 1/4 to 25.

Tymshare was a standout in the generally listless technology sector, rising 1 1/2 to 20 1/2. The company said it had received notice from Wang Laboratories that Wang planned to buy a 15 percent to 25 percent interest in Tymshare.

The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market slipped .34 to 266.76. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index closed at 231.06, up .65.



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Answer to today's Crossword Puzzle

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## Voters to choose democratic nominee

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Today's runoff election to pick the Democratic nominee for governor ends a "pretty close" race between a woman seeking votes on the basis of her record — and gender — and the state's top legal officer known for his fights with utilities.

Former Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy and Attorney General Bill Allain survived the party primary three weeks ago and each hopes to top today's voting to try for governor in the Nov. 8 general election.

Miss Gandy is making her second straight runoff bid for the gubernatorial nomination. In 1979, she led the first primary balloting, as she did this year, but lost in the runoff to William Winter.

Winter, now governor, told reporters Monday the Gandy-Allain race "looks pretty close to me."

Miss Gandy, 62, has been raising the issue of her gender, especially since the primary, challenging voters to recognize her lifelong public service career.

"Don't let anyone say Mississippi will not elect a woman governor," Miss Gandy told supporters Monday in Greenville. "We will send a message to the nation — Mississippi is progressive."

Miss Gandy, who also was state treasurer and insurance commissioner, spent election eve barnstorming through the Mississippi Delta, trying to shore up her support in the largely black region.

Allain, 55, known for his battles with utilities and legislators during his one term as the state's chief legal officer, worked at his desk Monday before going to his campaign headquarters to drum up support with telephone calls around the state.

Miss Gandy and Allain finished first and second in the five-candidate Democratic primary three weeks ago, when Miss Gandy polled 38.2 percent of the vote and Allain 35.4 percent to advance to the runoff.

At one time, victory in the Democratic voting was tantamount to election, but the Republicans will mount their third straight serious bid for the governor's chair in the November general election. Leon Bramlett, a Clarksdale businessman, carries the GOP colors this year.

The federal government has assigned 362 observers to watch at polling places in 11 of the state's 82 counties to make sure blacks voted without interference.

Winter said he did not know whether the observers were necessary, but, "I certainly have no objection to them being here. It's an open election, free of discrimination."

Observers also monitored the Aug. 2 primary, but reported



Democratic candidates for governor of Mississippi Evelyn Gandy and Bill Allain stand together to answer questions at a recent luncheon in Jackson. The two will meet in the Aug. 23 run-off election to determine who will oppose Republican Leon Bramlett and independents Charles Evers and Bill Taylor in the November general election.

finding no major voting day problems.

In the state where racial defiance helped give birth to the civil rights reforms of the 1960s, both Miss Gandy and Allain have closely courted the 350,000 blacks among Mississippi's 1.5 million voters.

Each claims prominent black support. Allain has the backing of state NAACP President Aaron Henry, among others, while Miss Gandy holds the endorsement of an influential Delta black group, the Greenwood Voters League, as well as others.

## Doctor to rely on insanity defense

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A prominent doctor who broke into homes and raped 22 women, including a nun, during a four-year crime spree should be found innocent by reason of insanity because he is "a sick man," a defense lawyer said.

"The doctor has committed the acts. There is no question," said John W.E. Bowen, attorney for Dr. Edward Franklin Jackson Jr., at jury selection Monday. "We are here today to decide the reason."

Jackson, 39, a Columbus internist, originally entered a joint plea of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, but dropped the innocent plea Monday in Summit County Common Pleas Court.

Bowen described Jackson as a community leader, a dedicated doctor and a former U.S. Army major. But he added:

"He's a sick man. He was and is. The evidence will show he was insane at the time of these incidents. The real testimony on sanity will not come from the victims."

He said psychiatric testimony could be pivotal in the trial.

Bowen told the potential jurors it will be difficult to decide what makes a person insane at the time a crime is committed.

"I can't tell you what it is," Bowen said. "I don't think Dr. Jackson knows."

Jackson sat with his lawyers and covered his face with his hand when he was described as a sick man.

The physician was arrested Sept. 5, 1982, in the apartment of two Columbus women who weren't there at the time. He had a ski mask, surgical gloves, burglar tools and rope with him, police said.

Jackson has been charged with 96 crimes, including 38 rapes and other offenses including attempted rape, gross sexual imposition, burglary and kidnapping, over seven years. The trial that began Monday covers 60 of the charges, including 22 rapes, from November 1978 to September 1982.

No rape victim will be able to positively identify Jackson as her attacker because the assaults were committed by a ski-masked rapist, Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor Al White told 43 prospective jurors.

White said he would call 77 witnesses. One of the women raped was a nun, he said, warning jurors to expect testimony from women who were "tied like cattle and raped."

Defense lawyer James Lewis warned potential jurors: "You are going to hear things you've never heard before. You won't be the same after the trial is over. The victims will have a difficult time and we are sorry they even have to come here."

The charges carry a total maximum penalty of 1,380 years in prison.

Jackson's arrest freed William Bernard Jackson, who isn't a relative but resembles the physician. "Billy Jack" Jackson had been convicted five years earlier on two rape charges the doctor now faces.

## Arrests made in call-girl operation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Four people, including a wealthy Marin County woman, have been arrested in an alleged call-girl operation that police said was the largest in California — employing housewives, secretaries and nurses, among others.

The multi-million dollar "escort service" employed more than 150 women who were paid \$160 an hour at hotels and \$150 at homes, according to police Capt. Diarmuid Philpott. He said it was "the largest sex-escort operation I've ever seen."

Among those scheduled for arraignment in Municipal Court today was Janice Chatterton, 46, who lives in a \$500,000 home in Mill Valley and allegedly masterminded what police called an extremely efficient operation.

Ms. Chatterton, booked Monday for investigation of conspiracy to commit pimping and pandering, was released on \$25,000 bond.

Her attorney, George Walker, said she paid taxes on more than \$1 million last year earned through the legitimate escort business.

Walker called the charges against her "male harassment" and said, "We hope to rally women's groups around us."

Ms. Chatterton said she was "morally and legally" innocent and was guilty only of "success in a field dominated by men."

Ms. Chatterton's daughter, Paula Carvajal, 28, who is five months pregnant, was booked on the same charge as her mother and released on the same bail, as were Bruce Keegan, 45, of Mill Valley, a San Francisco fireman, and Wendy King, 31, described as Keegan's girlfriend.

## Candidates plan debates for fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic Party's six presidential hopefuls will debate each other this fall in televised forums that one congressman says will supplant straw polls with a discussion of issues.

"The willingness of the presidential candidates to participate in these debates reflects their commitment to a campaign based on issues and ideas," Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said Monday while announcing that the debates would take place.

"Clearly, they want to be judged not by straw polls or meaningless gimmicks but on their vision for the future of our country and how they plan to make it a reality," said Schumer, one of 100 House Democrats who requested the debates in a letter to the six candidates.

Schumer said he would ask the House Democratic Caucus to sponsor the debates, which would be held in several locations around the country.

The debates will be held "throughout the country to obtain the widest possible television coverage, so that voters in every state will be able to judge the candidates for themselves," Schumer said.

"These debates represent a breakthrough in the way the Democratic Party selects its presidential candidates," he added. "I hope we can establish a precedent for the conduct of presidential nominating campaigns for years ahead."

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# LHS graduate has fond memories of trip to Sweden



Bryan Thomas

By RICHARD ORR  
Staff Writer

Among the things 18-year-old Bryan Thomas will take back to North Texas State this fall are some fond memories of Sweden.

Thomas, a sophomore majoring in finance, spent six weeks there this summer as part of a cultural exchange program sponsored by Rotary International.

"I was there strictly to see another part of the world and experience their way of life — golf, swimming and tennis," the 1982 Lee High School graduate said with a smile. "At night, we'd go to the pubs and discos. American rock is the most popular form of music."

Thomas also picked up a lesson or two in socialist economics:

"Sweden has one of the highest standards of living in the world. Per capita, more people have two homes than most anywhere else — their regular home and a summer house on the beach.

"There's free education and free medical care. They start learning English in fifth-grade and everybody speaks it.

"But Sweden is also one of the highest taxed places in the world. The tax rate can hit 85 percent. It's unreal. It makes it extremely difficult to become wealthy."

The bulwark of the Swedish economy, which sustains about 8 million people, lies in agriculture and fishing.

The country is divided into two parts, which are roughly akin to our states, according to Thomas: "North-

ern Sweden is the socialist part. It controls the government. Southern Sweden is largely conservative and opposed to socialism.

"People are very friendly. I wasn't afraid to walk the streets. No one gave me a hard time about anything. My overall impression is that they're very pro-American. America is the land of opportunity, the place to be."

Just prior to Sweden, Thomas spent three weeks in Russia, but on a separate tour that wasn't part of the Rotary exchange program.

"I was with 16 other Texans who were from the Amarillo area. Russia is very interesting. But it's basically cold and drab. The people aren't sad so much as serious."

In Sweden he stayed four weeks with the Bo Hennby family in

Skonor, where Hennby owns a real estate business.

The other two weeks were spent with the Ingvar Edling family in Stockholm. Edling is president of a large manufacturing company.

One highlight of his Swedish stay was meeting the governor of Skone, said Thomas, whose father, R.C. "Bob" Thomas, is a geologist for the J.H. Purvis Oil Co. of Midland.

"I was one on one with him (the governor) for about 20 minutes at the Swedish National Rifle Association finals. We mostly talked about Texas. He seemed mainly interested in the oil business."

Thomas "hung around" with young adults in the 20-to-26-year-old age bracket.

"They thought all Texans own oil wells. They watch 'Dallas' a lot. But they're basically well-educated on

the U.S. and its customs because a large number of them have visited this country themselves on the Rotary program.

"Their attitude toward drugs — even grass — is negative. I'm not sure why. They're such healthy people, maybe they realize drugs are bad for them. But they do drink a lot. It's a big social thing to drink there. They love the night life.

"Eighty percent are blond. They're a very physically attractive people. There's no obesity whatsoever. I saw only two or three people who were overweight, and they were probably visitors."

Another high point of his stay, said Thomas, was Swedish women:

"All the rumors and 'farfetched' stories about Swedish girls are absolutely true." He declined to elaborate.

# Architect will be hired to plan jail

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

Sheriff Dallas Smith goaded the Midland County Commissioners to act on their much-talked-about proposed jail.

"Why shouldn't government one time plan ahead?" Smith asked the commissioners on Monday.

"That's what we're doing," replied Commissioner C. Wallace "Wally" Craig.

For more than a year, the commissioners have probed ways — from a stockade to a new jail and courthouse addition — to alleviate the jail's overcrowded conditions and to satisfy state jail standards and federal court orders.

The new jail site proposal emerged Aug. 8, when commissioners talked about building a 41,000-square-foot jail on 6.95 acres of land near the Midland County Exhibit Building. The idea was picked up again Monday.

They haven't yet finalized the means of financing the \$4.5 million jail. But on Monday, the commissioners considered selling certificates of obligation.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, the commissioners are to decide on an architect for the project, including whether or not to retain architect Walter Pate for the design work.

Pate drew the preliminary designs for the proposed jail-courthouse addition, which the voters rejected by a 4-to-1 ratio April 23 in an \$11.66 million bond election.

Since then, Pate has worked with the Commissioners' Court on the latest jail concept but he hasn't been hired as the project's architect.

"If you like this man, hire him," advised the sheriff. "If you don't, fire him."

Moments earlier, Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis had said: "I'm sure

leaning in the direction of that man (Pate) right over there." Davis said that "my allegiance and my responsibility is to try to work with local people (in design and construction) first if at all possible."

"I thought it was a foregone conclusion," County Judge Bill Ahders said of hiring Pate. He said Pate has "worked like a dog" on the project.

"Any architect," allowed Bill Haral, the county's consulting engineer, "can build a jail with a jail consultant."

The judge considered the sheriff's suggestion to hire or fire.

"I'm satisfied (with Pate)," he said.

"It's great to be satisfied," volunteered Commissioner Durward Wright, "but have you considered amortization?" He noted the commissioners could increase the tax rate by up to 8 percent to bring in the funds needed to pay off any indebtedness incurred in building the jail. An 8 percent increase would hike the 18.03-cent tax rate to about 19.5 cents per \$100 valuation and would bring in an additional \$400,000 or so to pay off the indebtedness in about 15 years.

Were the tax rate to be exceeded by more than 8 percent, noted Wright, the electorate could petition for a "rollback" election.

Davis said he was "not afraid" of a rollback election. Were the voters then to throw out the court's tax rate increase, then they effectively would cancel the jail financing and nix the plans. The commissioners then would start anew.

Meanwhile, Pate submitted to the judge and commissioners various proposals for jail shell building material — metal, building blocks, concrete slabs.

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Staff Photo by Ron Jess

## Laid back

Recently having moved from Nevada, William Miller hasn't quite finished unpacking. The furniture in the back of his truck makes it comfortable for Miller to kick back and take a break.

# Commissioners expected to set new tax rate

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

Midland county commissioners will check the county's tax rate against its proposed \$11 million-plus

budget Sept. 12 when the court is to set the tax rate.

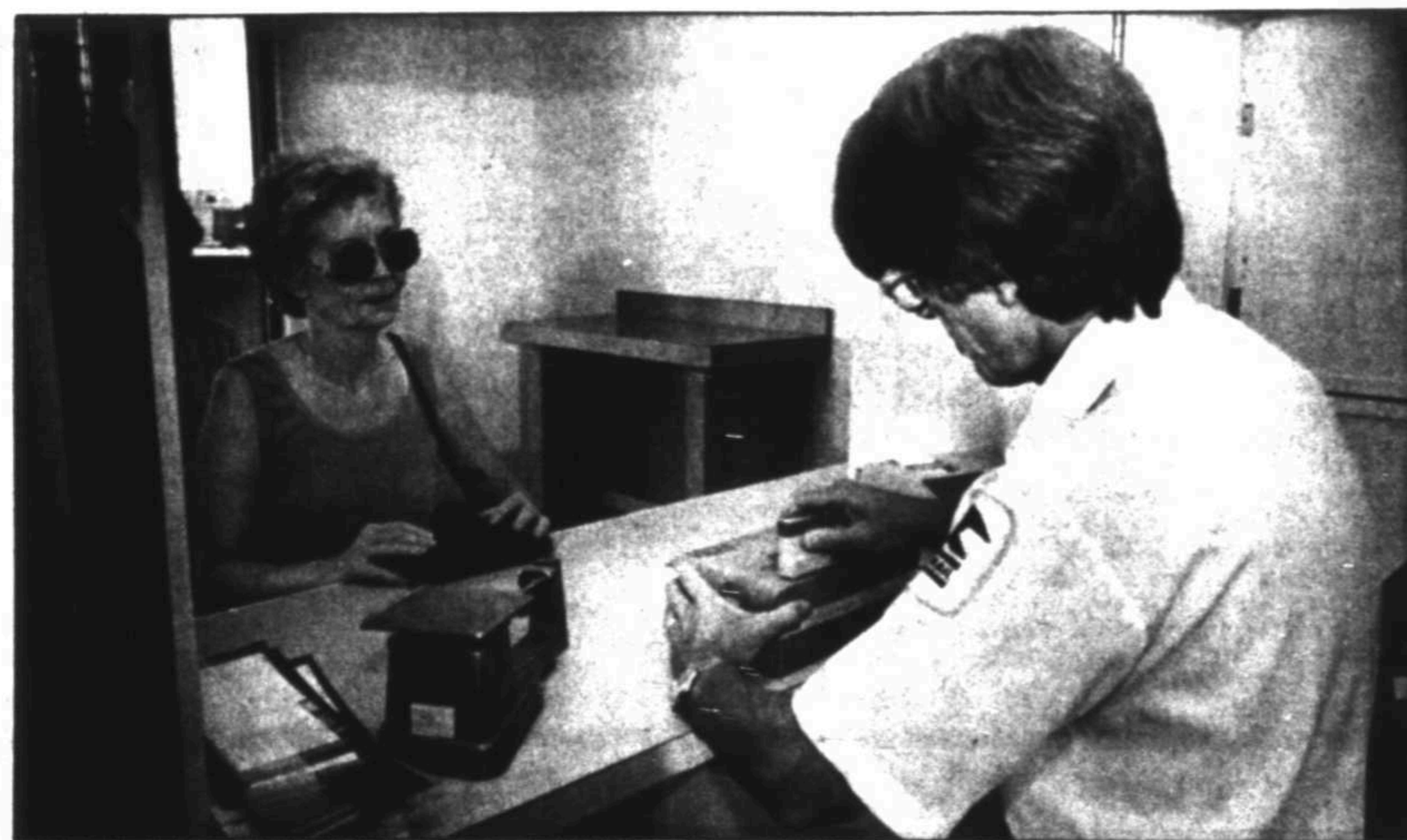
The commissioners went through the motions of setting an 18.23-cent tax rate Aug. 8, but the procedure proved invalid. Only four of the

five-member court were present for the vote, state law requires that all members of the court be present when the tax rate is set.

The current tax rate is 18.03 cents per \$100 valuation.

The county's 1984 budget reflects \$114 million in projected expenditures, while 1983's estimated expenditures are pegged at \$10.85 million.

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Staff Photo by Ron Jess

Window clerk Rod Martin stamps Ricki Moss' package at the Westside Postal Station Monday morning. The postal station will be open for a 45-day trial period.

# Window at Westside Postal Station waits to receive stamp of approval

By HALLYE JORDAN  
Staff Writer

Customer response and revenue generated from stamp sales and mailing parcels will determine if the retail window at the Westside Postal Station will remain open.

For 45 days, the full postal service window in Mesa Verde Shopping Center on the corner of Neely Avenue and Midland Drive will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to determine if there is a need for the window.

Self-service vending machines and access to the 816 post office boxes are open 24 hours.

"We really hope there's an interest so we can stay open," Postmaster Bill Williams said Monday, the beginning of the 45-day trial period. "I don't like to wait in line and I don't like to see other people wait in line either."

By opening the window, Williams

said post office officials hope to alleviate lines of customers at the Graves Station on Wadley Avenue and the Village Station on Louisiana Avenue.

After receiving requests from customers to open the window, Williams said permission was obtained from the regional office in Memphis, Tenn., for the trial period.

A customer response reading probably will be taken after 30 days, he said.

If the window is not used enough to cover a month's salary for the window clerk, rent and utility costs, it will be closed except for a couple of weeks during Christmas, Williams said.

"It's a break-even deal," he said. According to Carl Hyde, postal operations specialist, the monthly expenses would run about \$3,000-\$4,000.

"We try to place facilities where they are needed," Hyde said. "This,

in a previous survey, was a point where it was needed.

"We're in the service business and that's what we're here for," Hyde said. "If there is a need, we'll stay open."

Surveys are conducted at different stations yearly to determine growth and need areas.

Temporarily manned by window clerk Rod Martin Monday, the position will be put up for bid among postal employees with seniority determining which clerk will take over duties at the window.

Westside Postal Station, opened in December 1982, joined four others: Main Post Office, Graves, Village and the Air Terminal stations. If Westside's retail window remains open, Midlanders will have access to four stations with manned personnel, according to Williams.

"I would really like to leave it open," he said. "Use it or lose it."

GAIL BURKE



# Moms, back-to-school crowd taking over stores

Perhaps you've noticed that the stores are more busy than usual these days.

No, they're not early Christmas shoppers who are jamming into Midland shops. The back-to-school crowd has taken over.

Everywhere you go, frantic mothers are dragging their little darlings into stores.

They can be seen squeezing through the crowds for the blue light special, rummaging the half-price clothing racks and tearing through plastic-sealed packages with their teeth just to "make sure it's the

right size." Until the end of the month, last-minute shoppers will appear in droves for a back-to-school bargain.

So, if you intend to do some browsing, or purchase a sale item before the school bell rings, don't be surprised when you:

— Brush up against a chocolate-covered 6-year-old who is jumping up and down because mom has opted to buy him discontinued \$1.98 "Dukes of Hazard" T-shirts, instead of the popular \$7.98 "Return of the Jedi" ones.

— See mothers flagging down sales clerks to rescue children locked in dressing rooms.

— Have a toddler grin at you from under the dressing room door while his mother is carting bundles of jeans into the adjacent room. (By the way, be sure to duck — if little Johnny doesn't like those jeans, he'll probably toss them over the top of the stall on top of you).

— Hear parents trying to convince their children that animals on the polo-type shirts are not in this year;

— Find mismatched shoes in

boxes at the serve-yourself shoe stores;

— Get stuck at the checkout stand behind the kid who has saved every penny all summer long for a \$6.98 "Missile Command" lunch box, and now he wants to count out his fortune, one penny at a time.

The parents aren't to blame for the packed shopping conditions. Most mothers would rather go through three months of last-minute Christmas sales than one hour of the back-to-school bargain days.

But they can't avoid it. No matter

how much they try, the shopping trip is inevitable. Try as they may, moms can rummage through every piece of last year's clothing and find:

— No two socks match.

— Underwear waistbands have stretched.

— Pants don't snap properly and fit as though the kid is ready to wade down Wadley Avenue after an hour of rain.

— Most of the T-shirts have been cut off for the summer bare-midriff look, and those that haven't, cling as

though Johnny has been lifting weights.

— Susie's slits are now camisoles and her midis are now minis.

— Toes are popping through the shoes.

So there's no alternative but to scrub the little tykes' faces, spruce them up and go shopping. And count your blessings — the first day of school, like Christmas, only comes once a year.

Gail Burke is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

**DEATHS**

**Mrs. H. Sefton**

**BIG SPRING** — Services for Mrs. Henry T. (Lottie) Sefton, 88, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Sefton died Monday morning in a Big Spring nursing home.

A resident of Big Spring since 1956, she was a retired Santa Fe Railroad employee and a Methodist.

**Marian Rankin**

Marian Rankin, 56, of 1400 Community Lane, died early Monday morning at her residence.

No public services will be held.

She was born Jan. 22, 1927, in

Stonewall County. She spent her early life and attended school in Aspermont. She attended Texas State Teacher's College in Denton. She moved to Midland in 1946 and was employed with Shell Oil Corp. She met Mann Rankin in 1947 and married him in Abilene. She devoted her life to her church, Christian Science Church, and to the public practice of Christian Science.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; two sons, David Rankin and Bryan Rankin, both of Midland; and a sister, Anna Mae Price of Midland.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Christian Science Reading Room at 201 W. Wall in Midland, or to the Mother Church of Christian Science Center in Boston, Mass.

**Friends leave hard times behind**

**SACHSE (AP)** — The journey south was more than a matter of economics — it was a proof of friendship.

In a piecemeal style, the two men, two women, two children and four dogs made their 1,482-mile trek from Enfield, Conn., to Sachse, leaving hard times for a more promising future.

Like most people, when Tom McDevitt, 28, and his wife, Mary, 25, decided to move to the Dallas area, they made plans to bring their household furnishings, clothing and two family dogs.

But they also brought a bit more — their friends, Frank Kincman, 35, his wife, Pat, 32, their son, P.J., 11, their daughter, Christine, 9, and the Kincmans' two family dogs.

The McDevitts bought a three-bedroom home in the new Salmon Estates residential development in Sachse, a Dallas suburb of 1,800 residents. The Kincmans are living with the McDevitts until their home is completed, about a block down the street.

"It will be the same situation we were in in Enfield," McDevitt said. "Some of their friends in Enfield thought it the move was kind of unusual, but we don't because we're such close friends," he said.

The seeds of the two-family move were planted in the cold of December, they said.

"We were sitting around the table with my neighbors, and I said, 'Guess what? I got a transfer to Dallas.' And he (Kincman) said, 'Guess what? That sounds like a good place to go.' So he decided to move down himself," McDevitt said.

McDevitt, who worked as an auditor for a firearms company, left Enfield in January to work at Aurum Etchings in Garland. In late February, Kincman, who had been laid off by Home Insurance Co. in Enfield, traveled to Dallas to find employment. About four weeks later he found a job as a loss control manager for K Mart Corp.

Their wives, the Kincman's two children and the dogs stayed in Connecticut until the houses were sold.

Mrs. McDevitt arrived in May, and the Mrs. Kincman and her children arrived in July.

"It took us five months to get all down here," said Mrs. Kincman. She



Christine Kincman, left foreground, and her brother, P.J., share a laugh with Tom McDevitt, the Dallas area from Enfield, Conn., they brought their wife, Mary, and their parents Pat and Frank Kincman along.

said the two families were finally together again on the Fourth of July weekend.

The McDevitts and Kincmans said they were glad to leave Connecticut with its ailing economy.

"Dallas is booming compared to the rest of the country. Connecticut is dying," McDevitt said.

"It's just a depressed area," Mrs. Kincman said.

Both families have adjusted well except for the Kincman dogs — Raquel, a Newfoundland, and Rookie, a Samoyan Husky. Both are cold-weather dogs and have had

trouble adjusting to the heat, she said.

The families, who have been friends for two years, said they have had no problems sharing the three-bedroom house.

"We never get tired of each other," McDevitt said.

They said they had grown closer over holiday get-togethers, monthly poker games and a joint firewood business back in Enfield. The men would chop and split the wood, and the women would stack it, they said.

It's a friendship close enough that they finish each other's sentences. And it's a closeness that allows

laughter to flow before a witticism ends.

Both families are comfortable in their friendship and share a sharp sense of humor, poking fun at each other from time to time.

McDevitt, who was born in Boston and was ribbed about his accent while living in Connecticut, said, "It's about time we went to state where they are kidded about their accents."

They said that although they enjoy their new surroundings, they will miss the snow at Christmas and the friends they left behind.

**Environmentalists fight over coral reefs**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — State and federal officials have sided with fishermen and environmentalists in trying to dissuade the U.S. Interior Department from including rare and delicate coral reefs off Texas' coast in Wednesday's oil lease sale.

Interior Department officials say they expect the tracks over the East and West Flower Garden Banks, which amounts to 0.05 percent of the 33 million tract for lease, to contain less than 1 percent of the potential oil or gas reserves.

The Environmental Protection Agency, Gov. Mark White, the National Sierra Club and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council have urged the Interior Department to exclude the reefs from the tracts or at least ensure existing zoning regulations are maintained.

Interior Secretary James Watt and the Mineral Management Service opposes deleting the reefs from the lease.

The department has decided to allow drilling closer to the Flower Garden Banks — home of the only living coral reefs in the northwest Gulf of Mexico — than previously permitted. The lease tracts are part of Watt's five-year plan to open nearly 1 billion acres of offshore land to oil exploration.

Pat Alberico, director of the EPA's office of federal activities, said the Interior Department's plan is not in agreement with the EPA's. Interior Department's and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's stated policy that the coral reef communities should receive maximum protection.

Alberico said in his letter that tracts around the reefs should be deleted from the sale and that "it is essential that the 100-meter level be re-established as the 'no activity zone' around the Flower Garden tracts."

White wrote to Watt Aug. 10, urging that the previous 100-meter no-activity zone be maintained as a compromise between environmental and energy interests.

Bill Hamilton of the governor's office called the change in policy "part of the overly aggressive leasing program of Secretary Watt."



The roughly 44 square miles of coral reefs off the Texas coast are in the center of a battle over whether the reefs should be part of an oil lease sale.

Sierra Club officials threatened to file suit if their pleas for the safety of the reefs go unheeded.

Alberico, White's office and Sierra Club headquarters all said they received clear indications from the office of David Russell, Mineral Management Service director, that the Interior Department is not backing off from the zone change.

"Obviously, we do not have a meeting of the minds," Bill Dickerson of the EPA told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Each side is locked into its own viewpoint — it's too bad (the dispute) had to go public."

"We hope this kind of response from Interior will not become typical," he said. "I'm not sure we can go on making recommendations and having them ignored."

**Nursing scholarship established**

**BIG SPRING** — A nursing scholarship fund has been established at Big Spring State Hospital to assist interested individuals in attaining an Associate Degree of Nursing.

Lexeen Weaver, Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Council executive committee member, will serve as chairperson of the scholarship committee.

Criteria for the program is being developed and scholarships will be available by January 1984.

A Big Spring State Hospital employee must have been employed six months or more to be qualified. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made by a volunteer committee and will be based on criteria established by a nursing scholarship committee. Consideration will be given to outside applicants but preference will be given to hospital employees.

Those accepted into the program will be obligated to serve time to the hospital equal to the amount of time for which they have received the scholarship.

The volunteer council is seeking funds from individuals or groups. Donations to the scholarship fund will make lasting appreciation gifts or memorials and all donations are tax deductible and will be used only for scholarship recipients.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Viccineilli at the Big Spring State Hospital, P.O. Box 231, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or by calling her at 267-8216, extension 535.

**Tax rate will be set by commissioners**

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Ad valorem taxes, based on a \$4 billion county-wide tax base, are to bring in \$6.64 million in operating revenue. Delinquent tax collections would account for an additional \$193,000, and other receipts, including fines and fees, would add up to \$3.93 million, according to a preliminary budget report.

The county's total resources for 1984 is \$11.6 million.

Frances Shuffield, Midland County tax assessor-collector, told the court on Monday that as of June 30 she had collected \$6.35 million or 97 percent of the \$6.48 million net

adjusted tax roll charge.

In 1981, Ms. Shuffield's staff collected 99.57 percent of taxes, 103 1/2 percent in 1980 and 97.23 percent in 1979. The collections included delinquent taxes.

"My staff worked real hard...in cleaning up the delinquent tax roll," she said.

Under the current setup, Midland lawyer Jimmie Oglesby is charged with collecting taxes which go on the delinquent tax roll July 1. However, delinquent taxes begin drawing penalty and interest each Feb. 1, Ms. Shuffield noted. The bulk of the taxes are collected in October, November and December of each year.

**Commissioners will hire architect to design jail**

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The commissioners leaned toward the pre-cast concrete-slab construction. Slabs would be seven inches thick, 32 feet wide and 15 feet high. The slab roof would be the "best performance system for the money," said Pate. The roof would be pitched to allow for water runoff.

The commissioners opted for a construction design which would allow for a second story if additional jail space were needed.

"It is essential we consider a second floor in the year 2000 or something," Davis asked.

"I think it is a good option to keep open," Pate said.

Commissioner Win Brown cautioned that the design should be kept "away from the dungeon" concept.

"We do have to have access to the sunlight," said the sheriff.

The sheriff proposed the jail's shell be sufficient to house 300 prisoners but that steel cells to contain 180 to 200 prisoners initially be built into the shell. He proposed that the steel in the present jail, which occupies the fifth floor of the Midland County Courthouse, be cut out and installed in the proposed jail in a money-saving measure.

In addition, the sheriff proposed that his skilled and semi-skilled prisoners be used to construct the sher-

iff's offices in an additional 10,000 square feet allowed for the Sheriff's Department.

"I think we should certainly try to do whatever we can to save a few bucks," he said, and allowed that it would be a "false economy" to build a jail that would be inadequate in several years.

Smith, who is a member of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, noted guidelines call for 30 percent of the cells be single ones. He recommended the county exceed those guidelines, as well as those coming out of federal court rulings.

The single-cell concept eliminates "a lot" of problems, the sheriff said, "but the economics are horrendous."

"One-hundred percent single cells are just not economically realistic," he said.

The present jail, built in the early 1970s, can house about 85 inmates.

"Today, we have 100 in jail," said the sheriff. "We have one ready to go to the penitentiary, and we have not got the transfers from the city (jail)."

Davis said the "people in the county" seem interested in the commissioners' concern over the proposed jail.

"Why don't you all go ahead and do what has to be done," Davis said his constituents tell him, "instead of talking about it."

**BIRTHS**

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL August 18, 1983**

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lionel Hoover, 2205 Sinclair Ave., girl.

Mr. and Mrs. David Charles Harper, 4504 Leddy Drive, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorsten Ackerstrom, 4409 Mockingbird Lane, boy.

**August 19, 1983**

Doretha Jean Hailey, 1204 E. New York Ave., girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O'Neal, 1320 E. Estes Ave., girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lynn Werner, 900 Howard Drive, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roy Blake, Route 10 Box 13086 No. 61, girl.

**August 20, 1983**

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Chavez Sanchez, 1708 Cherry Lane, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen David Shook, Route 3 Box 413 Space B, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer Jr., 302 W. Estes Ave., boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bascom McDonald, 1704 Cimmaron Drive, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lance Luns-

ford, 4711 Preston Drive, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Behn McDowell III, P.O. Box 1209, Denver City, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. David Leon Odom, 2928 W. Louisiana Ave. No. 63, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Andrew Silks, 412-A Alta Ave., boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose C. Quillimaco, 1209 E. Walnut Lane, boy.

**August 21, 1983**

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Ray Alderson, P.O. Box 30643, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norman Castleberry II, 3417 N. Midland Drive Apt.

2008, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. David Michael Meyer, Route 10 Box 10032, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gene Honeycutt, 3100 Caldera Blvd. Apt. 818, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Edward Diaz, 1900 S. Colorado St., boy.

Otilia U. Marquez, 1706 S. Lamesa Road, girl.

**August 22, 1983**

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Floyd Seymour, 2506 W. Holloway Ave., boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dean Romine, Garden City Route Box 222, Big Spring, boy.

**Golf tourney to benefit MDA**

The First Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Miniature Golf Tournament will be Saturday and Sunday at Water Wonderland Golf.

The registration fee of \$10 must be submitted by noon Friday. Entry forms may be obtained from Baile Griffith Firestone, KYXX Radio, Sewell Ford, Water Wonderland Golf or the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

The player to make the first hole-in-one on the 18th hole of the south course will receive a color television set. First place winner will receive \$500; second place, \$250; third place, \$150; fourth place, \$100; and fifth place, \$50.

Further information is available by calling Water Wonderland Golf at 561-8211.

**MISD schedules band concerts**

Midland Independent School District's summer band concerts are scheduled for this week.

Five of the seven secondary school bands will perform at 6:30 p.m. today at the downtown park next to Midland Center.

About 700 band students from Midland High School, Midland Freshman High, Alamo Junior High, Goddard Junior High and San

Jacinto Junior High will play tonight. Homemade ice cream, cake, cookies and soft drinks will be served.

Lee High School and Lee Freshman High bands will perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday on the southeast corner of the LHS campus at 3500 Neely.

The public is invited to attend both concerts.

**MC has late registration**

Students will be allowed to register late for classes at Midland College beginning Monday. A \$5 late registration fee will be charged.

Official registration will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. No late registration will be allowed Friday.

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