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Talk of the town

An estimated 80 to 100 Midlanders gathered to discuss political issues with Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in a Town Hall meeting held Wednesday at Theatre Midland.

Fewer crimes reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of serious crimes reported to police in America declined very slightly in 1981, the first such drop in four years, FBI Director William H. Webster reported today.

Last year, the total number of reported serious crimes was 13,290,300, down just 5,100 from the 1980 figures, according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, which are based on data submitted by law enforcement agencies covering 97 percent of the U.S. population.

Because of an increase in population, the crime rate declined 1.7 percent, from 5,899.9 crimes for every 100,000 residents in 1980 to 5,799.9 crimes in 1981.

The tiny decline in crimes, which amounted to the stabilization of crime totals virtually at 1980 levels, came during a year in which Attorney General William French Smith made violent crime his top priority. He proposed a series of tough new restrictions on criminal defendants, designed to put more of them in jail and keep them there longer. But nearly all these proposals are still awaiting action in Congress.

The FBI reports include murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft.

The last annual decline in overall serious crime came in 1977, when the totals were down 3.3 percent from 1976. In 1980, crime jumped 9.4 percent over the previous year.

"The leveling off of reported crime in 1981... is welcome news," Webster said. "We must remember, however, that 1980 was the peak year for lawlessness in our nation and that this high was maintained in 1981."

He pointed out that overall serious crime was up 22 percent from 1977, and 61 percent from 1972.

Indeed, the violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault were up 1 percent in 1981. Burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft, the property crimes accounting for more than 90 percent of all crimes, declined by 0.2 percent in 1981.

Furthermore, a massive Justice Department study begun in the mid-1970s has learned through interviews with tens of thousands of Americans each year that one-third of all violent crimes in the United States are not reported to the police, and thus never show up in the FBI figures.

Smith said he was pleased with the figures.

"It is heartening to see that figures that have been marching upward for so long are now stabilizing," he said. "It is difficult to pinpoint reasons for such a development, but I believe... good, conscientious police work definitely accounts for much of the improvement."

The FBI report showed that arrests of adults for the seven serious crimes rose by 7 percent in 1981 over the previous year.

Breaking the figures down, the FBI said serious crime showed no change in the nation's cities and decreased by 2 percent in rural counties, and 1 percent in suburban areas.

The Southern states accounted for 32 percent of the nation's crimes, compared to 24 percent for Western states, 23 percent for North-Central states and 21 percent for Northeastern states.

The largest decline, 3.7 percent, came in motor vehicle theft, but one out of 150 registered vehicles was stolen for a national loss of \$3.4 billion.



Questions from Midlanders such as Kathy Blackman, left, had Bentsen exploring such topics as the economy, Social Security and the Panama Canal. "I understand I cast a politically unpopular vote (on the Panama Canal), but I did what I felt was right for my country," Bentsen said.

Town Hall meeting touches on economy

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

County Senior Citizens Center in Lamesa, asked what the older generation could expect in the future.

A Social Security system hobbling on frail legs. A bleak future for farmers. An ailing economy.

These were the focus of questions asked by area residents Wednesday morning of U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen during a Town Hall meeting in Theatre Midland. Despite what seemingly appeared to be bad news, the Texas senator who is seeking re-election claimed, "We're the greatest free market in the world. We have the strongest democracy. The strength of the country lies in the strength of the people."

Bentsen, who had not been in Midland for about a year, also spoke before the Midland and West Rotary clubs during a noon luncheon where he also touched on energy issues.

About 80 to 100 persons attended the Town Hall meeting, which Bentsen said he holds because it's too expensive for the people to go to Washington, D.C. Nadine Blair, who works as director for the Dawson

County Senior Citizens Center in Lamesa, asked what the older generation could expect in the future.

THE PRIMARY CHANGE will be a revamping of the Social Security system, replied Bentsen, explaining that the agency is running out of money to take care of the elderly. He suggested a gradual upgrading of the age of persons eligible to receive SS benefits, such as adding one month each year. During the first year, a person would become eligible for SS benefits at the age of 65 years and one month. The second year, it would be 65 years and two months.

"Solvency of the Social Security fund has to be a top priority for the nation," Bentsen said, pointing out that Congress has purposely held off making changes until after the November general election.

The Administration had proposed "dramatic major immediate changes and that was totally rejected by Congress. People have figured on that Social Security

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There's something 'batty' going on at County Courthouse

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The flight of bats into the courthouse prompted some predictable remarks from those who had rather remain anonymous.

"We've got bats all over the courthouse," said a courthouse day-time denizen. "I knew we had some batty people."

Said another: "This courthouse is in such bad shape, it's turning batty."

Ultimately catching the stray bats and sending them away were Vern Dawkins, the courthouse maintenance supervisor, and his chief assistant, Gene Bishop.

"We've found one on every floor but the third," said Dawkins, who noted that "You get different counts (on the number of bats sighted) from different people."

Dawkins counted three bats at the back door, two in the sheriff's office, one in the courtroom in Court Reporter Ronnie Pate's trash can, one in DuBose's office, and one by the first-floor public water fountain.

"I've seen a bunch of them flying around this morning," said Bishop, "and I guess they were eating insects by the flood light."

The wing-spread of the bats was six to eight inches, estimated Dawkins, who kept none of the bats for show. He got rid of them.

"Just say we took them outside and turned them loose," he said. "I've tried not to let any of them fly away. I told somebody I

was going to give them a real good send-off."

Gerry Sommer, administrative secretary to 238th State District Court Judge Vann Culp, said she heard about the bats while riding the MidTran bus to work.

"Oh," someone aboard the bus told her, "it's not unusual to find bats in the courthouse."

Later, she got a first-hand view of a courthouse bat.

"They showed it to me, and at first I thought it was a rat."

In another part of town, at Midland's Animal Control Shelter, ACS director Dalton Byerly said the incidence of bats in Midland so far has been "nothing that would excite anybody."

But, since some wild bats are a carrier of rabies, he has dispatched a couple of Midland bats to Austin to the Texas Department of Health to check them for rabies.

"It costs about \$20 a shot, but it's well worth it," he said.

Otherwise, he said, "Bats here are just becoming a regular thing, we don't get excited about it." Families of bats live in caves in New Mexico and Mexico.

"Some of them go to sleep in places (such as the courthouse) at night and forget to get up in the morning," Byerly said.

But he cautioned people against trying to catch bats.

"Shoo them out the window," he said. "Let them do their thing. Let's don't get too excited about them."



Staff Artist, Jan Deak

The bats found in the Midland County Courthouse might have scared a few people, but others thought they were "kind of cute."

Odessa high schools, 'new' junior high experience 'just a normal school day'

By HALLYE JORDAN
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ODESSA — With the comment, "Just a good normal school day," E.H. Cavin, principal of Odessa High School, stood in the shade of a tree Monday at the end of a hot first day of classes and the first day of school under a new desegregation program for Ector County Independent School District.

He smiled as he watched students pulling into the crowded stream of cars and, with radios blaring, slowly creep home in front of the school.

"It was great," he said. "We had no problems whatsoever. I thought the kids looked happier than ever."

With the court-ordered plan finally in effect after a 12-year desegregation suit, former Ector High School students are evenly enrolled in OHS and Permian High School. EHS was converted into Ector Junior High School, resulting in less overcrowding at the five other seventh and eighth grade campuses scattered throughout the district.

Across town at EJHS, assistant principal Al Oglesby echoed Cavin's sentiments.

"It went as smooth as possible," he said, adding that the only problem seemed to be that about 160 students had to register that morning without schedules.

"It's because of the short time involving the transfer of records from one school to another," he explained.

According to Oglesby, about 1,000 students registered at EJHS with schedules, bringing the total enrollment figure for the first day to about 1,160. "We'll probably have quite a few more," he said.

"Last year we enrolled about 1,420 students," Douglas O. Love, principal of Crockett Junior High School, said. "We showed about 1,020 today."

According to Love and several other principals, enrollment figures are expected to increase after Labor Day.

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INSIDE TODAY

Musical management

George M. Esparza was named general manager of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral Association this month, with the official announcement of his appointment being made at a Wednesday afternoon press conference.

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Weather

A slight chance of evening thunderstorms. High Friday in upper 90s. Details on Page 2A.

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Want Ads.....682-4222
Other Calls.....682-5311

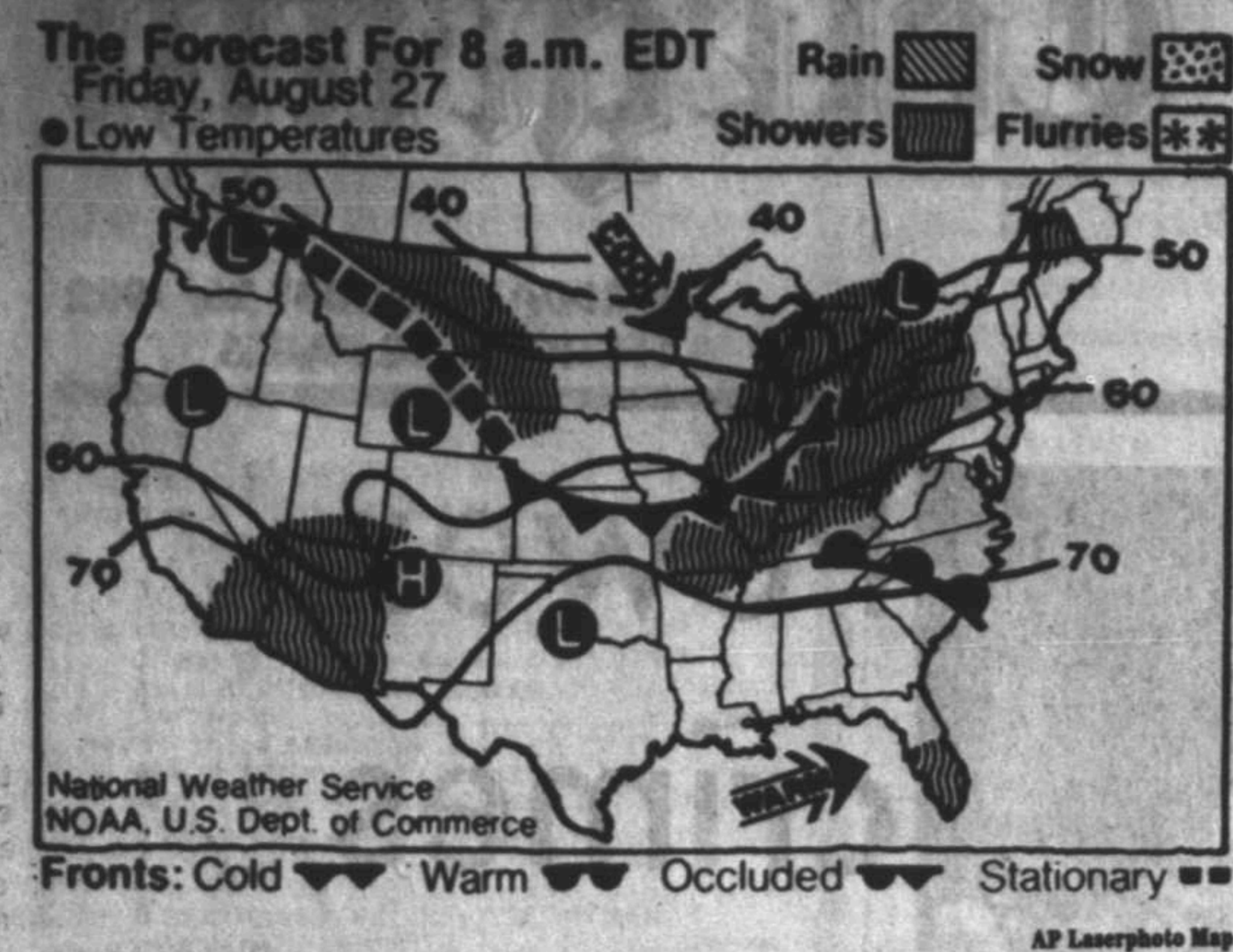
Woman dies in mishap

A 33-year-old woman was killed early this morning when her car went out of control and struck an embankment on the south service road of Interstate 20 near the Midkiff Road overpass.

Police said the woman, whose name was being withheld until relatives could be notified, was eastbound on the service road when her 1976 Plymouth left the road and hit an embankment just west of the overpass about 2:30 a.m.

Justice of the Peace Robert Pine pronounced her dead at the scene and the body was taken to the Thomas Funeral Home.

WEATHER SUMMARY



The National Weather Service forecasts showers for Friday in the Southwest, northern Plains, upper Mississippi to the Great lakes and for southern Florida. Cool weather is forecast from the northern Plains to the Northeast. Most areas will be warm.

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

A 20 percent chance of late evening thunderstorms tonight with a low in the low-70s and southerly winds at 5-10 mph. Sunny Friday with a high in the upper-90s, winds southerly at 5-10 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High 95 degrees
Overnight Low 70 degrees
Sunset Today 8:21 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:21 a.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours 0.00 inches
This month to date 0.00 inches
1982 to date 10.18 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 a.m.	74
7 a.m.	75
8 a.m.	76
9 a.m.	77
10 a.m.	78
11 a.m.	79
12 noon	80
1 p.m.	81
2 p.m.	82
3 p.m.	83
4 p.m.	84
5 p.m.	85
6 a.m.	72
7 a.m.	73
8 a.m.	74
9 a.m.	75
10 a.m.	76
11 a.m.	77
12 noon	78
1 p.m.	79
2 p.m.	80
3 p.m.	81
4 p.m.	82
5 p.m.	83

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

Albany	84
Albuquerque	84
Anchorage	78
Annapolis	84
Atlanta	84
Atlanta City	84
Austin	84
Baltimore	84
Birmingham	84
Bismarck	84
Boston	84
Boston City	84
Brewer	84
Burlington	84
Casper	84
Charleston	84
Charleston WV	84
Chicago	84
Chicago City	84
Cincinnati	84
Cleveland	84
Columbus	84
Dayton	84
Dayton City	84
Denver	84
Des Moines	84
Detroit	84
El Paso	84
El Paso City	84
Fargo	84
Fargo City	84
Grand Rapids	84
Hartford	84
Houston	84
Houston City	84
Indianapolis	84
Jackson	84
Jackson City	84
Juneau	84
Kansas City	84
Kansas City Mo.	84
Las Vegas	84
Little Rock	84

The weather elsewhere

Thursday

Ill. Per. Outlook

Albany	72	58	64	rr
Albuquerque	82	60	66	cr
Anchorage	78	62	68	cr
Annapolis	82	64	70	cr
Atlanta	82	64	70	cr
Atlanta City	82	64	70	cr
Austin	82	64	70	cr
Baltimore	82	64	70	cr
Birmingham	82	64	70	cr
Bismarck	82	64	70	cr
Boston	82	64	70	cr
Boston City	82	64	70	cr
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Burlington	82	64	70	cr
Casper	82	64	70	cr
Charleston	82	64	70	cr
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Denver	82	64	70	cr
Des Moines	82	64	70	cr
Detroit	82	64	70	cr
El Paso	82	64	70	cr
El Paso City	82	64	70	cr
Fargo	82	64	70	cr
Fargo City	82	64	70	cr
Grand Rapids	82	64	70	cr
Hartford	82	64	70	cr
Houston	82	64	70	cr
Houston City	82	64	70	cr
Indianapolis	82	64	70	cr
Jackson	82	64	70	cr
Jackson City	82	64	70	cr
Juneau	82	64	70	cr
Kansas City	82	64	70	cr
Kansas City Mo.	82	64	70	cr
Las Vegas	82	64	70	cr
Little Rock	82	64	70	cr

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Widely scattered thunderstorms through tonight. Otherwise, partly cloudy through Friday, except sunny days southeast. High 90 Panhandle to 95 south and near 100 Big Bend valley. Low 65 Panhandle to 75 south, except near 80 mountains. High Friday 95 Panhandle to 95 south and near 100 Big Bend valley.

Possibility of thunderstorms lingers

A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms lingers in the forecast for tonight, threatening to bring moisture that Midland hasn't experienced since Aug. 8.

Tonight's low should drop into the low-70s with winds from the south at 5-10 mph. Sunny and warm Friday with the high temperature reaching the upper-90s. Winds southerly again Friday.

Remarks about 'low-rider' led to stabbing of youth

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Marcus Rodriguez, the 16-year-old Midlander who is charged with murder in the Feb. 14 stabbing death of Jeff Dixon, 18, testified Wednesday that he stabbed Dixon in a scuffle which apparently was fueled by remarks from Anglos about the "low-rider" sedan in which Rodriguez and four other Mexican-Americans were riding.

Rodriguez said he was "standing back" when the scuffle broke out between 17-year-old Benito "Bennie" Gonzalez, owner-driver of the low-rider, and Dixon.

"That's when I took my knife out and I stabbed him," Rodriguez calmly said under questioning of defense attorney Edward T. Garza, who had suggested that Rodriguez might have been scared. He said he was "I lost my head when I stabbed him the first time," said the defendant, who said he again struck Nixon with the knife. Rodriguez has been held in the Midland County Jail since February.

"I kicked him twice," Rodriguez said, while Dixon was on the parking lot pavement of Action Auto Supply in the 1100 block of North Midkiff Road about 9 p.m. on that Sunday night in February. Rodriguez said he then spotted a scabbard and handle of a knife on Dixon's belt. "That's when I stuck him, because something else might happen."

Moments earlier in the scuffle, Rodriguez said he stabbed Rob Roberts, 24, once after Roberts "started pushing on me. He tried to knock me down, and I stabbed him."

At that point in the testimony, Garza asked his client if he was frightened and asked, "Why did you pull out the knife?"

"Because I was scared," Rodriguez replied.

The defendant, however, denied that he stabbed another Anglo-American, Mark McBeath, 23, who was wounded in the face and back.

Dixon suffered several wounds in the head, face and chest. According to testimony by fireman-paramedic William Morrison, Dixon was unconscious, bleeding and breathing weakly when he arrived at the scene.

Rodriguez testified that he and co-

defendants, brothers Manuel Rodriguez, 18, and Adam Rodriguez, 16, were riding around with Gonzalez in Gonzalez' low-rider Chevrolet — a low profile sedan — that afternoon and night. Rodriguez said he had drunk four beers. After taking on gasoline to continue their cruise, Rodriguez said the foursome drove down Midkiff Road and heard "four people yelling," testified the husky, black-haired defendant.

"(They were) telling us to come back —," he said. Rodriguez said the driver made a U-turn and pulled up. "We went to see what was the matter," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he was last to get out of the sedan. "I had a little problem getting out of the car. I stayed behind" for awhile.

The four Anglos turned out to be Dixon, Roberts, McBeath and John Lewallen, 23, who, Roberts testified on Tuesday, were just talking and drinking beer on the parking lot and, as if in unison, yelled "Hey, low-rider," as the low-slung sedan carrying the Hispanic youths passed by.

"He (McBeath) said he was going to kick ass all over the parking lot," Rodriguez said. At that point, the defendant apparently brought himself into the squabble, which turned into a scuffle.

Under questioning by prosecutor David Joers, Rodriguez said that "They were cussing at us" apparently due, in part, to the loud music emitting from the car radio, and "We turned down the music."

In the Anglo-Hispanic encounter on the parking lot, "Everybody was kicking," Rodriguez said. "It happened so quickly."

Judge Vann Culp is presiding over the case before a six-man, six-woman jury. Heading up the prosecution is District Attorney Vern Martin.

Rodriguez, who earlier this year was certified as an adult and indicted for murder and two counts of attempted murder, if convicted could be sentenced from five years to 99 years or life in the state penitentiary. Yet to be tried are the Rodriguez brothers, who are charged with murder and who are not in to Marcus Rodriguez. Gonzalez has been admitted to the Texas Youth Council for rehabilitation.



Staff Photo by Cindy Bell

A sign welcomes students to the first day of classes at the "new" Ector Junior High School in Odessa. Formerly Ector High School, the school was changed to a junior high under a new desegregation program for the Ector County Independent School District.

Odessa school day 'normal'

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due to "some people still on vacation and some kids who are in the habit of beginning school after Labor Day." Cavin said the projected enrollment figure of 2,150 probably will peak during the second or third week in September. About 2,000 students enrolled in OHS Monday.

Minority students increased at OHS from 28 percent to 38 percent this year, Cavin said. "It wasn't that much of a change for us. We don't notice it that much here, but at Permian High School it will probably be more noticeable," he said. "They are expected to increase from about 6 percent to 18 percent."

Permian High principal Chuck Broughton was smiling broadly at the end of the day. Sitting at his desk behind a large, red apple, courtesy of some Permian High student, he said, "This has been one of the nicest days I've had in 34 years."

"As you go from a very small high school to a larger one, the students are bound to feel a little insecure," he continued. "But, let me tell you, I was

more insecure than anyone today. I even read up on the retirement plan a few weeks ago."

With 2,094 students enrolled at PHS, Broughton said he suspects the figure will increase to about 2,200 after Labor Day.

"I'm real proud of the students, teachers and the parents have been extremely cooperative," Broughton added. "It takes a lot of hard work but everyone seemed to be very happy. They seemed to get along very well. If you get off to a good start, I think it has the tendency to be a good year."

Although rumors of racial disturbances on various campuses were rampant throughout the day, Love said none of them were founded. A demonstration by a group of parents had been called off and, according to Love, as far as he knew, everything went smoothly at all of the junior high schools.

"The most exciting thing that happened today was watching the assistant principal try to parallel-park his car this morning," he added with a satisfied grin.



"This has been one of the nicest days I've had in 34 years."
— Chuck Broughton
Permian High School principal

Bentsen touches on economic issues in Town Hall talk

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to get by on when they retire." He also suggested that the cost of living adjustments added to the benefits each year should be revised, making the increases less.

But Frank Wood of Midland pointed out that medical costs for senior citizens are higher than for younger persons, and the federal government just reduced Medicare benefits. This means a heavier burden on senior citizens for medical care.

Bentsen agreed, saying this aspect would have to be considered in adjusting the SS benefits.

ON A QUESTION about continued funding of food programs for the elderly, Bentsen said he was supportive of programs such as Meals on Wheels. "It helps people to stay at home and not go to an institution. In the long run, the government will save money because institutional costs are a lot more."

Campaign rhetoric of Bentsen's Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Jim Collins, cropped up in the meeting as one man asked, "Why did you give away the Panama Canal?"

In short, Bentsen said he had researched the issue and visited Panama before casting a vote. "The issue was supported by four presidents: two Democrats and two Republicans. I started out against it until I studied it in depth."

The Panama Canal was viewed as the United States' last vestige of colonialism and this was being used by communists to incite the residents. After talking with the U.S. commander and discovering the canal could only be defended by keeping 100,000 troops there, Bentsen changed his mind.

"Yes, the people of Texas were overwhelmingly against giving it away," Bentsen acknowledged. But in voting for the issue, he supported an amendment which guaranteed the U.S. would be allowed to move ships through the canal "in perpetuity."

"I understand I cast a politically unpopular vote, but I did what I felt was right for my country," he added.

CLAIMING THAT he has always been a supporter of a strong national defense, Bentsen answered a question on that issue from Catherine Taylor by saying defense expenditures should be increased.

But he also believes the Defense Department should be held accountable for all its expenses and for that reason he successfully pushed through the idea of hiring an inspector general to conduct an audit on that division.

When it was pointed out by a resident that he had

voted to increase the national deficit, Bentsen agreed to the charge and then explained why he did so.

If the issue hadn't passed, he said, it would have closed down government. Instead, Bentsen said the end result is not that the bill to increase the debt passed but that amendments to cut some spending were tacked on.

He compared the situation to a school board meeting in which the district is running out of money. Cutting the budget by line items would leave some operating money in the coffers. But by voting down everything, the school would close.

"If they'd prevail," Bentsen said of opponents, "you'd close down the Defense Department, the FBI, the Highway Department."

He supported the constitutional amendment to balance the budget, which passed the Senate and is hung up in the House. But he noted approval by Congress "won't solve the problem. It takes courage to make those (budget) cuts."

HOWEVER, THE RECENT tax increase bill pushed by President Reagan didn't gain the Texas senator's support. "It's wrong to add taxes in mid-session," he was critical of a provision in that bill to allow the federal government to collect 10 percent on the interest and dividends earned on savings accounts. Bentsen said it would cause more paperwork and the amount of revenues that had been talked about won't be realized.

With the recent dropping of interest rates and increase in money supply, Bentsen said he hopes to see a turn-around in the economy by the end of the year. "Recovery will be slow," he said. "But with lower interest rates we should put people back to work. If we can decrease unemployment by 3 percent, that would reduce the deficit by \$60 billion."

Bentsen placed part of the blame for the recession on Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve, who the senator said instituted the tightest money supply in this country in the last 20 years.

As a result, there are now 200 bankruptcies of small businesses each day, he said, and this doesn't count the firms that just close their doors.

"Only one out of 20 people can afford to buy a new home now." When he was discharged from the Army after World War II, Bentsen had the G.I. bill to help on his home purchase. "Today, the only G.I. I know of is generous in-laws."

Although he could see some light at the end of the tunnel on the recession, farmers appear to him to fall into a darker prediction.

Bill's defeat would have hurt oil industry, Hance says

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

If the tax increase bill — or reform bill as President Reagan calls it — hadn't passed last week, Congress once again was ready to make the petroleum industry cough up enough in additional taxes to bring in the revenues needed to reduce the national deficit, according to U.S. Rep. Kent Hance.

During a visit to Midland Wednesday afternoon, the Lubbock Democrat gave The Midland Reporter-Telegram an update on major issues that faced Congress before it recessed last Thursday for the Labor Day holiday.

This time around, he noted, there was no way to have stopped the move to make the oil industry Congress' whipping boy. The two-term congressman representing the 19th District said that was one reason he voted for Reagan's tax increase bill.

"IT WAS NOT what I would have preferred," said the congressman. But without it there was predicted to be a \$200 billion deficit in 1983. The result would have been interest rates climbing to 19 and 20 percent and a near panic on the stock market.

The easy vote, he contended, was a "no" vote. "It was tough to vote 'yes' for that," Hance said, adding that 80 percent of the bill was tax reform.

"There were two companies last year that made over \$100 million in profits and didn't pay a penny in taxes," he said, explaining one area where tax reforms will be directed.

The excise tax on phones shouldn't cost the average customer more than an additional \$5 a year. And this is small in comparison to the tax cuts that were instituted last year, he contended.

If this tax reform bill hadn't passed, Hance said Reps. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Illinois, and Barber Conable, R-N.Y., had prepared a bill to do away with exemptions for intangible drilling costs and for royalty owners.

"It would have been devastating to the oil and gas industry at a time when it's in a slump," said Hance. "If the bill had gotten loose on the floor, it would have been hard to defeat. There are few oil and gas states and they don't represent that many votes."

In the past, congressmen of both parties have had to form a coalition and entice others to join in order to stop legislation negative to the petroleum industry.



U.S. Rep. Kent Hance

WITH THE PASSAGE of the tax increase bill, interest rates began dropping and Hance expects to see the slide continue. "Over the next 60 days, the interest rates should drop to 11 and 12 percent." How long that figure holds will depend upon the November general election, he noted.

If after the election Congress puts cuts into the entitlement programs, Hance said the interest rates should drop even more.

He put the blame for the economic slump on Reagan. "We wouldn't have had to vote on a tax bill if it hadn't been for Reagan's monetary policy." Hance looked back 20 years to John Kennedy's unfinished term as president, saying that the Democrat leaned on the Federal Reserve at times to ease up on a tight monetary policy.

"Reagan has gone along with Paul Volcker (chairman of the Federal Reserve) and his tight money supply. The result has been 15 to 20 percent interest rates. And the tax cuts we instituted last year didn't help because of that," said Hance who is seeking election to his third term.

Reagan's not addressing entitlement programs in the budget has been the president's downfall, he contended.

Social Security, whose funds continue to dwindle, won't be addressed until spring. And the next program to find itself in the same situation very quickly will be Medicare-Medicaid, he noted.

TO REMEDY THE ailing Social Security system, Hance has proposed gradually easing up the retirement age. One year it would be 65½ and the next year it would be 66. "You do it six months a year so no one would be ambushed."

He would add to that a provision to slow down the cost of living adjustments for everyone "except those who live solely on Social Security."

"To do nothing is the worst thing to do," he added.

In the last days before the recess, Hance was criticized for not signing a discharge petition to bring the balanced budget amendment before the House for a vote.

Although the congressman supports the concept for a balanced budget amendment, the version that would have been considered has too much of a loophole that would allow Congress to continue operating in the deficit as it has for years, Hance said.

"The provision would allow Congress to have overpayments with a majority vote," he said. "That's a big hole."

Instead, he is working on an amendment to close the loophole. "If we pass it on to the states in its current status, it won't be approved."

Hance views the intensive efforts by various groups to see the bill's passage as a way to "take the heat off the president." He said a balanced budget had been proposed for 1982-83, but Reagan didn't go for it.

"We would have had a balanced budget in 1983 if it had passed," he said, going on to note that an amendment isn't needed to balance the budget if Congress and the President want it balanced.

"IT TAKES COURAGE to cut all the cuts it would take to balance the budget. Politically, it's a hazard to vote for all those cuts and then go home for reelection," he explained of Congress' failure to support a balanced budget.

Even if the balanced budget amendment is passed by Congress, it must be approved by the states before it becomes law and that could take five years. Hance contended that Congress could balance the budget by then if it is serious about the idea.

The New Federalism program has been hung up in the Senate and the states won't see it for about two years, Hance predicted. Reagan had planned to finance it with the Windfall Profits Tax on the petroleum industry, but he

has since backed off from that idea. George Shulz as the new secretary of state "is going to be better" than Alexander Haig who resigned. Calling Shulz's policies "more cohesive," Hance said future conflicts will be economic and not military.

ON THE RECENT conflict between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Army in Lebanon, Hance sided with the Israelis. "It's a shame there have been so many innocent people killed, but the PLO was killing innocent people in Israel. The Lebanese will have a chance now to restructure their country."

Closer to home, Hance is worried about the economic plummeting in Mexico that has resulted with its devaluation of the peso. "The problems we face are tremendous. Their interest rate is above 50 percent and unemployment is above 40 percent. They could be ripe for a revolution."

If that happens, the people of West Texas would see a "big change in the way we live in this area."

Hance has been representing the Midland in the 19th District. But under redistricting which becomes effective in January, Midland will become part of the 21st District now represented by Tom Loeffler, R-Hunt.

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Organization helps boy 'Fulfill A Dream'

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A boat ride Wednesday through a darkened cave filled with gnomes, monsters and flashing lights at Six Flags over Texas was a dream come true for a 10-year-old Arkansas boy, but it may also be among Henry Smothers Jr.'s last dream fulfilled.

The shy, brown-haired boy is dying of brain cancer. He is expected to live about two more years, slowly regressing into a comatose state.

With the family strapped by Henry's high medical bills, a trip from Lavaca, Ark., to Six Flags normally would have been beyond their dreams. But a new Fort Smith, Ark., organization — Fulfill A Dream, Inc. — stepped in and made the terminally ill child's excursion possible.

Fulfill A Dream is dedicated to bringing joy to dying children and Henry is its first project.

"They (the Smothers family) will be in debt the rest of their lives. There's no way the average family can pay for it (cancer treatment)," said Debbie Beckman, a Fulfill A Dream board member.

Henry's father is a maintenance man for a savings and loan company in Fort Smith. Mrs. Smothers was a teacher's assistant at a private school Henry attended, but she has quit work to take care of her son.

The family, including Henry, his parents, his 15-year-old sister, Austina, began their day Wednesday with a plane ride from Fort Smith to Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport — the first time any of them had ever ridden on an airplane.

The airplane ride probably made the greatest impression on Henry, said his mother, Lavelle. His bedroom at home is adorned with model airplanes and toy airplanes that fly on a guide string, and the walls are papered with airplane designs.

"He lays in bed sometimes and pretends he's flying one," she said.

On the way to Texas, the pilots invited Henry to sit in the cockpit with them. One let Henry sit on his lap and hold the controls, Mrs. Smothers said. When the family arrived at amusement park, Henry first rode an antique train that surrounds the park.

Then he sampled rides on an antique car, a small airplane ride and the cave. He was ushered to each ride by employees to avoid waiting in line. The cave proved Henry's favorite.

"Let's do it again," he said after the first of his three trips through the cave.

Mrs. Smothers said Henry had been ill for three years. Doctors were unable to remove the boy's brain tumor despite six hours of surgery and no further radiation treatments are possible.

She said she has tried to tell Henry that he is dying, but is not sure he understands.

"He does know he is terminally ill. I related it to him because I want him to know," she said. "I told him that everybody is going to die."

Nun testifies in Amarillo slaying trial

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Her voice strained by emotion, a Roman Catholic nun told a jury she was unable to think clearly and failed to notify police after finding another convent resident had been beaten and strangled to death in her room.

Sister Angela Martinez found the body of Sister Tadea Benz, 76, on the floor of her bedroom at Saint Francis Convent here.

Johnny Frank Garrett, 18, is accused of raping, beating and strangling Sister Benz. Testimony in his trial

began Wednesday. Police experts were ordered to testify today concerning fingerprints found in the nun's room.

Sister Martinez said she went to look for Sister Benz after the elderly nun missed early services in the convent chapel.

"I was concerned because she seldom missed chapel," Sister Martinez said. She said she found the door to the elderly nun's second floor room closed,

which she said was strange because Sister Benz was hard of hearing and usually left the door ajar so she could hear the morning buzzer.

She opened the door and saw Sister Benz lying on the floor, her arms outstretched. There were blood stains on the wall and bedclothes, but Sister Martinez said she did not notice them and never considered foul play.

"I knew it (the death) was not Sister Tadea's doing, but I couldn't think further," Sister Martinez said. "It was too much for me. I was in shock."

She saw a bruise on Sister Benz's throat, she said. "It seemed to me very queer — it was a mystery to me. I can't think clearly about it," Sister Martinez said.

She covered the body with a sheet and called her supervisor, Sister Provincial Bernice Nogler, who uncovered Sister Benz's face, noticed blood in her mouth and immediately suspected the elderly nun had died of a hemorrhage.

A doctor was called, then the body was sent to a funeral home for embalming, Sister Nogler testified.

Later in the morning, she said, the nuns noticed a broken window on the ground floor of the convent, then called police to investigate a possible burglary. Investigation of that incident led police to suspect Sister Benz had been murdered, and officers began collecting fingerprints and blood and hair samples.

Forensic tests showed Sister Benz's larynx was crushed, her left eye blown open and her body covered with knuckle marks and gouges.

Garrett was arrested 10 days later and has been held since in the Potter County jail under a \$100,000 bond.

Witness: Accused said killing 'easy'

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A man accused in the torture and slaying of artist Mary Eula Sears talked about "how easy it was to bump her off" two hours before the elderly woman was murdered, an Abilene woman testified.

Ms. Sears, 77, was stabbed to death Nov. 23 after robbers had tied her to a chair and tortured her to make her tell where she kept her jewelry, police said. She died after she was stuffed into a closet.

Bonnie Covington, 28, testified Wednesday that capital murder defendant Wayne East said he "had a big deal to do" and talked early Nov. 23 about murdering Ms. Sears.

Ms. Covington is the girlfriend of Troy O'Neal Robinson, who East's court-appointed attorneys contend killed Ms. Sears. Robinson was indicted for the slaying, but was later cleared.

She testified that she, East, Dee Dee Martin, Robinson and Roberta Henry were in Ms. Henry's apartment

the morning of the murder.

Ms. Henry, 22, testified Wednesday that East said he would borrow Robinson's distinctive Buick to take Ms. Martin home. The couple left about 4:30 or 5 a.m., she said.

Previous witnesses testified Robinson's car was parked in Ms. Sears' driveway the day of the murder.

Tracy Wall, 20, testified Wednesday he saw Robinson and Ms. Covington standing outside Ms. Henry's apartment building about 6:40 a.m. on the day of the killing. Wall said Robinson told him he was "waiting for his ride to come back."

Ms. Henry testified that she saw East on Nov. 24 and he asked her "did I hear about this white woman getting killed last night."

"I told him I'd heard he had done it," Ms. Henry said. "A lot of people are going around saying he did it, but he didn't."

Lobbyist favors wages for inmates

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A prison reform lobbyist says paying inmates "a small token wage" for their prison work would boost morale, but a state prison official says inmates already get plenty for their work.

Charles Sullivan, executive director of Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants, told a House sub-

committee Wednesday that inmates who work in prison feel like "they are exploited by the system."

Sullivan said as little as \$1 per day — with half of it going into a victim compensation fund — would be a good idea.

"We're not asking for a lot when you get right down to it," said Sullivan, who told the subcommittee that all other states and the federal government pays inmates. The Texas Legislature has turned down the idea in the past.

Jack Kyle, Texas Department of Corrections assistant director, told the subcommittee the TDC already pays inmates by providing free room and board, education, lawyers and personal items.

"There are honest, hard-working citizens who could make good use of what is being furnished to inmates," Kyle told a House subcommittee.

He said keeping track of inmate salaries would be a cumbersome and expensive bookkeeping job.

"I have no idea what number of staff would be required for such an operation," he said.

Kyle said, however, TDC officials support an increase in the \$200 "gate money" given prisoners on release. The 1981 Legislature turned down an effort to raise the gate money to \$400.

Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, said the subcommittee, which also is studying prison overcrowding, would make recommendations to the House Committee on Security and Sanctions by Sept. 20.

PUC recommends smaller rate hike

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Southwestern Bell, which wants a \$47.5 million rate hike, is entitled to \$304.5 million, according to the Public Utility Commission staff.

The staff report was issued Wednesday in preparation for the rate hearing which begins Sept. 1.

Don Butler, attorney for the Texas Municipal League, said TML will recommend \$217.9 million in increases for Southwestern Bell.

"I think ours is generous," Butler said of the TML recommendation.

The telephone company wants \$4.60 more per month for local residential service. TML opposes any increase in local residential bills, but favors an \$88 million in hikes in long-distance tolls. Southwestern Bell, facing increased competition in long distance, wants no increase in long distance rates.

PUC spokeswoman Ronna Martin said the commission staff has not yet issued a recommendation on increases in costs for specific Southwestern Bell services. That report should be ready in two weeks, said Mrs. Martin.

Witnesses say suspect pulled by hair, shoved

HOUSTON (AP) — A handcuffed prisoner who later died was shoved, yanked by the hair and pushed to the ground, witnesses testified at the trial of a former Harris County deputy sheriff accused in the beating death of the 17-year-old suspect.

The teen-ager, Steven Barnette, died March 20 from a ruptured spleen after allegedly being beaten by three deputies.



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Dean pleased with decision to let his office count votes

AUSTIN — Secretary of State David A. Dean has announced his office will undertake vote tabulation in primary and general elections beginning with the Nov. 2 general election.

Dean noted that the Texas Election Bureau (TEB) had unanimously voted not to tabulate results for the upcoming general election and instead supported a merger of experience and expertise with the Secretary of State's office.

"I am extremely appreciative of this vote of confidence and the support expressed by the TEB directors," Dean said. "I have no doubt that their pledge of support and resources ensures that the undertaking will be a successful venture. The natural consequence of our efforts will be minimized opportunity for election fraud and a maximum flow of election results to the public and candidates."

Dean also said he was inviting current members of the TEB to serve on an advisory task force to the Secretary of State to oversee the election reporting project, particularly with respect to setting up the formats for returns reported on Nov. 2.

"The TEB has indeed filled a void for the state since 1916 and is to be commended for its service to the state over the years," Dean said. "However, the time has clearly come for the state to assume the vote tabulations function and for it to be carried on by the state."

Florida firm seeks ruling on purchase

Austin Bureau

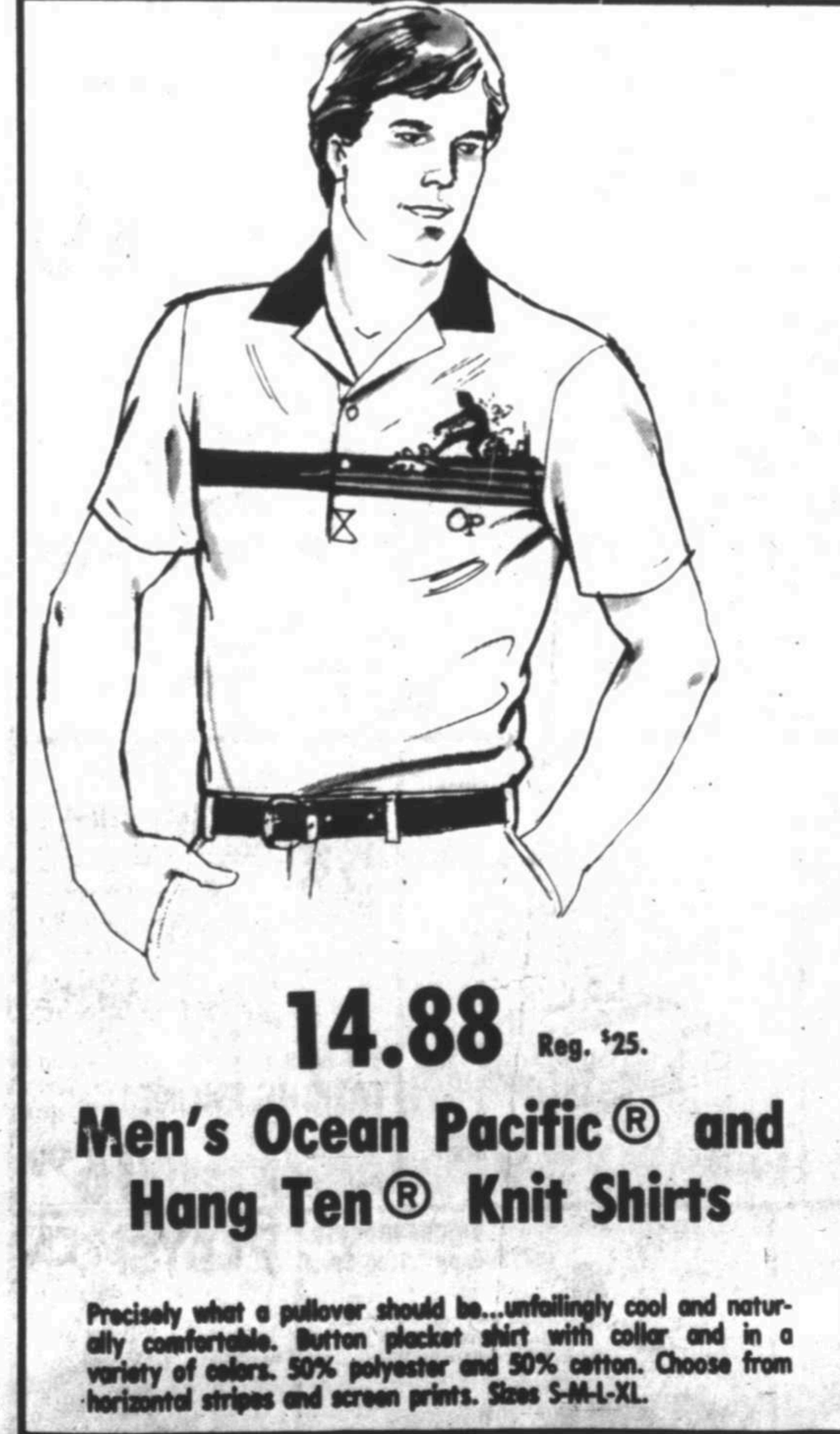
AUSTIN — The Texas Health Facilities Commission has received a request from Bloom Corp., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for a ruling that a THFC certificate of need is not required to allow it to purchase Midland Care Center.

The Florida firm is seeking to acquire the 118-bed nursing home from JJF Enterprises, Inc., a Tennessee corporation.

The THFC hasn't determined if a hearing will be held on the request.

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New general manager glad to be home

By GEORGIA TEMPLE
Entertainment Writer

A eighth generation Texan, George M. Esparza is glad to be home. Esparza was named general manager of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral Association this month, with the official announcement of his appointment being made at a Wednesday afternoon press conference.



The San Antonio native has spent the past year as one of eight chosen out of a field of 300 applicants for the American Symphony Orchestra League's Orchestra Management Fellowship Program. Through this fellowship Esparza gained valuable experience working in the management field for four organizations — the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Colorado Springs Symphony and the American Symphony Orchestra League. Of Texas, Esparza said, "This is where I want to stay. I was offered other positions, but I decided this (Midland-Odessa) was an exciting place to be. There is a lot that could be accomplished here. Resources are available here that are not available anywhere else in the country."

Although Esparza plays the piano and organ, he said, laughing, "I am accomplished at neither one. I'm a singer. I did graduate work in voice."

Esparza was in the graduate program at The University of Texas at Austin when he was chosen by the American Symphony Orchestra League for its fellowship.

While there, he was working toward a degree in choral directing. His background in this area included conducting a 46-voice community choir during the Bicentennial year on a concert tour of Poland as an official representative of the state of New Jersey.

Some years ago Esparza decided to pursue a management career as opposed to a performing one.

"A career of sorts in performing was not in my capability, but I had the ability to manage," Esparza said, adding, "I made a conscious choice."

As a recent arrival in the Midland-Odessa area, the 25-year-old Esparza said it is too soon for him to be voicing any major plans or specific goals for the organization; however he did give a broad outline of his job.

"At this point I am looking forward to settling in without making any drastic changes. I see my job as helping to coordinate and support the functions of the symphony and the volunteer organizations."

Esparza said he wants to see the organization run as efficiently as possible, with an increase in its outreach programs in the community.

The symphony's first rehearsal was Wednesday. The players, many of them new to the organization as well as the area, are preparing for this weekend's two Pops in the Park concerts.

The first will be held at Midland's Haley Park at 8:15 p.m. Saturday with the Odessa concert being held at the same time Sunday at Freedom Park.

Of the free concerts, Esparza said, "Bring your families and we'll bring our musicians; and we will all have a good time under the stars."

Chamber looks at clean-up, possible changes

By I. ANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Cleaning up the city and its own house is what the Midland Chamber of Commerce will be doing over the next few months as a result of Wednesday's meeting of the board of directors.

Gathered in the chamber's office, the directors approved proceeding with participation in the Keep America Beautiful campaign on a full-time basis and didn't disagree over the proposal to change the operating year from January to December to one that will coincide with the city government's, which runs from October through September.

Explaining the Beautify Midland campaign, Bill Collyns said that past efforts had been "clean-up" campaigns that worked fine for two to three weeks and didn't last longer than 60 days. There's been no effort to beautify the city."

What is needed is "attitude adjustment," or teaching citizens how to take pride in their community, according to Collyns. He pointed out that in its budget approved Tuesday, the City Council tacked on \$10,000 for the campaign. It would involve hiring an executive director to keep the program going year-round.

"This isn't a two-time-a-year campaign," said Chamber President Larry Bell in backing up Collyns. "It probably will be one of the most involved and encompassing projects of the chamber."

Wandering through all the other items on the agenda, Bell finally hit on the last one and said the executive committee was recommending a change in the operations of the chamber.

Because some of the chamber's programs are supported in part by the city of Midland, the agency has to submit a budget for Midland Center, the Economic Development Department and the Convention and Visitors Bureau for a fiscal year that starts in October. The chamber, however, operates on a budget that begins in January.

If the board agrees to this change, said Bell, he suggested that new officers would have to take over in October. Instead of pulling out all officers now to implement the proposed change, Bell said they could stay on for another nine months to effect the change, as would committee chairmen.

In addition, he recommended adding a new position — that of president-elect — to give some continuity.

"We thought long and hard before we can tie up with this recommendation," said Executive Vice President Paul Harvel. "We realize it's a big change and we're asking the board to extend it nine months. We've gone through reorganization and change in the by-laws, but feel this also makes sense."

No resistance was voiced by the directors and Bell said the issue

will be reviewed further at the next monthly meeting. Looking at the latest economic indicators for Midland, Bell pointed out the unemployment rates for June 1981 and 1982. Last year the figure was 7.2 percent and this year it was 7.6 percent. But he also noted that 10,000 more persons are employed this year. Last year, there were 50,670 employed as compared to 60,800 this year in June.

The indicators for July 1982 also show an easing up in unemployment with a 5.2 percent figure this year, compared with 6.5 percent in July 1981. Additionally, 80,650 persons were working in July, which is about 8,000 more than in July 1981, which saw 52,000 persons employed.

"I'm not saying we don't have things that we shouldn't have," said Bell. "But the unemployment is not having the impact here."

In chamber committee reports, the board learned that Midland Center income should exceed \$70,000 this year, two more conventions have been booked, the M-Squad is rebuilding and has new uniforms and the chamber golf tournament is scheduled for Sept. 21 at Hogan Park. A membership reception will be held Oct. 12 in Midland Center to acquaint new members with what the chamber does.

The West Texas Chamber Industrial Development Tour will be targeting New York City this fall and Grant Billingsley said persons interested in joining the tour should contact him at the chamber.

Three luncheons in the Big Apple will be hosted by the group of Texans hoping to draw more business to this area.

And an office survey should be ready by next month, said Billingsley.

"It will impress you with the amount of construction under way and being considered. There's a number of developers continuing to come through this community."

Soviet mission to end Friday

MOSCOW (AP) — The latest Soviet orbital crew, including the second woman to fly in space, will end its eight-day mission Friday, the official news agency Tass reported today.

Svetlana Savitskaya, 34, and her two male colleagues were launched Aug. 19, docked their Soyuz T-7 capsule with the orbiting Salyut-7 space station the following day, and began biological and medical experiments on how women adapt to space.

Ms. Savitskaya, a test pilot who has set 19 world aviation records, was designated a "researcher" aboard her first orbital flight. Alexander Serebrov, the 38-year-old flight engineer, also was making his space debut. The mission was commanded by veteran cosmonaut Leonid Popov, 36.

Bush defends U.S. pipeline stance

CHICAGO (AP) — Vice President George Bush today defended the Reagan administration's ban on shipping U.S. equipment to the Soviets for a gas pipeline, saying American business shouldn't tie its future to Moscow.

Bush, in remarks prepared for delivery at the national convention of the American Legion, also said the administration is improving America's image abroad. The White House released Bush's speech.

"The United States is the leader of the free world and under this administration we are beginning once again to act like it," he said.

Discussing the equipment embargo, Bush said, "We don't accept the argument that our pipeline sanctions are unfair, that the Soviets can't buy the equipment elsewhere, that we are only hurting American businesses. I don't believe any of that."

The vice president said the U.S. embargo on equipment to be used by the Soviets on its oil pipeline will

delay construction and delivery of gas to Western Europe.

"And frankly, I don't believe that any American business should tie its future to leaders in the Kremlin — men who have no regard for the human rights of their own people, much less the people of Poland," he said.

Bush also said the United States will not unilaterally stop its nuclear arms buildup because such a freeze would undermine its attempts to negotiate a weapons reduction with the Soviet Union.

"The simple solution of negotiating a freeze at current levels would be harmful to our security and that of our allies," he said. "It would undercut prospects for an effective nuclear arms reduction agreement with the Soviet Union."

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DEATHS

Margaret L. Nutt

Services for Margaret Louise Nutt, 51, of 2104 Western were Wednesday a.m. today at the Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. John Rasco, retired minister of the First Baptist Church of Odessa, officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Nutt died Monday at her residence. Pallbearers were to be Bill Wallace, Rex Barker, Alton Bryant, Don Haynes, Jim Gordon and W.D. Kleine.

Honorary pallbearers were to be Earl Newland, Rod Kitzmiller, Randy Gelsman, Fred Moore, Bill Whitley, Morris Askew, George Brown, Rod Fulson, Morris Reagan, Claud Danford, Otto Floyd, Keith Nutt, Bob Bledsoe, W.T. Shirley and Elmer Manus.

Mrs. E. Thompson

BIG SPRING — Memorial services for Mrs. Earl "Jewel" Thompson, 66, of Big Spring were to be at 10 a.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood chapel with graveside services at 4 p.m. in Matador.

Mrs. Thompson died Tuesday in a Cowper hospital. She was a nurse and a member of the Methodist Church. She lived in Big Spring for 11 years.

Robert Jackman

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for Robert Ledesma Jackman, infant, will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

The infant died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

'Jimmy' West

BIG SPRING — Services for J.G. "Jimmy" West, 84, of Stanton were to be at 3 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle

Rosewood Funeral Home chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

West died Tuesday evening in a Stanton nursing home.

He was a Methodist and a retired farmer. He had lived in Big Spring for seven years.

Sarah I. Pierson

Graveside services for Sarah Irene Pierson, 87, of 1010 Ainslee were to be at 3:30 p.m. today at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock with the Rev. Lindsey McQuoid, minister of the First Methodist Church of Anson, officiating. Services are under the direction of Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pierson died early Tuesday morning at a Midland hospital.

She was born Jan. 20, 1895, in Buffalo Gap. She spent her early life in Haskell and Stonewall Counties where she attended public schools. She moved to Wichita Falls from Ranger in 1929 where she worked in the nursing profession. She lived in Wichita Falls for fifty years and later lived in Aspermont and Lubbock. She moved to Midland in 1979.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Alice Moore of Midland; a sister, Emma Goodloe of Dallas; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Glen Akers

BROWNFIELD — Glen Akers, 62, of Brownfield, father of Mrs. Bob (Toni) Midkiff of Midland, died Tuesday after suffering a heart attack.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Presbyterian Church in Brownfield cemetery. Burial was to follow in a Brownfield cemetery.

He operated Akers Insurance Agency in Brownfield for 47 years.

Other survivors include his wife, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

Reagan watches Mideast, money from California

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan is monitoring the deployment of U.S. Marines in Beirut from his mountaintop ranch, where he is settling in for a 13-day vacation.

After two days in Los Angeles, the president returned to his 688-acre spread near here Wednesday following his formal notification to Congress that combat-equipped Marines had gone ashore in Beirut. The troops will oversee the evacuation of Palestinian fighters from the war-torn city.

Reagan also awaited the \$14.2 billion supplemental appropriations bill, which he seems sure to veto. White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the measure was due to arrive in California today, and the president was expected to act on it by the end of the week.

The measure includes money for some federal programs through the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

Budget Director David Stockman and other top advisers have urged Reagan to veto the bill, even though that risks killing funds for a high priority program — the administration's Caribbean basin aid program.

The total measure exceeds Reagan's domestic spending requests by \$918 million, but contains \$2.1 billion less than the president wanted for the military. For the Caribbean basin program, the bill contains \$350 million.

Also at stake is money for military pay increases due Aug. 31.

In a speech in Los Angeles Tuesday, Reagan pledged anew to veto "budget

busting bills," but stopped short of mentioning the pending measure.

At his ranch where he is in seclusion, Reagan is receiving telephone reports about Beirut from National Security Adviser William P. Clark in Santa Barbara. Reagan also talked by telephone Wednesday with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

In letters to congressional leaders about the Marines, Reagan said, "I want to emphasize that there is no intention or expectation that U.S. armed forces will become involved in hostilities."

"Although we cannot rule out isolated acts of violence," he said, "all appropriate precautions have thus been taken to assure the safety of U.S. military personnel during their brief assignment to Lebanon."

He said the Marines, numbering about 800, would be pulled out within 30 days.

In a message sent to the Marines before they went ashore, Reagan said, "The conditions under which you carry out your vital assignment are, I know, demanding and potentially dangerous."

However, he said, the inclusion of American troops in a multinational force with French and Italian soldiers was "crucial to achieving the peace that is so desperately needed in this long-tortured city."

"I expect that you will perform with the traditional esprit and discipline for which the Marine Corps is renowned," said Reagan. "God speed."

Reagan sent the formal notice to

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill and Senate President Pro Tem Strom Thurmond. The notification is required by the War Powers Resolution.

Reagan noted that the U.S.-negotiated agreement for the evacuation of

Palestinian guerrillas pointedly rules out any combat responsibilities for U.S. forces. Reagan said the three-nation force will be withdrawn if the agreement breaks down and the evacuation is scrapped.

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Daily News, last two unions reach contract agreements

NEW YORK (AP) — The Daily News and the last two of its 11 labor unions reached agreement today on cost-reduction measures that newspaper officials say are necessary to save the nation's largest general-circulation daily.

The accords were disclosed after marathon negotiations between the newspaper and the Newspaper Deliverers Union were completed at 4 a.m. They represented the final step for the paper's owner, the Tribune Co. of Chicago, to save the paper from folding.

The Tribune Co. had told the unions last April that the News needed to eliminate the equivalent of 1,340 jobs to save some \$50 million a year.

Gregory Thornton, vice-president and director of industrial relations for the News, and Murray Schwartz, president of the independent deliverers union, announced the agreement.

Thornton also disclosed that agreement had been reached earlier with the Printing Pressmen.

Both agreements were subject to approval of the unions' membership, officials said. Schwartz said his members would meet Monday and that his bargaining committee had approved the agreement unanimously.

Thornton said the News now "looks forward to full agreement" to settlement of the remaining issue — an extension of the contracts with all 11 unions. The News has proposed extensions starting March 31, 1984, that would put the unions under contract for three additional years, with increases in weekly pay totaling \$100 during the added term.

Pay currently ranges from around \$450 a week for some craft jobs to more than \$800 a week for experienced editorial employees.

TV, movie cartoonists OK proposals

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Television and movie cartoonists approved a package of demands in their 3-week-old strike against producers they accuse of farming out work overseas, a union spokesman said.

"We endorsed a package of contract proposals that are going to be presented to all producers," spokesman Jack Massie said Wednesday.

He said 400 of the 1,600 members of Local 839 of the Motion Picture Screen Cartoonists attended the meeting and passed the demands on voice vote. The animators are responsible for Saturday morn-

ing cartoons, among other things.

Massie said the union's contract forbids "run-away" contracting, a term used to describe work that is sent overseas

rather than given to cartoonists in the United States.

"The runaway clause is basically that there be no subcontracting out of Los Angeles County," he said.

Cleveland Plain Dealer strike put off a day for mediation

CLEVELAND (AP) — A threatened strike today by editorial employees of the Cleveland Plain Dealer was put off for at least 24 hours as federal mediators called both sides back to the bargaining table.

J. Steven Hatch, executive secretary of the 246-member Local 1 of The Newspaper Guild, said, "We're frozen for 24 hours."

Hatch said he received a telephone call at 1:45 a.m. from Kay McMurray, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, which headed off the 8 a.m. strike.

Leo Ring, chief contract negotiator for The Plain Dealer, said, "We received a telegram from the head of federal mediation in Washington asking us to attend the meeting, and we are here. I don't expect a settlement, but we're going to try. We're very far apart."

The Plain Dealer was published today. Its front page carried a brief account of the labor dispute and a four-paragraph statement by the newspaper's management which urged employees "to report for work in normal fashion."

The 103-year-old Cleveland Press, an afternoon paper which had competed with The Plain Dealer, ceased publication June 17, putting about 900 people out of work. That left The Plain Dealer, a morning publication, as Cleveland's only daily newspaper.

Federal Mediator W. Kenneth Evans kept the union and management teams in separate rooms at the service's Cleveland offices and began shuttle negotiations at 7:45 a.m.

Ring had predicted after a federally mediated negotiating session broke off Wednesday that a long strike would begin today. The last strike at The Plain Dealer, in 1974, lasted 49 days.

Hatch, asked about Ring's comment on a lengthy strike, replied: "That's the kind of talk that Mr. Ring uses. They can predict all they want I never predict."

Local 1 met Wednesday and took two votes, one rejecting the latest contract offer, 162-44, and a second, by voice, to set up picket lines.

Negotiators in The Plain Dealer talks have reached tentative agreement on non-economic issues.

Hatch said he had implied agreement from the newspaper's other unions that they would honor editorial employees' picket lines should a strike be called. The Guild's pact expired Aug. 1.

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NBC withdraws contract with captioning service

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NBC television network has withdrawn from a captioning service generally considered the best available for helping deaf viewers watch television.

Saying it was disappointed with the amount of demand for the service, the network withdrew this week from the National Captioning Institute two years after becoming a charter subscriber.

The decision leaves NCI with only two major customers. One of them — the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) — is expected to reduce its purchase of captioning services next year because of federal budget cutbacks. The other major customer, ABC, is maintaining its current commitment to the service.

"There is no question that this hurts," John E.D. Ball, NCI president, said Wednesday. "This was a major revenue source for NCI. I think the next six

months or so are going to be crucial for us."

NCI is the largest organization in the country providing television broadcasters a service called closed captioning. The non-profit institute was established in 1980 with federal seed money for the purpose of taking

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Prince's grades may bode ill for college admission

LONDON (AP) — Prince Edward's reputation as the brains of Britain's royal family took a beating today when newspapers reported his university qualifying examination grades were below average.

The exception was a top mark in history, which Edward's family has been making for centuries.

The London Times said his poor showing "may give...some pause for thought" to admission tutors at Cambridge University's Jesus College.

The 18-year-old prince has been offered a place as an undergraduate student at the college in September 1983 on condition his grades this year are adequate.

But the British domestic news agency Press Association reported: "It is understood the disclosure of Edward's marks will not affect his placing there."

Buckingham Palace announced Tuesday that Edward, youngest of the four children of Queen Elizabeth II, had passed three advanced level university

entrance examinations.

The Times reported today that Edward received a "C" in English literature, a "D" in history, and a "D" in the joint subject of economics and political science.

The prince partially redeemed himself with a grade 2 — signifying special merit — in a history examination.

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Redford making land development plans

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Actor-director Robert Redford, who owns large amounts of land in Utah, wants to develop the area near his Sundance Resort, says Redford's properties manager, John Lear.

The actor has applied for permits to develop 40 to 50 lots near the small ski resort, and has asked Lear to draw up a master plan for the resort, Redford's horse ranch in Spanish Fork, Utah, and other holdings in the state, Lear said.

"Economics is playing a big role in everyone's life," Lear said. "We are looking at Sundance and asking if we want to ski, if we want to develop, is it time for a change and we are asking similar questions about other pieces of land. The population in Provo has drastically increased and we are at our limits in some areas of the resort."

Development at the resort has been minor since 1970. The actor, who is active in environmental causes, has said he wanted to keep it as small and quiet as possible.

Redford wants to set the trend for future development in Provo Canyon, but, "There haven't been any decisions yet on what will happen," Lear said Tuesday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Conductor Leonard Bernstein observed his 64th birthday, still recovering from a case of the flu that forced him to cancel an appearance at the Salzburg music festival.

Bernstein was to appear with the Vienna Philharmonic at the festival Aug. 29, but sent a telegram to festival director Otto Serle to express "apologies and unhappiness" at having to cancel.

A spokeswoman for Bernstein, Margaret Carson, said he had been confined to his home for a few weeks with bronchial flu and a fever.

He was recovering on his birthday Wednesday, she said, but doctors told him not to travel until Aug. 30, when he will leave to join the Vienna Philharmonic for concerts in Vienna, Munich and Berlin.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. will be the guest of honor at the Governor's Ball on Saturday as the guest of New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean, officials say.

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'Newman's Own' hits store shelves with success astounding to backers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Paul Newman fans who may never have the chance to join the actor for dinner will soon be able to taste one of his homemade recipes.

For years, the blue-eyed movie star and race-car aficionado has combined his favorite ingredients into a salad dressing that he has served to his family and gave to friends as holiday gifts. For years, his friends told him the tasty concoction was good enough to sell.

He has taken their advice. On the shelves of at least two stores in southwestern Connecticut, customers find clear glass bottles bearing labels with portraits of Newman's smiling face wreathed in herbs and vegetables.

Inside each bottle is Newman's own recipe — a vinaigrette dressing made of olive oil, soybean oil, red wine vinegar, water, lemon juice, spices, salt, dehydrated onion and garlic.

It's called Newman's Own, and customers are gobbling it up.

"We've had it about three weeks and we've already sold 10,000 bottles," said Stew Leonard Jr., who works at Stew Leonard's Dairy in Norwalk, a family-run store near Newman's home in Westport.

Even though Newman's Own costs as much as 30

cents more than the store's other popular brands, it's selling like crazy, Leonard said.

"We've sold more bottles of it than all the others combined," he said. "We love to sell things like the Paul Newman salad dressing because it gets the customers excited."

Dave Kalman, whose Advantage Food Marketing Corp. of Port Washington, N.Y. is sole U.S. distributor for the dressing, said his company was not ready for the response to the product.

"We weren't going to even announce that the product exists until Sept. 15," said Kalman. Newman's Own has had "no advertising and stores are selling thousands and thousands of bottles of the stuff," he said.

Kalman's company plans to test-market the salad dressing in the Northeast, then go nationwide.

Newman's Own has met with rave reviews, not because it's a trendy product endorsed by a popular actor, but because it's a tasty salad dressing, Kalman said. "It's mild, not overbearing."

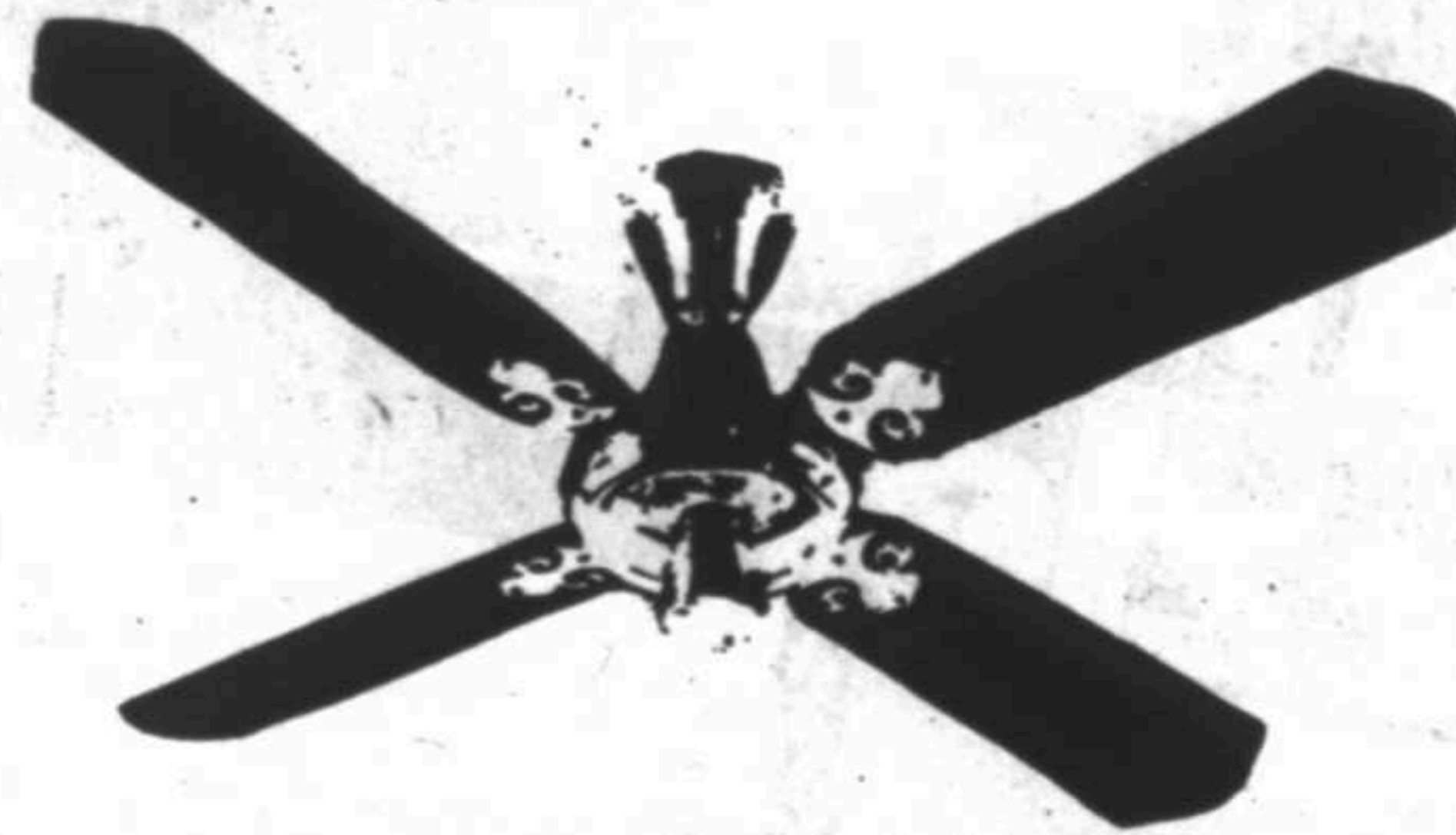
Newman, 57, star of movies including "Hud," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and, more recently, "Fort Apache, the Bronx" and "Absence of Malice," was on the race-driving circuit and couldn't be reached to discuss his recipe.



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