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Warships in position off Central America

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Reagan moves warships into position off both coasts of Central America, administration officials are planning stepped up ground exercises in the volatile region.

In a nationally televised news conference tonight at 8 p.m. EDT, Reagan is expected to focus on the military activity that presidential aide David R. Gergen says has been treated with "an awful lot of hype."

The session with reporters will give the president "an opportunity to put things in perspective," said Gergen, Reagan's communications director.

The latest U.S. military maneuvers in the region include sending the battleship New Jersey to join the growing U.S. fleet off Nicaragua, a decision Pentagon sources revealed Monday.

The ship movements are tied to the administration's opposition to Nicaragua's Sandinista government and its support for the Salvadoran government under attack by leftist insurgents.

The administration says the insurgents in El Salvador are being supplied through Nicaragua.

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The battleship, which cut short a Far Eastern cruise, was said to be heading across the Pacific to join the aircraft carrier Ranger and seven other vessels, which took positions Monday off Central America's western coast.

Meanwhile, the aircraft carrier Coral Sea was reported ready to depart for the Caribbean Sea from Naples, Italy, to operate along Central America's eastern coast.

And, the Pentagon announced that the first Marine amphibious landing in Honduras will be part of joint exercises by U.S. military forces in the region.

As reports circulated that the Pentagon was considering doubling the number of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador, White House officials took pains to stress that no such plan had reached the president. Reagan has allowed no more than 55 advisers to work in El Salvador at any one time.

While Reagan and his aides are focusing on current developments in Central America, Henry A. Kissinger, as chairman of the president's bipartisan commission on the region, was consulting today with House and Senate leaders of both parties. He met with the president Monday.

Kissinger said at a State Department news conference that the administration had to head off "the bitter debates that characterized the Vietnam period" and avoid any uncertainty about U.S. goals. His 12-member commission is intended to draw up long-term policy ideas for Reagan and help build national support for that policy.

Meanwhile, the Nicaraguan government on Monday told the Organization of American States that it is ready to negotiate "an absolute end to the arms supply by any country to the forces in conflict in El Salvador." It also said it was willing to sign a non-aggression treaty with neighboring Honduras.



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Porker power

Hosing down a market hog on his Bolton, Mass., farm is Peter Paquet a town meeting Monday, citizens reversed order allowing only eight pigs per residence, taking a pro-pork stand instead. Smell and property values were the central issues.

Pig partisans prevail

By PAULA FROKE
Associated Press Writer

BOLTON, Mass. — When the grunting and squealing was over, pig partisans carried the day in this rural bedroom community — with the porkers' need for pawing room taking precedence over some people's preference for more pristine surroundings.

Residents voted 305-195 at a special town meeting Monday to knock down a plan that would have limited the number of pigs to eight per farmer.

Almost a third of the town's 1,586 registered voters crowded the Nashoba Regional High School gymnasium to vote on an issue that has been raising a stink since May.

"I'm pleased with it," former pig farmer Chris Slade said of the vote, "but it didn't surprise me that we didn't get a lot of rhetoric from the farmers. What we got was the older residents coming out of the woods to protect what they've had for a long time."

The town's 2,700 residents were split between those arguing that pigs depress property values — and smell bad besides — and those wanting to preserve the town's agricultural heritage.

Farmers born and raised in Bolton are dismayed that their town has become a fashionable bedroom community over the past two decades.

Police dispatcher Ray Valley said about 10 people in the town raise pigs. He knows because the police department has to track down owners when pigs are on the loose.

Carrying a sign saying, "Don't Be Pig-headed. Vote No Oinks," 11-year resident Darrell Leet said many people had been upset about the town's piggeries but had remained silent until a few new residents spoke out.

He said the main objections were the smell, potential health hazards and property devaluation.

But pro-pig advocates Lisa and Holly Paquet countered with their signs: "Pig Farmer's Daughter and Proud of it" and "Pigs are Swell; it's the Neighbors that Smell."

The proposal would not have affected current pig farmers — unless they were found in violation of Board of Health regulations — but would deny permits to prospective farmers with more than eight pigs.

The issue came up when a group of residents asked the Board of Health to delay issuing permits until a 1947 statute could be reviewed. When the board refused, the group sought an injunction in Worcester Superior Court. That was denied, but is under appeal.

But some citizens saw the matter differently.

"I don't think we're giving enough attention to the serious property devaluation if garbage-fed pigs are in a neighborhood," said Leo McGanty, a real estate broker for 20 years. He claimed that a piggery could bring a 25 percent to 60 percent devaluation in neighborhood property values.

In the past 15 years, the number of households in Bolton has nearly doubled to 790; population has grown by more than a third, and the tax assessment has jumped from $15 million to $71 million. Many homes sell in the $150,000 range.

Selectman Charlie Brown — who opposed the proposal as did the town's two other selectmen — had other concerns.

"I find this very annoying, frustrating and troublesome," he told the crowd before the meeting. "We've had million-dollar budget items and had to get on the phone to get a quorum. Now, to have something like pigs bring you people out is very, very discouraging."

Ambulance argument again erupts in Andrews

By PATRICK DEAREN
Staff Writer

ANDREWS — Controversy over ambulance service continues to rage in this city almost a year after the initial uproar.

There are intimations, however, that the issue is headed for a climax.

The question debated and studied with such diligence the past several months is this: does the fact that policemen are charged with handling medical runs detract from their law enforcement duties?

Most citizens have admitted that the double-duty is not ideal, but the matter of coming up with a suitable alternative has stymied officials.

The saga of Andrews' amublance woes began in 1970 when Singleton Funeral Home abandoned its ambulance service and Andrews Police Department assumed the responsibility. By necessity, police have given medical calls preeminence over crime calls — a situation which led one crime victim to lead the charge against what she felt was an inadequate system.

On Sept. 3, 1982 two men robbed Ellen Hoffman at gunpoint outside her Andrews home and made off with $2,000 in merchandise. Immediately she summoned police — only to find out that on-duty officers were on an ambulance run.

When the officers finally arrived, 20 minutes later, the assailants were long-gone.

No arrests have ever been made in the case.

The situation so disturbed Ms. Hoffman that she was instrumental in forming Citizens for a Safe Andrews, which initially met Nov. 1, 1982 to persuade city and county officials to relieve policemen of the ambulance duty.

The opinions of many of those in attendance was summed up by the comment of one man: "If a guy's kicking down my door with a gun in his hand, the thing for me to do is call the ambulance and say I'm having a heart attack."

The show of force had its effect. On Nov. 11, 1982, then-mayor Steve Smith announced that a six-member citizen's panel, chosen by city council and approved by county commissioners, would study the matter and make recommendations to the governing bodies.

That study reached culmination March 28, when the panel recommended the ambulance service be aligned with Permian General Hospital.

Despite that recommendation, no official action has been taken in the four intervening months and policemen continue to handle the emergency medical service.

"A final decision has not been made," said city manager and citizen's panel member Len Wilson. "The commissioners court, city council and city are exploring possibilities."

But certain members of Citizens for a Safe Andrews — Ms. Hoffman chief among them — are growing impatient.

"We kept our mouth shut and let them ride and ride and ride," she said. "It's the city's business to take care of it, and they've laid it on the hospital board. We told them we'd give them time to work it out and that's what we've done...But we have not forgotten it."

Ms. Hoffman said she intended to speak to the hospital board at its August meeting "and tell them my side of the story and let them take it from there."

Ms. Hoffman's story is of a woman who still faces torment at the memory of once having been victimized by crime.

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Administration fears effects of Israel's partial withdrawal

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration officials are growing increasingly concerned that Israel's plans for a partial troop withdrawal from Lebanon could deal a fatal blow to the already crippled government of President Amin Gemayel.

Two top Israeli officials, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens, were scheduled to arrive in Washington later today for talks on the Israeli withdrawal plan.

Both U.S. and foreign diplomatic sources said Secretary of State George P. Shultz and other administration officials probably would ask Israel to delay its withdrawal from the Chouf mountain region east of Beirut.

However, reports in Israel have already said the country plans to reject U.S. pleas and begin pulling back its forces as early as next week from some areas.

It has become evident in recent weeks that the administration, which initially called on Israel to promptly withdraw all of its troops after the June 6, 1982 invasion, now is opposed to an Israeli withdrawal, partial or otherwise, unless it coincides with Syrian forces pulling back.

The focus of U.S. concern is on the Chouf region, where there has been heavy fighting between the right-wing Christian militia and fighters from the Druse Moslem sect.

The fighting has occurred even with Israelis in the area. Efforts to bring about a lasting cease-fire so far have failed. Lebanese and American officials are now warning that a full-fledged civil war between Moslems and Christians, with Syrian backing for the Moslems, could break out if the Israelis withdraw.

Underscoring the concern was the formation over the weekend of a Syrian-backed opposition front, whose leaders include Druse leader Walid Jumblatt. The front spells new trouble for President Gemayel, who after nearly 10 months in office still can only claim to govern in the Beirut area, and there only tenuously.

Proposed deregulation of natural gas could cost state $10 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas could lose almost $100 million in taxes under the natural gas deregulation bill proposed by President Reagan, Comptroller Bob Bullock said Monday.

Bullock sent a special report to Texas senators and representatives in Washington.

"Efforts to eliminate some natural gas pricing problems are to be commended but no one wants to cut off an arm to cure a hangnail," Bullock said.

He said the administration measure could cost the state $56 million in lost gas production taxes during the next two years and about $42 million the year after that.

Furthermore, Bullock said, his report indicated Texas gas customers would not benefit significantly from the Reagan proposal.

Bullock asked the congresssmen to examine carefully a second major proposal to deregulate natural gas that was developed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee which would impact Texas less severely.

"This will be a decision for those who represent Texas in Washington but I felt they needed to have the facts on what would happen when they pressed the voting buttons," Bullock said.

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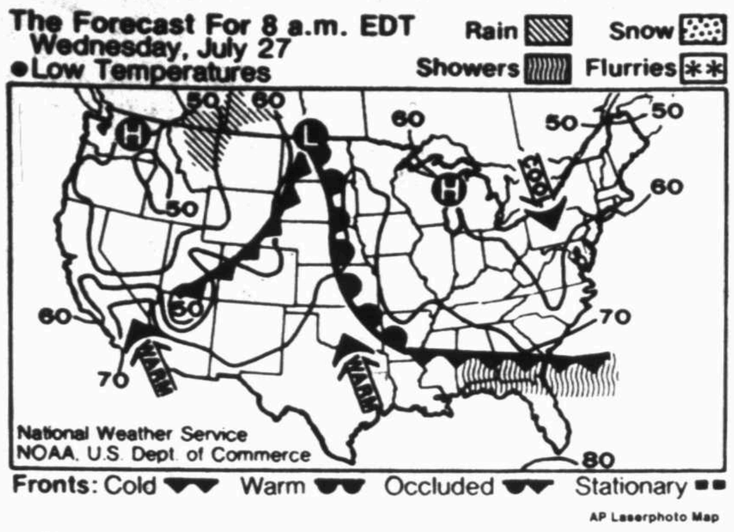
Weather

Continued hot and dry through Wednesday; lows in lower 70s, highs near 102 degrees. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



AP Laserphoto Map

Warm weather is forecast through Wednesday for most of the southern section nation, according to the National Weather Service. Cooler weather is expected for the Northeast with showers due in the Southeast.

Hot, sunny weather to continue

Like a worn out song, the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport is stuck on the same phrase, same verse — the one about blue and sunny skies.

Tonight's refrain is clear and warm with a low in the lower 70s. Temperatures Wednesday are expected to climb near 102, matching Monday's high note.

Tonight's southerly winds at 5-10 mph are expected to breeze at 10-15 mph Wednesday.

Monday's high was only one degree cooler than the record high of 103, set in 1974. The overnight low of 71 was 10 degrees warmer than 1933's record low of 61.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Fair and warm tonight, sunny and hot Wednesday. Low tonight in the lower 70s, high on Wednesday around 102. Southerly winds at 5-10 mph tonight, increasing to 10-15 mph Wednesday.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	102 degrees
Overnight Low	71 degrees
Sunset today	8:50p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:01a.m.
Precipitation	
Last 24 hours	none inches
This month to date	trace inches
1983 to date	2.38 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a.m.	74	6 p.m.	100
7 a.m.	76	7 p.m.	97
8 a.m.	79	8 p.m.	94
9 a.m.	82	9 p.m.	91
10 a.m.	86	10 p.m.	88
11 a.m.	91	11 p.m.	86
noon	94	Midnight	84
1 p.m.	96	1 a.m.	81
2 p.m.	98	2 a.m.	79
3 p.m.	99	3 a.m.	76
4 p.m.	100	4 a.m.	74
5 p.m.	100	5 a.m.	74
		6 a.m.	73

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

	H	L
Abilene	99	77
Denver	88	63
Amarillo	96	66
El Paso	97	73
Ft. Worth	100	76
Houston	94	74
Lubbock	98	72
Marfa	92	62
Okla. City	103	75
Wichita Falls	107	74

Texas temperatures

Tuesday

Highs, lows and precipitation for 24 hours ending 7 a.m.

	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Abilene	99	77	00
Alice	99	72	00
Amarillo	96	65	02
Austin	94	75	00
Beaumont	92	74	00
Brownsville	93	77	00
Childress	104	73	00
College Station	2	73	00
Corpus Christi	92	74	00
Dalhart	91	64	00
Dallas	100	77	00
Del Rio	101	76	00
El Paso	97	69	02
Fort Worth	99	76	00
Galveston	90	83	00
Houston	94	74	00
Longview	95	74	00
Lubbock	98	72	00
Lufkin	95	75	00
Marfa	92	62	00
McAllen	97	76	00
Midland	102	73	00
Palacios	91	80	00
San Angelo	100	75	00
San Antonio	96	75	00
Shreveport La	94	75	00
Stephenville	98	73	00
Texarkana	94	74	00
Victoria	92	76	00
Waco	99	76	00
Wichita Falls	107	74	00
Wink	96	74	00

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Mostly fair to partly cloudy through Wednesday. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms, in the late afternoon and evening hours, Panhandle, South Plains and southwest. Highs 95 north to near 102 south, except 92 mountains and 108 Big Bend valleys. Lows 65 Panhandle and southwest mountains to 75 south.

North Texas: Mostly clear to partly cloudy with hot afternoons through Wednesday. Highs 97 southeast to 107 northwest. Lows 74 to 79.

East Texas: Mostly fair through Wednesday. Highs 97 to 100. Lows 75 to 78.

South Texas: Mostly fair through Wednesday. Considerable early morning cloudiness in South Central Texas. Highs 95 to 98, except near 90 near shore and 100 to 102 over the Rio Grande plains. Lows 70s inland to 82 near shore.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southerly and southeasterly winds near 15 knots becoming 10 to 15 knots tonight and Wednesday. Winds briefly gusty near shore in the afternoons. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Isolated showers.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southerly and southeasterly winds 15 to 20 knots becoming 10 to 15 knots tonight and 15 to 20 knots Wednesday. Winds gusty near shore in the afternoons. Seas 3 to 5 feet.

Weather elsewhere

Tuesday

Temperatures on left indicate Monday's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. EDT. Temperatures on right indicate outlook for Wednesday.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk	Hi	Lo
Albany	81	54	.04	clr	85	58
Albuquerque	93	65		cdy	95	67
Amarillo	96	65	.32	cdy	98	66
Anchorage	69	55		rn	m	m
Asheville	86	63	.39	clr	82	62
Atlanta	97	72		clr	90	71
AtlanticCity	74	66		clr	83	66
Austin	94	76		clr	96	77
Baltimore	83	63		clr	88	64
Billings	83	64		clr	86	58
Birmingham	97	76		clr	91	71
Bismarck	88	67		cdy	88	60
Boise	85	57		clr	82	54
Boston	78	68	.01	clr	82	65
Brownsville	93	77		clr	93	79
Buffalo	88	63		clr	86	61
Burlington	81	56	.14	cdy	84	60
Casper	93	61	.10	cdy	87	56
Charleston S.C.	95	72	.33	cdy	88	72
Charleston W.V.	81	64	.01	clr	87	65
Charlotte N.C.	89	66	.06	clr	85	65
Cheyenne	83	56		cdy	83	57
Chicago	80	66		clr	89	68
Cincinnati	83	64	.25	clr	88	66
Cleveland	81	58		clr	85	64
Columbia,S.C.	94	72	.05	clr	89	67
Columbus	82	59		clr	86	66
Dallas-FtWorth	99	76		clr	101	77
Dayton	76	59	.04	clr	86	64
Denver	88	63		rn	87	60
DesMoines	88	71		clr	95	73
Detroit	83	57		clr	87	62
Duluth	78	52		cdy	84	61
ElPaso	97	69	.02	cdy	96	69
Fairbanks	77	50	.01	rn	m	m
Fargo	79	65		cdy	89	63
Flagstaff	75	48		cdy	78	49
GreatFalls	83	58	.21	clr	82	53
Hartford	82	57		clr	85	61
Helena	86	59	.17	clr	80	50
Honolulu	86	57		m	m	m
Houston	92	78		clr	96	75
Indianapolis	88	64		clr	86	66
Jackson Miss	97	76		cdy	95	75
Jacksonville	97	80		cdy	90	72
Juneau	70	53		m	m	m
KansasCity	86	66		cdy	92	75
LasVegas	05	74		clr	103	73
LittleRock	98	73	.05	cdy	95	76
LosAngeles	82	64		clr	84	65
Louisville	85	66	.04	clr	89	67
Lubbock	98	72		clr	98	71
Memphis	92	79		clr	93	77
Miami	90	80		cdy	91	76
Milwaukee	78	64		clr	88	70
Mpls-St Paul	82	63		cdy	89	68
Nashville	89	71		clr	88	70
NewOrleans	94	76		clr	95	77
NewYork	82	68		clr	88	65
Norfolk	85	70		clr	83	71
NorthPlatte	85	59		cdy	91	64
OklahomaCity	103	75		clr	100	76
Omaha	85	65		cdy	90	69
Orlando	95	77		rn	92	74
Philadelphia	80	64		clr	85	68
Phoenix	07	87		clr	106	80
Pittsburgh	79	61		clr	84	61
Portland,Me	77	47	.20	cdy	78	55
Portland,Ore	73	59	.42	rn	70	57
Providence	78	64		clr	83	63
Raleigh	85	66	.06	clr	85	62
RapidCity	94	58		cdy	86	63
Reno	86	45		clr	87	43
Richmond	84	65		clr	88	66
SaltLake	92	73		clr	90	60
SanAntonio	96	75		clr	97	77
SanDiego	74	66		cdy	76	66
SanFrancisco	70	54		clr	71	54
Seattle	66	55	.40	rn	70	55
Shreveport	94	75		clr	95	75
SiouxFalls	85	65		cdy	93	68
St Louis	85	69		clr	91	73
St Pete-Tampa	90	81		cdy	89	77
StSteMarie	83	50		clr	86	58
Spokane	70	51	.06	cdy	72	51
Syracuse	83	56		clr	87	62
Topeka	86	63		clr	90	71
Tucson	101	75		cdy	99	72
Tulsa	101	75		clr	101	78
Washington	82	68		clr	88	69
Wichita	92	71		clr	94	71

Border forecasts

New Mexico: Partly cloudy through Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with 90s lower elevations. Lows 40s and 50s mountains and mostly 60s elsewhere.

Oklahoma: Clear to partly cloudy with hot afternoons through Wednesday. Widely scattered thundershowers mainly north tonight. Highs 95 to 015. Lows 65 Panhandle to 78 southeast. Highs Wednesday 98 to 105.

Louisiana: Mostly fair with isolated afternoon thunderstorms through Wednesday. Highs near 95. Lows 75 to 78.

Arkansas: Partly cloudy wiht widely scattered thundershowers through Wednesday. Highs in the 90s. Lows 68 to 75.

Volcano has ended eruption

VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP) — Kilauea Volcano has ended a spectacular five-day eruption, halting a four-mile march of molten rock before any property was damaged.

Lava had been spewing 30 to 60 feet out of the volcano's east rift when the activity stopped abruptly at 4:30 p.m. Monday, said Wil Tanigawa, a spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.

The volcano bubbled to life on Thursday in a cinder cone 12 miles from the summit, the sixth major eruption since Jan. 3. On Saturday, a fountain of lava shot 500 feet into the air, creating a roar that could be heard 10 miles away.

During Kilauea's five previous eruptions this year, glowing rock has pushed five miles into the sparsely populated Royal Gardens subdivision, destroying 16 structures. But the latest flow moved away from the homes, creeping four miles northeast into a remote state forest before the source calmed and movement ceased.



AP Laserphoto

Bright red lava spews from a cinder cone on the slopes of Kilauea Volcano on the island of Hawaii. The lava fountain reached heights of 100 feet Sunday before leveling off at "tens of feet."

Anniversary of revolution celebrated

SANTIAGO, Cuba (AP) — Thirty years ago today, an out-of-work lawyer named Fidel Castro led a guerrilla raid on an army barracks here.

Militarily, the attack was an utter failure. But it triggered a series of events that developed into the Cuban revolution and achieved the overthrow of Fulgenio Batista's dictatorship five years, five months and five days later.

Today, Castro returns Santiago to talk to his people about that event, which was to radically alter Cuba's politics and its relations with its big neighbor to the north.

Along the narrow streets of this port city beneath the Sierra Maestra mountains, there is scarcely a home without a flag, a poster or some other adornment nailed to the front door commemorating Castro's 26th of July movement.

Delegations from scores of countries have arrived for the celebration, greeted at the airport by smiling school children dressed in snappy red and white outfits.

The trees are in full bloom and thousands of outlandishly dressed people are celebrating Carnival, Cuba's Mardi Gras, creating a festive atmosphere in this usually serene city 500 miles southeast of Havana.

Ambulance argument renewed

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"I wish you'd run more stories on victims of crime and what it does to their lives," she told the Reporter-Telegram, "because mine's been a whole mess the last year. You don't want to stay in the house (where it occurred). We moved out of our house. You're more afraid than what you normally would be. It affects the kids; it just affects the whole family."

But the primary reason she felt obliged to try to initiate a change in the police-ambulance policy transcends her personal trauma, she says.

"We're mainly doing this because we think we have a good police department and it's a shame to put them out in Andrews (on medical runs) when they should be taking care of law enforcement."

But further study is needed before a final decision can be reached, said hospital board member Gerald McCaskill. "Only recently has anybody come to the board and asked them to consider taking over the operation of (the ambulance)," he said, adding that he has yet to formulate a personal opinion on the matter.

But county judge Les Brown hinted that an ultimate decision is imminent, saying that within "thirty days" definite action would be taken.

"We're working on a deal, but we don't want to negotiate in the newspaper," he said.

He did confirm, however, that the "deal" involved Permian General Hospital.

Sandinistas cite Reagan; Honduras wants more aid

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The leftist Sandinista government says President Reagan threatens world peace by deploying warships off Nicaragua and rejecting its offer to conduct security talks with Central American neighbors.

"Only those who nourish war and pretend to give themselves a sort of natural law to intervene in the affairs of other countries can refuse to negotiate," the government newspaper Barricada's Monday editions quoted Interior Minister Tomas Borge as saying.

It was the first official reaction to Reagan's order for U.S. navy ships to conduct war games off Nicaragua's Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Reagan reportedly also has ordered a large increase in covert aid to rightist insurgents battling the Sandinistas near the Honduran border.

After the Sandinistas announced willingness to hold regional peace talks last week, Reagan said he doubts peace is obtainable in Central America if the Sandinistas remain in power. The Sandinistas have interpreted Reagan's statement as a rejection of their overtures.

Barricada quoted Borge as saying Reagan's actions represent "a threat not only against Nicaragua, but also against America and the world."

Elsewhere in Central America:

—Honduran army commander Gen. Gustavo Alvarez Martinez said Monday that Honduras needs stronger armed forces, claiming the country faces possible aggression from Nicaragua and leftist rebels in El Salvador. The United States is training Salvadoran soldiers in Honduras, plans joint exercises with Honduran troops and is giving the country $33 million in aid this year.

—U.S. special envoy Richard Stone said he conferred with Panama's President Ricardo de la Espriella about "the current situation in Central America" but declined to elaborate on his third visit to the region. Stone, who visited Mexico last week, spent the weekend in Panama, where speculation persisted he attempted to meet with Salvadoran insurgent representatives.

He flew from Panama to Venezuela late Monday, and diplomatic sources said he would fly to Colombia next. His visit has been shrouded in secrecy.

Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia form the so-called Contadora group, which has proposed a widely accepted peace plan for Central America. Sources said Stone is carrying a letter from Reagan to the presidents of the Contadora nations, but contents of the letter has not been disclosed.

—In El Salvador, Col. Domingo Monterrosa said government troops killed 80 rebels around the Guazapa volcano 15 miles north of San Salvador and suffered nine dead in an 11-day campaign that ended Monday. But the U.S.-backed army's claims of rebel casualties are usually exaggerated and independent confirmation of the figures is difficult to obtain.

Former guerrillas live in fear despite Salvadoran amnesty

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — About 200 former guerrillas who accepted a government amnesty offer are huddled in a makeshift camp, fearing deadly reprisals outside its gates and unable to find refuge in other countries.

An amnesty law came into effect May 15, offering jobs and relocation to political prisoners, guerrillas and leftist sympathizers. It is considered vital to the Salvadoran government's strategy for neutralizing the guerrilla movement and ending a 45-month civil war.

Some of the former political prisoners have had no difficulty finding other countries willing to accept them.

But nobody seems to want the ex-guerrillas, most of whom are illiterate or have no skills.

Amnesty recipients said in interviews with The Associated Press they feel safe at San Salvador's fairgrounds, where the amnesty program is headquartered. But they worry they could be killed by leftists who consider them traitors or rightists who oppose amnesty.

"It is possible that when I leave here, right there on the corner they will kill me," said Pedro, a former political prisoner, gesturing across the fairgrounds field. "These guys have a hunger for me like a hungry dog has for the boss' best bone."

Like others at the camp, Pedro asked that his last name not be published for fear that his safety would be jeopardized.

The amnesty board promises protection and resettlement inside Salvador for both guerrilla fighters and political prisoners. But Pedro, like most other amnesty recipients, believes leaving the country is the only answer.

"You leave this place with your amnesty ID card, and you will die," Pedro said. "Once this amnesty ends, and we leave this place, we will become victims."

The amnesty program is publicized widely on television and radio, and even by leaflets dropped from airplanes onto rebel-held areas. Officials say it has provoked argument and divisions among guerrillas and attracted much interest with rebel followers who are weary of fighting.

The leftist guerrillas claim many of the pardoned rebels did not turn themselves in, but were in fact captured. The army last week admitted it turned over 66 captured rebel followers to the amnesty board.

Many of the political prisoners — some of whom are university professors or other professionals — have been accepted as desirable exiles in Australia, Belgium, Canada or Mexico.

Australia has accepted 70 former political prisoners — but no rebel fighters.

"We want people who can settle in Australia," said Italo Oriolo, an Australian immigration official.

At least 301 combatants and civilian camp followers have turned themselves into authorities, while 542 political prisoners charged with nonviolent crimes have been released from custody, the amnesty board says.

Of the 843 participants in the program, 120 have been placed abroad by the amnesty board. At present, 200 people are living at the fairgrounds, while about 50 have been placed on farm cooperatives.

Those unaccounted for are political prisoners who were released and never presented themselves to the board. There is no record of what they have done, but most are believed to have left the country. Some may have rejoined the guerrillas.

Amnesty board director Ernesto Arbizu said it had not been possible to obtain visas for all beneficiaries.

"Each country determines its aid programs, and there is nothing we can do about getting these people visas," he said.

Correction

In Sunday's Newcomer's Guide a story on Midland Gold incorrectly listed the Senior Citizens Center as being a location to pick up the cards.

That center does not handle Midland Gold cards. They can be picked up at Senior Services of Midland, 1301 W. Louisiana, or call 682-7577.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Have we made an error? Call us at 682-5311, Ext. 130, and a correction will be published.

PLO rebels, Arafat's loyalists exchange fire

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — PLO rebels and guerrillas loyal to Yasser Arafat battled house to house today in the Bekaa Valley city of Jdeita, but Arafat's men were reported holding out.

In the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Hebron, masked attackers burst into the Arab university, and Israel radio reported two people killed and 30 wounded in a hail of gunfire and grenades.

A Jewish seminary student was stabbed to death by Arab assailants in Hebron three weeks ago, and Jewish settlers who live in Hebron have in the past vowed to avenge such attacks.

The fighting in Jdeita continued after seven hours, and reporters said Arafat's fighters were holding their positions. They said ambulances brought out four wounded combatants from the town, but the ambulances could not get back in because of the intense fighting.

The attack in Jdeita was led by rebels loyal to Col. Saed Mousa. It was the fourth straight day of fighting in the town, 19 miles east of Beirut and just north of the Beirut-Damascus highway.

If Jdeita falls to the rebels, Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Arafat's forces near the highway would be encircled and their supply routes from the Baalbek area 19 miles north severed, state and private radios said.

The state-run radio said Jdeita residents fled their homes for safer areas before Mousa launched the daybreak assault.

Chtaura, the main town on the highway one mile east of Jdeita, was shuttered as the attack began behind a big artillery barrage to dislodge Arafat loyalists, the radio said.

The loyalists, led by Col. Abu Ahmed Ismail, vowed a "fight unto death" in a telegram sent to Khalil Wazir, Arafat's top military commander based in northern Lebanon.

The mutiny was instigated May 7 by Mousa and other officers in Arafat's Fatah faction. They claim he has mismanaged the war with Israel, appointed aides based on loyalty instead of skill and is not militant enough.

Syria has supported the mutineers and last month expelled Arafat, denying him access to his fighters in Lebanon, the PLO's last front with Israel.

Late Monday, Christian and Druse gunners battled in the central mountains, further jeopardizing security in the area that Israeli occupation forces reportedly will vacate within days despite U.S. pressure for a six-month delay.

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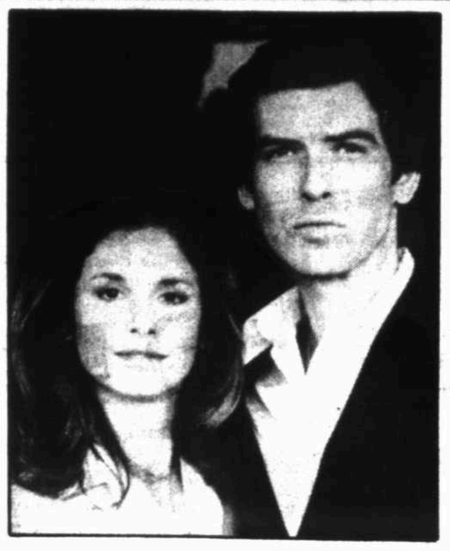
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Actor sells himself not carpet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Howie Mandel doesn't take life seriously, but he is amazed that today he's starring in NBC's "St. Elsewhere." A few years ago, he was in the carpet business in Canada.

In rapid succession, Mandel went from carpet entrepreneur to standup comedian to actor. He plays Dr. Wayne Fiscus, an emergency room physician, in the medical series.

He tapes the syndicated show "Laugh Trax" in the morning, works on "St. Elsewhere" in the afternoon and performs at the Comedy Store at night.

"Three and a half years ago, I had no idea I'd be in show business," says Mandel. "I caused trouble and liked to be the center of attention.

Mandel got started in the carpet business in about the same haphazard fashion he got into show business. He began by selling carpet door to door, and when he made a sale he would run down to a warehouse, tie the roll of carpet to his car and deliver it.

As his business grew, he made a buying trip to Los Angeles and registered at a hotel that by chance was next door to the Comedy Store.

"It was amateur night at the Comedy Store, and, what the heck, I got up and performed," he recalls. "I got some laughs and a guy in the audience offered me a job on television. His name was George Foster. I taped 15 shows of 'Make Me Laugh' in three days and went back to my carpet business in Toronto.

"I told people about my experience and nobody believed me," he says. "Three months later, the show went on the air and I started getting calls from producers. I came back to L.A. and even the cab driver had seen me."

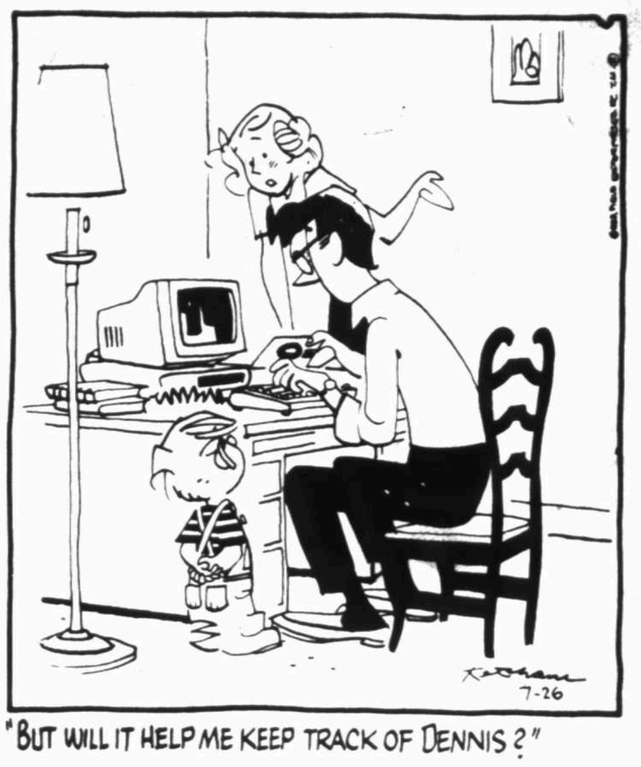
He did a pilot for NBC and had starring roles in two movies, "Gas" and "Funny Farm." Diana Ross saw him on "The Merv Griffin Show" and hired him to open for her in Las Vegas.

He finally sold his carpet business two years ago.

When he got back from Las Vegas, his agent sent him to MTM Enterprises to audition for a new medical show.

"I met the casting director and she said she was casting for 'St. Elsewhere,'" he says. "She gave me a medical report to read. I did a standup gig that afternoon and I got a call to come back to MTM. I had all my comedy props with me and I was very hyper from doing comedy. I read for them again.

DENNIS THE MENACE



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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GEN. ALFRED M. GREUNTHER

North-South vulnerable and 30 on score. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7 4 3
♡ 2
◇ J 6 2
♣ A 10 5 4

WEST
♠ A 8 5 2
♡ K J
◇ Q 9 3
♣ J 9 7 2

EAST
♠ K J 6
♡ 6 4 3
◇ K 10 8 5
♣ K 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 9
♡ A Q 10 9 8 7 5
◇ A 7 4
♣ Q 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♡	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Gen. Alfred M. Greunther. He was one of the first, and best, of the bridge tournament directors and, while a lieutenant at West Point, he served as referee for the Culbertson-Lenz and Culbertson-Sims bridge matches.

He was a fair player himself, and one of the favorite partners of President Eisenhower. During World War II, they often relaxed from their strenuous duties by enjoying a rubber or two of bridge, even at moments of great crisis.

This hand is from the Culbertson-Lenz "Bridge Battle of the Century." Sidney Lenz opened the South hand with an intermediate two heart bid, and Oswald Jacoby, North, correctly kept the bidding open. Lenz rebid his suit and, since there was a 30 partial, North passed.

West led a club, declarer played low from dummy and East won the king. Lenz unhesitatingly made the correct play of unblocking his queen of clubs. Declarer was now in control. When he gained the lead, he cashed the ace of trumps. This brought the jack, and the contract was now reasonably secure. Declarer finessed the ten of clubs and sluffed one of his losers on the ace of clubs. He lost only one trick in each suit.

Despite this excellent play, Lenz lost the match. Lenz's Official System simply was no match for the Culbertson methods. Ely Culbertson went on to parlay this success into a bridge empire that lasted until he became so obsessed with world peace that he ignored everything else, including bridge.

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Society's rules

There surely will be those who didn't understand the sentences handed down to two Midland men last week by U.S. District Court Judge Lucius D. Bunton. They'll say the judge was too harsh or incompassionate. We don't agree.

The two men — Steve Dudley Quain and Frankie Keller — were charged with shooting bears from an airborne helicopter in Mexico in June 1981. They admitted killing the bears, but said they stalked them and shot them in Texas, not Mexico.

Bunton sentenced the two men to 179 days in jail, placed them on three five-year probations and fined them $6,000 each. What that punishment says is that the type of conduct exhibited by the two should not be condoned by society and will not be condoned by this federal judge. This wasn't the occasion for compassion.

The men broke federal law when they hunted the bears from an airborne helicopter in Mexico and, according to the judge, acted childishly by refusing to cooperate with investigators from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The men lied to the jury that tried them, the judge opined.

Most hunters respect wildlife enough to give their quarry a chance. These men didn't. Most hunters respect the rights and the land of others. These didn't even respect international boundaries, according to Judge Bunton. They make the image of "the dirty American" a reality.

In our society each member is compelled to obey the rules or social order will be destroyed. By their actions, the men violated the most basic rules. It would have been easy for the judge to have handed down sentences of less severity. To have done so, though, would have been a signal to all others that this type of offense — and disrespect for basic rules of conduct — is permissible in this part of Texas. It isn't and the judge's ruling reinforced that opposition.

Continue to stand up for basic values, Judge Bunton. We'll back you 100%.

Miss Liberty's facelift

At 97, Miss Liberty is not too old to have a face-lift. But America's beloved 151-foot-tall guardian of New York Harbor will need more than a cosmetic operation if she is to be in perfect health for her centennial bash on July 4, 1986.

An estimated $25 million to $30 million repair project is scheduled to begin this fall on the Frederic Aguste Bartholdi-designed gift from the French people. But cost overruns could make Miss Liberty a $40-million-dollar woman.

Miss Liberty's iron ribs which support her now-splotchy copper skin have corroded so much they will be replaced by a stronger copper-based metal framework. Her upraised arm and torch also have deteriorated so badly that they may have to be removed and rebuilt on the ground.

Other operations for Miss Liberty include a new stairwell or elevator to better accommodate the more than 1.5 million people who visit her annually.

The French-American Committee for the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty has donated $5 million to cover the architectural and engineering costs of her rebuilding. The rest is to be raised by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, headed by super salesman Lee Iacocca.

If every American were to contribute just one dime, or the price of a get-well card for that matter, Miss Liberty would be ready to stand guard for freedom for another 100 years.

Perhaps a more fitting way to pay for the restoration would be in the form of fund-raising projects from the nation's school children. After all, French school children originally paid for most of Miss Liberty as a symbol of friendship and out of admiration for our form of government. It would not be too much of a sacrifice if every student were to forego just one video arcade game a week for Miss Liberty's sake.

That's something for teachers, students, parents and former students to think about during the second half of the summer.

Another View:

A notch closer

The Pentagon's quest for newer and more flexible weapons, such as the so-called neutron bomb, is probably inevitable. Everybody wants to own the most up-to-date item on the market.

But the neutron bomb also is highly dangerous — ironically because it would move the world a notch closer to the atomic holocaust that the bomb is supposed to deter.

By a vote of 47 to 42, the Senate has moved the bomb one step closer to reality. Senators revoked previously approved language that required at least one European ally to publicly accept the neutron bomb before production funds could be released.

The neutron bomb is so named because it expends most of its energy in deadly neutron radiation, not heat and blast. That's its appeal to military planners. Even though it's lethal, it's not so destructive to buildings and bridges. Thus, it's more usable than conventional, city-busting nukes. It's more flexible.

And that's why it's so dangerous. Any weapon that's more usable is more likely to be used, especially in a crisis. The use of a conventional weapon is not always disastrous. But the nuclear game is played in an entirely different ballpark.

If Adversary A uses a nuclear weapon, it automatically becomes easier for Adversary B to rationalize the use of a nuke of its own, probably a slightly larger nuke. That action-reaction sequence runs the high and inescapable risk of unstopable escalation into a global nuclear holocaust. By its very nature, such a war would vanquish the victor along with the loser.

Thus, it's the self-interest of every country to preserve the barrier that now separates all conventional weapons from all nuclear weapons. Small nuclear weapons, like neutron bombs, tend to make that barrier easier to breach.

It's no wonder that many Europeans are afraid of the neutron bomb; they know that such a weapon makes the possibility of nuclear war less remote. It's time that more Americans — especially those in Congress — realized the same. Neutron bombs have no place in the arsenal of the United States or any other country.

— The Milwaukee Journal



CHARLEY REESE

Government help should be direct

If the problems of deficit spending are to be solved, then the American people must recognize that the government cannot support as many of them as it is now doing.


Charley Reese

The government is spending at roughly the rate of $800 billion a year and only about $200 billion of that is for defense so you can see the liberals are yelping at an empty tree when they blame the deficit on defense spending.

Of course if people are going to be self-supporting, they've got to be able to find jobs in the private sector. Public jobs don't do any good as far as reducing deficits because the dollar is coming out of the same treasury whether you call it pay or welfare.

There are some things the Congress could do to help get Americans back to work.

1. It could repeal tax laws which make it advantageous for corporations to move American jobs and capital overseas.

2. It could abolish the Overseas Private Investment Corp. which insures corporations against loss of their overseas investments.

3. It could enact a stolen American jobs tariff. This would be a very stiff import tax on manufactured items now made overseas by an American corporation or its subsidiary which used to be made in America. We could call it the Atari Tariff in contempt for Atari having moved its plant from California to Hong Kong.

An Atari Tariff would not touch off a trade war because it would not be levied against products of foreign-owned companies but only against the products of American corporations which moved operations overseas to take advantage of cheap labor.

If we have to buy a foreign-made product, then let's buy products from Chinese, Japanese or Korean companies rather than products from American companies which left their workers in the lurch and moved overseas to earn extra profits off the sweat of poor people who can't command a decent wage.

The Congress should also consider a law banning the use of an American brand name on a product not actually manufactured in America. A lot of American brand name products are actually made overseas but this is always in small print.

The second thing we have to think about is how to get the deadbeats off the public teat and eliminate the welfare vultures who make a profit on the public's charity. Abolishing food stamps and going back to surplus food distribution would be a good start. The supermarket chains lobbied through the food stamps so they can make a profit off of the taxpayer's charity. These stamps have now become a second currency and are used to buy booze, drugs, guns and everything else.

If anybody is hungry, let's feed them but let's do it in a way which will thwart the deadbeats and cut out the profiteers.

A good rule to follow is that whatever we decide the government should do, it should do directly so that we cut out the middlemen. The powerful constituency which lobbies for the welfare state is not the poor but the bureaucrats, grantgetters and profiteers who make a living off the welfare programs.

We can put Americans back to work and take care of the poor and not have a deficit but in order to do that we have to take our government back from the greedy people who use it for their own profit.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

U.S. misread Syrian intentions

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has suffered some embarrassing setbacks recently in the Middle East. The president's optimistic "peace initiative" for the region has stalled; Secretary of State George Shultz's shuttle diplomacy hasn't even been able to work out the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian troops from Lebanon.


Jack Anderson

Part of the problem is that the president gets conflicting reports from diplomats and intelligence agents in the field. This information is screened by the president's top advisers who tend to pass on only what he wants to hear — information that makes his predetermined policies or campaign promises look good.

Top-level reports are also the product of a committee mentality — a consensus, with no rough edges to irritate a president or nag him with doubts. The president, in turn, is persuaded to approve plans that have little chance of success.

The president's advisers, for example, confidently predicted that Jordan's King Hussein would support the Reagan peace initiative. I disputed that rosy assessment in a column last December. Sure enough, Hussein refused to join in the Reagan plan, effectively killing it.

More recently, the administration pushed through a troop withdrawal agreement with Israel that depended on Syrian cooperation. The White House seemed to think Syrian President Hafez Assad would agree to end his years-long occupation of eastern Lebanon. On April 29, I warned that this was unlikely; Assad has shown no indication that he will pull his troops out soon — or ever.

One reason for the administration's embarrassing misinterpretation of Assad's intentions may be the soothing syrup it was fed by the U.S. Embassy in Damascus. A secret cable to the State Department in early January demonstrates serious misjudgment of the Syrian dictator by our experts on the scene.

The secret cable, examined by my associate Lucette Lagnado, gave Washington advance knowledge of the Syrian-Soviet decision to deploy top-of-the-line Russian missiles in Syria. "U.S. intelligence community believes Syria is preparing at least two sites for surface-to-air missiles of type SA-5," the cable states, "and SA-5 equipment will soon be shipped to Syria from the U.S.S.R."

But the embassy took this ominous development calmly. "We doubt that the installation of SA-5s will make the Assad regime more 'adventuresome,'" the cable said.

Yet with super Soviet missiles to back him up, Assad remains at least as "adventuresome" as he has always been: He has threatened a new war with Israel. He has ignored pleas from other Arab nations to pull his troops out of Lebanon. He has encouraged Palestine Liberation Organization extremists against Yasir Arafat. And he is suspected of backing major terrorist attacks, including the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

Incredibly, the embassy condoned the presence of Soviet personnel manning the SA-5 missiles, suggesting they would be a restraining influence on Assad. "We believe that the Soviet involvement... would act as a constraint in their possible operational use...," the cable stated, adding: "Soviet control in the operational use of these missiles will act as a firm restraint on any adventurist inclinations by Syria (although President Assad is not in any event adventurist by nature)."

What worried the embassy most was the danger of a pre-emptive strike against the missiles by Israel. The embassy urged Washington to restrain the Israelis from such a move.

The embassy experts at least showed some appreciation of Assad's troublesome tendencies when they commented on the possibility that Israel would ask the United States to make an approach — in diplomatic jargon, a demarche — to the Syrians warning against installation of the Soviet missiles.

"We believe no U.S. demarche to the Syrians... would be able to prevent the installation," the embassy warned. They were right. The United States did protest — in vain.

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NO WARNING FOR LATINS: Each year pesticides kill about 900 farm workers and make 85,000 sick. A signficant number of the nation's farm workers — estimates range as high as 70 percent — speak and read only Spanish.

Yet the pesticide industry seems determined to resist federal regulations that would warn these workers they're handling dangerous chemicals. The pesticide companies are dead set against a regulation requiring that simple warnings on their product labels be printed in Spanish.

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INSIDE REPORT:

Promises to blacks too much talk

WASHINGTON — The true meaning of the week-long White House blitz designed to show Ronald Reagan's concern for blacks became clear when his own men quietly watched the demise of the one legislative initiative that might have boosted his political standing with minority groups.


Rowland Evans


Robert Novak

That proposal, added by the Senate to the bill repealing interest and dividend withholding, offers tax breaks to businesses that locate in inner city "enterprise zones." The lack of any interest in the plan by a White House that had just completed one of its patented media blitzes, this one a love-in aimed at the blacks, was both remarkable and revealing.

It was another example of government-by-advanceman, high on gloss and low on substance, with deputy chief of staff Michael K. Deaver calling signals. Deaver's earlier education blitz did give President Reagan valuable media initiative. But the unplanned product of his blitz on blacks was principally the fiasco of Vice President George Bush's shouting confrontation with the NAACP national convention. Government-by-advanceman clearly has its limits.

Black anger against Reagan has been viewed at the White House with bemusement for most of his presidency, with occasional hints that it might even help with the white majority. The conventional wisdom was that since nothing could be done about blacks, it was best to ignore them. That meant ignoring the enterprise zones bill, even though the president was personally intrigued by it and publically gave it high priority.

But the lever on the White House bill-passing machine is controlled by the Legislative Strategy Group, headed by chief of staff James A. Baker. It was not pressed. White House lobbyist Ken Duberstein, who gets his marching orders from Baker, did not march.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), an eager advocate of enterprise zones, found it was getting no help whatever from Duberstein. Since the White House would not press Chairman Dan Rostenkowski for action from the House Ways and Means Committee, HUD Secretary Sam Pierce placed the call himself. It was to no avail.

Baker's attitude might conceivably stem from the fact that the concept originally was sponsored by Rep. Jack Kemp, whose ambitions are of no importance to the White House staff. But Sen. Robert Dole, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, is no fonder of Kemp than is Baker; he thought enough of enterprise zones to attach it to the tax bill.

White House ennui about enterprise zones mostly reflects lack of interest with substantive issues within a senior staff increasingly obsessed with media-oriented political strategies. But the staff's attention has been riveted by recent polls showing black Reaganphobia at a point endangering re-election.

The reaction was to be expected, given advanceman mentality: a week of daily "events" showing the president and other administration officials advocating black issues in close proximity to blacks. Reagan coming in with too little and too late on open housing legislation, an area where he never can outbid the liberals, illustrates the muzzle-power of the blitz on blacks.

"A ridiculous charade" was the way one Reagan aide, who had no part in the week-long campaign, described it. He gave the blitz that label before it was capped by the Bush-NAACP shootout in New Orleans. Intended to improve the administration's relationship with blacks, the confrontation was so stormy that many Republican politicians actually felt — incorrectly — that the vice president was courting a white backlash. In the process, Bush's hard-earned civil rights reputation was tarnished.

Still, the fact Dole had tucked enterprise zones into the tax bill offered the White House a chance to retrieve something from the mess. Besides offering help both to inner-city blacks and hard-pressed small-business men — without spending much federal money — the proposal should have appealed to advanceman mentality in the White House for another reason: The president could spend the next year cutting ribbons for dozens of new inner-city enterprises.

But the idea of enterprise zones was ignored last week by the Legislative Strategy Group, probably because it did not originate there. Similarly, a middle-level staff proposal for a Reagan speech to blacks on how a vibrantly- growing economy could help them never got to the president's desk. Like some other innovative ideas intended for Reagan, Deaver intercepted it.

In this case, however, the substance of that speech idea was slipped to the president by a lateral route. Reagan loved it, just as he did enterprise zones. During the tedium of black hype week, the president inserted words from that aborted speech into a dreary ceremony on minority business development. These presidential words, heard only by those present, were that "economic freedom" is needed along with "human rights" for black Americans to prosper. That true sentiment tells why more of the president and less of the media hypers is needed.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1944, German V-2 rockets hit targets in England for the first time during World War II.

In 1945, Great Britain, the United States and China demanded Japan's unconditional surrender as terms for peace during World War II.

Ten years ago: The United States cast its fifth veto in the U.N. Security Council, killing a resolution that deplored Israel's continued occupation of Arab lands seized in the 1967 Six Day War.

Five years ago: Egypt demanded that Israel recall the military delegation that had been a symbol of direct Israeli-Egyptian contacts for six months.

One year ago: The Department of Health and Human Services said Americans spent $287 billion on health care in 1981, representing a record 9.8 percent of the gross national product.

Today's birthday: Rock singer Mick Jagger is 40.

Thought for today: "Fame always brings loneliness. Success is as ice cold as the North Pole." — Vicki Baum, Austrian-born writer (1888-1960).

Midland needs new courthouse, attorney says

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Midland's judiciary needs more and statelier courtrooms, Midland lawyer Wiliam Monroe "Bill" Kerr told the Midland County Commissioners' Court Monday.

"It's got to be fair; it's got to be speedy," Kerr said of justice. "It's got to be done in heavy-weight fashion" and not be conducive to "lolly-gagging...It's got to be a stately scene, such as a federal court."

Kerr, former president of the Midland County Bar Association and a former federal prosecutor who grew up around the courthouse in Pecos, said more stately courtrooms can help create an aura of justice, responsibility, fairness and seriousness of the occasion.

He said that "phoney paneling," such as paper that's been ripped off, "makes you feel like it's a second-rate place."

The 1929-30-vintage Midland County Courthouse was expanded and remodeled in the early 1970s and has imitation wood paneling in the courtrooms. The courthouse's old marble wainscotting was torn out and replaced with a fabric-textured wallpaper. Rather than being paneled in wood, the courtroom walls were lined in a wood-toned vinyl.

KERR OFFERED the suggestions, as the commissioners are studying ways to expand the courthouse to provide for the judiciary and more jail space for the county's prisoners.

Kerr proposed these needs:

—Expansion of the 318th State District Courtroom. That courtroom, situated in the former law library, today is the cramped quarters for the 318th State District Court, presided over by Judge Barbara Culver. The courtroom is without space for a jury box and spectators.

—A fourth state district courtroom. At present, Midland is served by three district courts: the 142nd, presided over by Judge Pat Baskin; the 238th, presided over by Judge Vann Culp, and the 318th. The 142nd and 238th primarily deal with criminal and civil matters. The 318th is reserved for family matters, such as divorces, child custodies, child support and restraining orders.

With the "back-up of retired judges," including Midland's Judge Perry D. Pickett, a fourth court could be presided over by one such as Pickett. "He sits down in Houston a lot," noted Kerr. "He enjoys doing it. He's been of great service to Harris County."

—A grand jury room. "This is really grassroots justice." In recent years, the Midland County grand jury has been meeting in the old board room of The First National Bank. "I don't think the quality (of justice) has been affected" adversely by the grand jury's bank quarters, Kerr said.

"**THE GRAND JURY** room is a necessary evil, a necessary object that needs to be preserved." The former jury room, which adjoined the District Attorney's Office on the courthouse's fourth floor, has been converted to offices for the DA's prosecutors and investigators.

—A courtroom for the County Court-at-Law Judge Willie DuBose. Currently, DuBose and County Judge Bill Ahders, the county's chief administrator, share the county courtroom.

—A second county court-at-law courtroom. "We are short one county courtroom...and need two county court-at-law courtrooms."

Meting out justice demands "the setting of a courtroom and not the setting of a backroom," Kerr said.

Further, since Midland is a "headquarters city" and, due to its business base, attracts legal disputes across the nation, "We've got to provide the litigating space." A courthouse or locale is known "by the quality of its justice — civil and criminal," he said. "Justice also includes a time limit."

"I think the courts are doing the best job they can physically," Kerr said. "We're wearing the courts out. The judges are worked hard."

FOLLOWING Kerr's suggestions, Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis noted that "from the judicial aspect (of courthouse expansion), I am at the mercy of the people who are in the business...

"The courthouse is primarily for courts," he said.

The commissioner noted that certain offices, such as those of the auditor, treasurer, commissioners, justices of the peace and constable, could be located outside the courtroom to give more space for expanding the courts. In discussing a new jail, the commissioners have allowed that the fifth-floor jail could be converted to courtrooms and related offices.

Davis glanced at the Commissioners' Courtroom walls.

"It has those paper-tissue walls like you were referring to," he told Kerr.

Kerr said the prosecutors belong in the courthouse.

"The district attorney needs to be in the courthouse," he said, "and the county attorney needs to be in the courthouse less."

Commissioner C. Wallace "Wally" Craig, who is in his first year on the court, wondered, "Golly, why didn't they do this (expansion) in 1973?..But nobody could predict this (Midland's growth)."

AHDERS referred to the "unbelievable backlog" in Culver's court.

Davis asked Kerr if a courtroom located in the basement would "bother" him.

"Not really," he replied. "It needs to be done well."

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Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Taking a dive

As temperatures keep bouncing past the century mark, Midland youngsters plunge into pools around the city. These bold boys dive past the heat at Doug Russell swimming pool, 900 N. Midland Drive.

Smith again proposes jail solutions

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Sheriff Dallas Smith, who has been urging the Midland County commissioners to do something constructive about resolving the jail's burgeoning population, on Monday again attacked the issue and again proposed solutions.

And the commissioners considered spending about $5 million on a jail-sheriff's complex apart from the courthouse.

Smith, sheriff since 1977, proposed that the county:

—Buy 10 acres of land for a jail.

—Get the option on an additional 10 acres for any subsequent expansion.

—Design a jail for 300 inmates, build cells for 150 to 175 inmates, and salvage the steel bars and other jail fixtures from the courthouse's fifth-floor jail to increase the cell space for 225 inmates.

The use of prisoner labor in helping build the jail would be "very beneficial to the taxpayers" in cutting costs, he said.

"We have talked several years about jail deficiencies, most importantly, over-crowdedness," said the sheriff.

"There's really nothing wrong with the (current) jail except we don't have enough steel bars," he said.

The over-crowdedness — up to a 100 or more prisoners — does not permit proper classifications and separation of prisoners by sex, degree of offense, and age — juveniles or adults.

Smith, who serves on the nine-member Texas Commission on Jail Standards, cited the jail's poor lighting for reading ("The lighting is not quite up to par"), the need for an exercise area, and need for an efficient smoke-detection system.

"The jail has good sanitation, is well maintained," he said, "and the records are excellent."

Though Smith said he was aware of the county's problems, such as the need for a new library, new jail, more courts, "et cetera," he said the jail and courts should take priority.

"I think we're about to run our limit there," he said in reference to the Jail Commission's and the federal court's patience on Midland County bringing its jail up to state standards and federal mandates.

"My involvement in the criminal justice system in Midland County is heavily dependent on courtroom prosecution, judge availability."

The moving of the jail from the courthouse's top floor and relocation of the offices of the sheriff, constable, justices of the peace and non-judiciary-related functions would allow for more courtroom space, he noted.

Briefly, the commissioners had discussed the possibility of converting the courthouse basement to courtroom space. There's no windows there for the most part, Smith noted. "Generally, windows are to look out" and could be a distraction. "The basement leaks a little bit, but I've been able to live with that."

"It's not where you are so much as how it's done," said Commissioner C. Wallace "Wally" Craig.

Ideally, said Smith, the Midland City Jail and the Midland County Jail would be combined.

"But the reality is, that's just not possible," he said, "and we're dealing in realities."

As did the sheriff, Assistant County Attoreny Mark H. Dettman noted that the revised driving-while-intoxicated (DWI) and theft laws likely will mean an increased jail population. "I'm sure there'll be more trials (in the county courts)," he said.

County Attorney J. Scott Henderson noted that since the county's $11.69 million bond issue for a new jail and expanded and renovated courthouse failed by a 4-to-1 margin April 15, the county is obligated to find another approach to solving its jail problem.

"It puts us in the position of dealing in good faith with the (Jail) Commission, because it's been going on for so long a time," the county attorney said.

"Let's be building something by the first of the year," suggested the sheriff.

"Wasn't that simple?" he asked the commissioners.

"Sure was," answered Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis.

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'Good-bye-to-summer' event proposed

A fun-time revival designed to drum up business in downtown Midland may be held on the Midland County Courthouse square and Downtown Plaza Aug. 25.

The Midland County Commissioners' Court sanctioned the proposition Monday. Now, it's up to the Midland City Council to "aye" the proposal. If the Council nixes the idea, it'll be at another time and place.

The afternoon-evening event would include skydiving, flyovers by fighters and trainers of the Confederate Air Force, beer and soft drinks, samplings from restaurants' kitchens, a hot-air balloon and country singer George Strait in an 8 p.m. concert in the Midland Center..

"I think it's commendable, No. 1...terrific," Commissioner C. DeWayne Davis said.

The festivity would be sponsored by KMND and KNFM radio stations, said Pamela Harper, who is promoting the event. It would be billed as "Good Bye to (the Dog Days of) a West Texas Summer," Miss Harper told the commissioners.

The "primary focus" of the event is to introduce or reacquaint Midlanders to downtown merchants, including restaurateurs, clothiers, jewelers and office-suppliers.

"People will be coming downtown to have good time," she said.

The "Good Bye" day also would spotlight the CAF Desert Squadron's Biannual Air Show of World War II aircraft Sept. 3 and 4 at Midland Regional Airport. In addition to the fly-over, CAF aircraft would be displayed on the courthouse square.

Parachutists from the West Texas Sport Parachute Club would sail onto the Downtown Plaza about 5:30 p.m.

"I hope people will say 'Wow! This is neat,'" said Ms. Harper. "'This is something that's a lot of fun.'" A hot-air balloon will be blown up, and KNFM's country band will play in the open air prior to Strait's concert.

Initially, the commissioners had some reservation about the proposed event.

"The last time (for a courthouse bash) was the Bicentennial," noted Commissioner Durward Wright, "and it took the rest of the year for the grass to come out."

Ms. Harper talked more about the "Good Bye" days and its aim to bolster downtown Midland.

"Judge," Commissioner Win Brown said to County Judge Bill Ahders, "if they stomped it (the grass) all in, I think it would be for a good cause. It's an upbeat thing."

County beats out city on 2 percent bingo tax

The county beat the city out of the 2 percent bingo tax.

"We're going to grab it before the other dog grabs it," Midland County Commissioner Win Brown said Monday just before the Commissioners' Court voted unanimously to take its option on the tax.

The county had first choice on laying claim to the 2 percent tax on gross receipts of bingo games played in the city and county since after Jan. 15. On that date, 6.5 percent of the Midland electorate voted 3 to 1 to legalize the game of chance for ready cash and for charitable purposes.

In the last quarter, one Midland organization — the American Legion Auxiliary Unit — took in $82,038.85 in gross bingo receipts — mostly from the sale of bingo cards. Had the tax been levied in time for the April-May-June quarter, the county would have realized an $1,600 for the general fund. Of that tax, the State Comptroller Bob Bullock takes 7 per cent, noted County Attorney J. Scott Henderson. The Comptroller keeps 2 percent of the 7 percent to operate its bingo-regulations enforcement division. The 5 percent, an insurance against bad checks, will be returned to the county if the fund is not depleted.

According to its report, the AL Auxiliary paid out $69,254 in cash prizes and $10,834.10 in expenses, which included salaries, supplies, rent or mortgage payment and food and beverages. Left for charity was $1,950.84 or about 2.4 percent of the gross receipts.



RHONDA RIGENHAGEN

Pre-marital sydrome characterized by pouting, crabbiness

There's a new medical term these days for a disease that has afflicted women for centuries. It's PMS — pre-*marital* syndrome.

Speaking from experience, I can tell you PMS is characterized by chronic crabbiness, bouts of depression and an uneasy sense of impending doom.

Not that I'm having second thoughts about the marriage, just the wedding. Did you know there are exactly 2,637 things that a bride-to-be must do to plan a wedding? And not only do I have an intense dislike for anything traditional or ostentatious — the two main characteristics of any wedding — I claim title to being the world's worst organizer.

The groom-elect is no help when it comes to picking suits or cakes or flowers or anything. Either he picks the first one, chooses whatever the sales clerk recommends, asks the opinion of the nearest female, or shrugs and says, "It doesn't make any difference to me." I finally left him in charge of making reservations at the hotel. Why do I have the sneaking suspicion the room will have bunk beds?

Mothers can be too helpful. Especially when it's the first time for both of them. I had dreams of a simple, intimate ceremony — maybe outdoors if weather permitted — with only family and close friends attending. But they have laws against that now.

The guest list has grown from 20 to something short of attendance at the last Super Bowl. I have been told I simply have to have attendants, colors, a catered reception and even a bartender. And patterns — crystal, silver and china.

Silly me, I thought I could live a contented life with the glasses, silverware and Corelle dishes I now have. But to please my future mother-in-law (who is probably the most popular woman in Texas and has invited 80 women I've never met to a shower) I went to the gift shop and picked out some patterns I liked.

Then I found out about the prices. The glasses were $18 each, the stainless steel $13 per piece and the dishes (not even china) $400 a set. For something I probably won't use once a year? I beat a hasty retreat and wondered if there was some way to suggest they each buy a square foot of carpet for the living room.

Then there was the cake. I looked through books of elaborate designs intending to find something simple. You know, something that looks like the birthday cake you got when you were 10. But there are laws against that too. It has to be five feet tall, have four pounds of sculptured icing, three dozens silk flowers, two little plastic people and a par-tri-iidge in a pearrr treeee.

That night I came down with my most serious case of PMS. It lasted for days. I looked just like Lucy in the "Peanuts" comic strip, sulking in her beanbag with her eyebrows grown together.

But each cloud has a silver pattern — right? I discovered one good thing about PMS. If your fiance can put up with the pouting, the temper tantrums, the crying and occasional screaming, that's love.

I finally came out of my beanbag, determined to save all women from this crippling disease (it is the destiny of all journalists to rid the world of evil). And in no time at all I did what doctors for years have failed to accomplish. I came up with a cure for PMS.

Elope.

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DEATHS



Vicki Mallison

Vicki Mallison

Graveside services for Vicki Mallison, of 1701 W. Cuthbert, will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Resthaven North Mausoleum with the Rev. Charles Meyer, pastor of Midland Lutheran Church, officiating. Services are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mallison died early Sunday morning at her home.

She was born in Merrill, Wis. She spent most of her young life in California and Chicago, Ill. She moved to Midland in 1945 where she was married to Cleveland Rowe Mallison, an independent oilman. He died in 1975. She was a benefactor of several educational and cultural institutions and supported the Cerebral Palsy Center.

Survivors include a sister, Laura Schraeder of Glendale, Calif., a niece, two great-nieces and a great-nephew.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Cerebral Palsy Center, 802 Ventura, Midland.

Roberto Alvarez

BIG SPRING — Services for Roberto Alvarez, 54, are pending under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Alvarez died Monday in a Big Spring hospital.

Lillie Atchley

BIG SPRING — Services for Lillie Atchley, 84, of Big Spring, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Riley Funeral Home chapel in Hamilton with burial in Murphy Cemetery near Hamilton with Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Atchley died Sunday night at a Big Spring hospital.

A resident of Big Spring since 1974, she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Karen L. Brown

BIG SPRING — Services for Karen Leslie Brown, 34, of Big Spring, were to be at 3 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Brown was found dead at Moss Creek Lake Sunday.

A resident of Big Spring since 1972, she worked at Winn-Dixie supermarket and was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

James Dillon

BIG SPRING — Graveside services for James Dillon, 91, of Big Spring, were to be at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Dillon died Sunday night in a Big Spring nursing home.

A resident of Big Spring since 1981, he was a retired blacksmith.

E. Faulkenberry

BIG SPRING — Services for Eloise Faulkenberry, 58, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Loraine Cemetery in Loraine.

Mrs. Faulkenberry died Monday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

A resident of Big Spring since 1956, she owned and operated Eloise Hair Fashions in Big Spring and was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Steve Kennedy

BIG SPRING — Services for Steve Kennedy, 81, of Big Spring, are pending under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Kennedy died Monday afternoon at a Big Spring nursing home.

Kathy C. Morris

Services for Kathy Carroll Morris, 28, of Houston, daughter-in-law of Peggy Hammell of Midland, were Monday at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Ms. Morris died Thursday in Atoka, Okla., of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident.

Pallbearers were Jim Humphrey, Ray Teinert, Joe Agan, Bill Flynt, Bobby Chaffin and Weldon Eberhart.

Nicolas Ramirez

BRADY — Rosary for Nicolas Ramirez, 120, of Melvin, father of Inez Laing of Midland, were Monday in the Colonial Funeral Home chapel in Brady. Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. todayin St. Francis Catholic Church in Melvin with burial in Melvin Cemetery.

Ramirez died Sunday morning in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born Sept. 10, 1862. He had lived in McCullough County since 1919 and was a farmer most of his life. He was a Catholic. He married Luisa Ramirez.

Other survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters, 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Authorities level Rio Grande island



AP Laserphoto

EL PASO (AP) — Ice Pick Island has been leveled.

Earlier this month, before Mexican border authorities bulldozed the island into nothingness, Fernando Perales threaded his way carefully from the Juarez river bank to the brush-covered isle in the middle of the Rio Grande.

Perales knows the risk of crossing, he said as he wiped water from his toes with a newspaper. Two weeks earlier, a teen-age Mexican girl had been found dead on the island from dozens of ice-pick stabs wounds and a sliced throat.

For three weeks, Perales has been crossing illegally into Texas to work at an El Paso belt factory. But Perales knows he needn't fear the U.S. Border Patrol. They made their first sweep of the river an hour earlier and were busy returning the undocumented aliens to Mexico.

Out of fear, Perales carries a knife to protect himself from other Mexicans who live at the river and sniff glue or paint. Some rob or maim border crossers, he said.

With illegal alien crossings in the El Paso sector up 80 percent over the same time last year, Border Patrol Chief Agent Alan Eliason said border robberies and assaults also have risen.

Border Patrol agent John Tiltti, who has worked the river area for 14 years, said most Mexicans cross into Texas where the river bed is smoother. It's also easier for Mexican nationals to spot border agents in an open area where the river is sandier, he said.

Five young maids who crossed the river about 20 yards from the island ignored the rotting carcass of what appeared to be a dead dog. They also avoided the island because they feared some Mexicans might try to take their lunch or steal their pay, they said.

Few border incidents ever are reported. Mexicans risk missing a day's work if they're returned to Mexico. Others who wait up to a half-hour for Mexican police often end up with nothing because the culprit runs away, Tiltti said.

The area is dangerous 24 hours a day, but action picks up in the afternoon after "river rats" — members of the Puente Negro or Juarito gangs — awaken from sleeping places under the bridge girders.

"They live there for months at a time. Their parents don't care about them," Tiltti said.

The most hazardous hours are at night, when most of the glue-sniffers have had a chance to get high, he said.

Perales generally avoided the small island thicket about 500 yards from the Paso del Norte Bridge. The thicket used to hide Mexicans armed with ice picks, machetes and sharpened butter knives, Tiltti said.

Two paths that crossed the 25-foot by 12-foot island cut through dense brush. Ratholes, discarded shoes and underwear lined the pathways. Excrement also was abundant.

On the path that Perales used to cross, Mexican children last month found the mutilated body of the 15-year-old girl, who police said was killed in retaliation for a gang fight in Juarez. Police stopped counting the puncture wounds on her chest when they reached 50.

Mexican police issued murder warrants for a 17-year-old and a 19-year-old and are searching for a 22-year-old Juarez Penitentiary escapee convicted of killing a taxi driver. No one is in custody.

El Paso police investigated the girl's slaying because no one could determine on which side of the international boundary the island fell.

"That place is a mess," police spokesman Lt. John Lanahan said.

The International Boundary Treaty of 1970 places the boundary at the middle of the channel with the greatest flow. Both channels are about the same size, Lanahan said.

But U.S. boundary commission authorities take no responsibility for combating the crime problem near the river, although the area is under the commission's ownership.

Their counterparts, the Mexican division of the International Water and Boundary Commission, finally decided to bulldoze the island without notice because they feared further violence. They also cut brush away from both sides of the riverbank closest to the island.

One night, a burro — someone who carries laborers across the river for 25 cents each way — was robbed beside the island. "They knew he had money," Tiltti said.

The five maids said they avoided the island and its gang members by returning to Mexico over the footbridge. They won't cross the river after sunset.

In the summer heat, the gang members stick out like sore thumbs. Rings of spray paint rim their mouths. They stagger slightly or run almost in slow motion with long, loping strides.

It's easy to differentiate between the "criminal element," as Eliason calls them — and Mexicans headed for work.

"They have a different air," Tiltti said. "They don't carry lunch sacks and aren't going to work. They'll run like hell when they see you. The workers don't run from you."

Mexican authorities have leveled the so-called "Ice Pick Island" in the middle of the Rio Grande after a 15-year-old girl was found dead from stab wounds. Authorities claim too many criminal types were hiding in the jungled island, so they leveled it of brush.

Laywer says if client indicted, he will again ask not to defend him

ODESSA (AP) — A former Ector County district attorney who lost his bid to be released from defending a man charged in a triple slaying says he will renew his request if his client is indicted.

John Green had asked Peace Justice Virgil Lumpee to be removed from the case of Kenneth Allen Venne, who is accused of beating his mother-in-law and her two teen-age sons to death.

But Lumpee, in a one-page statement Monday, refused, and said he also did not have the authority to appoint a co-counsel in the case, as Green had requested.

Venne is "entitled to the best defense his lawyer can give regardless of the lawyer's personal feelings or opinions," Lumpee said.

Green argued that moral considerations would preclude him from adequately defending the 29-year-old Odessan. And he said he would renew his requests if Venne's case is moved into a district judge's jurisdiction.

He said he would not take an active role in the case until his motion is considered by a district judge. Green said if the district judge appointed a co-counsel, the other attorney would "take the lead" in defending Venne.

"There are other attorneys, again, that would take the case," Green said, terming the ruling "silly" and adding, "I don't see why they think I'm such an outstanding attorney that they can't appoint someone else to take the case."

Lumpee appointed Green to defend Venne four days after he was charged with the slayings of 50-year-old Ruby Kay Fieseler and sons Paul, 17, and Keith, 13. They were found beaten to death in their home July 13.

Venne remained in county jail in lieu of three $100,000 bonds.

Green said in his motion he could not defend Venne for several reasons, including strong feelings about crimes against children and distant relationships with the victims.

But Lumpee cited legal ethics codes that state only "compelling reasons" justify the dismissal of a court-appointed attorney.

Autopsy results expected on Big Spring woman

HOWARD COUNTY — Autopsy results were expected today on the body of a 34-year-old woman discovered at Moss Creek Reservoir.

Karen Leslie Brown, a resident of Big Spring since 1972, was found dead Sunday.

Peace Justice Willie Grant of Coahoma is withholding a ruling pending autopsy results.

No details on the death were available this morning. Judge Grant has said, however, that no evidence for foul play exists and that Mrs. Grant likely had been at the lake since Thursday.

Midland needs new courthouse, lawyer says

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Kerr noted that the Midland Bar played a role in deciding the decor of the courtroom and made a mistake in recommending vertical bars in the courtroom. The effect caused "Everybody to be cross-eyed," he said. "We sure did make a mistake."

He said there were differing opinions on location of the witness stand and jury box in the courtrooms.

"Lawyers, like everybody else, they're not going to see eye-to-eye when you get down to aesthetics."

Smith proposes solutions to jail problem

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"How are we going to pay for it?"

Henderson said the commissioners effectively had told the Jail Commission the county would enact a "barebones CO (certificates of obligation) package" to finance a jail.

Commissioner Durward Wright noted that the Commissioners' Court is proceeding right along toward solving the jailhouse problem.

"So, everything is running on the railroad just the way it's supposed to be," Wright told Henderson.

Firm wants nursing facility

From Wire Reports

AUSTIN — The Texas Health Facilities Commission has accepted applications from two Texas firms, one which seeks to buy and one which seeks to lease Midland Care Center, Inc., a 118-bed nursing facility at 2000 N. Main St.

Jewell Enterprises, an Arlington-based general partnership, is seeking a ruling from the THFC that a certificate of need is not required for the purchase of Midland Care Center from R.W. McDonnell Construction Co., Inc.

Stonebrook Properties, Inc., also of Arlington, seeks to lease the nursing facility, which would be renamed Stonebrook Care Center-Midland, from Jewell Enterprises.

No hearing date on the matter has been set by the THFC, which could waive a hearing if no opposition to the applications is received.

Ozone kills crops

Ozone gas, primarily a product of sunlight's action on auto exhausts, accounts for about 90 percent of all crop loss due to air pollution.

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