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Two killed as hurricane hits Texas coast

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast early today, spawning tornadoes, smashing cars with flying debris, and littering streets with tree limbs and glass.

Two people were killed in the Houston area by falling trees, officials said.

Sustained winds of 76 mph and gusts up to 102 mph were measured by the National Weather Service's office in Galveston as the hurricane

hit shore. Just off Galveston Island, reconnaissance aircraft reported maximum sustained winds near 115 mph as the hurricane's center moved inland.

Howling winds in Galveston ripped bricks and metal siding from buildings, threw sign posts into cars and ripped limbs from trees. The city was plunged into darkness by power outages. The hurricane also knocked out the weather service's local radar and tide gauges.

Red Cross officials estimated that 20,000 coastal residents had fled to 80 shelters.

About 200 guests of Galveston's historic Galvez Hotel fled to underground corridors after a window broke and an interior wall gave way about 2 a.m. A "non-supporting interior wall" on the fourth floor leaned into the hallway but did not collapse, a hotel spokesman said.

Scattered minor injuries were reported in the storm's path. The

body of the woman killed in Houston, 50 miles from Galveston, was found early today. She was identified as Elisa Lopez Flores.

"A tree fell into the house and trapped and killed a 71-year-old female at her home," said Stanley Curtis, an ambulance dispatcher with Houston Fire Department.

Robin Suttis, 21, was killed when "a tree fell on a car" at the woman's home in Highland, said Cecil Wingo, chief investigator for the Harris

County medical examiner's office.

The leading edge of the eye of the hurricane moved across the western end of Galveston Island about 1:40 a.m., said Steve Harned, chief meteorologist of the Galveston National Weather Service office.

By 8:45 a.m. CDT, Alicia was centered 30 miles west of Houston and moving northwest at 7 mph. Winds continued to gust to 100 mph, and hurricane-force winds were

expected at Galveston until noon, the NWS said. Three to 4 inches of rain had fallen on the coast.

"The storm is staying very tight," said Harned. "That's unusual. Usually a storm like this will break up once it hits land."

No other deaths or serious injuries had been reported, said John Harnborough, a spokesman at the emergency center operated by the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin.

Despite stormy past, Galveston sees no need 'to get hysterical'

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer



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GALVESTON, Texas — As the target of violent hurricanes for 150 years, this seaside city has recovered from them all, even the worst to hit North America. And despite warnings against Hurricane Alicia, officials say storms are "nothing to get hysterical about."

Alicia slammed into the city today, now home to 60,000, a major resort on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Alicia, an "increasingly dangerous" storm, forced thousands to evacuate from low-lying areas of the 2-by-30-mile island.

Galveston Mayor E. Gus Manuel said his city is prepared for hurricanes and that the "weather people" take extreme positions.

"It's nothing you need to get hysterical about," he said. "We've had a lot of hurricanes and come out fine."

Once the largest city in Texas, Galveston was a major commercial center with a population of almost 38,000 when what is called the Great Storm struck without warning on Sept. 8, 1900.

That day, a surge tide roared across the island, killing 6,000 people and leveling most of the buildings. In the dreary days of recovery, another 6,000 people moved out, and there was talk of abandon-

ing the island altogether.

But residents rebuilt, and in 1902 began construction on a 10-mile-long seawall.

In 1915, another hurricane struck, more powerful than the killer storm of 1900. But the partly completed 17-foot sea wall protected the city, which escaped major damage; this time, 275 were killed.

The latest threat came exactly 14 years after Hurricane Camille slammed into the Gulf Coast, killing 255 people

and leaving 68 others missing.

Many longtime Galveston residents have become casual about hurricanes, confident of protection from the seawall. The wall has been ample protection from the average storm; during Hurricane Allen in 1980, there was little damage and about 60 percent of the city's population refused to evacuate.

But Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, warns that "Galveston is potentially a death trap" should a severe storm — one with winds of 150 mph or more — strike it directly.

Some residents, however, are unimpressed.

"There are only a few of them left," said Sgt. B.J. Whitburn of the Jamaica Beach police on the west end of Galveston Island. "Those who are crazy enough to want to stay, we're telling them, 'OK, give us the name of your next of kin' because once the flooding starts there's no way they're going to get out."

The city has only three escape routes. One is a ferry that shuts down in bad weather, and another is a bridge that floods with only a mild rise in the tide. The third path, Interstate 45, is a six-lane modern highway connecting the island with Houston and points north; it quickly jams during an evacuation.

'Attitude' is key, Bell says

By LESLIE HAINES
Business-Energy Writer



Larry Bell

Hard assets are not worth much if a city doesn't have the means to use them. The tangible after-effects of the 1981 economic boom are here, making Midland ripe for future growth, local leaders say.

They cite, among other factors, more housing units and open office space, a larger population and work force.

Without a positive attitude, however, these advantages are useless, warns one spokesman for the Midland economy.

"We have a tremendous base to build from, but without the proper attitude, we have nothing," Midland Chamber of Commerce President Larry Bell told a Lions Club meeting Wednesday.

Bell acknowledged that "our community, very honestly, particularly some companies and industries, has been through rough times in the last 18 months."

Bell said one of the most important things in any community is its financial institutions, and that Midlanders must support and encourage these as much as possible.

"There is no question it (a recovery) depends to some extent on the health of our financial community and its ability to finance growth. As they (lending institutions) go, so goes our community."

Bell said he did not want to see another frantic boom period such as the city experienced in 1981. He said there is some debate as to whether the city's leaders want a recovery to come back with the intensity of the last few years.

Midlanders cannot dwell on how tough the economic situation here might be at the moment; rather, they must be willing to take the time and effort to meet the challenges posed by that situation, Bell said.

A positive attitude is "absolutely essential," according to Bell, president of HBF Corporation. "We need to have the will to succeed. One thing Midlanders have proved time and time

again is they are survivors."

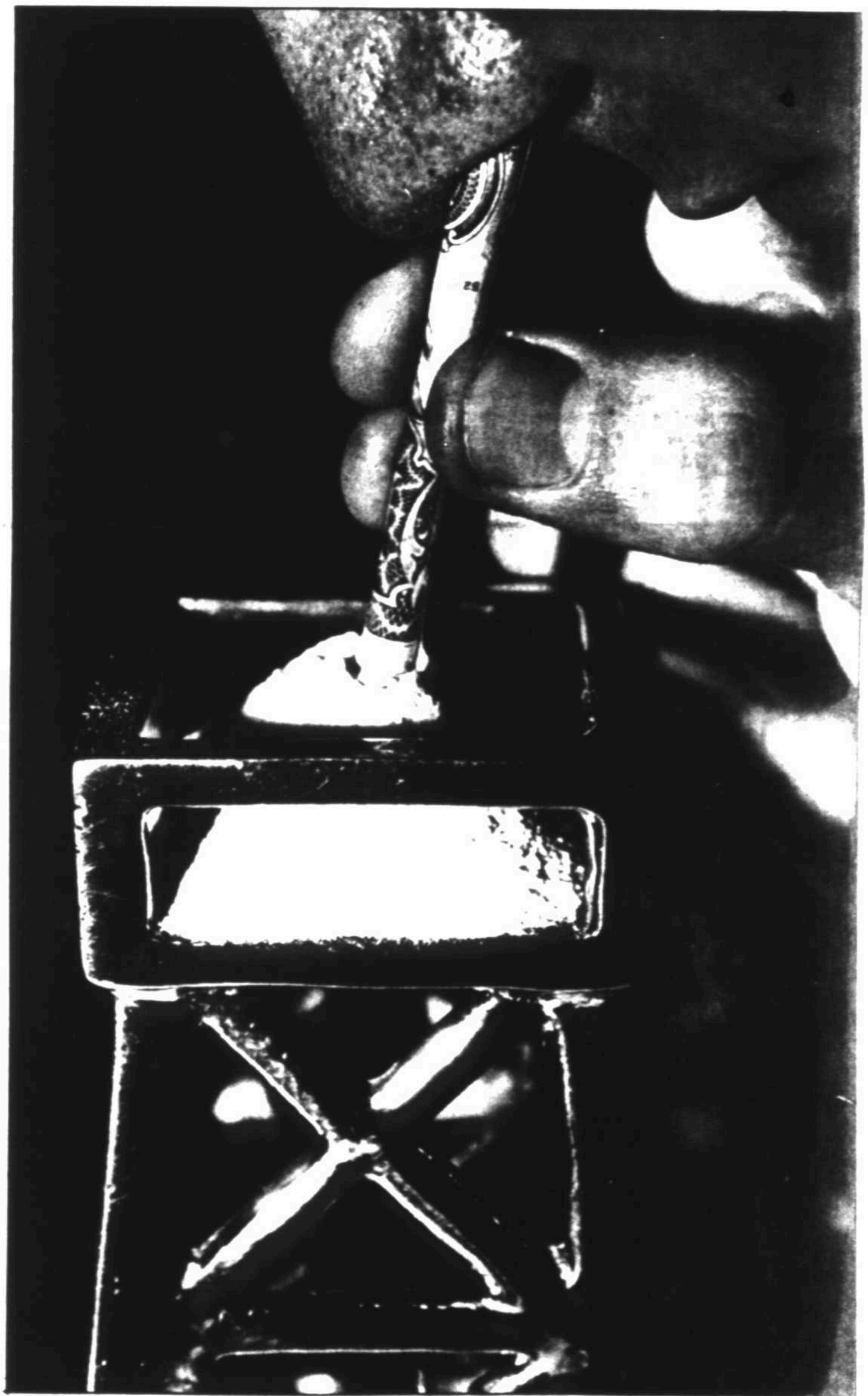
Although he said he can't predict when the recovery will occur, and hasn't met anyone else who can, Bell said he was still optimistic.

Midland has, in the last five years, built a base for future prosperity that makes the situation different today than it was during previous downturns and recoveries in the business cycle, according to Bell.

He cited growth in Midland's population and work force, the amount of available single and multi-family housing, the growth in restaurants and retail businesses, jobs and bank deposits since 1979:

- In 1979 total Midland bank deposits topped the \$1 billion mark for the first time. At their peak in 1982, deposits reached \$2.1 billion — doubling just three years later.
- Total employment in 1979 was about 45,000 people; today it is up to 62,700. The size of the labor pool was about 46,000 in 1979; today it is 67,000.

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Lavish lifestyle

Photo Illustration by Paul Gilbert

Snorting cocaine and drilling wells — a way of life for some Midland oilmen.

Drugs 'fit' oilman's image

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of a five-part series on drug use in Midland. In cases where first names only are used, the names are fictitious. The people, however, are real.

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

He bounds in on sneakers, dressed in a bright Polo sport shirt and jeans.

He brushes his short, light brown hair off of his tanned face, looks at you with big, brown eyes through tortoise-shell glasses and smiles, flashing orthodontic-straightened white teeth.

The wrist of his left arm is encircled by a Rolex watch; his fourth finger by a gold band. He radiates the charm and confidence of a 33-year-old with a couple of small, well-mannered children, a beautiful wife, a re-decorated downtown office, lovely northside home and a \$30,000 sports car.

He's a member of the third generation Midland club, an independent oilman — one of the Learjet crowd.

"Dope fiends can charm your ass off," he admitted with a boyish grin.

Growing up in Midland with a fifth of V.O. under one seat and a fifth of Bacardi under the



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other, David described his parents as "upward middle class for Midland."

"We had some good years and some bad years."

He went off to college, returned to Midland and clinched his place in the center of a clique that has marked Midland since the 1950s.

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Driving for dollars: Brink's accident creates freeway free-for-all

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — People jumped out of cars in rush hour traffic, grabbing bags of money that fell out of a Brink's armored truck, and apparently got away with it.

"I saw one guy strike an old lady who was reaching for one bag," said Willie Greenwood, who was behind the truck in his car when the Brink's back door popped open and out plopped the bags.

"Another guy jumped onto my bumper and leaped into the crowd," said Greenwood. "It went on for three or four minutes. I couldn't move my car because there were so many people in the street."

Brink's representatives wouldn't say how much money was lost in the morning rush hour scramble at the intersec-

tion of 14th and Harrison streets.

But bags of coins hit the pavement, scattering and rolling every which way and sacks of bills fell out too, according to Greenwood, 28, a stock clerk for American President Lines.

"It was crazy," he said. "All the traffic stopped. People were coming from every direction. They were grabbing money and putting it in their pockets. Old people, young people and guys in business suits."

Greenwood grabbed a plastic bag of coins wedged beneath the front tire of his car. Then he telephoned the police.

"I tried to tell them what had happened, but they kept me on hold for so long I finally hung up," Greenwood said.

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state Strikers will call time out during Alicia

DALLAS (AP) — Striking telephone workers pledged to call time out from the picket lines and work without pay to restore "essential services" as Hurricane Alicia buffeted the Texas coast, but regular customers may have to wait days for a dial tone.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. officials assured the public Wednesday that emergency service could be restored within hours of hurricane damage on the Texas shoreline.

However, they stressed that even without the workers' strike, routine telephone service would take days to restore if the storm wipes out power lines.

"The union position is (that) our members will volunteer to work to restore telephone service affecting doctors, hospitals, police, fire and other essential services," said Communications Workers of America spokesman T.O. Moses in Austin.

Moses said union members would ask to work without pay, but he added that once the emergency services were restored "we will resume the picketing status."

However, communication workers union spokesman Gene Vance in Dallas said the company will not be able "to restore all telephone service for the duration of the strike."

"They do not have the manpower to do that (repairs) and man switchboards in their own cities," said Vance.

About 40,000 telephone workers in Texas walked off their jobs Aug. 6 when the communication workers union, the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Telecommunications International Union went on strike against American Telegraph & Telephone and its Bell System subsidiaries.

Bell spokesman Dale Johnson in Dallas said the company asked the union to provide volunteer workers for the emergency service. But he said Bell would not know the number of workers it will need until Alicia moved inland and the damage was surveyed.

Johnson said communications could be restored quickly because mobile telephone equipment already was in storm areas. He also said phone traffic could be rerouted around damaged cables and that microwave telephone transmissions should not be affected.

Bell spokesman Ken Brasel in Houston acknowledged the company will be short-staffed because of the strike, but he said officials made sure Tuesday there were enough repair supplies. He said all service trucks were fueled and moved to safe locations.

"We never have a (work) force sufficient for restoration without help. Indeed if this storm does the damage they say it could, telephone service will be seriously affected in the area hit. As far as restoration, we don't have manpower we normally have on hand or that we can call in," said Brasel.

He said the company normally has 11,000 employees available statewide for installation and repair, but with the strike, only 3,000 supervisory personnel — roughly 28 percent of the normal workforce — are available in Texas.

Johnson said that since most cables in South and Southeast Texas are underground, he expected high water and heavy rains to cause more damage than the hurricane's winds.

Committee to hold hearing in Valley

HARLINGEN (AP) — The chairman of the Joint Committee on Farmworkers Insurance says the Rio Grande Valley was chosen as the site for the panel's first public hearing because of the high interest shown by area workers.

"We really just want to learn all we can about the farmworkers and their insurance problems," said chairman Tony Koriath, an Austin attorney.

Area farmworkers organizations have battled for years in favor of legislation extending workers compensation benefits to the many migrant and seasonal farm laborers in the Valley.

The 25-member committee was formed after a farmworkers compensation bill died on the Senate floor during the 1963 legislative session.

The committee's recommendations will be given to Gov. Mark White and the Legislature by January, Koriath said.

White has said he will attempt to include the farmworkers insurance issue on the agenda of a special legislative session he plans to call to deal with educational matters.

Testimony was scheduled today at the Sheraton Inn in Harlingen. Witnesses also will be heard from 9 a.m. until noon Friday.

Topics will include the relationship between the labor contractor and the farm owner and the costs of medical care now paid by city and county hospitals, he said.

Evacuated residents can return by Friday, official says

PORT O'CONNOR (AP) — Calhoun County residents should be able to return to their homes by Friday since this area did not bear the brunt of Hurricane Alicia, a civil defense official said today.

Don Ragin, emergency management coordinator for Calhoun County, estimated that 70 percent of the 19,000 residents in the coastal county fled inland Wednesday when it looked as though the storm could head there.

But by 2 a.m. today, Ragin, looking at weather information and televised reports, said in Port Lavaca, "I think we lost our storm."

He predicted the Port Lavaca area would face nothing more than "gale force winds and possibly a little rain."

"We get those about three times a year when the winter northers come through. It might tear off a shingle or two," Ragin said.

He said if the early morning conditions continued, Calhoun County residents could be given the all-clear sign to return home Friday.

Calhoun County Sheriff Ralph Wyatt agreed with Ragin's prediction and said "We might get a little rain, but it won't hurt anything."

However, Wyatt was glad that the evacuation recommendation was given.

"You never can tell. It was headed right for us. We couldn't wait for the middle of the night to get the people out of here," he said.

More than 10,000 people took refuge in temporary shelters as Alicia prompted residents and vacationers along the Texas coast to seek safe ground and forced hundreds of businesses, schools, stores and hospitals and plants to close or change schedules.

Red Cross officials said Wednesday that evacuees left their residences along the 500-mile-long Gulf coastline from Corpus Christi to Morgan City, La., for dozens of shelters inland.

Meanwhile, Alicia, described as "dangerous" by the National Weather Service, battered the Galveston area with 115 mph winds and tides 12 feet above normal.

Despite the warning, authorities said thousands of people who ignored the evacuation warnings remained at home to weather the storm.

The approach of Alicia reminded some coastal residents of earlier storms.

Lou Stryker and her husband, who have lived on Texas' midcoast for 31 years, got all their guests out of their motel at Port O'Connor by midmorning Wednesday and made plans to go to stay with friends in Victoria.

She said they made no special provisions at the motel, a cedar building constructed in 1962, one year after Hurricane Carla destroyed a motel they owned a few blocks away.

"There is not really anything you can do. If it is coming it doesn't help to board up. We'll just leave and hope it is here when we come back."

The Red Cross operated 52 evacuation centers in nine Texas counties. Civil defense officials recommended people living in mobile homes and below elevations 10 feet above sea level to leave.

In Galveston, hit by torrential rains and high tides, Mayor Gus Manuel refused to order the evacuation of the island's 60,000 residents, placing the city's trust in a 17-foot-high seawall.

Red Cross spokesman George Hill said most refugees came from Calhoun and Brazoria counties, but that relatively few came from Galveston County.

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Condition satisfactory for Siamese twins

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sections of skull which had been saved in a surgeon's home freezer since Siamese twins were separated in 1979 were fashioned into a framework "like a roll bar on a Jeep" to cover the soft top of one of the girls' heads, doctors said.

Five-year-old Elisa Hansen was in satisfactory condition late Wednesday in the intensive care unit at the University of Utah Medical Center, following the four-hour operation, hospital spokesman John Dwan said.

Her sister, Lisa, was also in satisfactory condition after a two-hour operation to clear a tube that drains fluid from her brain. Doctors said Lisa will have to wait until she is stronger before undergoing an operation similar to her sister's.

The twins were born joined at the tops of their heads, and at age 18 months, they survived a pioneering operation to separate them.

The girls, who will be 6 years old on Oct. 18, have never had complete skulls. The tops of their heads are covered only with flaps of tissue and skin, and they have always worn padded bonnets to protect their brains.

If successful, the surgery performed Wednesday on Elisa should correct that problem. Dwan said the operation built a bridge across the

gap in her skull "like a roll bar on a Jeep," using three sections of skull taken from the twins when they were separated and buttressed with pieces from one of her ribs.

"When they're first born, you think this is going to be the rest of their life... but you see Elisa come to this point and you think if it all works out right, she's going to be totally OK," said the twins' father, David Hansen. "It's like coming to the top of the mountain and you're just about to where you can look down and see the valley."

Dwan said a team of doctors had planned to build the new skull using only a piece of skull bone, which has been kept in plastic surgeon Clifford Snyder's home freezer until this week.

But the doctors, led by neurosurgeon Theodore S. Roberts, found that the procedure would have left too great a gap between the bone and brain, Dwan said. So while in the operating room, they decided to remove a rib from Elisa's right side to reinforce the skull fragments where they meet.

If all goes well, Elisa's skull bones should grow completely together in about a year, with no further operations required except some minor plastic surgery, Dwan said.

Shooting alarms guards at amusement center

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — On Main Street, they are the Keystone Kops. In Frontierland, they are pioneers in coonskin caps.

Behind the gates of the Magic Kingdom, most of the Disneyland security officers are invisible — and unarmed. The purpose is to maintain an image of trouble-free family fun.

But the point-blank shooting of a Disneyland guard has jolted the amusement park industry, and officials at other parks say they are re-thinking security policy following the shooting Sunday night, the first in Disneyland's 28-year history.

Saved by a bulletproof vest, guard Joe D'Allura, who was unarmed, was released from the Medical Center of Garden Grove Wednesday after being treated for bruises to the heart.

"This shooting has really shaken the industry up, believe me," said Larry Shaper, security chief at Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, where guards have neither guns nor bulletproof vests.

That may soon change, Shaper said. Company officials are meeting this week, he said, to re-evaluate our position on the use of protective clothing in all six amusement parks across the country.

At Marineland in Rancho Palos Verdes, which is patrolled by uniformed, armed guards, spokeswoman Mary Schmidt said the shooting at Disneyland has "brought the subject of security clothing under closer focus. We will be re-examining our current

security procedures to determine whether we need to make any changes."

D'Allura was shot once in the chest with a .25-caliber gun as he approached a man he thought was trying to break into a car.

The gunman — whose bullet would have hit D'Allura in the heart, doctors said — was still at large Wednesday.

D'Allura, a former Garden Grove police officer, said many of his fellow workers are angry.

"The stuff we encounter is like any police officer would encounter in the street," he said. Overall, the park's security officers make from three to five arrests daily, mainly for use of cocaine, he said.

The only training given to guards is a tour of the park, he said. Security guards are issued only a flashlight, he said, adding that its use as a weapon would be grounds for immediate dismissal.

Although they have the option of wearing protective vests in the parking lot, D'Allura said, few do. Inside the park they are not allowed to wear bulletproof vests, he said.

"The weather was so hot and sticky, yet I knew I should be protected," D'Allura said, crediting his police training. However, other guards at Disneyland, including some retired school teachers, have no idea about protection measures, he said.

"Believe me, things are pretty tense out there right now," said a Disneyland security guard who would identify himself only as John

Jackson plans Europe visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson, acting like a contender for the presidency, will visit Europe next month to confer with allied and Soviet leaders on easing East-West tensions and ending the arms race.

Jackson, emerging from a meeting Wednesday at the State Department where he was briefed on European issues, withheld direct criticism of President Reagan, but suggested the nation is now paying the price of the administration's emphasis on "big stick diplomacy, gunboat diplomacy and the arms buildup."

If he decides to seek the presidency Jackson indicated he would adopt a foreign policy platform that places greater stress than Reagan has on arms control, the protection of human rights and the search for diplomatic — and not military — solutions to international conflicts.

Prospective or announced candidates for president often attempt to enhance their credentials by making high profile foreign tours. But Jackson insisted he still has not made up his mind about heading a ticket representing blacks, Hispanics, women, peace groups and

others in his proposed "rainbow coalition of the rejected."

Jackson said his 11-day European visit will include Great Britain, the Netherlands, West Germany, West Berlin and the Soviet Union.

His goal, he said, is to Jackson said a second objective on his trip

will be to carry his voter registration drive to American servicemen in Europe.

obtain as much understanding as he can from the allied and the Soviet sides in hopes of making a contribution to the debate over reducing arms expenditures.

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Talks resume in strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiators trying to settle the nationwide strike against the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. have "much ground" to cover before the walk-out by 875,000 employees is ended, a union spokesman says.

The negotiations were tentatively set to enter a third day today, 12 days after the strike started.

Duayne Trecker, a spokesman for the Communications Workers of America, which represents 525,000 of the strikers, said late Wednesday that a report of a possible settlement by the weekend "is not an accurate statement."

"There is much ground yet to be covered and the two sides will work very hard at trying to cover that ground as fast as possible," said Trecker. AT&T spokesman Charles Dynes, standing nearby, agreed.

The pair commented after the two sides met for an hour Wednesday evening and then adjourned until today.

AT&T negotiators also were meeting here with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, representing 100,000 strikers, and the Telecommunications International Union, which has 50,000 strikers.

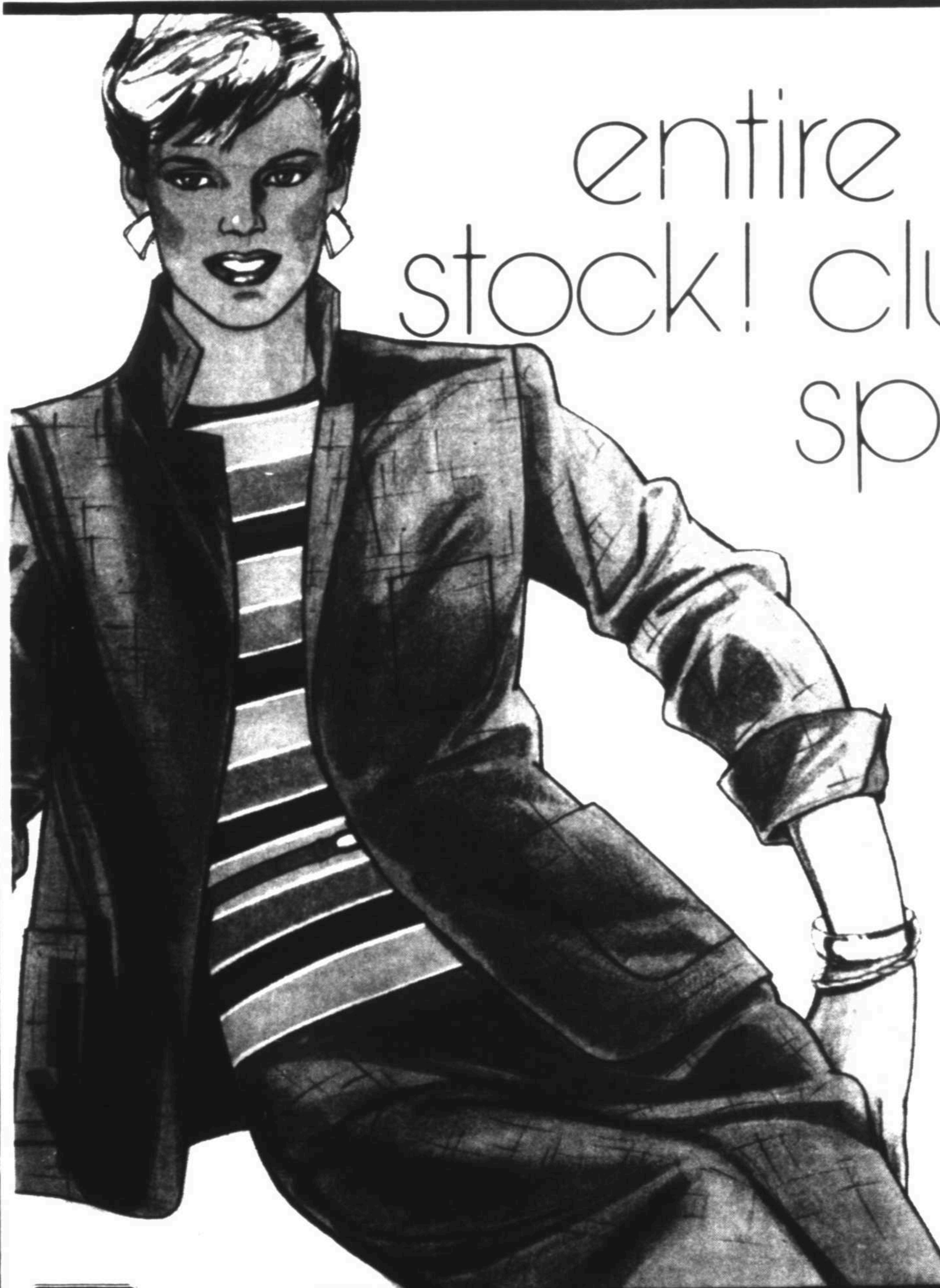
Since 97 percent of the phone company's traffic is now handled by computers, the main effect of the strike has been to delay operator assistance on some long-distance calls along with equipment repair and installation.

There are several major issues, including wages, working conditions and employment security. The two sides are trying to agree on a three-year contract — the biggest labor agreement under negotiation this year.

Neither Trecker nor Dynes would identify what agreements have been reached, if any, in the two days of talks. "The fact that the two sides are together as much as they have been is a hopeful sign," said Trecker.

Difficult bargaining was going on in the areas of job security and company-proposed changes in incentive pay and medical benefits. "The other things will fall into place once those are resolved," he said.

The CWA wants to double the company's last wage offer, which was for a 3.5 percent pay hike in the contract's first year for senior workers. Top-scale wages for CWA employees range from \$345 to \$389 a week for operators and \$497 to \$666 for technicians.



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Stock market gains

By JAMES PELTZ AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Surging oil issues paced the stock market to a broad advance Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrial average climbed above 1,200 for the first time in nearly three weeks.

Declines in short-term interest rates, and expectations that lending charges might slip further in the weeks ahead, contributed to investors' enthusiasm for stocks, analysts said.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials swept aside its 3.05-point loss of Tuesday and rose 16.05 points to 1,206.50 — its first close above 1,200 since it finished at 1,216.35 on July 28.

Gainers led losers nearly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, whose composite index rose 1.05 to 95.51.

Big Board volume swelled to 87.80 million shares from 71.78 million in the previous session.

Ralph Acampora, technical analyst at Kidder, Peabody & Co., said the lower interest rates particularly benefited blue-chip issues.

"Between July 27 and Aug. 9 the Dow Jones industrials lost 100 intraday points," he said, when fears of higher interest rates preoccupied Wall Street.

"In technical parlance, it was oversold. The stage was set for some kind of an upside bounce, and what you needed was the catalyst. I think today's strength in the bond market was that catalyst."

Prices of long-term Treasury bonds rose more than a point, or \$10 for each \$1,000 in face value.

At the same time, the charge on inter-bank loans slipped to 9 1/2 percent from 9 3/4 percent earlier this week.

The market also received more favorable economic news, as the government reported an increase in factory use in July to 75.8 percent of capacity from 74.6 percent in June.

As Wednesday's advance took hold, the rising oil stocks attracted institutional buying, and that spilled over into other stocks.

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BUSINESS MIRROR Dollar's strength cuts both ways

NEW YORK — If you take great pride in the strength of the U.S. dollar, which is to say its superior buying power in relation to other currencies, you might not have thought the issue through.

This is especially true if you are jobless, because the dollar's strength, so often portrayed as a symbol of economic well-being, is a direct contributor to the high rate of domestic unemployment.

This strength-is-weakness scenario is accomplished by making it difficult for American companies to price their exports competitively, and making it easier for foreigners to undercut U.S. producers in their home markets.

How many jobs? Hundreds of thousands. The Commerce Department says at least 20 percent of all U.S. jobs are tied to exporting, and since the trough of the recession late last year net exports have fallen by \$12.8 billion.

Few economic issues today have more facets than that of the dollar's value in international trade. And probably no issue demonstrates better the complex economic relationships that sometimes confuse even economists.

The same strong dollar that is causing so much domestic unemployment, for example, is also helping to keep domestic inflation down, because foreign goods sold in the United States are priced relatively inexpensively.

Which do you want? A dollar that continues to rise in value or one that begins to lose some of its international buying power?

If you choose a stronger dollar you will, in effect, express support for housing and other credit-sensitive industries, because a stronger dollar might mean a continuation of low inflation and, perhaps, moderate interest rates.

If you choose a weaker dollar you will be siding with those who seek to make U.S. manufacturers more competitive in international markets, simply because a weaker dollar would mean lower price tags on U.S. exports.

The complications ripple through the world. Consider this one: A strong dollar makes it difficult for debtor nations, especially the less-developed ones, to repay their loans. And many of those loans are to U.S. banks.

Fortunately, you need not make a choice, since the marketplace does it for you. Federal Reserve figures show that in relation to a package of 10 foreign currencies, the dollar has risen more than 50 percent since the end of 1959.

Why? President Reagan has had a lot to do with it, although not completely by design. Interest rates are high on the list of reasons why. Political instability too. And maybe even cynicism.

First Pennsylvania Bank recently commented that Reagan's election "was perceived to represent a dramatic shift of economic policies, in particular policies favoring low inflation and eschewing profligate government spending."

Such a perception coincided, of course, with the notion of investments in the United States offering good value, resulting in a swelling of demand from abroad.

Adding momentum to the shift were political instabilities abroad, many of them arising from economic problems. Capital flight could be observed not just from underdeveloped nations, but from Europe too.

Merrill Lynch adds another reason for the foreign dollar demand, one not likely to induce bows from President Reagan. It calls that reason the "cynicism premium," related to "boasted federal deficits (that) kept interest rates higher than they otherwise would have been."

Whatever the explanations for the strengthening dollar, they seem to be less compelling now than they were a few months ago. Forecasters claim they see a weaker dollar in the future, but they seldom get down to specifics.

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Technicians careful in handling radioactive isotopes



Rod McDougall protects himself when preparing radioactive materials for gynecology treatments at Midland Memorial Hospital.

By HALLYE JORDAN Staff Writer While area officials are hurriedly scampering about in an effort to thwart the Texas Low-level Waste Disposal Authority from choosing their communities for a radioactive dumping ground...

"I spend as little time around it as I can," Ms. Bealefield said. All contaminated waste, such as the vials, syringes, alcohol swabs and plastic gloves, are stored in lead pots until they are safe to throw away.



Patricia Bealefield fills a syringe with technetium at Parkview Hospital.

Board knows it'll be hard to collect delinquent taxes

By ED TODD Staff Writer Gil Tompson was gearing up for a war against delinquent taxes. "It's time to go after the delinquent taxes in a gung-ho fashion," Tompson, chairman of the Midland County Appraisal District's board of directors, said Wednesday.

(delinquent tax notices) back," said Oglesby, who also collects delinquent taxes for Midland County and the Greenwood Independent School District. "I've never had the time or the inclination to determine what percentage are personal and what percentage are real (estate properties)."

But Wilkinson said he would not go to those extreme measures until the boards of the taxing bodies — city, school, college and hospital — would back those procedures. WELCH SUGGESTED the slump in delinquent tax collection has "something to do with that (the economic downturn in Midland)."

Council, planning panel discuss office location

By LANA CUNNINGHAM Staff Writer Future development of Midland's Central Business District (CBD) along the lines of a plan submitted by a Dallas firm were tossed about Wednesday morning at a joint meeting of the Midland City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Hennessy noted that some of that additional space already has been zoned along Loop 250. More space might come in "neighborhood locations."

story building in the middle of a bunch of houses." Zoning for more office complexes outside the CBD, however, might attract businesses away from downtown.



Confederate Air Force tribute to flying, freedom

Flight is fascinating. The Greeks had Icarus flying on wings of feathers and wax. He plummeted into the sea. Leonardo da Vinci had visions of flight in the 1400s. He dreamed and sketched but didn't fly.

World War II gave impetus to faster, more maneuverable and deadlier flying machines. The Allies took to the air and, along with the ground and sea forces, defeated the Axis Powers.

It's a tribute to flying and freedom. The Midland-Odessa Desert Squadron of the CAF's West Texas Wing is doing its bit to depict the United States air power in World War II by staging its biannual air show next month.

show, the CAF, the West Texas Flyers and the Experimental Aircraft Association are flying over West Texas in touting the show. It's in fun and in earnest. "We're going to be running tight," Col. George Steding, the squadron's operations officer, had said prior to a CAF tour last weekend.

From Andrews to Pecos, the gagles of CAF, WTF and EAA aviators and aviatrixes flew in and out of airports. Among the warbirds were the B-25 Mitchell and P-51D Mustang and a flock of trainers.

"All the other pilots say it stands for learner — my learning wings," quipped Phillips. "I don't appreciate it." He smiled. Col. Bill Stepp, a P-51 pilot who escorted B-24s and B-17s on air raids from England deep in Germany, recalled the appreciation the "bomber boys" had for their long-range fighter escorts.



Diego Gutierrez, 9, relaxes in the shade provided by a mesquite tree in the back of his father's watermelon-laden truck in San Antonio.

These watermelons are what Texans refer to as the black diamond variety.

DEATHS

William Hamm Mrs. V. Wilson

DALLAS — Services for William Dow Hamm, 82, of Dallas, father of W. Dow Hamm Jr. and Richard B. Hamm, both of Midland, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Hamm died Tuesday afternoon following a brief illness.

He was born Sept. 2, 1900, in Bentonville, Ark. He moved to Muskogee, Okla., with his parents at an early age. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in geology in 1921. He worked for Roxana Oil Co. and later worked for Shell Oil Co., where he was employed for 21 years. In 1942, he left Shell and took the position of manager of exploration for Atlantic Richfield, where he worked until his retirement. He was a former executive vice president and member of the board of directors of Atlantic Richfield. He was a permanent director of the American Association of Petroleum Geology and was a member of the foundation for the University of Oklahoma. He was active in the Dallas Geological Society and the Southwestern Legal Foundation. He was a past member of the Dallas Citizens Council, member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, past president of the Dallas Petroleum Club and Brook Hollow Golf Club, and a member of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church. He was married to Helen Berry Hamm of Dallas.

Services for Mrs. Vernon L. Thomas Wilson, 75, of North Hollywood, Calif., were Wednesday at Pierce Brothers Mortuary in North Hollywood, Calif. Midland services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jack Ernest Lee officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

She died Friday after a long illness.

Mrs. Wilson was born Nov. 18, 1907, in Fort Chadburne. She grew up in White Flat and Eskota, where she attended school. She moved to Midland in 1927 after her marriage to Emmitt Thomas in 1926. He preceded her in death. From Midland, she moved to Bells. She moved to Oklahoma City, where she was employed as a buyer for J.C. Penney Co. for a number of years before her retirement. Later she married Vernon L. Wilson. He preceded her in death. She lived in North Hollywood, Calif., for more than 20 years. She owned and operated a dry cleaning plant for a number of years before she became ill. Mrs. Wilson was the sister of the late Raleigh D. "Big" Lee, a former longtime constable for Midland. She was a life long member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Berma Jay Cummings of Redondo Beach, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. L.V. Panky of Midland; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Other survivors include his wife, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to a favorite charity.

Willie Poynor

KINGSLAND — Willie Dee Poynor, 66, of Kingsland died Tuesday at his home.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today at Killingsworth and Edwards Funeral Home in Ranger with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 22, 1916 in Comanche and was a World War II veteran, former Exxon Corp. employee, and past master of Masonic Lodge 1365 in Ranger.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; two sons, Mike Poynor of Forsan and Ricky Poynor of Richland; three brothers, Wesley Poynor of Ranger, Dee Dee Poynor of Big Lake and G. R. Poynor of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Franklin of Ranger; and three grandchildren.

Charlie Cooper

Services for Charlie Cooper, 50, of rural Midland, were to be at 4:30 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Cooper died Tuesday night at his home.

He was born Dec. 21, 1932 and had served in the Air Force. He was a retired credit manager.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Jo Birdwell; his mother, Emma Cooper; a brother, H.O. Cooper; a sister, Martha Young; and two grandchildren.

Board discusses delinquent taxes

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"I don't know why you would want to go to that type of procedure other than for the publicity," Oglesby said. He said Midland County has had an "aggressive" delinquent tax collection program since the late 1960s and that it has been quite effective. Midland County Tax Assessor-Collector Frances Shuffield collected 98 percent of all taxes, which includes delinquent taxes, in the 1982 tax year. In 1981, her office collected 100 percent of taxes, and in 1980, 104

percent. Without delinquent tax collection, the rate was 96.79 percent on \$10 million in taxes.

The appraisal board decided to continue its orderly delinquent tax collection by notice and, if necessary, by lawsuits and foreclosure and decided to forego the seizure route.

"I would have been amazed had the delinquent tax roll not grown," said Nuessle. "I think we're looking at an awfully bad economy and (some) people are unable to pay taxes."

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

August 15, 1983
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dale Thomas, Route 7 Box 1081, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. John Terrance Bigley, Star Route B Box 127, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Koby Ray Reeves, Route 6 Box 400 Space 129, girl.
August 16, 1983
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Park Hodges, Route 5 Box 100-F, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. David Charles Mus-

ter, Route 7 Box 995-B, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steven Kuss, 813 W. Golf Course Road, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore S. Arcidiano, Route 8 Box 115 Lot 139, boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Russel Stanley Jones, 2529 Rosemary, Odessa, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Roberts Mullens Jr., Route 4 Box 3492 Space 11, boy.

August 17, 1983
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reyes Ramirez, 503 E. Mississippi Ave., girl.

Technicians careful using isotopes

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While iridium is sent back to a company in California from where it is ordered, other wastes are stored in a locked safe within a locked room for decaying purposes or as sources for implants.

"The ones in the lead safe is our permanent stock for implants — those sealed sources that are reusable," McDougall said. "The other stuff for scans, we wait for it to decay and throw it away."

With no master keys, McDougall is the only person who has access to the locked safe and room.

When he needs to use radioactive sources from the stock, he works behind an L-shaped bar and looks through a glass window for protection.

According to McDougall, the permissible amount of radiation a person can absorb a year is five rads, or radiation absorbed dose. "If you go over this, they take you away," he said.

High school students can take MC classes

High school students may take college credit courses at Midland College each semester through an Early Admission Program.

The program has been successful with a few hundred students taking the early courses each semester.

Limited to high school seniors who lack not more than five credits to graduate, the program allows seniors to enroll concurrently in one or two college classes and get an early start on their college studies.

Seniors who apply must have permission from their high school principals. Seniors who are taking five high school classes can enroll for just one college course and those who are taking four or less high school classes can sign up for two college courses each semester.

"Most of the early admission students rank high academically and are trying to get a fast start toward their college degree," said Dr. Don Hunt, MC's vice president for instruction. "By taking courses in the summer after their junior year, both long semesters, and the summer following graduation, it is possible for them to accumulate almost enough hours to complete their freshman load in college."

The college hours gained are held in escrow until the students have graduated from high school.

Students applying for the Early Admission Program are admitted on an individual basis and must adhere to Midland College rules and regulations.

Additional information about Early Admissions may be obtained from the Office of Student Services in the Administration Building.

LSST takes over facility

The Lutheran Home-Perman Basin, a 114-bed nursing care facility formerly known as Sage Healthcare Center, began operations recently under the management of Lutheran Social Service of Texas.

"Lutheran Social Service of Texas (LSST) has assumed the operation of this facility at 3203 Sage in Midland in order to provide its superior rated nursing home care to older people needing quality service," said the Rev. Robert C. Greene of Austin, president of LSST. "Our agency has had more than 55 years of experience in operating nursing care facilities."

"The Lutheran Home is and will be dedicated to providing total care in a spirit of good will and in a manner which emphasizes independence, respect and human dignity," said the Rev. Dwight Anderson, LSST vice president for residential services.

Anderson said he anticipates a rapid growth in occupancy, increased staff, activities and quality of care.

A Service of Blessing and Open House will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday to mark the inauguration of LSST's operation of the home. Also, volunteers from local Lutheran churches and LSST staff plan to give the facility a face-lift with clean-up and fix-up projects Saturday.

Delta Kappa Gamma hosts lunch

Local school administrators and board members will be the guests at a luncheon hosted by Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional society for women educators, at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday in the Lee High School cafeteria.

A brief slide show on the society will be shown. Administrators and board members from Midland Independent School District, Greenwood Independent School District, The Hillander School, Trinity School and Midland College have been invited to kick off the school year.

Whitney Hughes of 1601 North H St. received his Eagle Scout award during ceremonies this week. The son of Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Hughes, he's a member of Troop 152 and a senior at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass. His Eagle project was to set up a summer book sale for the public library.

Weather research plan endorsed

BIG SPRING — After more than a decade of research, weather modifiers are ready to zero in on an agreed target — convective cell clusters.

These are multiple storm clouds tending to coagulate into a sizeable thunderstorm.

The Texas Weather Modification Advisory Committee, meeting in Big Spring last week, endorsed development of a design document which will be the blueprint for research.

The panel also backed bills pending in the U.S. Congress which would fund cooperative research.

They heard reports on two Texas projects, one being conducted out of Big Spring by the Colorado River Municipal Water District in cooperation with the Texas Department of

Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; also a ground-generator seeding program by Irving Krick, Inc. in North Texas.

Mike Mathis of Norman, Okla., reported on Oklahoma weather modification efforts, and Dr. David Matthews of Denver represented the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Bob Riggio and Tom Larkin of Austin, represented the TDWR. Dr. Jim Scoggins, Texas A&M University; Dr. Jerry Jurica, scientist in charge of this year's operation at Big Spring, represented Texas Tech University; O.H. Ivie, the CRMWD.

Advisory board members also included Richard Dobbs of El Paso, Roy Porter of Dallas and Russell Bean of Lubbock.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS

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hand-tailored suits save 75% Reg. \$195 Now 119.90	designer silk sport coats save 55% - 75% Reg. \$155 - 225 Now 99.90 - 149.90	Jaymar Ruby Sansabell slacks save 12% - 20% Reg. 49.50 - 57.50 Now 29.90
designer tailored slacks save 20% Reg. \$60 Now 39.90	linen-look blazers save 35% - 40% Reg. \$125 - 130 Now 89.90	

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