

Reagan moves to reverse energy policy emphasis

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, breaking with eight years of emphasis on making America energy independent, is arguing that cutting imports of foreign oil should not be the basis of the nation's energy policy.

"A low level of U.S. imports at any cost is not a proper criterion for the nation's energy security and economic health," the administration says in a draft of its national energy plan, made available to The Associated Press.

The plan does not argue against reducing imports, only against making that the major focus of energy policy. In fact, it projects that oil imports will drop from 6.3 million barrels a day in 1980 to between 4 million and 5 million barrels a day by 1990.

But in shifting the emphasis from cutting imports, the plan reverses not only the policies of former President Carter but those of administrations stretching back to 1973, when Richard M. Nixon called for a "Project Independence" following the Arab oil embargo.

"We cannot entirely protect ourselves from disruptions in the world

energy market by reducing our own dependence on imports and trying to isolate ourselves from everybody else," the draft says. "The United States can best help the global community by remaining the leading economic force and a reliable trade partner."

Cutting U.S. imports does not aid other countries dependent on foreign oil, the report argues, adding that damage to the economies of American allies also hurts the United States.

The plan, required by law to be submitted to Congress, is expected to be made public later this week.

It will be the administration's most sweeping statement on energy policy, but it generally reflects what has been done by bits and pieces since January to alter the U.S. energy stance, specifically Carter's policies.

The only exception is the plan's call for continued building of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which the past administration also pushed.

One major energy area that the report does not touch on is decontrol of natural gas, which President Reagan advocated during his campaign. The report says the administration still is "assessing options" on this point.

The plan emphasizes "market forces" as opposed to government regulations or subsidies both in developing alternative fuel sources and in responding to possible disruptions in the world oil market.

"Public spending for energy-related projects is second to ensuring that the private sector can respond to market realities," the draft report says.

In the past four years, it continues, "the regulatory emphasis was overwhelming, and experience suggests that national energy policy should now break cleanly and candidly with that approach."

The plan follows the outlines set by the Reagan administration in its budget plans.

On synthetic and renewable fuels, it reduces the Carter push for government-backed development to support for long-term research and development. It says short-term projects should be backed by private industry.

It suggests that coal and nuclear power will be two of the major sources of energy in the future and calls for cutting regulations and other impediments to their development. It also calls for opening up public lands and offshore areas for oil and gas exploration.

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Ticking off another treatment

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A dog stands patiently while Frances Holt applies insecticide in the dipping process at the Animal Control Center to kill ticks and fleas. Several dogs in Midland have died this summer

from ticks. Because of the problem, the Animal Center is dipping small dogs for \$1 and large dogs for \$2.

Thousands of ticks taking toll on Midland area dogs

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Several dogs in Midland have died this summer — but not from a contagious disease. The death was a slow one, with the blood slowly being sucked out of the dogs by thousands of ticks.

The number of dogs dying due to ticks appears to have increased this summer, prompting some concern among veterinarians and the director of the city's Animal Control Center.

"There were several cases of deaths this last month from ticks," said Dalton Byerly, animal shelter director. "We've got to try and stop getting all these ticky dogs."

Dr. Robert Boyd with a veterinary center has seen dogs infested with ticks brought to him from all sections of the city, and so has Byerly.

"It's not just one area," said Dr. Boyd. "This year seems to be worse

than last year. The dogs brought in have literally been sucked dry." In Dr. Tom Green's opinion, "We're having an average year for ticks, which means it's bad."

"THIS ISN'T A natural environment for ticks," said Dr. Green. "But one is created when we try to grow an environment, like trees and grass. We're putting an East Texas environment into West Texas. The problem is primarily the yards here."

Dr. Green, who has seen at least six tick-infested dogs brought to him die, recalled one which had so many ticks in his ears that they stuck out. And Dr. Green saw a mass of ticks on the dog that was the size of a small lemon.

Concerned about what type of ticks was causing the problem, Byerly contacted the city entomologist to analyze ticks brought into the Control Center. Wayne Jellido with the City-

County Health Department, reported that the two most common species he found were the American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) and the Brown Dog Tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*).

Jellido explained the American Dog Ticks are chestnut brown with a white spot or streak on their backs. An unfed adult is 1/4 of an inch long, while engorged females have expanded to 1/2 an inch and become slate colored. "These ticks are attracted to the scent of the animal and are mostly found in or near roads, paths and recreational areas, and are most common in the spring time."

The adult Brown Dog Ticks are reddish-brown and are 1/4 to 3/16 of an inch long. Their main host is a dog and they attach to ears and between the toes. They seldom attack man and

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Water, tax issues get quick attention

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Two of the special legislative session's five issues — a dedicated water fund and repeal of the almost non-existent state property tax — have received quick action by the House Constitutional Amendments Committee.

The committee voted Monday to send the proposed constitutional amendments to the House floor for debate, possibly as early as Wednesday.

Gov. Bill Clements thought each issue was important enough to go on the special session agenda, and the water fund is the No. 1 legislative goal of Speaker Bill Clayton.

The water fund amendment was sent to the floor, 6-2, with Rep. Alan Schoolcraft, R-San Antonio, abstaining and Reps. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and Paul Elizondo, D-San Antonio, voting "no."

Barrientos had failed, 2-7, to change the election date provided in the measure from Nov. 3, 1981, to Nov. 2, 1982, when voters also will choose a governor and other top state officials.

Barrientos said the issue was so important it should be considered at a time when voter turnout would be high, rather than in an off-year election.

But Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, said constitutional amendments "tend to be overlooked" at general elections, where interest is primarily in candidates.

The amendment allocates half the state treasury surplus each biennium to a fund for water conservation, water quality and flood control projects. It also says the state may use its credit, up to \$500 million, to guarantee water bonds issued by local governments and river authorities.

Ms. Delco voted against the constitutional amendment repealing the 10 cents per \$100 state property tax because the measure said nothing about higher education funding.

The tax, dedicated to construction at 17 colleges that do not benefit from the Permanent University Fund, was

effectively repealed when the 1979 Legislature passed a law imposing it on 0.0001 percent of property values. But Midwestern University regents challenged that action as unconstitutional because the tax is imposed by the Texas Constitution. The Legislature's legal advisers believe the regents would win their lawsuit.

If the 1979 act is held unconstitutional and the 10-cent tax is imposed, Texas would owe about \$1 billion in back taxes and would have to pay about \$400 million annually. This is because the same 1979 law imposes all property taxes on the full market value of real estate, starting in 1982.

Clayton and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said they interpreted the governor's special session call for repeal of the tax as also allowing creation of a new dedicated fund for the 17 colleges.

Mrs. Delco said it would be "deceptive and dishonest" to repeal the tax without providing an alternative source of funding for college construction.

Commissioners hear plan for precinct redistricting

By DORIAN MARTIN
Staff Writer

A conservative alternative plan for redistricting the four county commissioners precincts to conform with the one-man, one-vote concept was presented to the Midland County commissioners Monday afternoon in an effort to strengthen the voting power of minority ethnic groups in Midland County.

The new plan presents a middle ground between the original plan and the first proposal. In the proposal, Midland County's population will be apportioned into four precincts of nearly-equal population.

Precinct 3 would still have the top minority population with 54.5 percent. The earlier proposal called for a 14.8 percent minority in that precinct.

Precinct 2 would record 28.3 percent, which is about a third of the earlier proposal's 71.5 percent minority.

Precinct 1 would have 7.8 per-

cent minority. The earlier proposal called for a 4.9 percent minority.

Precinct 4 still would have the lowest total minority population with 2.9 percent. The earlier proposal suggested 0.3 percent.

The redistricting would not affect boundary lines in Precinct 1.

In Precinct 2, the northern lines would end at Golf Course Road instead of Parker Avenue. Boundaries for the southwest edge of the precinct would be Midkiff Road, Cuthbert Avenue and Illinois Avenue instead of L Street. The move would gain the precinct close to 1,000 residents, but would drop total minority population by 5 percent.

In the new proposal, Precinct 3 would gain 5 percent in minority residents. The new boundaries would extend to Louisiana Avenue and Garfield Street on the northwest edge and be moved to Golf Course Road on the northeast corner.

Precinct 4 would lose almost 1 percent of its total minority popula-

tion, as well as 1,000 of its total residents. The southern boundary would be moved to Cuthbert Avenue.

The commissioners now have three plans from which to choose — the original and two alternatives.

To receive public input on each proposal, the county will hold five meetings for citizens to voice their views. The meetings are scheduled for:

— Precinct 4: July 27 at 7 p.m., Lee High School.
— Precinct 2: July 28 at 8 p.m., Greenwood School.

— Precinct 1: July 29 at 7 p.m., Alamo Junior High School.

— Precinct 3: July 29 at 7 p.m. at Midland Freshman High School.

— Precinct 2: July 30 at 7 p.m. at Lee Freshman High School.

In other business, the Commissioners' Court also passed a 6 percent salary increase to county employees to keep up with the cost of living. This

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No new developments reported in death of 10-year-old Odessan

ODESSA — Law enforcement officers this morning said there were no new developments in the murder of a 10-year-old Odessa boy whose body was found in a water tank about eight miles south of here Monday.

Ruben Arrellano reportedly was on his way to a local convenience store to play video games when he disappeared Saturday night. He was last seen by an older sister as he rode his bicycle to the store about 9 p.m.

His body was found shortly before 8 a.m. Monday by an oilfield worker who told sheriff's deputies he spotted a pair of shoes and socks on a road near the water tank. The man then discovered the body in the tank.

Warsaw calm as congress opens

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Long lines formed at newsstands on Warsaw's main boulevard today while an emergency Communist Party congress was opening nearby in the city's Stalinist-style Palace of Culture.

But Poles standing patiently in muggy summer weather said their

Preliminary autopsy reports indicate the boy died from a single blow to the back of the head and was apparently already dead when placed in the tank. He had been in the tank 24 to 36 hours before being discovered.

Police, sheriff's deputies and local citizens had conducted an intensive search for the boy, who was described by friends and relatives as well-behaved and likable. He was the youngest of six Arrellano children.

He excelled in athletics and had won several ribbons in a track meet the day he disappeared. Services are pending at the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

waiting had nothing to do with the congress nor the government's newly issued economic repair report warning of a possible 220 percent food price increase.

"Are you out of your mind?" asked one man in jeans and sunglasses. "To wait in the sun for congress materials? We are waiting for cigarettes."

Suspect loses bid to postpone jury proceedings

ATLANTA (AP) — A young black man charged with murdering the latest victim in a string of 28 slayings of young blacks has lost a bid to postpone grand jury proceedings against him.

Superior Court Judge Sam P. McKenzie refused Monday to halt grand jury deliberations concerning Wayne B. Williams in connection with the slaying of Nathaniel Cater, a 27-year-old laborer whose body was found in the Chattahoochee River May 24.

Williams' attorney, Mary Welton, had asked that the grand jury be blocked temporarily from

hearing evidence against Williams, 23, until the court rules on a series of eight other motions she filed Monday.

McKenzie set a hearing for this afternoon on those motions, which included a request that Williams be allowed to appear with his attorney before the grand jury.

District Attorney Lewis Slaton, who appeared at the hearing Monday to oppose Ms. Welton's motions, said afterward the maneuvers would not impede the state's case. But he said the grand jury, which was to reconvene today after being in recess since Friday, probably would not finish the Williams' case today.

Ms. Welton argued Monday that courts have the authority to supervise grand juries because the panels are "an integral part of the judicial system" and not "a mere tool" of the prosecution.

Slaton said, however, that Georgia case law provides that grand jury findings are not subject to question. And he said a defendant in a criminal proceeding "has ample opportunity to defend himself in the trial."

Ms. Welton asked McKenzie to question each of the 18 grand jurors to determine whether the "inun-

dating, prejudicial, unrelenting publicity" surrounding Williams has prejudiced them.

McKenzie did not rule on that motion but told the lawyer that a grand jury "is not required to be unbiased in the same sense" as a trial jury.

In asking that she and Williams be allowed to appear before the grand jury, Ms. Welton cited a Georgia law that lets public officials and police officers accused of a crime appear with an attorney before a grand jury. To deny Williams the same access, she argued, would be to violate his constitutional rights.

Other motions asked the court to ensure that all evidence against Williams be preserved; to order minutes of the grand jury sessions recorded and provided to Williams' attorneys; to disclose any evidence helpful to Williams; to order disclosure of information obtained through wiretaps; to order Williams released on bond, and to order his release on the grounds that the state presented insufficient evidence at his preliminary hearing.

Williams has been held in an isolation cell in the Fulton County jail since his arrest June 21. He was ordered held for grand jury action after a June 24 preliminary hearing.

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One of the participants in the Learn-to-Swim program, sponsored by the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens, enjoys a leisurely float through the pool during a

recent session at Midland High School. MARC recently held an awards picnic for the Learn-to-Swim participants.

Swim program ends with a picnic

The 22nd annual Learn-to-Swim program, sponsored by the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens, was concluded with an awards picnic held recently at Hogan Park.

Swimmers participating in the program were J.J. Rogers, Louis Cuiller, Yvette Gonzales, Keith Kolas, Buster Brown, David Hughes, Arlis Komyathy, Nancy Vinklarek, Eric McHam, Derek Stice, Jackie Knight, Chelle Dumas, Holly Tucker, Tracy Klatt. Red Cross Achievement awards were presented to Keith Kolas, beginner; Jackie Knight and Chelle Dumas, intermediate; and Holly Tucker, swimmer. J.O. Dewberry served as chairman for the 1981 Learn-to-Swim session. Other volunteers working

with the program were water safety instructors Jerrienne Young, Cheryl King and Edna Hibbitts, senior instructors Laura Huff and Sue Greany; instructor aides Janet Kirkpatrick, George Ann Powers, Gary Price, Amber Price, Kenny Synatsch, Dana Tompkins, Karla Wells, Jana Tompkins, Lana Tompkins, Barbara Coonce, Palmer Sikes, Trina Richardson, Lisa Davis, Kathy Kirkpatrick, Steven Delone and David Delone.

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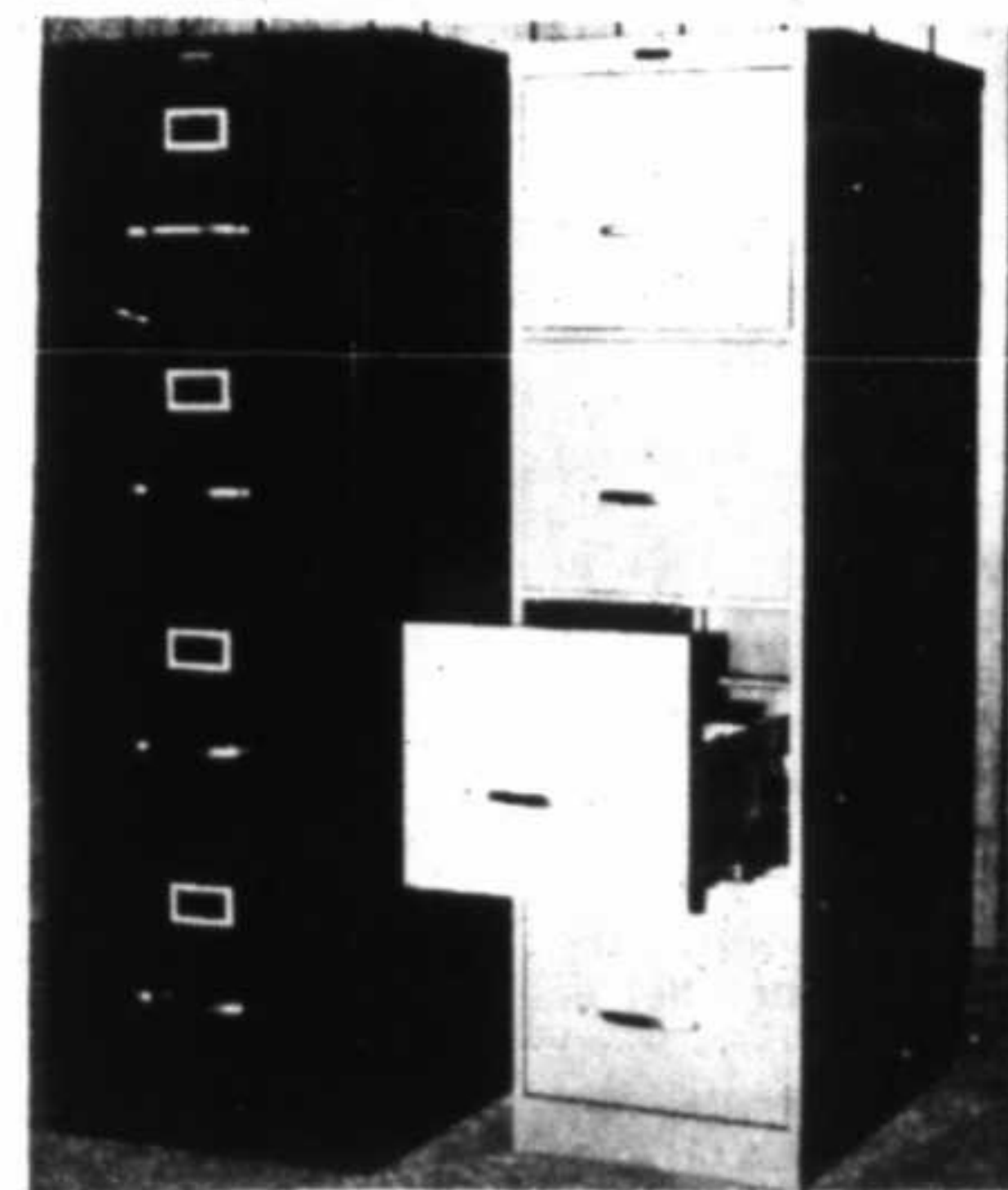
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DEATHS



Douglas Baumann

Douglas W. Baumann, 20, of Route 1 Box 77M, died Monday from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in the Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dean Kelm, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church of Odessa, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Baumann was born Feb. 11, 1961, in Fort Worth. He spent most of his life in Midland and attended Midland High School. He lived one year in Brownwood and upon returning to Midland went to work for Geo-Search Seismic Surveys. The accident occurred as he was returning from work in Sweetwater. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin A. Baumann of Midland; a brother, Jon Baumann of Midland; his grandparents, Lydia Baumann of Midland; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. A.D. Woody of Stanton.

Haig boycotts dinner at U.N. conference

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. boycotted a diplomatic dinner on the opening day of the U.N. Cambodian conference because the five Southeast Asian hosts canceled an invitation to Israel's ambassador.

Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum called the action "a breach of diplomatic etiquette" and further "evidence of the deterioration of manners in this organization."

Monday night's dinner was hosted by the Southeast Asian Nations. The five countries — Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines — are the main force behind the conference, an attempt to pressure Vietnam into withdrawing its troops from Cambodia.

Joan Dickie, a spokeswoman for the U.S. mission to the United Nations, said that when the American delegation heard of the incident it was decided "in fairness and equity we should not attend." Israel was among the 84 nations attending the conference, she said, and "if you reach that level of universality," Israel should not be singled out from a dinner for all participants.

Foreign Secretary Mark MacGuigan of Canada and State Secretary Johan Holst of Nor-

way also stayed away in protest of the canceled Israeli invitation, Blum said.

Israeli sources said no explanation was given for the cancellation, but it apparently was due to pressure from anti-Israeli members of the non-aligned movement. Haig, addressing the opening conference earlier Monday, said Soviet cooperation to bring peace to Cambodia and Afghanistan could pave the way for improved East-West relations.

The secretary of state also said Soviet-backed Vietnam could end its isolation with the United States by withdrawing its 200,000 soldiers from Cambodia, which is also widely known as Kampuchea. He said America would not normalize relations with "a Vietnam that occupies Kampuchea and destabilizes the entire Southeast Asian region."

Haig said he was optimistic that the conference would adopt a declaration proposed by ASEAN that calls for sending a U.N. force to Cambodia to supervise withdrawal of the Vietnamese troops and then elections.

The troops helped Cambodian rebels led by Heng Samrin overthrow the Chinese-backed regime of Pol Pot in January 1979, but Pol Pot's forces are continuing to wage guerrilla warfare

George Moon

Graveside services for George Moon, 74, of rural Robert Lee were held Monday in Resthaven Memorial Park with Bob David of Golf Course Road Church of Christ officiating. Services were under the direction of Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home.

He died Sunday in Robert Lee.

Moon was born July 13, 1906, in Oak Fuskee, Okla. He was reared in Oklahoma and in San Benito. He spent most of his life in Columbus, Ohio. Moon retired in 1975. He lived in Midland for a year prior to moving to Spence Reservoir in 1976. He was a member of the Elks Lodge.

Survivors include two daughters, Patsy Berry of Albuquerque, N.M., and Sonia Hatfield of Midland; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joyce R. Lyons

Joyce R. Lyons, 48, of 1207 W. Louisiana Ave., died Monday in a Midland hospital of cancer.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Sunnyland Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. Lyons was born Feb. 9, 1933, in Ardmore, Okla. She later moved to Oklahoma City and graduated from Capital Hill High School in 1950. She had been a resident of Midland the last four years.

Survivors include four sons, Jason Lyons, Stephen Lyons, Jay Lyons and Gary Lyons, all of Midland; their father, James E. Lyons; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Doughty of Ardmore; three sisters, Jerry Breeden, June Rezendes and Wanda Engel of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Dean Doughty of Oklahoma City and John Doughty of Boulder, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Capt. M.L. McGuire

CLOVIS — Services for Capt. Michael Lennon McGuire, 27, of George Air Force Base, Calif., brother of Allen G. McGuire Jr. of Midland, were to be at 3 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Clovis, N.M. Burial will be in Lawnhaven Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Steel-Todd Funeral Home.

McGuire died July 6 in an airplane crash at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. He was born Dec. 7, 1953, at Bergstrom AFB, Tx. He was a 1972 graduate of Clovis High School. He attended the Air Force Academy where he was on the Commandant's List. He graduated from the Academy in 1976. He was stationed at George AFB, Calif.

Other survivors include his parents, two sisters, three other brothers and his grandmother.

Monty M. Smith

ROSWELL, N.M. — Monty Mack Smith, 24, of Ruidoso, N.M., died Sunday in a Roswell hospital.

Memorial services following cremation will be held this week in Ruidoso.

He was born Dec. 7, 1956, in Kermit, Texas. He was a Baptist.

Survivors his parents, Lillie M. Smith of Ruidoso and William F. Smith of Lynwood, Calif.; two brothers, Edward Earl Smith of Ruidoso and Rodney Wyatt Smith of Olton, Texas; and a sister, Billie Lynn Stricker of Pipe Creek, Texas.

Robert Bippin

Robert G. Bippin, 61, of 107 Holly Drive, died Monday in a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Newline W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with graveside services at 3 p.m. in the Harriet Community in Tom Green County.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Bippin was born Aug. 22, 1919, in Bowling Green, Mo. He was in the Army in World War II, stationed in San Angelo, where he met and married Valera Fuchs on Feb. 19, 1952. After his discharge they moved to Midland in 1952. From August 1952 to 1958 he was a co-owner of the Exxon service station on Wall Street. In 1958 he became co-owner of the Zenith Laundry and Dry Cleaners on West Illinois Avenue. He was a member of the Catholic Church, the Royal Order Moose Lodge, VFW Post and Knights of Columbus in Missouri.

Survivors include his wife of Midland; a son, Stanley Bippin of Midland; two daughters, Gloria Robertson of Amarillo and Mrs. Terry Tucker of Midland; his mother, Anna G. Bippin of Bowling Green, Mo.; a brother, Herb Bippin Sr. of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Glenn Betts of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren and three nephews.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center.

Embassy invaded

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — An unidentified assailant invaded the Yugoslavian Embassy in Brussels today, wounding a staff member and a security guard before escaping, police reported.

The man, apparently acting alone, fired a shot at the staff member inside the embassy, wounding the victim in the arm. As he left the embassy, the man shot a security guard in the chest, then escaped in a car toward the Bois de La Cambre, a fashionable park in a well-to-do neighborhood, police said.

Both victims were hospitalized. Their identities were not immediately disclosed.

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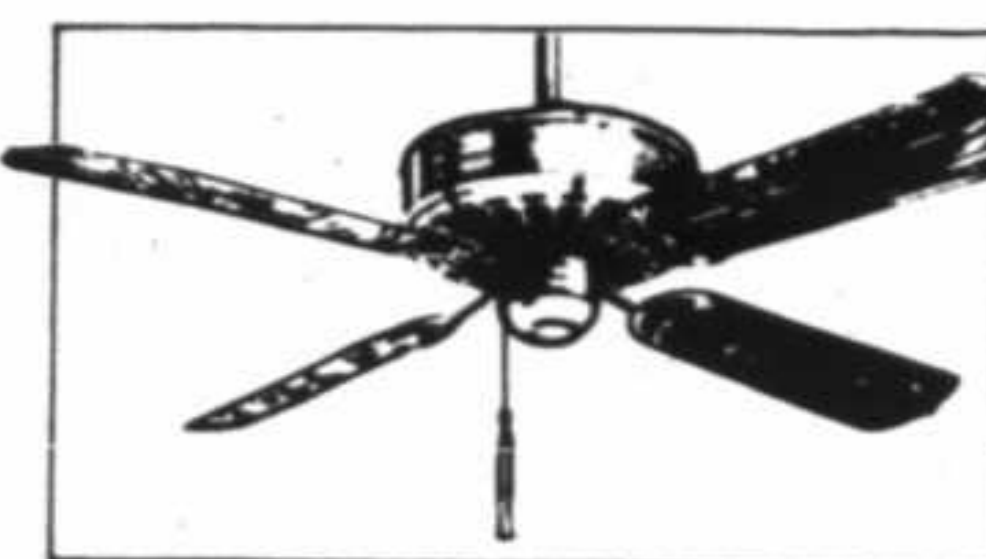
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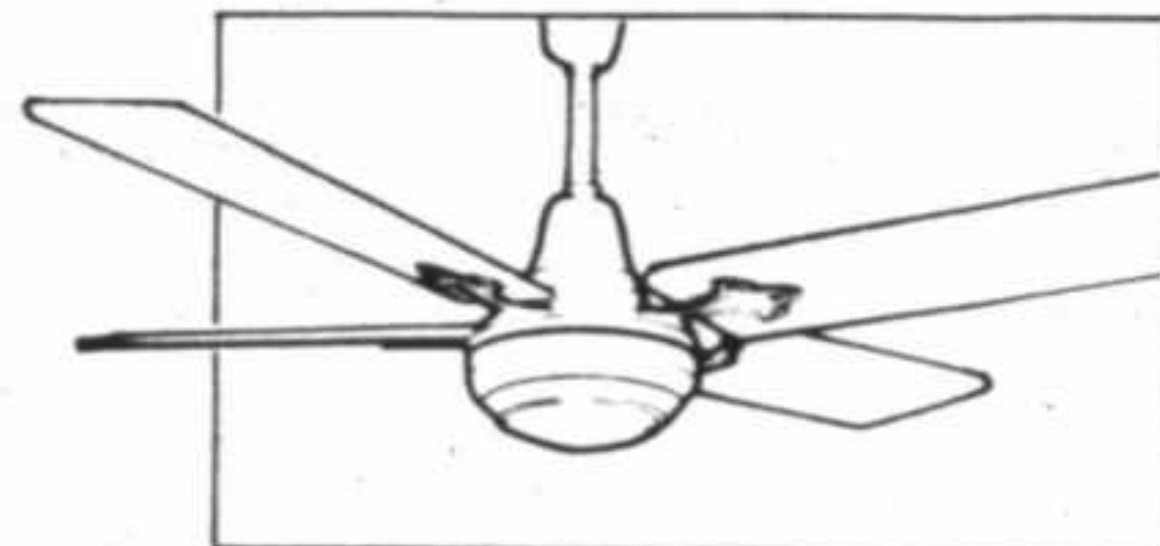


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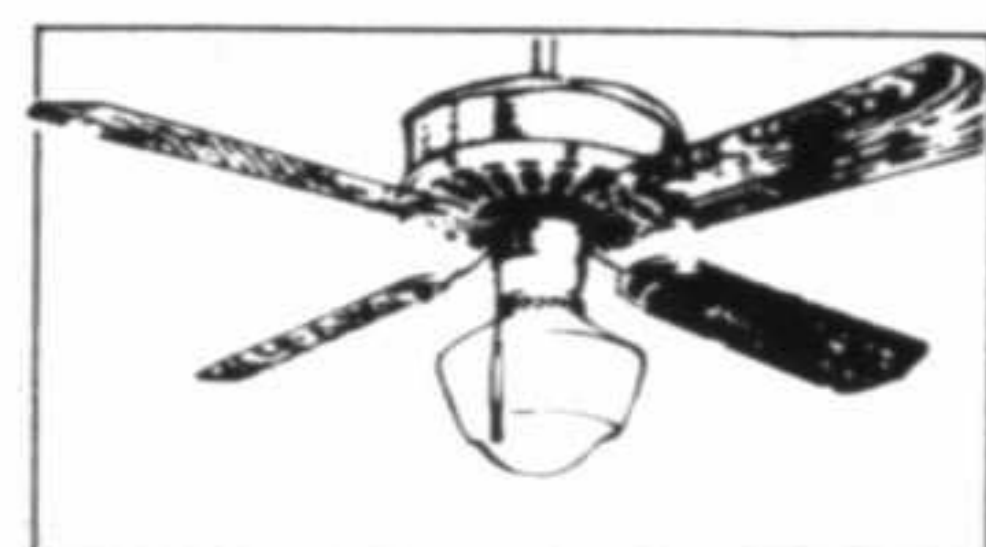


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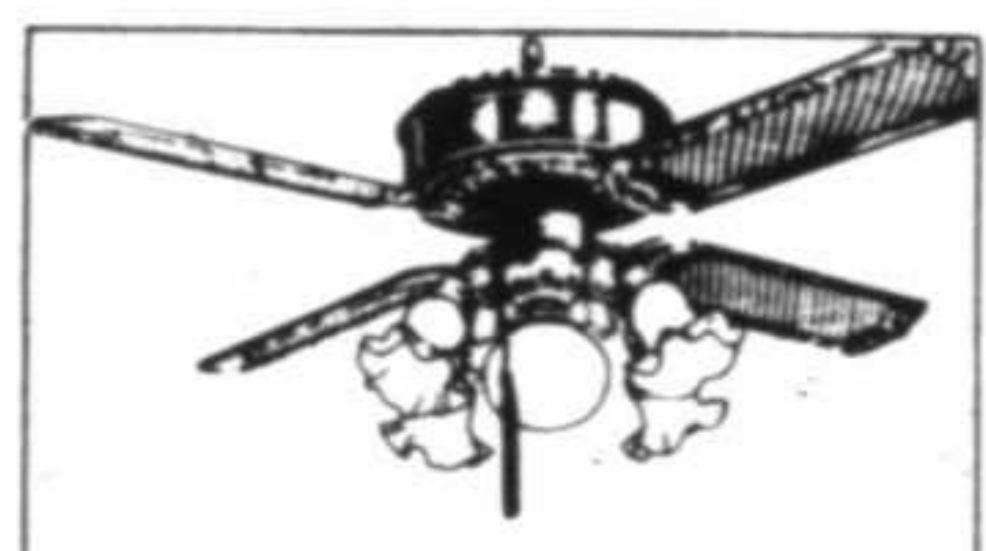
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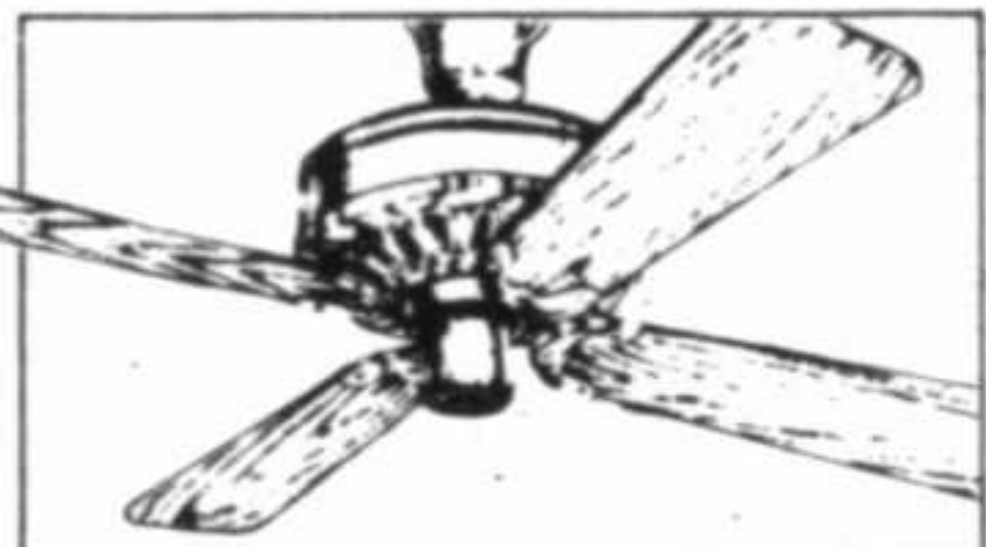
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Brolin to star in film

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Punk cult film drawing crowds

By JAMES ROWLEY
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Her beauty may have faded, but the chatterbox charm that helped Edith Massey get bartending jobs for 30 years is now the comedic secret to her stardom in the popular punk cult film "Polyester."

"I was a glamour girl, now I'm a star," says the nearly toothless Ms. Massey, whose roles have included Jesus' mother, a tyrant queen and, most recently, a daffy debutante who marries her chauffeur.

"I know I have only these teeth, but it's my character. I could change them, but people like me. I'm an image."

Several film critics have praised Ms. Massey's supporting cast portrayal of socialite Cuddles Kovinski in "Polyester," the first general box-office hit by Baltimore director John Waters, whose cinematic celebrations of raunchiness have won him cult status on the midnight movie circuit.

One writer said he didn't know if she deserved an Oscar or a 24-hour nurse.

"If I win an Oscar, I'll need a 24-hour nurse," Ms. Massey said.

THE FILM, WHICH STARS beach movie idol Tab Hunter and Divine, a 300-pound transvestite, has grossed more than \$1 million since it opened this spring in five cities.

"Polyester" is a movie with very little plot. It is a series of camp vignettes on the troubles of a suburban housewife with a daughter who likes delinquents and a son with an obsession for stomping on women's feet.

The movie also features "odorama," in which viewers are given special cards with numbered dots. At certain times during the film, numbers appear on the screen and viewers scratch the dots to feast their noses on the odor of pine air freshener, roses and old sneakers.

Sipping cream-of-goose soup in a restaurant, Ms. Massey reflected on her rise to stardom in such Waters films as "Multiple Maniacs," "Pink Flamingos," and "Desperate Living."

"They asked if I could play Jesus' mother. Who knows what Jesus' mother looked like? I guess they liked what I did because they gave me two other roles in the movie."

"I don't know what I did right, but I'm still in them," she said.

NOW IN HER 50s, the former B-girl who was once a madame in a Quincy, Ill., brothel now runs "Edith's Shopping Bag," a curio shop in Fells Point — a once-decaying waterfront neighborhood that is enjoying a mini tourist boom.

The store's name and Ms. Massey's virtual toothlessness have led many to characterize her as a shopping bag lady, a homeless woman who roams city streets with all her possessions.

But Ms. Massey disputes the appellation.

"I have never been a bag lady, well honey, I never lived that way, not that I think that I'm too good not to," she said. "...I'm a chatterbox, I've always had the charm, one thing I could always do is get a job."

Waters discovered Ms. Massey in 1969 when she was a barmaid.

"She is a true original, she's an eccentric," he said. "I think she's a great comedienne."

"We sort of think of her as la Grande Dame of our films," said Waters, who devotes a chapter of his forthcoming book "Shock Value" to Ms. Massey's life story.

In "Desperate Living," she urges her nephew to become a homosexual and throws acid in the face of Divine, another fixture of Waters' films.

"She can play evil characters, too," Waters said. "But I think audiences like her best for her lovable characters."

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Stock market mixed

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market was mixed in moderate trading Monday as attention focused on an expanding merger drama featuring Conoco and a troupe of suitors.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up nearly 3 points at noon, finished with a loss of 1.33 to 954.34, adding to last week's retreat of 3.52 points.

Gainers narrowly outnumbered losers among New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Conoco, the object of an unprecedented bidding war, rose 7 to 84 1/2 and topped the NYSE active list with more than 1.7 million shares traded. Conoco has accepted a \$6.9 billion cash-and-stock offer from Du Pont, which finished the day unchanged at 47 1/4, but Seagram has made a counter offer and a number of big oil companies are considering entering the intensifying scramble to buy Conoco. Seagram was unchanged at 56 in final trading.

Mobil, which announced that it might make a bid for Conoco, was unchanged at 31 1/4. Texaco, also considered a possible suitor, rose 1/4 to 35 1/4.

The speculation swirling around Conoco and its suitors highlighted sizeable gains throughout the oil sector, although trading activity was generally light elsewhere. Union Oil of California gained 1 to 38 1/4, and Cities Service added 1/4 to 57 1/4.

Analysts had expected the market to show some improvement, mainly because of a larger-than-expected \$1.3 billion decline in the money supply reported Friday. That decline fueled speculation that the Federal Reserve may allow interest rates to fall.

Big Board volume contracted to 38.1 million shares from 39.95 million on Friday.

The NYSE's composite index rose .13 to 75.28.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was up .06 at 363.50.

Standard & Poor's index of 500 industrial stocks rose .27 to 129.64, while S&P's 400-stock index finished at 145.77 for a gain of .21.

The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market closed at 210.86, up .32.

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Will it be advantageous to make a hefty down payment, to reduce our monthly mortgage payments? Or will it be better to put a minimum down, to get a larger income tax deduction on higher mortgage interest charges?

A. The answer to that perennial set of questions depends on two other questions. What interest will you pay on the mortgage? What income can your money earn elsewhere? You won't know the answer to those questions, until you apply for a mortgage.

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By the time you buy a home, you may find that the interest you pay on your mortgage will be higher than the interest and dividends your money can earn. And that situation could prevail over the life of your mortgage.

Why? Because of new types of mortgages now coming into vogue, called "adjustable mortgage loans" and "adjustable rate mortgages." They're different than the familiar fixed-rate mortgages, on which the interest is set at the beginning and never changes.

With a new adjustable mortgage, the interest rate can be changed up or down — usually once a year — in line with interest rate changes in the money market. This will provide some relief to savers and loan associations, banks and other mortgage lenders, which have taken financial beatings in recent years from low-interest, fixed-rate mortgages.

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A. As I write this, the yields on money market mutual funds are quite a bit higher than on 182-day savings certificates. The yields on money funds can move up or down. The yield on a 182-day certificate remains unchanged over the maturity of the certificate.

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