

End urged for 'unappealing' windfall tax

From Staff and Wire Reports

Seventeen congressmen from Texas and Oklahoma urged President Reagan Tuesday to live up to his campaign promise and allow the windfall profits tax to "die a rightful death."

The letter, authored by Rep. Kent Hance, D-Texas, follows a ruling Thursday by a Wyoming federal judge that the tax is unconstitutional.

Until redistricting, Hance was the congressman representing Midland in the 19th District. But the Tall City was moved into the 21st District, represented by Republican Tom Loeffler of Hunt, who also signed the letter.

The Constitution requires taxes to be assessed uniformly, but the windfall profits tax fails that test in that it exempts oil produced in Alaska, the judge declared.

"We believe that this important decision gives you the opportunity to fulfill a promise you made in 1980 to abolish the burdensome and unjust tax," the lawmakers said.

Hance explained, "When the President was campaigning in Texas in 1980,

he plainly stated his opposition to the so-called windfall profits tax. Today, we are just asking him to live up to that promise and free America's oil-producing states from an unfair, unjust and unconstitutional tax."

Hance, 11 other Texas congressmen, four Oklahoma congressmen and one Louisiana lawmaker asked Reagan to let the Wyoming decision stand without appeal.

"We believe that allowing this decision to stand would be a substantial step toward a sensible energy policy. The abolishment of the windfall profits tax would encourage domestic energy production and help us achieve our national goal of energy independence," the letter said.

Oil industry executives, and politicians from leading oil states, have fought the windfall profits tax since its inception. They contend it is discriminatory and double taxation.

Besides Loeffler, among those signing the letter were three out of the four other Texas Republicans in Congress — Bill Archer of Houston, Jack Fields of Humble and Ron Paul of Lake Jackson; and Louisiana Republican Henson Moore.

In signing the letter, Loeffler reiterated his call that the windfall profits tax is "the most heinous and ridiculous tax ever levied."

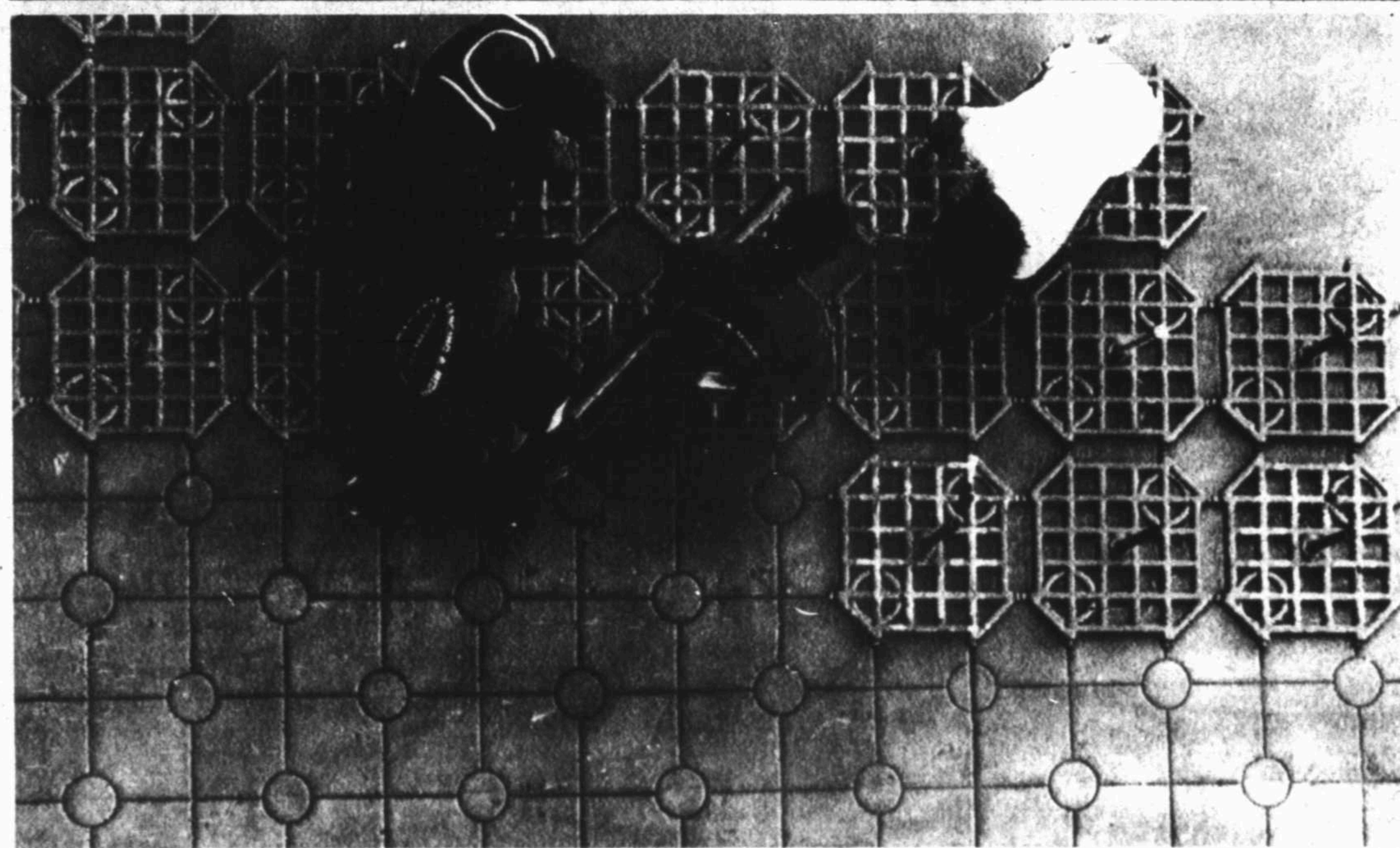
The tax on only one industry out of this country "is unfair," Loeffler continued. "It penalizes the producers, royalty owners and ultimately the consumer. We need to encourage production of oil and gas. It's past time that America realizes that without a windfall profits tax, and without the market dislocations and price disparities of the Natural Gas Policy Act, there would be sufficient quantities of oil and gas at a fair price. If these aberrations of the free market were eliminated, we would not see a downturn in domestic drilling activities and its resultant increase in unemployment, as has occurred in the past year."

All the other congressmen are Democrats. The Oklahoma lawmakers signing it were Glenn English, Dave McCurdy, Mike Synar and Wes Watkins. The Texas congressmen who signed the letter were Hance of Lubbock, Ralph Hall of Rockwall, Sam Hall of Marshall, Chick Kazen of Laredo, Jim Mattox of Dallas, Charlie Stenholm of Stamford, Richard White of El Paso, and Charlie Wilson of Lufkin.

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Plastering patterns

Workers tamp steel grids into wet cement, creating a patterned sidewalk in Long Beach, Calif.

Jobs, tax package considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats, trying to beat Republicans to the punch, are considering a multibillion-dollar package of more than 600,000 jobs, housing subsidies and a modification of next year's income tax cut, sources say.

At the direction of House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., has drawn up a set of recommendations for paring the nation's 10.4 percent unemployment rate.

Reuss, chairman of the congressional Joint Economic Committee, was set to unveil the proposals this afternoon.

Congressional sources said the recommendations, which Reuss and O'Neill discussed privately Tuesday, include a \$3.5 billion package of public

service jobs for areas hardest hit by unemployment.

Sources said Reuss was recommending reductions in Pentagon spending to finance the entire package so that there would be no increase in federal budget deficits.

Under the plan, 600,000 jobs would be created in the first year to put people to work repairing the nation's highways, bridges and sewer systems. The jobs would go to people unemployed for 15 weeks or more of the past 26 weeks, as of the time the measure would take effect.

Also included would be a provision for employing 20,000 youngsters year-round in the conservation and rehabilitation of public lands and parks. And it would provide for 50,000 summer jobs for the same purpose, said the sources,

who asked not to be identified.

The package also includes \$2 billion to subsidize moderate-priced housing. This provision is similar to a \$3 billion item in an emergency spending bill that President Reagan vetoed earlier this year as too costly.

In addition, \$1.2 billion would be provided for housing rental assistance and mortgage subsidies for inexpensive housing.

Tax incentives for converting older buildings to low- and moderate-income housing also would be included.

The plan also carries a recommendation that a \$700 limit be placed on the tax break that could be gained from the 10 percent personal income tax rate cut scheduled for next July 1.

Democrats hit hard at the unemployment issue during the fall campaign,

blaming Reagan's economic policies for the problem.

However, Republican senators concerned by the GOP's showing in the elections — and hoping to offset Democratic proposals — have been talking about public works projects to create thousands of jobs.

Leaders such as Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., have acknowledged a jobs bill may be necessary.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said Tuesday that Reagan has been given a rundown on anticipated Democratic proposals for jobs, and planned to discuss a plan to raise the gasoline tax by 5 cents a gallon to help create construction jobs.

Will Polish workers heed strike call?

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Soldiers with fixed bayonets and police with automatic weapons patrolled two Polish cities today and authorities claimed factories operated "undisturbed" despite Solidarity's call for an eight-hour sitdown strike.

The state-run Warsaw radio said workers reported to their jobs across Poland at the start of the 6 a.m. (midnight EST Tuesday) to 2 p.m. shift.

But it was impossible to verify whether Poles were heeding the Solidarity call for an eight-hour protest in which they would report for their shifts, but only "pretend" to work.

The Solidarity underground did not ask supporters to stay home and said workers should avoid the factory takeovers that had marked its pre-martial law job actions.

"Industrial plants keep on working without a hitch in various parts of the country," the official PAP news agency said.

Warsaw radio said there were "isolated incidents" and some attempts to distribute leaflets at plant gates around Poland. It did not elaborate on the "incidents."

The extent of the work protest and nationwide rallies called by Solidarity for the afternoon was seen as a crucial indicator of the underground's strength following Parliament's banning of the union Oct. 8.

In the southern city of Krakow, Western reporters said university students protested peacefully for 15 minutes against the expulsion of 10 students found with printing equipment in their rooms, and then dispersed without police involvement.

Official sources in Gdansk said police and army patrols of 10-15 men each roamed the streets near the Lenin shipyards, where Solidarity was born in August 1980 sit-down strikes. Police patrols also were beefed up in the capital.

In the capital, factories appeared to be operating normally. Buses and streetcars ran on schedule, and there were no banners, posters or flags like those placed on the Gdansk shipyard

gates during wildcat protests last month.

Western reporters touring major Warsaw factories were barred from going inside, however. Workers entering the factories refused to speak to reporters.

The scene contrasted sharply to strikes called by Solidarity before it was suspended under martial law last Dec. 13.

Police maintained a low profile, staying clear of major Warsaw factories. But authorities sent a column of trucks with police armed with automatic weapons to the court where fugitive Solidarity leaders planned a protest march starting at 2 p.m. (8 a.m. EST).

The martial law authorities have vowed to use "all measures to ensure peace" today, the second anniversary of the legal registration of Solidarity as the only union in the Soviet bloc free of Communist Party control.

The radio report said the first shift, which began at 6 a.m. (2 a.m. EST) reported as usual at factories in Wroclaw, Lublin and Starachowice in southwest Poland; the steelworks in the southern city of Czestochowa; and the copper mines in Rudna and Polkowice, western Poland.

On Tuesday, government spokesman Jerzy Urban told a news conference: "If it is necessary, the government will use all measures to ensure peace." One young unionist was shot dead by police in the last round of worker protests.

The announcement Monday of a planned papal visit in June 1983, was seen here as an effort to thwart the protest call, as was an interview with the wife of interned Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, broadcast on state-run radio Tuesday.

"I think martial law was necessary, but sir, in order to bring order," Danuta Walesa said on the radio.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press from her Gdansk home, Mrs. Walesa initially denied making the statement, saying the tape was "edited." She later acknowledged making the comment.

Shultz busy bridging 'troubled waters' of foreign policy

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Operating quietly in President Reagan's shadow, Secretary of State George P. Shultz has managed in four months to bring a measure of foreign policy success to the administration without sparking the kind of turmoil that plagued his predecessor for 18 months.

Shultz seems the perfect replacement, from a White House viewpoint at least, for the controversial and combat-

ive Alexander M. Haig Jr.

Haig was pushed into resigning by the White House after a long series of acrimonious battles with other administration officials. In a parting shot, Haig said the administration had wandered from its foreign policy course.

Shultz, on the other hand, is soft-spoken and mild-mannered, a team player who leads the team from within.

Where Haig demanded to be the vicar of American foreign policy and never was, Shultz didn't stake any pub-

lic claim to foreign policy turf and has it all.

He drafted the Sept. 1 Reagan peace initiative that has raised hopes of resolving the Arab-Israeli dispute and has taken important strides toward

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ending the Soviet pipeline disagreement with the Europeans.

Shultz' approach, according to several officials, is to prepare the policy,

sell it to the president, and then give Reagan credit for it.

"The policies are the president's policies, not my policies," Shultz insisted recently. "I don't have a foreign policy; he does."

But the 61-year-old Shultz remains too much in the background for some people, who believe the nation needs a secretary of state who will be a forceful spokesman for foreign policy.

A State Department official who takes this view says Shultz risks eroding the influence of the State Depart-

ment over foreign policy and "turning it over to the amateurs in the White House."

A White House official, who mostly praised Shultz, calls him "cautious almost to a fault" and worries that he may give too much policy leeway to the "pin-stripers" in the State Department.

A key minority staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee disagrees. "I think most people are quite tolerant of somebody who wants to do things quietly and not as much in public as Haig did," he said.

Like most of the insiders willing to discuss Shultz, the committee staffer and the officials at the State Department and the White House did so only on the condition their names not be used.

Shultz is primarily a listener, rather than a talker — until he has made up his mind, advising say. He avoids shuttle diplomacy, preferring to have foreign leaders come to him. And he tries to set aside an hour or so each day to contemplation.

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European trade issues on agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz and three other Cabinet members will meet with representatives of the European economic community to discuss urgent trade and economic issues next month, a State Department official says.

Also attending the Dec. 10 meeting for the United States will be Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, Agriculture Secretary John R. Block and Ambassador William E. Brock, the U.S. trade representative.

Alan Wallis, undersecretary of state for economic affairs, released information about the session Tuesday, at the close of a two-day meeting at the State Department between U.S. officials and members of the European Commission.

Wallis described this week's meeting only as a stock-taking session on numerous issues after a year of economic difficulty on both sides of the Atlantic.

But the Washington Post reported in Wednesday editions that an agreement "in substance" had been reached on an outline covering all aspects of trade among the United States and European nations.

Quoting "diplomats in Washington and Europe," the Post said it was "understood" that the deadline for completing a policy statement was next spring's economic summit meeting and until then "there will be a moratorium on energy purchases from Moscow and possibly on sales of certain high technology items."

The New York Times, quoting unidentified State Department officials, reported in Wednesday editions that a "virtual" agreement has been struck and an announcement would be made "soon" in two parts — first, the trade policy and then, the announcement of the lifting of sanctions in such a fashion that the two announcements do not seem related.

Wilhelm Haferkamp, vice chairman of the commission, echoed Benjamin Franklin in a remark to reporters: "Europe and America will have to hang together in this if we are not to hang separately."

He said economic problems in Europe and the United States are inspiring a wave of protectionist sentiment that could lead to trade wars, but he added that leaders on both sides of the Atlantic share the objective of upholding free trade.

INSIDE TODAY Defense plan

Nuclear civil defense planner Bob Ewing tells community leaders Tuesday that population evacuation plans are necessary in the event of nuclear weapons use.

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Partly cloudy with a chance of thundershowers. High Thursday low 70s. Details on Page 2A.

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Some offices to close

While there is no official ceremony by any group recognizing Veterans Day on Thursday, the banks and federal courthouse employees will be having a holiday.

All banks will be closed, as will federal offices, including the Postal Service.

However, county and city employees will be at their desks as usual on Thursday.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

30 percent chance for rain, pleasant temperatures forecast for Basin area

It may be a good idea to roll up the car windows tonight, and tuck an umbrella under your arm in the morning—and maybe a sweater.

Partly cloudy skies with a chance of rain and pleasant temperatures are expected through Thursday.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, there is a 30 percent chance tonight and a 20 percent chance of rain Thursday.

A strong upper level low pressure system from the west combined with southerly moist air could cause scattered thundershowers," a NWS spokesperson said.

The mercury is expected to wander in the low to mid 50s with southerly breezes 10-20 mph. Then on Thursday, the red line should skitter up to the low 70s with gusty southwesterly winds 15-15 mph.

Tuesday's high of 77 wasn't too far from the record high of 86 set in 1942, but the overnight low of 60 was eons away from the record low of 20 set in 1950.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Partly cloudy through Thursday with a 30 percent chance of thundershowers tonight. Low tonight low 50s. High Thursday low 70s with a 20 percent chance of thundershowers.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Cloudy to partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thundershowers through Thursday. Cooler north and windy Panhandle Thursday. Highs 72 mountains and Panhandle to 62 Big Bend. Lows 45 to 52. Highs Thursday 65 to 78.

North Texas: Mostly cloudy, warm and humid with a chance of showers and thundershowers through Thursday. Highs 72 to 78. Lows in the 60s.

South Texas: Mostly cloudy, warm and humid with a chance of showers and thundershowers through Thursday. Highs 78 to 88. Lows in the 60s.

Port Arthur to Port O'Connor: Southeasterly winds 15 to 20 knots through Thursday. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Widely scattered showers.

Port O'Connor to Brownsville: Southeasterly winds 15 to 20 knots through Thursday. Seas 5 to 7 feet. Widely scattered showers.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy through Thursday. Turning cooler northwest and scattered thundershowers most sections Thursday. Highs in the 70s. Lows 45 to 52. Highs Thursday 65 to 78. Lows 45 to 52.

New Mexico: A slight chance of showers through Thursday. Snow level near 6,000 feet tonight and Thursday. Colder Thursday. Highs 50 to 62 mountains and north and 48 to 52 south. Lows 35 to 42 mountains and 30 to 42 elsewhere. Highs Thursday 60 to 70 mountains and 48 to 52 elsewhere. Lows 35 to 42.

Louisiana: Partly cloudy through Thursday. Highs 78 to 82. Lows 55 to 62.

Arkansas: Partly cloudy and warm today. Cloudy and mild tonight. Mostly cloudy, windy and warm Thursday with scattered thundershowers northwest. Highs 75 to 78. Lows 55 to 60.

Cloudy skies cover state

By The Associated Press

Cloudy skies covered Texas today as a cold front edged into the state, bringing scattered showers and patches of light rain to the South Plains.

Fog stretched from the Lower Rio Grande Valley into the eastern half of the state. The heaviest cover was reported at McAllen, where visibility was reduced to near zero.

Pre-dawn temperatures were mostly in the 60s. Readings at 4 a.m. ranged from 48 at Marfa to 74 at Corpus Christi.

Winds were mostly from the south and southeast at speeds ranging from five to 15 mph.

The forecast called for mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thundershowers statewide through Thursday.

Strikes at Mexican airline, university continued Tuesday

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Strikes at Mexicana, the country's largest airline, and at the National University entered their ninth day Tuesday with no solutions in sight.

Mexicana's 7,323 striking ground workers voted again Monday night to reject the government-controlled company's offer of a 25 percent pay raise. Union leaders said the workers planned to picket the city's international airport and march on the Labor Ministry to demand the resignation of the company's director, Enrique Loeza Tovar.

The strike has forced cancellation of daily flights to 28 cities within Mexico and 14 to the United States and the Caribbean carrying an average of 20,000 passengers.

The walkout by 23,000 non-academic personnel at the National University has idled about 45,000 teachers and shut about 350,000 students out of the classroom.

The striking employees have also rejected a management offer of a 25 percent pay increase.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A large num-

California storm spawns tornadoes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Residents of Southern California from Santa Barbara to the Mexican border began mopping up from a violent storm that brought torrential rain, several tornadoes and power blackouts to more than 200,000 customers.

Roofs were ripped Tuesday from half a dozen homes and businesses, including three houses in Garden Grove and a huge Fedco discount outlet in Van Nuys that was flooded when torrents of water poured into the store.

"I saw shingles flying through the air," said Walter Ernst of Garden Grove, whose roof was blown off. "The wind knocked down my block wall."

High winds ripped through sections of Long Beach, Inglewood and Van Nuys in Los Angeles County, and Garden Grove and Anaheim in Orange County, uprooting hundreds of trees, toppling fences and sheds, tearing shingles off roofs and felling power lines.

A few boats capsized in Long Beach

The weather elsewhere

Wednesday

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 9 a.m. EST.

HI	Lo	Pre	Out
Albany	61	34	cdy
Albuquerque	61	34	cdy
Anchorage	29	17	cdy
Anchorage	29	17	cdy
Atlanta	72	40	cdy
Atlanta	72	40	cdy
Austin	78	67	cdy
Baltimore	63	45	cdy
Birmingham	73	40	cdy
Bismarck	53	22	cdy
Boise	43	28	cdy
Boston	50	34	cdy
Brownsville	44	29	cdy
Burlington	49	29	cdy
Casper	39	28	cdy
Charleston, S.C.	71	50	cdy
Charleston, W.V.	67	38	cdy
Charlotte, N.C.	70	43	cdy
Chattanooga	67	40	cdy
Chicago	46	30	cdy
Cincinnati	70	42	cdy
Cleveland	73	42	cdy
Columbia, S.C.	74	36	cdy
Columbus	57	41	cdy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	78	65	cdy
Dayton	64	41	cdy
Denver	53	27	cdy
Des Moines	54	32	cdy
Detroit	43	30	cdy
Duluth	32	16	cdy
El Paso	77	61	cdy
Fargo	14	09	cdy
Flagstaff	40	33	cdy
Grand Falls	33	18	cdy
Hartford	55	29	cdy
Helena	57	14	cdy
Honolulu	69	74	cdy
Houston	76	65	cdy
Indianapolis	76	45	cdy
Jacksonville	72	45	cdy
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Juneau	57	34	cdy
Kansas City	72	62	cdy
Las Vegas	64	30	cdy
Little Rock	73	35	cdy
Los Angeles	57	36	cdy
Louisville	75	37	cdy
Lubbock	78	37	cdy
Memphis	74	51	cdy
Miami	74	51	cdy
Midwaukee	44	30	cdy
Minneapolis	37	25	cdy
Nashville	57	37	cdy
New Orleans	74	49	cdy
New York	56	29	cdy
Norfolk	63	44	cdy
North Platte	36	24	cdy
Oklahoma City	60	41	cdy
Omaha	61	41	cdy
Orlando	81	62	cdy
Philadelphia	59	42	cdy
Phoenix	71	57	cdy
Pittsburgh	57	41	cdy
Portland, Me.	51	27	cdy
Portland, Ore.	56	35	cdy
Providence	54	31	cdy
Raleigh	71	41	cdy
Rapid City	39	20	cdy
San Antonio	69	30	cdy
San Diego	69	37	cdy
San Francisco	56	32	cdy
Seattle	49	32	cdy
Shreveport	59	38	cdy
Sioux Falls	39	26	cdy
St. Louis	64	36	cdy
St. Petersburg	62	38	cdy
St. Thomas	36	24	cdy
Spokane	40	29	cdy
Syracuse	53	33	cdy
Topeka	72	60	cdy
Tucson	51	30	cdy
Tulsa	75	60	cdy
Washington	67	49	cdy
Wichita	73	52	cdy

Extended forecast

Friday-Sunday

West Texas: Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms ending Friday. Fair Friday night through Sunday. Cooler in the Panhandle on Sunday, otherwise no important temperature changes. Highs in upper 50s in the Panhandle to near 80 in the Big Bend valleys. Lows Friday and Saturday near 30 in the Panhandle to near 40 in the lower Pecos Valley cooling to the lower 20s in the Panhandle to the upper 40s Sunday in the Big Bend valleys.

Enrique Garcia Saldivar said farmers are presently authorized to export 250,000 head of cattle. He said cattlemen were seeking to export more beef to the United States despite low prices there.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico and Panama have agreed to undertake joint initiatives to help restore peace in Central America, President Jose Lopez Portillo says.

Lopez Portillo, who leaves office Dec. 1, made the announcement Monday night after meeting with visiting President Ricardo de la Espartero of Panama.

He gave no details of what actions the countries might be planning in the region, which has been wracked by political turmoil during recent years.

Mexico has made proposals during the past year to bring about peace in El Salvador and reduce tensions between leftist Nicaragua and its neighbors.

In the hard-hit San Fernando Valley,

two student nurses were cut by flying glass as they shielded patients from a breaking window at Panorama Community Hospital.

At two elementary schools in Garden Grove, students dived beneath their desks as the winds smashed windows in their rooms.

Scores of traffic accidents — from fender-benders to serious wrecks — were reported, and one death resulted.

"It's been just outrageous," said California Highway Patrol spokesman Robert Kenry.

A windstorm in Van Nuys knocked over a 6-ton meat truck. "It was just a little twist, then it got stronger and stronger, then — whoosh — I was over," said truck driver Al Wicher.

In the affluent coastal town of Malibu, a freak hailstorm dropped pea-sized hail that clogged storm drains 2 feet deep and flooded yards and homes when rainwater couldn't drain.

Hundreds of power lines from Santa

Shultz has some foreign policy success

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plate what he is doing.

Most importantly, Shultz gets along with the White House and with William Clark, the president's national security adviser.

"There is not one whiff of tension I've detected," said a White House official. "Shultz defers entirely to the president."

Helmut Sonnenfeldt, a Brookings Institution scholar who served in the Nixon administration with Shultz, observed that "from everything I've read, Shultz is coming on strong without making a fuss about it."

Shultz's influence extends beyond foreign policy. He attends the weekly meetings of the administration's economic policy hierarchy, known as the "troika," giving advice on matters ranging from the budget deficit to tax policy.

The State Department post is Shultz' fourth Cabinet-level position. He was secretary of treasury, secretary of

labor and director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Nixon administration.

Since quitting as president of the Bechtel Group, Inc. to become secretary of state on July 16, much of Shultz' attention has been focused on two key issues left over from Haig's term — the Middle East conflict and the controversy with the European allies over the Soviet natural gas pipeline.

But he has moved in other areas as well — changing the tone, if not the substance, of Haig's approach to global problems.

No longer does the administration seem eager to intervene militarily in El Salvador and Nicaragua. There is no more talk about "going to the source" in Cuba.

The congressional source, who works for the Democratic minority, believes Shultz' imprint was on the recent speeches by Ambassador Deane Hinton criticizing the Salvadoran government for failing to stop or solve the wide-

spread killings blamed on government security forces.

Shultz has even softened the administration's harsh rhetoric against the Soviet Union and has raised hopes of meaningful arms control talks with the Soviets in Geneva, even though he has yet to spell out his views.

In seven hours of meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations recently, Shultz presented Washington's views of the disputes between the two superpowers in careful detail.

His purpose was to give Gromyko a transcript of U.S. views that will be available to the new Soviet leadership that will emerge after Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev passes from the scene.

Shultz does not seek publicity, grants few interviews and has held only one news conference. Aides say he dislikes the Washington cocktail-dinner party circuit, going only those events he feels are part of his job.

Shultz has done comparatively little

travel, although he plans a tour of European capitals in December. He prefers to conduct U.S. foreign policy through the nation's ambassadors rather than engage in globe-spanning personal diplomacy.

The White House official says Shultz would never have attempted to single-handedly settle the Falklands Islands crisis by shuttling back and forth between London and Buenos Aires, as did Haig.

Actually, there isn't much difference between Shultz' and Haig's underlying views on most foreign policy issues. But Haig was said by aides to feel that no matter what he proposed, the White House opposed.

Sonnenfeldt says Shultz is succeeding where Haig failed primarily because of "a difference of personality and style."

"In retrospect, it was a mismatch from the beginning for Haig," he said in an interview. "There is widespread relief that a change was made."

Legislature to consider allowing city sales tax to fund mass transit

By GARTH JONES
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — If the 1983 Legislature agrees, mid-size Texas cities can ask their voters to pay another one cent local sales tax to cover the cost of bus systems and other mass transit.

Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, told a Capitol news conference Tuesday the additional local revenue is needed to make up for federal subsidy payments that will be phased out by 1985.

He said his Senate bill primarily would affect Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Brownsville, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Waco, Amarillo, Abilene, San Angelo, Wichita Falls and Lubbock.

The measure was one of 20 law changes or new laws proposed in bills filed in the Senate. In the House, a total of 85 bills have been filed, along with eight proposed constitutional changes.

The legislative proposals cannot be formally introduced until the Legislature meets Jan. 11.

Uribe's bill would allow cities of more than 50,000 population to hold local option elections on levying an additional sales tax of up to one cent. The tax could be approved in increments of one-quarter of a cent.

Cities with populations of 325,000 or more already have the authority, including Houston, San Antonio and Dallas.

Clyde Massey, director of the Brownsville Urban System, said his present operations budget is about \$2 million a year.

"One-half cent would be plenty for my home town," he said.

Massey said he had talked with officials in the 12 cities, and "they all want to be given this option." He said briefings would be held in each city during November and December.

Other legislative proposals filed included:

—At least two House bills and a Senate bill to strengthen laws concerning drunken driving, with

stiffer fines and jail penalties and loss of driving privileges. Other bills in the House and Senate would prohibit any open alcoholic container in the passenger portion of a vehicle, subject to fines of up to \$200.

—A Senate bill to increase fees levied by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, from the retailer to the distiller, to finance community-based alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation centers.

—House and Senate bills that would allow wages to be withheld to satisfy court-ordered child custody payments.

—A House bill to increase the Public Utility Commission from three to nine members, appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate. A Senate bill would increase the commission to six members, elected from six geographic districts.

—Creation of an advisory committee to set up guidelines for telephone solicitation and make recommendations to the Utility Commission for any regulation needed.

—Senate and House bills limiting or prohibiting the use of insanity as a defense plea in criminal cases.

—A House bill calling on the Department of Human Resources to issue "utility stamps," similar to food stamps, to pay up to half the gas, light and water bills of the needy elderly.

—A House bill to regulate electrolytic hair remover operators.

—House and Senate bills to levy fines of \$25 to \$50 for carrying a child under four years in a moving vehicle without the child being strapped to a child safety seat.

—House and Senate bills to prohibit the sale of bullets that would pierce armor worn by law officers, so-called "cop-killer" bullets.

—A House bill to give teachers a 30-minute lunch period free of the sight or sound of students.

—A House bill to set Texas' primary elections on the third Saturday in July, instead of the first Saturday in May.

French economy in new control phase

By The Los Angeles Times
Washington Post News Service

PARIS — The French government's fight to turn around the faltering economy entered a new phase last week with the end of a four-month wage-and-price freeze, a rash of price increases and the start of a new program of "controlled freedom."

For the next 14 months, through the end of 1983, President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist government hopes to control inflation and hold down wage settlements through a new system of negotiated agreements to regulate price increases. The big industrial producers and associations representing other sectors of the economy — bakers, for example — would each negotiate an agreement with the government.

An estimated 60 percent of France's manufacturing industry is now state-owned as a result of the Socialists' nationalization program. So in most cases the negotiations will be pro forma.

An estimated 400 such agreements will be necessary to cover the bulk of the country's output. At the end of the first week of the "controlled freedom" system, fewer than 100 had been concluded. However, under government decree, manufacturers are not allowed to increase prices until they have signed.

Still, it remains to be seen how effective the new system will be.

The end of the statutory freeze saw an immediate, government-authorized jump in prices of a handful of important basic goods and services. The price of bread went up 6.5 percent, subway and bus tickets 10 percent, commuter railroad fares 9 percent, meat, fruit and vegetables 4 percent, automobiles

4.5 percent and rents 8.25 percent.

It is too early to tell how these increases will affect the overall monthly inflation rate, but they inevitably will set back the goal of getting inflation to 10 percent by the end of this year and 8 percent in 1983. The increases will also put upward pressure on upcoming wage negotiations, some involving government workers.

In the four months of the price freeze, the inflation rate has slowed markedly, averaging less than 0.7 percent a month, but anticipated labor unrest over continued restraints is bound to put a squeeze on the government.

A series of brief work stoppages and warning strikes late last month has not yet, however, deterred Mitterrand from his tough line. His government is holding wage increases for government civil servants down to 3 percent, and Finance Minister Jacques Delors has reneged on an earlier Socialist Party pledge that the minimum wage would be increased 4 percent this year.

Finally, Mitterrand has done what no right-wing government in the past ever felt able to do — eliminate all indexing of wage increases to inflation.

Despite the labor unrest, the government clearly believes that it can pursue a tough course as long as the Communists do not walk out of Mitterrand's coalition Cabinet.

If there is a break between the Communists and the Socialists, it will result in a major period of labor unrest and politically motivated strikes. But a break, if it comes, would not be likely until after France's national municipal elections next March.

Meanwhile, more worrisome to the country's international trade situation, the government is resorting to protec-

tionist measures in the face of soaring imports and a trade deficit that will hit more than \$14 billion by the end of 1982.

Some of the measures appear to have been copied from the Japanese — against whom, ironically, they are clearly aimed. For example, a decree by the trade ministry has specified the town of Poitiers, between Paris and Bordeaux, as the sole import point for videocassette players, which the French do not manufacture. This means that all shipments from Japan, or elsewhere, of videocassettes have to be off-loaded in Marseilles, Bordeaux or Le Havre, trucked to Poitiers, and then allowed to sit in warehouses until a small customs staff of about six men can check them and deal with the paperwork for entry.

The government also now requires that all documents on goods passing through French customs be written in

French, and that all products sold in France in the future must bear a notation of the country of origin. This kind of "protectionist harassment" can cause enormous delays and added costs.

Meanwhile, with the important ministerial meeting of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) coming up in Geneva at the end of this month, the French are lobbying hard in the European Economic Community to ensure that the Europeans take a tough line against some American objectives and aims for the meeting — in particular, U.S. ideas about a new world agreement on trade rules for services, investments, telecommunications and high technology. The French see this as a U.S. move to increase its advantage in international markets for computers and electronics against smaller nations struggling to get into the field themselves.

Travel agents oppose plan for new Laker air service

LONDON (AP) — Sir Freddie Laker, the cheap-air-travel pioneer whose airline crashed last February more than \$340 million in the red, is attempting a comeback. But he faces opposition from travel agents who want to recover money from the collapsed Laker Airways.

The 60-year-old entrepreneur said he plans to launch a new package-tour air company named Freddie Laker Holidays.

Britain's Civil Aviation Authority is scheduled to consider this week his request for an air transport operator's licence on behalf of the new firm, the London Times reported today.

But Ivor Elms, head of the Association of British Travel Agents, told a meeting of nearly 3,000 agents in Cannes, France, Tuesday that the group will ask the Civil Aviation Authority to turn down Laker's request for a license.

Several hundred travel agents are still engaged in negotiations with Laker Airways liquidators in an effort to recoup money spent by themselves and clients on tickets before the airline collapsed. No estimate has been given for the claims.

"We have got to put any pressure we can to prevent him getting his licence," Elms told the annual convention of the association.

Wildcat Committee honors pair of long-time Midland oilmen



Jack Brown and Cy Wagner

Photo by Bill Hunter

By LESLIE HAINES
Energy-Business Writer

Two long-time partners in the oil and gas business, Cy Wagner and Jack Brown, foresee 1983 offering more of the same for their 20-year old company — a steady stream of success marked by slow growth and stability.

The pair were honored yesterday by the Midland Wildcat Committee, a group of oilmen who, from time to time, recognize the outstanding practitioners in their field.

Wagner and Brown, both quiet-spoken and modest men, have maintained a low profile since forming their partnership in 1962. "We're not trying to sell anything to anybody," says Brown with a smile. Indeed, their success has enabled them to finance their own projects, without need of drilling funds or other public offerings.

They currently employ about 165 people, with headquarters in Midland's Summit Building, which the company owns, and an exploration office in

Oklahoma City.

The pair participates in oil and gas plays in west and south Texas, New Mexico, and parts of Kansas and Michigan. They are presently in a group which is completing the Owl Creek well, a deep wildcat (25,000 feet) in Wyoming.

They also have major interests in Sterling County, Texas, Louisiana's Tuscaloosa Trend, and Oklahoma's Anadarko Basin.

Wagner is a geologist trained at the University of Oklahoma; Brown is a petroleum engineer from Texas A & M. They each worked for major companies in Midland in the late 1950s, and worked together for about a year at J. E. Jones Drilling Company.

When they formed the partnership in 1962, their first goal was "trying to make a living," as Wagner put it. Four years later, in 1966, they reached a turning point of sorts with big success in the North Bagley Field in New Mexico.

For 1983, they expect their activities

in the Permian Basin to be "about normal, maybe a little more than normal, because of the oil possibilities here as opposed to where we have been (Oklahoma and Louisiana)," Wagner says. The pair is waiting for the natural gas market to firm up, but in the meantime, exploration and development look good in West Texas.

"We don't see any major changes in 1983," Wagner says. "We just need to get back to good growth. The gas market has to stabilize, and be a market."

The pair hailed the recent court decision declaring the Windfall Profits Tax to be unconstitutional, but as Brown says, "We are not looking in our mail box," for a refund from the government.

Several months ago, Wagner and Brown decided to try a little diversification, which Wagner terms "the normal evolution of things." They formed Canyon Consolidated, a holding company headed by William Orloff. The new company owns three out-of-town

manufacturing firms involved in aerospace, plastics and ventilation products. Canyon also owns Canyon Pipeline Company, which operates Wagner and Brown's gas gathering plant in Sterling County, where the pair has a major position.

Further diversification is not out of the question for Wagner and Brown, although that is not their major goal. "We're not out stomping the bushes," Brown says, "but if something comes along, we'll look at it."

In 1980, the company broke ground on the Summit, an eye-catching mirrored office tower at the corner of Illinois and Marfield. The partners say they are not interested in real estate per se, but needed to get all their employees under one roof.

The pair are not sure what the future will bring now that Texas has a new governor. "It certainly was nice to be able to talk to Washington any time we wanted to," Wagner remarked of Gov. Bill Clements, who was well received in the nation's capital.

Oil chiefs say Reagan will make good on promise

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Oil industry executives are predicting that President Reagan will make good in 1983 on his pledge to push for a speed-up in the decontrol of natural gas prices.

Industry figures at the annual convention of the American Petroleum Institute also seemed willing to accept a windfall profits tax on natural gas production as a price of passing a decontrol bill in the new Congress.

T. Boone Pickens Jr., the chairman of Mesa Petroleum Co., said Tuesday he foresaw a "better than 50-50 chance" that Congress would approve a decontrol bill next year. He also said he expected such legislation to include a

windfall profits tax.

Under current federal law, price controls on domestic gas discovered after April 20, 1977, will be phased out by Jan. 1, 1985, while controls on "old" gas will remain indefinitely.

The American Petroleum Institute, which argues that price controls distort the gas market and discourage production, favors a faster lifting of the controls on new gas and would like to see old gas decontrolled, as well.

The decontrol issue was given relatively little attention at the oil trade group's convention, which ended Tuesday at a Houston hotel. Industry leaders focused mainly on their strategy for defeating proposed new oil taxes.

Nonetheless, some industry leaders said they saw 1983 as a perfect time to resume the debate on gas decontrol.

"You couldn't find a better time for decontrol of gas," said C.J. Silas, president of Phillips Petroleum Corp. He noted that gas is in oversupply in the United States.

Although the Reagan administration has said it favors accelerated decontrol, the president decided last March to put off the issue for 1982. Oilmen now count on Reagan's support in 1983.

"We've been assured the president wants to press ahead with decontrol in the next Congress," said Silas.

Clifton C. Garvin Jr., chairman of Exxon Corp., told the convention that natural gas price controls make no economic sense.

"The country would be better off without them," Garvin said. "And we as an industry would be in a better position to do our job without them. So

the issue stays high on the agenda of the American Petroleum Institute." Garvin was the group's chairman for 1982.

At the same time, Garvin and other oil executives said they foresee only a sluggish economic recovery next year.

William Snyder, vice president of administration at Crown Central Petroleum Corp. of Baltimore, said he expected an improved economy to produce higher demand for oil products next year. But he said the increased demand would not be as great as in past recovery periods.

"The prospects for favorable recovery look good," Snyder said. Conservation and substitution of other fuels for oil would limit the increase in demand for oil products, he added.

Dow nears record levels

By The Associated Press

The Dow Jones industrial average rebounded close to its record high as the stock market resumed its recent rally, but the dollar's sharp rise in value has cooled in worldwide foreign exchange markets.

A governor of the Federal Reserve Board, meanwhile, says continued gains against inflation will mean further declines in interest rates in the years ahead. Still, renewed pressure on the central bank to lower interest rates quickly is emerging in the unlikely alliance of Democratic leaders and conservative Republicans.

On Wall Street, stock prices rebounded from a broad retreat and climbed over a wide front Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials soared 22.81 points to 1,060.25, just short of the record-high close of 1,065.49 on Nov. 3. Big Board volume swelled to 111.22 million shares from 75.24 million Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average had fallen 15 points Thursday and 14 on Monday as some traders cashed in their gains from the rally of the past three months.

Analysts said they were impressed that the market rallied despite the absence of any word from the Federal Reserve on a cut in its discount rate from 9.5 percent. Such a move has

been widely predicted since last week's elections.

Many observers said the Fed still was likely to take action before long on the charge it sets on loans to private financial institutions.

In foreign exchange activity, the dollar managed to set new highs against the weak French franc and Italian lira, but fell against most other currencies in U.S. and European trading.

The dollar's retreat also was attributed mainly to investors cashing in to take their profits after the dollar's rapid ascent of the past two months.

However, some dealers said investors were turning to other currencies because they believe the dollar may be overvalued and because U.S. interest rates might keep falling. Lower rates cut the yields of dollar-denominated investments and so can depress demand for dollars over other currencies.

In Frankfurt, Federal Reserve Governor Henry Wallich told West German mortgage bankers that the Fed's policy of allowing steady but slow growth in the U.S. money supply was largely responsible for reducing the inflation rate. Continued success against inflation will lead to lower interest rates, he said.

But support is growing behind proposed legislation aimed at forcing the Fed to lower interest rates quickly, and the move is causing alarm at the central bank.

RRC OKs funds application

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission announced Tuesday it has authorized an application for \$83,910 in federal funds to seal "approximately 25" open vertical shafts resulting from mercury ore mining operations in the Terlingua area.

The RRC's Survey Mining and Reclamation Division reports the shafts are along FM 170, the highway between Presidio and the northern entrance to Big Bend National Park.

The area is heavily traveled by tourists, and "most of the shafts are easily

accessible and pose a serious health and safety hazard," the RRC says.

Some shafts are as deep as 900 feet. The federal funds were requested under the 1977 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, which provides that states, such as Texas, with approved abandoned mine programs may receive such funds.

The RRC's application requires a "supporting letter" from Gov. Bill Clements, with final action to be made by the Federal Office of Surface Mining.

Dollar dips in early trading

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar dipped in early trading against major European currencies today with dealers. Gold prices opened slightly higher.

Dealers said trading on foreign exchange markets was quiet in advance of Thursday's market closures for the Veterans Day holiday.

The U.S. currency had declined in New York Tuesday against all but two major currencies after its previous sharp gains.

Worse than the dollar's slight decline in Europe was its heavy fall in Tokyo. The dollar closed at 269.80 yen, down from Tuesday's 273.50.

Strike won't hurt Chrysler, unionist says

By The Associated Press

WHITE, Ontario (AP) — Canadian auto workers union chief Robert White says he does not believe Chrysler will be crippled by the strike in Canada, despite management contentions the walkout could ruin the automaker.

"If I thought what we were doing would cripple the Chrysler Corp., I'd be absolutely insane to recommend it," White told more than 1,000 strikers Tuesday in an overflowing community center auditorium here.

"The Chrysler Corp. is making the turnaround in the auto industry. They are spending billions in new technology and new equipment and new product lines," he said.

White said that capital spending was important for long-term job protection, but insisted that Chrysler must divert some money to its employees, who are still making 1979 pay scales.

Chrysler's 10,000 Canadian workers went on strike Friday, demanding a "significant" pay increase and a contract that will lead to parity with Ford and General Motors workers, who make about \$3 an hour more.

Chrysler assemblers earn an average of \$9.07 an hour in Canadian currency, which at current exchange rates amounts to about \$7.48 U.S.

The company, which escaped bankruptcy in 1980 through government loan guarantees and concessions from the union, says it has struggled back to the break-even point but cannot afford pay raises.

In a letter to the Canadian workers last week, Chrysler Corp. Chairman

Lee Iacocca said a strike "could put us out of business."

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'Ashamed' needn't apply, says victim of mastectomy

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

From behind an impressive oak desk, the attractive, uptown Edra Ayers talked openly about the emotional trauma a woman experiences after a mastectomy.

As she talked, Ms. Ayers tugged on her blue silk blouse and swept it upward, revealing the scar that replaced her breast seven years ago.

Perhaps no one but a woman who has lost her breast to cancer can really understand what a mastectomy victim feels or needs.

Ms. Ayers sat in the richly-decorated fitting room of a newly-established

"She wanted to come in after hours. 'You'd be surprised at the guilt, depression and disfigurement these women feel,' Ms. Ayers said. 'You wouldn't believe how women have devised their own ways of filling out the missing breast so nobody would know. You'd be astonished at some of the methods they've used — foam, cotton, hose, even water-filled balloons.'"

Many products, designed and sold as replacements, are heavy and uncomfortable and some have an offensive odor, Ms. Ayers said.

The prosthesis Ms. Ayers brought to town is designed differently.

"It extends back under the arm and up above the breast area as a natural breast does," she said. "It comes in a wide range of sizes, in fact we have 32 lefts and 32 rights."

The liquid-filled prosthesis, which is slightly convex above and concave below, tapers into the chest wall and under the arm. It can be enclosed in a cloth pocket and then inserted into a regular bra for comfort, or even enclosed into a pocket-sewn bra.

"The first thing I do when a woman comes in for a fitting is sit and talk," Ms. Ayers said. "I tell her it's all right to be upset; it's all right to discuss with people her mastectomy and it's all right for people to know the mastectomy — it was not caused by her doing."

"Then I fit the woman with a proper bra. A normal bra — not a surgical bra which tends to make a woman feel different," she added.

"The final touch is a silk blouse. Every woman who is fitted for a prosthesis puts on a silk blouse and she looks beautiful," she said, explaining that many women come in slouched and wearing baggy clothing, but when they leave their shoulders are back and their heads are high.

Ms. Ayers said she not only fits the woman with the proper-sized prosthesis, but also is a five-state regional director for the product. In addition, she teaches saleswomen how to fit a woman for a prosthesis.

The product, Nearly Me, was originated with the help of the woman who brought the first doll born with a bust-line — Barbie — to the American market.

Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel Toys, along with prosthesis expert Peyton Massey, designed the product from Ms. Handler's personal experience.

Nearly Me — with its three distinct ways to wear the prosthesis — ranges in price from \$110 to \$160 and is available at Medical Surgical Supply.

Ms. Ayers said most health insurance policies are now picking up 80 percent of the cost and Medicare also will cover it.

"Midland women do not have to travel to Dallas anymore," Ms. Ayers said.



Edra Ayers

Midland medical supply company Tuesday on a promotional tour for a breast prosthesis product.

She explained that a mastectomy is not only a devastating brush with cancer, but also a loss which is equated with womanhood — her femininity.

"The product is almost unimportant compared to the psychological well-being of the mastectomy patient," she said, referring to one out of 11 women who will undergo the surgery this year.

Surgical mastectomies have been performed for many years, but the trend is now away from the most dramatic and disfiguring surgeries in favor of less radical ones, according to Ms. Ayers.

Nevertheless, many women with mastectomies — done as long as 40 years ago — keep it a guarded secret because they feel they cannot tell anybody, she said, explaining that one client who had a mastectomy for 10 years did not let anybody know except for three people — her husband, her sister and a friend.

"The woman was hesitant when she called for an appointment," she said.



Staff Photo by Bill Hunter

Emergency landing

A Florence, Ariz., pilot and his wife suffered minor injuries when their 1975 Cessna-210 crash-landed in a field between the Saddle Club Apartments and Polo Park Apartments in north Midland about 2:10 p.m. Wednesday. The plane ran out of fuel on approach to Midland Air Park

and belly-landed in the field on a flight from Memphis, Tenn., according to the Department of Public Safety. It's the third crash involving planes using Air Park in the past six months.

Defense planning deemed worthwhile

By VINCE GIORGI
Staff Writer

A nuclear civil defense planner with the Department of Public Safety told community leaders Tuesday that an ounce of prevention in the form of population evacuation plans will be a good hedge should the world's superpowers decide to begin pounding each other with nuclear warheads.

Bob Ewing, with the DPS's emergency management division, said critics of crisis relocation — evacuating densely populated areas into sparsely settled, rural locales — are missing a basic premise of nuclear disaster survival.

"If this ever came about, the objective of everybody is to survive," Ewing said. "But just because you can't save everybody, do you say it's hopeless?"

"We have critics in our planning process; our plan has weaknesses," he said. "What we do maintain is that to have a plan and never need it is far better than to need a plan and not have it."

EWING, ONE OF about 140 nuclear civil defense planners in the nation, briefed city officials Tuesday on the crisis relocation program and explained the status of relocation planning for Midland.

Mayor G. Thane Aikens, County Judge William Ahders, Bob Edgerton, Midland's civil defense coordinator, and August Koenig, recently appointed regional liaison officer for



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— Bob Ewing

emergency management, were among a group of about a dozen individuals attending the briefing in the county commissioners' courtroom.

For the next four months, Ewing will be working on what is the fourth step in crisis relocation planning for a particular risk area, developing specific plans for moving about 60-70 percent of

Midland's population to "host" areas in Scurry, Reagan, Sterling and Glasscock Counties.

Ewing noted that studies of past natural disasters reveal that about 10-20 percent of the people tend to remain in a risk area regardless of warnings to the contrary, while another 10-20 percent evacuate the area spontaneously.

HE SAID fourth-step planning also includes providing food and shelter for the evacuated people, as well as ensuring continued operation of the city's essential services.

Crisis relocation, according to Ewing, was "born" in the tense, final days of October 1962, when U.S. President Kennedy drew a "line" of naval warships around Cuba, daring Soviet Premier Khrushchev to sail across.

When Kennedy asked advisers what could be done to protect Florida's population from Soviet, Cuba-based missiles, "nothing" was their reply, Ewing said.

An intense study of civil defense alternatives soon commenced and by the mid-1970s, civil defense planners chose crisis relocation as the cheapest, most effective option.

Civil defense officials rejected expensive blast shelters, massive structures designed to protect people from a nuclear explosion's heat and blast as well as radioactive fallout.

PLANNERS OPTED to incorporate traditional, fallout shelter protection

into the crisis relocation plans, in the event a sudden attack precludes population center evacuation.

Ewing said defense experts predict that a period of increasing international tension would likely precede a nuclear attack, enabling top U.S. officials to implement crisis relocation.

He estimated it could take about 10 hours to evacuate Midland in the face of a pending disaster. Other, more populous areas may take three days or more.

"This program would only be implemented during the threat of a nuclear attack," not during or after an attack, he said.

Crisis relocation planning is done in four steps, with a fifth step in the development stage. Once state and regional planning is completed, preliminary plans for each risk area are formulated. Host area planning is next, followed by a fourth step, revising and updating the earlier risk area plans.

EWING SAID civil defense planners are presently developing step five, strategies to help industry cope with a nuclear attack.

He said risk area planning in Texas should be complete by the end of 1984. The Defense Department selected risk areas based on population density and strategic importance, with "standing" military bases highest on the risk list. Texas contains about 34 risk areas.

Once Midland's plans are complete, (See PLANNER, Page 2C)

Parents win one of four cluster system battles at meeting

By HALLIE JORDAN
Staff Writer

Only one of four battles which parents waged during a public hearing last week pertaining to a proposed reorganization of the cluster system and boundaries of the Midland Independent School District was won as school administrators gave unanimous approval to recommendations made by Dr. James H. Mailey, MISD consultant for school planning and construction, during a regular board of trustees meeting Tuesday.

Residents of the Crestgate addition, located in far northwest Midland, north of Loop 250, received bus service to their new home school, "Bluebird," after voicing concerns about children having to walk through fields and down narrow roads where traffic is heavy and sidewalks are scarce.

According to Mailey, reimbursement for bus service is provided from the

Texas Education Agency for busing of students living two or more miles from their designated schools. Although further study determined the distance from the corner of Crestgate Avenue and Midland Drive to be 2.1 miles from "Bluebird," Mailey revised his Oct. 26 recommendation and said busing should be provided for the Crestgate and Northgate additions. TEA also can reimburse a school district for busing if the distance between a school and an area is considered hazardous, he said.

MEANWHILE, THE 60 citizens who attended Tuesday's meeting for the second reading of the cluster and boundary recommendation did not succeed in changing the proposed Cluster 7, which links far southeast Travis Elementary and the northwestern "Bluebird" school together; nor did they succeed in changing the proposed Loop 250 boundary between "Bluebird" and Quanah Parker.

Most importantly, they did not succeed in convincing trustees to table the motion for further study.

A revision to the bus route between "Bluebird" and Travis was made by Mailey, who changed his previous proposal of using Loop 250 following concerns which were voiced last week about the safety of traveling on Loop 250. The new route, beginning at "Bluebird," will go down Garfield Street to Wadley Avenue, east on Wadley to Lamesa Road and continue south across Highway 80, where Lamesa turns into Terrell, to Travis. According to Mailey, this route is about two miles shorter and within minutes of the previously recommended route.

ADVANTAGES OF the revised route are that all crossings of major

(See ATTEMPTED, Page 2C)



Staff Photo by Cody Bell

Midland County's first bale of cotton and its grower are honored each year in a traditional ceremony at the Midland County Courthouse. This year's first bale belonged to Lee Bell and his family, left,

who were recognized by Midland County Judge Bill Ahders Tuesday. The cotton was received for ginning Sept. 26 and is worth approximately \$192.

VIPS program grows, adds several programs of its own

By HALLIE JORDAN
Staff Writer

From 450 members to well over 3,000, Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) has grown, and added several new programs along the way, Gail Dodson, VIPS chairperson, announced during the regular meeting of the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees Tuesday.

Trustees also discussed plans for the Carver Occupational Development Lab and the Travis Elementary School classroom additions, a proposed survey of drug and alcohol abuse involving high school juniors, and the process for selecting a name for the new "Bluebird" school during the meeting.

According to Mrs. Dodson, over 12,000 volunteer hours were recorded in September and October, with only 25 of the 27 schools reporting. Co-chairman Molly Bedrich pointed out that, equally as important, the number of teachers requesting volunteers increased from 149 last year to 279 this year.

"This shows the acceptance of VIPS by teachers," Mrs. Bedrich said.

About 490 people work in the schools on a weekly basis, she said, adding that

some may be going into the schools as often as three times a week and many stay for more than an hour.

Co-chairman Kay Sowders explained new programs to trustees, including the revamped Adopt-a-School program for civic organizations, the new SHARE program and the successful recruitment of senior citizens and Midland College students for volunteerism.

In other action, trustees approved plans presented by Terry Hardin of Geren & Associates, for the Carver Occupational Development Lab and classroom additions at Travis Elementary School.

While the original estimate of \$700,000 was based on 15,000 square feet and a new slab at Carver, which was destroyed by fire in March, Hardin said the new estimate was \$600,000 for 13,000 square feet, to be built on the major portion of the existing slab.

The formal estimate will be given when trustees meet again Dec. 14.

Trustees also approved a plan for a survey of drug and alcohol abuse to be given to high school juniors in February 1983 by Wanda Mohr. While Mrs. Mohr is interested in doing the survey in order to obtain her master's degree at the University of Texas of

the Permian Basin, trustees said they were interested in having a follow-up alcohol and drug abuse survey for the one done two years ago in the high schools.

According to Dr. Joseph P. Baressi, superintendent, questions, some of which deal with psycho-social issues such as religion, parental contact, parental role models and ethnic background, must have the approval of trustees before they are used in the schools.

Trustees also voted to hold another contest in the schools to name the "Bluebird" school. Last year, Quanah Parker's name was determined through such a contest.

Trustees rubberstamped a first reading for a revision to the board policy pertaining to outside employment. The revision mandates that full-time employees of the district may not accept outside employment except during the Christmas and summer vacations without the approval of the superintendent. The revision to the policy apparently was discussed by board members during a meeting with the Teacher Communications Committee.

Trustees also accepted a computer (See VIPS PROGRAM, Page 2C)

Attempted Cluster 7 change not successful

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thoroughfares are protected by street lights and that the railroad crossing on Highway 80 has a gate barrier, he explained.

Although they now will receive busing to "Bluebird," citizens in the Northgate addition had urged trustees to place them within the boundary of the closer Parker school. According to Mailey, his recommendation did not change because of the danger of crossing Loop 250 and previous suggestions made by the City Council PTA to establish boundaries so that students could avoid having to cross major thoroughfares to attend schools.

Parents also urged trustees to table the issue so that the board and administration would have more time to study the proposed cluster and perhaps reorganize the entire district, paying special attention to the distance between Pease and Henderson, which are cluster schools, and the overall impact on the system due to the growth of the city in the northern and southern sections, the establishment of a new elementary school already passed and the possibility of the addition of another junior high school, which would change boundaries again.

Mailey said the study of boundaries and clusters began last spring.

ACCORDING TO trustee Ann Page, suggestions to reorganize the entire cluster would be unfair to members of the community who have lived with the system for the past five or six years. Such a change would break the "continuity of schools in the clusters," which the board stressed as important when establishing the cluster schools. Also, she pointed out, any such change would once again involve the federal government and "I don't think that is necessary when the clusters have been so successful."

"I know it is a concern, it is a concern for everybody," Mrs. Page said about the amount of time spent on buses, especially by children who are bused to their home school and then again bused to their cluster school during two of seven years. Worries about buses breaking down are unnecessary because every bus, unlike many school districts, is provided with a two-way radio for emergencies, she added.

"We do have a considerable amount of study to do in relationship with the junior highs and how the secondary schools will fit in," Mailey said. "There are a number of major studies that must continue to go forward. This (the cluster and boundary proposal) is step one in a series of studies."

Also approved in the recommendation was a change in Bus No. 29 and Bus No. 66, which pick up students in the Cottonflat Road area. The buses, which previously took students to Burnet, will now take them to Bonham.



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Tim and Terry Mead, front and back, ages 10 and 7, respectively, pose with their buddies Snuggles, a 10-foot-long python, and Monik, a three-foot-long corn snake. The two snakes and George, a six-foot-long tree boa, caught the attention of police in the boys' home of Muskegon, Mich., Monday when they were employed as "watchdogs" at a local TV repair shop owned by the boys' father. Frightened neighbors complained to the police.

Boy admits inserting needle into Camp Fire girl candy

LUBBOCK (AP) — Camp Fire girls in this West Texas city have resumed selling candy after a 15-year-old boy admitted he implanted the needle he had reported found in his cashew cluster.

The Camp Fire Council of Lubbock had suspended its \$30,000 candy drive Monday after the boy reported finding the needle and 15 inches of thread when he bit into the candy.

But Tuesday, after the youth told

police his story was not true, the council said door-to-door sales would be resumed as soon as possible.

"We feel the candy is safe," said Louise Cummins, president of the council. "We bought it from this company for years and there has never been a problem."

A spokesman for the Falcon Candy Co. of Philadelphia, the candy's manufacturer, said the final product is checked with metal detectors before leaving the factory.

Planner says preparing for disaster worthwhile

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local officials will be charged with coordinating the functions of police, fire, medical and other emergency services into a plan best suited for local needs, Ewing said.

Although no "practice" crisis relocations will be conducted, he said officials will participate in table-top simulations to familiarize themselves with the plan.

Some critics argue that planning for a nuclear disaster is a fruitless exercise, since the "pieces" remaining following the explosion won't be worth picking up.

BUT EWING SAID Defense Department figures indicate that as much as 89 percent of an area's population can survive if relocation procedures are followed.

Ewing conceded that most civil defense information is gleaned from a biased source, the Defense Department, and encouraged individuals to research the effects of nuclear war for themselves.

"In most libraries you can find a good book on nuclear effects," he said. "Check it out. You don't have to take my word for it."

Ewing recalled the criticisms of one rural lawman who was reluctant to accept a huge influx of evacuees into his peaceful town. In fact, the officer

proposed blockading roads into his tiny community and shooting anyone foolish enough to enter.

But the trouble with that logic, said Ewing, is that people are likely to evacuate a trouble spot, crisis relocation plans or not.

"The problem is, how do you manage that situation, how do you manage that crisis? That's what crisis management is all about."

VIPS program growth reported

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from the Texas American Bank of Midland and Computer Technology Associates for a pilot program in the elementary schools. The computer will be placed at Burnet Elementary School to be used primarily by Tier II students of GEM.

Bids on audio-visual equipment, furniture and pianos for the three new elementary schools and equipment and materials for the health occupations class at Lee High, general agricultural mechanics and vocational education agriculture programs also were approved.

Top Hand Award presented at Lamesa Chamber dinner

LAMESA — Hank Myers received the Top Hand Award Tuesday night at the annual Lamesa Chamber of Commerce banquet at Lamesa High School Student Center.

The award recognizes the person in the Roundup Club who sells the most Chamber memberships during the year.

The retailers of Lamesa were saluted during the affair, as Charles Balwin spoke on the importance of retail business in the city.

Featured speaker was Dr. Don Newbury, president of Western Texas College in Snyder, who laced his motivational speech with humor.

Special entertainment was provided by Richard Crawley, Bob Crawley, Mickey Smith and Lavoy Leach, all of Lamesa; and David Bentley and Doyle Gammill, both of Lubbock.

A gavel, the symbol of leadership in the Chamber, was passed from outgoing president Doyle McAda to incoming president Jack Mars.

Other incoming officers are Balwin, president-elect for 1984; Jess Claiborne, senior vice president; Kent Nix, vice president; and Ron Layton, treasurer.

New directors recognized were Joe Coffey, John Hegi, Murray Murphy, Jack Prather, Ed Fulbright, Terry

Adcock, Carroll Hagle and Jack Brooke.

The banquet was designed by outgoing senior vice president Robert Crawley, who "did a fantastic job," according to a Chamber spokesperson.

Gun discharges, kills Odessa man

From Staff and Wire Reports

CRANE — A 25-year-old Odessa man was killed Tuesday after a shotgun fell from a rack inside his pickup truck and accidentally discharged when the vehicle ran into a roadside culvert, officials said.

Randy Ray Lee was pronounced dead at the scene from a single shotgun blast, said Crane County Justice of the Peace Mary Teague.

Lee, an oilfield pumper, lost control of his truck on Highway 385 north of Crane at about 5 a.m., according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mrs. Teague said the 12-gauge shotgun fell from the rack and discharged at point-blank range into Lee's side.

Savings and loan owner charged with embezzling

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The owner of the McAllen-based Jefferson Savings and Loan Association will be arraigned in federal court here in November on

Two sentenced to prison terms

STANTON — Two persons were sentenced to prison terms in the Texas Department of Corrections in 188th District Court here Tuesday.

Bob Moore of Big Spring was sentenced to seven years upon his conviction of the aggravated robbery of Bill's Friendly Food in Stanton and two additional aggravated robberies in Big Spring.

Moore was transferred Tuesday night to Midland, where he also will face charges of aggravated robbery.

Michael Moore, no relation, of Dallas was sentenced to 10 years for the armed robbery of Fina Truck Stop.

charges of conspiring to embezzle \$500,000 from the association.

Owner Guillermo Hernandez-Cartaya, his father, Marcelo Hernandez, and another unidentified person were named in a four-count indictment returned Tuesday by a Brownsville federal grand jury.

Hernandez-Cartaya is being held today in the Hidalgo County Jail in Edinburg in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

The indictment said the three people conspired to embezzle \$500,000 with the intent to defraud the federally insured saving and loan.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Brownsville would not release information about the sealed document, but a copy of the indictment obtained by KGBT television station of Harlingen said that from September 1977 to about March 1978, the three conspired to embezzle \$500,000 of the association's money.

The 25-year-old institution is one of the largest in the valley, with three banks in McAllen and one in Mission.

DEATHS

Mrs. Jack Cooper

Private memorial services for Mrs. Jack (Linda) Cooper, 37, of rural Midland were to be today at Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating.

Mrs. Cooper died Monday morning in a Midland hospital.

She was born May 15, 1945, in Windber, Pa. She moved to Carlsbad, N.M., at the age of 5 and was raised there. She was married Jan. 3, 1969, to Jack Cooper in Carlsbad. They moved to Midland in January 1981. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Chad Cooper of Midland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKelvie of Carlsbad; and two brothers, Dick McKelvie of Baltimore, Md., and Bill McKelvie of Hobbs, N.M.

Nettie Ghormley

TAHOKA — Services for Nettie Carmon Ghormley, 71, of Tahoka, sister of Lennie Hornsby of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at United Pentecostal Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Norman Thompson, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

She died Monday in a Tahoka hospital.

Mrs. Ghormley was a native of Comanche County and attended school in Carbon. She married Virgil G. Ghormley June 24, 1933, in Carbon. They moved to Lynn County in 1952. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

Other survivors include her husband, four daughters, two sons, another sister, 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Stacey J. Conkey

Graveside services for Stacey Joan Conkey, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Conkey of 4303 Thornberry Drive, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Joseph Kennelly of St. Ann's Catholic Church officiating. Services are under the direction of Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Stacey died at birth early Tuesday morning in a Midland hospital.

Survivors include her parents; three sisters, Shannon, Sarah and Shea Conkey; her grandparents, Dr. Stanley Conkey of Santa Cruz, Calif., Mrs. Ellade Conkey of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mr. and Mrs. Linnis Koel of Milbrae, Calif.; and her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Friend Johnson of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Nona Keel

Rosary for Nona Keel, 77, of 2800 N. Midland Drive will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Gulfport, Miss. Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Catholic Church in Gulfport, under the direction of Lang Funeral Home in Gulfport. Local arrangements are under the direction of Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Keel died Monday night in a Midland nursing home following a lengthy illness.

She was born Feb. 14, 1905, in Gulfport, where she grew up. She married Roy J. Keel Sr., and he died in October 1981. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church of Gulfport.

Survivors include a son, Roy J. Keel Jr. of Midland; a daughter, Carolyn Moore of Dallas; a sister, Clara Robertson of Gulfport, Miss.; and seven grandchildren.

George Hodges

George Jay Hodges, 47, of rural Midland died Sunday in a Midland hospital after a sudden illness.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in the Ideal Baptist Church. Burial was to be in Fairview Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Roby. He had been a Midland resident for the past 10 years, working at the landfill for the city of Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Lorie of Midland; a son, Ronnie Hodges of Houston; a daughter, Julie Ann Hodges of Sylvestre; two brothers, James Henry Hodges of Hamlin and Willie Hodges of Odessa; four sisters, Patsy Bledsoe and Jean Hodges, both of

Odessa, Bernice Anderson of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Elouise Hodges of San Antonio; seven stepchildren, three grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren.

Robert R. Williams

Robert R. Williams, 75, of 1210 W. Tennessee died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

Services were Tuesday at the Newbie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with J.E. Barrington, pastor of Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Pallbearers were Alan Bump, Bill Higgins, Raymond Kirkpatrick, Nelson Mahurin, Bob Drummond and Oscar Crawford.

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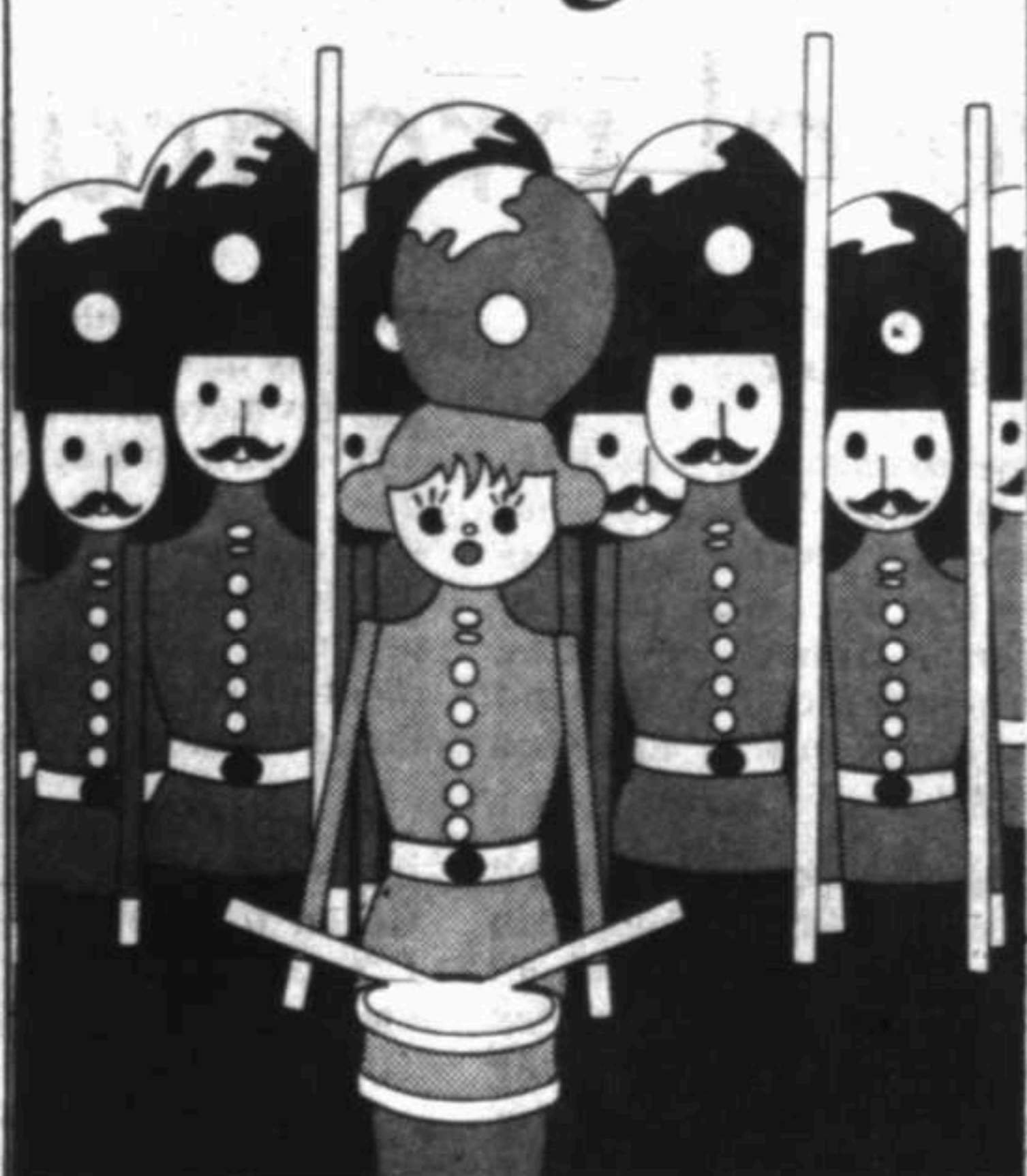
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