

## Struggling students ... in condos

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Despite a nationwide depression in the housing industry, wealthy Texans are eagerly seeking plush living quarters for their college-aged kid — and hefty tax writeoffs for themselves.

In the Daily Texan, the University of Texas student newspaper, an entire section of classified ads is devoted to "Condos for Sale."

"Daddy's money — a condo for you and a tax break for Dad!" coaxed one recent advertisement.

"The economy does not affect those people," said Andy Miller, a consultant and analyst with Lindley, Seifert & Associates, who estimates students occupy as many as 800 units — almost 25 percent of Austin's condominium market.

"You've got a lot of children of wealthy, affluent parents here, and that is a very big factor," Miller said.

The university doesn't require students to live in university-owned housing, and it only has enough space for one out of eight students. The rest live in apartments — or in luxury.

Michael Harding, a sophomore pre-med major from the Dallas enclave of Highland Park, lived in a dorm last year, but recently co-signed a note with his father, investor-attorney E. Michael Harding, for a four-level, two-bedroom, 1,500-square-foot condo south of campus.

A fraternity brother pays \$300 a month to share the amenities, which include a living room with fireplace, a two-car garage with

electronic door opener, dining room, kitchen, bedroom, vanity and wet bar on the second level, a study area on the third level, and another bedroom and bathroom on the top level.

A pool and Jacuzzi are in the courtyard outside.

Real estate agent Linda Ingram, a 1976 UT graduate, has become a major marketer of campus condos after less than two years in the business. She closed a cash deal on a \$120,000 unit last month, the week before school started.

"We closed condos at 18 percent (interest) all along. I guess the parents are saying, 'Well, I'm going to write it all off, anyway,'" she said.

She markets 16 condominium projects, 10 on campus and six nearby.

A typical monthly mortgage payment is \$900, of which \$850 is interest on the principal, making all but \$50 tax deductible, she said. Meanwhile, the condo appreciates in value at an annual rate of 12 percent to 30 percent, she said.

Linda Hackler, a freshman from Houston, said her father, Shell Oil executive Norman Hackler, paid \$20,000 down on a \$95,000 unit with two bedrooms and a loft. A covered parking space, was \$1,500 more. Monthly payments are \$900, she said.

By advertising in the Daily Texan, she found two roommates who agreed to share utilities and pay her father \$300 a month each.

# Bitter debate in Israel but Begin beats opponents

By The Associated Press

Menachem Begin's Israeli government, stung by the resignation of a minister, narrowly defeated a parliamentary motion today for an inquiry into the Beirut refugee massacres.

U.S. Marines and other troops of a new peacekeeping force headed for Lebanon to try to prevent further bloodshed.

In a bitter debate in the Israeli Parliament, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said the Israeli army had allowed Christian Phalangist militiamen into the Beirut refugee camps but had not expected a slaughter of civilians.

He said the Phalangists were to carry out an operation, with limited Israeli support, against

PLO guerrillas believed hiding in the camps.

Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party, demanded to know "whose stupid idea" it was to allow Christian gunmen into the camps, home to Moslem Palestinian and Lebanese refugees, and called for the resignations of Prime Minister Begin and Sharon.

A motion calling for a formal inquiry into Israeli conduct during the Beirut killings was defeated by 48 votes to 42. The "no" votes came from Begin's ruling coalition, and the "yes" votes largely from Laborites and minor-party legislators.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman, a coalition member who earlier announced his

resignation in protest of Begin's rejection of an inquiry, also voted for the motion.

An earlier motion condemning the army's invasion of west Beirut was defeated by a 47-40 vote.

The Red Cross and Lebanese civil defense workers recovered 15 more bodies from the camps this morning and the Red Cross said this increased the confirmed death toll to 220.

Estimates of the dead range from 300 by the U.S. government to 1,400 by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib also was headed for Beirut to supervise the redeployment of the multinational force, to which

Israel agreed under heavy U.S. pressure.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese army, which entered west Beirut for the first time in seven years when thousands of PLO guerrillas were evacuated last month, expanded its deployment, taking over parts of the port and the bomb-ravaged commercial center from Israeli forces.

Arabs in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and in Israel's own northern region of Galilee staged general strikes and other demonstrations today to protest the Beirut massacres.

Habib, who negotiated the PLO evacuation to eight other Arab countries last month, was to oversee the redeployment of the 3,000-man peacekeeping force that will begin arriving Thursday to protect the civilian population, Lebanese government sources said.

They said about 1,200 U.S. Marines would help the Lebanese army take charge of Beirut's port and airport while an estimated 1,000 Italian infantrymen would deploy in Palestinian refugee camps.

A Navy spokesman in Naples, Italy, said 1,800 men of the 32nd U.S. Marine Amphibious Unit left early today aboard the helicopter carrier Guam and is expected to arrive off the Beirut coast early Saturday.

It is the same unit that participated in a peacekeeping force during the withdrawal of the Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas.

## News in brief

### State

#### Find new water

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Underground water located southeast of Ames is fit for human consumption and might help the city — home of Iowa State University — deal with the next dry spell, a new study indicates.

The Iowa State Water Resources Research Institute study concludes that the quality of the massive well field would not limit the water's use.

Institute researchers estimate the water field could increase the city's water supply by five to seven million gallons a day, four million gallons of which could be used by the general public. Currently, the city has the capacity of pumping seven million gallons of water a day during drought conditions and nine to 10 million gallons in normal times.

#### Elk moves in

ALLISON, Iowa (AP) — An elk which has been wandering around north central Iowa for the past year has turned up again, this time in the midst of a herd of crossbred stock cows.

The elk has drawn stares from startled neighbors and motorists as it grazes with the herd of cattle owned by George Seehusen, Jr., on the south side of Butler County blacktop C33.

Elk, native to the mountain regions of Wyoming and Montana, are rarely seen in Iowa, and Iowa Conservation Commission officer Galen Heinkel said the animal appears to be the elk sighted at various times during the past year.

#### Keep prosecutor

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Black Hawk County will continue to have a special prosecutor for drunken drivers.

The Board of Supervisors Monday approved a \$24,000 contract with the state to pay the salary and fringe benefits of a prosecutor under the Alcohol Safety Act Program.

The program entails having a special two-man patrol in the sheriff's department to arrest drunken drivers. Cases against people arrested for operating while intoxicated are handled by an assistant county attorney paid with ASAP money.

#### Missing boy

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The mother of a 12-year-old West Des Moines boy who disappeared while delivering newspapers on Sept. 5 said Tuesday she believes her son was abducted by a religious cult.

"There are a number of them that do abduct young people," Noreen Gosch said. "They do. I've checked. I have been in touch with high sources for the last few days and I've got some pretty straight information from different parts of the country."

Police Chief Orval Cooney said his department investigated the possibility that John Gosch was kidnapped by a cult but reached a dead end.

#### Client suit

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Des Moines man has filed a \$300,000 suit against his former lawyer, saying the attorney failed to act on a personal injury lawsuit before the statute of limitations expired.

Curt Dalrymple is seeking \$100,000 in actual damages and \$200,000 in exemplary damages from Allen Lee Andersen, who has a practice in Ankeny.

Dalrymple was injured when his motorcycle collided with a truck on Des Moines' east side in August 1979.

#### Waste plane

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Black Hawk County Supervisors have been flooded with letters opposing the construction of a hazardous waste processing plant in the county.

More than 400 letters have been sent the board, which is scheduled to act Monday on a \$5 million revenue bond request for the project.

Enviro-safe Services of Iowa Inc. wants the pollution control bonds to buy the landfill in southern Black Hawk County and build the plant and a quality control laboratory.

#### Discrimination

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — Two female Marshall County sheriff's dispatchers who were refused promotion to deputy sheriff by Sheriff Derald "Bud" Gonzales have filed a sex discrimination complaint with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.

The women have also filed a labor union grievance, which has been submitted to a panel of union and sheriff representatives.

Colleen Ferrin and Karen Wacombe said a man who had less seniority and scored lower than either of them in civil service testing received the job.

#### Postpone trial

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — U.S. District Judge Harold Vietor has rescheduled bidding trials of two Des Moines paving companies and two executives until Oct. 18.

The trials of Des Moines Asphalt and Paving Co. and Iowa Road Builders Co., and two Iowa Road Builders officials, Carl Edman and Willard Canine, were scheduled for next Monday in U.S. District Court in Des Moines.

#### Found guilty

CLARION, Iowa (AP) — Jeffrey Jenison of Belmond was found guilty of second-degree murder in Clarion Tuesday afternoon in the shooting of Todd McClausgahn.

The nine-woman, three-man jury deliberated about nine hours, starting Monday afternoon, in Wright County District Court.

### National

#### Task force

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A task force will review Los Angeles County occupancy laws to determine whether overcrowding contributed to 24 deaths in an arson fire at the Dorothy Mae apartment hotel.

As many as 200 people lived at the 43-unit building swept by fire Sept. 4. The law limits the number of residents to no more than 129. But Shirley Mattingly of the city administrator's office said the task force was "not ready to say the landlord did anything wrong."

Ms. Mattingly said overcrowding "was not a direct cause of the deaths, just the circumstance" in the second deadliest fire in the city's history.

#### Shock batons

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says if it had been asked, it would have recommended denial of a Commerce Department export license for 2,500 police "shock batons" for South Africa.

Department officials denied there is a policy dispute over the matter but said the sale "should not have been licensed" and that the circumstances are being investigated by the Commerce Department.

The Commerce Department on April 26 issued an export license for the devices, sometimes called cattle prods, which deliver a high voltage shock but are not lethal. The sale was valued at \$100,000.

#### Begin work

ATLANTA (AP) — Preliminary work may begin on the controversial Clinch River Breeder Reactor in Tennessee, now that the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned a judge's ruling blocking it.

The three-judge panel ruled Tuesday that U.S. District Judge Marvin Shoob overstepped his authority by issuing an injunction Sept. 15 blocking preparatory work at the site in Oak Ridge, Tenn., because federal environmental impact statements had not been filed.

The appeals court said federal law doesn't require completion of such statements before preliminary work begins unless that work is likely to have an irreversible adverse effect on the environment.

#### Find minerals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are reporting a major discovery of manganese and iron in the Atlantic Ocean, but they caution that mining the valuable deposits is beyond current technology.

The find may, however, spur research into the possibility of finding usable deposits in areas of the United States not originally expected to yield such minerals.

The new find is situated on a ridge 10,000 feet beneath the center of the Atlantic, said Dr. Peter Rona of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

#### Funds for I-380

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iowa cities of Waterloo and Cedar Falls will receive several million dollars next fiscal year for construction of an alternate to Interstate 380, according to an aide to U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

"It does look as if for sure the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area will have quite a chunk of money for improvement," Bev Hubble, Grassley's news secretary, said Tuesday.

The Senate Appropriations Committee on Tuesday approved spending \$4 million for construction, while the House Appropriations Committee earlier approved \$3 million.

### International

#### Name president

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly, opening its 37th annual session, elected Hungarian communist Imre Hollai as president.

Hollai was chosen shortly after the session was convened on Tuesday by the outgoing president, Ismat T. Kittani of Iraq. Hollai ran unopposed.

#### Smuggling charge

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Police arrested three Indonesians on charges of smuggling goods after Thai customs officials seized 900 video tape players, 950 color television sets and other items aboard a Panama-registered freighter, a customs official said today.

The 300-ton Yonsson was found anchored about 10 miles south of Samet Island off Rayong province, 160 miles southeast of Bangkok.

#### Blast broadcast

MOSCOW (AP) — "The state-run Tass news agency today branded as 'fantastic lies' an NBC program that claimed Pope John Paul II was targeted for assassination with the knowledge and perhaps assistance of Soviet and Bulgarian intelligence services.

"There were no and could not be any facts to prove this," wrote Yuri Kornilov, a top Tass commentator.

He said the program was "nothing except all kind of absurd inventions of which there was quite a lot — mythical Soviet agents secretly operating in the Balkans, their Bulgarian assistants' penetrating into Turkey on Moscow's assignment, caches and brownings and false passports — in short, all attributes of a cheap detective story."



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## Move to end rail strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee today speedily approved legislation ordering locomotive engineers to end a strike that officials say is costing the already-battered U.S. economy up to \$1 billion a day.

Final congressional passage of the joint resolution, which was approved by a voice vote of the Senate Tuesday night, was planned later in the day, followed by President Reagan's signature. It then would become law immediately.

The measure gained voice-vote approval from the House Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired by Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., with only a scattering of voices in dissent.

One of the opponents, Rep. James Florio, D-N.J., said he would try on the

House floor to substitute the back-to-work order with a new, 140-day cooling-off period that would permit negotiations to continue.

Florio called the imposed settlement "a bad precedent and a real departure from the way government has done business for years." But supporters cited the serious impact the walkout has had on the economy.

The strike by 26,000 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was in its fourth day today.

The walkout has idled another 400,000 railroad workers and Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis told Congress Tuesday that unless it ends, up to 500,000 other people in rail-dependent industries could be laid off within two weeks.

Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., called a meeting of his House Energy and Commerce Committee today to consider the strike legislation, drafted on Reagan's orders Monday when negotiations broke down.

The bill's approval by the Senate Tuesday night was urged by leaders of both parties, including Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and the panel's ranking Democrat, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

The only dissent in the less than half-hour of Senate debate was voiced by Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, who said he thought Congress should never impose a labor settlement.

## Evacuate oil rig crew

KODIAK, Alaska (AP) — A huge offshore oil drilling rig, abandoned by its 39 crew members in a raging Bering Sea storm, was drifting toward the western coast of Alaska early today, the Coast Guard said.

Helicopter crews braved darkness and winds up to 50 mph to pluck the crew Tuesday night from the Key Singapore as it tossed and rolled in heavy seas, drifting near Nunivak Island on a collision course with the shoreline.

The crew was airlifted to safety in the tiny Eskimo village of Mekoryuk on Nunivak by two helicopters operated by ERA Helicopters of Anchorage, said Lt. George Sherrer, a spokesman for the Coast Guard's search and rescue unit in Kodiak.



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Owned by the Keydri Co. of Houston, a Gulf Oil subsidiary, the Key Singapore was under tow by the support ships Biehl Traveler and Ocean Ray 24 miles northwest of Nunivak at midday Tuesday when the Biehl Traveler's line broke.

With 23-foot seas, the Ocean Ray was unable to keep the heavy rig from drifting away, and an anchor put down by the rig crew started dragging, said Lt. Larry Hazel of the Coast Guard.

The Ocean Ray eventually lost its line to the stricken rig, which measures 240 feet by 240 feet.

Nunivak is separated from the Alaskan mainland by Etoin Strait, about 550 miles west of Anchorage. Its 200 residents herd reindeer.

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## One leg over fence in economy

By The Associated Press

Although business failures this year have reached a post-Depression high, the economy is growing again this quarter and now "has one leg over the fence," the Reagan administration says.

The government's economic program is beginning to work, Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan said Tuesday, a day when both the stock and bond markets staged big rallies as interest rates dropped sharply.

"The worst is behind us," Regan told a

luncheon sponsored by the Conference Board, a business-research group in New York. "Based on the facts at my disposal, I can say that the U.S. economy has one leg over the fence that divides stagnation and growth."

In a clear sign of the severe strains of severe strains in the economy, the Dun & Bradstreet business economics division reported 857 businesses failed last week, a 68 percent increase compared with last year.

The 1982 total of 17,502 failures through

mid-September was the highest for any full year since 1933, when nearly 20,000 businesses went under during the Great Depression, the business information service said.

It said the gross national product, measuring the value of all goods and services produced in the July-September quarter, rose 1.5 percent. That compares with a revised 2.1 percent increase the previous quarter and drops of 5.3 percent and 5.1 percent in the two prior quarters.

## Decorah truancy case tossed back into limbo

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Decorah truancy case that has dragged on for four years and in which officials hoped to test the state's compulsory education law has been again snaggled on a technicality and state officials are threatening to toss the whole issue back into limbo.

"We've been wrestling with this thing for four years, I guess another month or so won't matter," said Decorah School Superintendent Wayne Burns.

The latest snag is because the State Department of Public Instruction — which officials had hoped would resolve the question — are threatening to dismiss the whole case because they say Decorah school officials don't have proper records.

In the complex case, Decorah school officials allege that two children who are being educated at home aren't receiving a proper education and are violating the state's compulsory education law.

The children's parents, Robert and Linda Sessions, claimed they wanted to educate their children at home.

The school district initially took the couple to court in Winneshiek County, but both sides agreed to a compromise before the conclusion of the trial.

That compromise called for the whole matter to be tossed into the lap of the Department of Public Instruction.

When the compromise was reached, the school board agreed to notify the Sessions that they were in violation of the educational requirements, and give them 30 days to appeal to the DPI. That administrative procedure tossed the question to the state.

But Larry Bartlett, of the DPI, said Wednesday that things aren't that simple. The school board kept no official records of its meeting leading to the letter to the Sessions, and without such records, he plans to dismiss the case.

"All I've got is a letter to the Sessions saying the board had made such a decision," Bartlett said. "I don't have any evidence the board actually made it."

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—MRS. DARYL (LYNDA) LAU, an Oelwein woman who loves to cook, shares her summer harvest recipes in a story by KAYE FRAZER on page 7.

—WEST UNION'S new REGISTER correspondent, BERNICE (MRS. ROGER) HOLTHAUS, is featured in a story and photo by SOLVEIG LARSON on page 6.

—IRMGARD RITSCH, a former American Field Service student who stayed with the LYLE PLESHEK FAMILY IN OELWEIN, recently returned for a visit. A photo and story by SOLVEIG LARSON is on page 6.

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