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Holidays bring no beach crowds

United Press International
CORPUS CHRISTI — A second day of rain Monday kept the few beachgoers available away, ending the summer's last major holiday as dimly as it had begun.

Thundershowers fell along the Texas coast early Monday. The rains had ended by early afternoon but overcast skies threatened the few remaining tourists still around on the third and last day of the Labor Day weekend.

Only a handful of people walked around the moderately clean beach at North Padre Island. Bob Hall Pier, at the far end of the Nueces County Park, was experiencing a moderate day as 75 fishermen took advantage of the better than average surf.

Coast Guard officials said the weather had prevented work crews from working at Mustang and South Padre Island. But the winds and high tides caused by the weekend's thundershowers had prevented any new oil from washing ashore.

Coast Guard spokesman Jim McCranchan said a reconnaissance plane had flown out 120 miles from Corpus Christi and had found only a few small patches of light sheen.

He also said several heavy to moderate concentrations of oil had appeared from the south jetty at Mustang Island to Bob Hall Pier, about 20 miles long.

He said water near the beach was clean except for an occasional film which washed ashore.

Coast Guard officials also said some of the oil, seeping from the blown out Ixtoc I oil well in Campeche Bay, was being washed up higher on the shore and was mixing with seaweed and lessening the mess. The Coast Guard said some other oil is being broken down by the heavy wave action caused by weekend storms.

Businesses along the beach continued to suffer from the dismal attendance by tourists and local residents. Deep sea fishing charter services in Port Aransas were experiencing a 75 percent drop in business.

Local merchants conceded that the bad weather had put a serious dent in their business, but had complained that bad press coverage about beach conditions had deterred many tourists from visiting.

Don and Diane Rhudy, who oper-

ate the Gulf Beach Courts Motel in Port Aransas, said longtime clients from as far north as Oklahoma City had told them about scare stories they had read.

An irate manager at Deep Sea Headquarters Monday was displaying a prominent sign outside his business.

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French women: few taboos

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PARIS — Forget those fables of everyday extramarital sex in the land of ooh-la-la. Seventy-eight percent of French women prefer to confine their sex life to a single partner, and only 4 percent of those who live in couple arrangements admit to frequent outside affairs.

But a survey — described as the first of its kind in France — shows French women may be less inhibited than some other nationalities when it comes to traditional taboos such as masturbation and oral sex.

The survey was conducted by the French women's magazine "F." It asked readers to respond to 150

questions, some of them intimate, and received more than 13,000 replies.

Seventy-one percent of those who lived in a couple arrangement said they had sex "regularly" with one partner, 4 percent said they had frequent relations with different partners and 10 percent said they had occasional relations with different partners.

Of women living alone, 46 percent said they had regular relations with one person and 7 percent said they had frequent relations with more than one partner. Four percent of the all respondents said they were homosexual and 8 percent described

themselves as "bisexual."

Seventy-one percent said they practice oral sex "often" or "sometimes," while 81 percent said their male partners practice oral sex.

Forty-seven percent said they have sex several times a week, but many said they would do so more often were it not for the interference of professional lives, children and fatigue.

Eighty-four percent said they achieve orgasms, but 41 percent said they believed sexual relations could be successful without them. Sixty-two percent said that in order to have sexual relations, they need to be in love with their partner.

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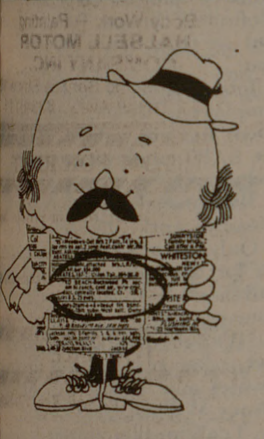
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Defense \$ to decide SALT II

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins its final round of hearings on SALT II this week, with plans to report the arms limitation treaty to the Senate by Sept. 25.

But it is still awaiting word on how much President Carter is willing to increase defense spending to win the votes of undecided senators or those who believe the limitation treaty is justified only if the United States strengthens its own, military posture.

President Carter, on one side, faces senators who say the United States must increase defense spending substantially to catch up with Moscow and keep pace with weapon development the Kremlin will make under SALT II.

But on the other side is a sizable bloc of senators who see the arms limitation treaty being used as an excuse for a U.S. military buildup — in effect, negating its purpose.

Carter's decision on the defense budget is expected to be announced to the foreign relations committee by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who testifies before the panel privately Sept. 12 and publicly the next day.

Administration officials already have revealed plans to ask Congress to provide an additional \$2.5 billion for defense spending in fiscal 1980, a sum that would fill the gap caused by inflation, but one that falls well short of the 5 percent hike sought by Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and others.

The administration does not appear ready to seek a 5 percent hike in spending above inflation, as Nunn wants, and there is no indication a majority in Congress would approve that much.

Carter also is expected to decide shortly on a basing system for the \$30 billion MX nuclear missile program the Pentagon is planning.

Senior Pentagon officials favor putting 200 MX missiles on circular roadways in the deserts of Nevada and Utah. These roadways, or "racetracks," will have 23 spur roads leading to hardened shelters.

The idea is to shuttle missiles around so the Soviet Union never knows their precise location.

Search begun for slayers of U.S. nurse

United Press International
MANILA — Police Monday launched a wide manhunt for suspects in the killing of an American nurse outside the U.S. Clark Air Base.

Authorities said Filipino military and police teams and Clark personnel were cooperating in investigating the death of Capt. Mary Byrd, 26, of Enid, Okla., whose body was found 500 yards from the Clark main gate early Saturday.

Col. Ahmed Nakpil, police station commander of the town of Angles where Clark is located in Pampanga Province, 50 miles from Manila, said Byrd was shot twice in the head.

No arrests have been made but the colonel said in a telephone interview that initial investigation indicated she might have been killed by a jeep-riding group, possibly composed of "three or four teen-agers."

Nakpil said Byrd, who worked at the Clark Hospital, went out with several American friends to visit nightclubs in Angles Friday evening.

Later she left the group saying she was going somewhere else, the colonel said. Her body was found shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday in an open field outside the base near the MacArthur National Highway.

Press reports said a woman bar owner heard the screams of a woman and sounds of gunshot before the body was found.

Nakpil said police had not established the identity of any suspects.

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