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# Official says Texas needs mass transit

United Press International COMMERCE — Once Texans see the savings in time, money and fuel, they will embrace the concept of rapid mass transit across the state, Texas Railroad Commissioner John Poerner said Monday.

Addressing the Sixth Annual Sam Rayburn Public Affairs Symposium, Poerner noted, "You can't make Tex-

You have to give them the option of driving their own cars from Dallas to Houston at 55 mph with radar traps every 10 miles or riding a bullet train at 150 mph while watching a movie or a fashion show.

"I am totally committed to moving our people in the most economical, corridors Amtrak, the national rail

fuel-efficient way possible," he said.
"I am convicued that the time has come to study the possibility of a

high-speed bullet train corridor which would initially link the Texas Triangle — Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Poerner, who visited Washington, D.C., last week to seek federal assistance for a rapid transit system, said the state's rapid population growth is another justificiation for mass transit. He estimated within

the next 10 years, the population of Texas will increase by 3 million people with 2.5 million of those located in the 778-mile Texas Triangle.

The so-called Triangle is one of 13

passenger system, and the Federal Railway Administration studied last winter for economic feasibility and found it had the fourth highest predicted average ridership.

The railroad commissioner noted the average family spends 19 percent

of its budget on transportation, and if gas reaches \$2 per gallon, the percentage will increase to 30 percent if there is no mass transportation avail-

Estimates for funding a Texas rail system have ranged from less than \$200 million to more than \$1 billion. Poerner said a system will not "be reality until the end of the century," but Texans cannot delay in planning

## Powder found nat has no heroin

United Press International DALLAS — Dallas County sheriff's officers, who originally in heroin in a wooded field, Monday said sophisticated testing revealed the white powder contained no narcotics.

Authorities were unsure why the powder in plastic bags, which was first spotted hanging in trees by a man and his 4-year-old daughter near Redbird Airport, was in the area.

Justine Tucker, spokeswoman for Sheriff Carl Thomas, speculated the white powder may have been a hoax set up by Thomas' political rivals. Thomas, who has fired deputies who have supported his political opponents, is

running for re-election.
Capt. A.D. McCurley said the powder could be starch, baking soda or flour but forensic tests Monday indicated there was no heroin content. Initial tests Sunday indicated the powder contained heroin and one officer called it "fairly pure" and estimated its worth at \$1 million.
"We've been able to determine

said. "It has no narcotic value

"It could have just been ajo or something but we don't know We're still trying to figure on why it was there. It could ha been a dope deal that went down and somebody sold somebody lot of baking soda."

When the man and his dauge ter, who asked not to be iden WASH fied, found the bags of powder Carter ha a field near Redbird Airport, the nian dip gathered them in a plastic bree States as wrapper and gave them to author

Authorities had speculated the "heroin" had been dropped from an airplane and searched the area.

for more narcotics. Authorities said the father deputies a half-mile into a near his home and showed where he and his daughterd vered the bags. He said noticed the first one besides and then spotted another ha in a mesquite tree. Seven 10 bags were found on tree bra

# Plan won't affect Iranian students ri

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announced steps regarding U.S.

United Press International William J. Chambers, director for DALLAS — President Carter's the Dallas District covering the 21 most northern counties in Texas and visas for Iranians are not expected to affect the thousands of students in the received indicated Carter's all of Oklahoma, said initial informa-Texas and Oklahoma, immigration announcement would not affect Ira-

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of sanctions to be taken against Iran, including a cutoff of future visas to Iranian citizens and refusal to reissue

"We will not be admitting additional Iranians to the country effec-tive at 3 p.m. today except under very specified conditions, and we would have to check with the State Department and all then," Cham-

'We do not have specific instructions at this moment concerning Iranian students that are in the country but the students probably would not be bothered," he said.

Chambers said when INS officials interviewed Iranian students to check the validity of their visas late last year, there were 5,000 Iranians 'practically all of them students and student-dependents" in his district and "the figure hasn't fluctuated very

much from that.

He said as long as the swere in school, their visa TR

Figures were unavailab Monday on the total number nians in the five INS district DETRO

Texas, although officials in El riumph I said there were about 150 stude alling a

city council and when it came in elect a mayor in 1977, the T said. clared Hayden defeated two "While in

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### Unsought votes elect mayor A total unded, the

United Press International FLORENCE — Foy Hayden, the reluctant mayor, didn't have to try to win re-election. In fact, he tried to

But after the voters of Florence had spoken Saturday, Hayden was elected to a third mayoral term, even though his name wasn't on the ballot. he won with a count of 53 unsolicited votes. Forty-one other votes were cast but the runner-up received only

"I have never sought this job,"

Hayden said. "I don't particularly like it and I don't particularly want it. I've got a lot of other things I'd rather

"It's confining. You can't do what you want to do. If you want to go somewhere there's always a meeting

or something you have to be at."

Hayden apparently isn't the only one who doesn't want the job as "Everybo" mayor of Florence's 672 residents. No one else filed for the position Hayden served 14 years on the

In 1978 he tried to reun another write-in campaign ker neous machine the may compare the state of the state o

announced for the job.

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