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Texas firm installs armor to protect against attacks

United Press International CARROLLTON — A tiny spealty auto firm's business is booming, thanks to political unrest, terprist attacks and kidnappings all over the world.

Tetradyne Corp. produces protection — armoring vehicles to withstand assassins' bullets and errorist ambushes.

Company officials say orders ave been pouring in from all over the world - especially from the Mideast and Central America for cars that have been modified with steel armor, special deadbolt locks and protective glass.

The work doesn't come cheap: costs range from \$11,000 for installing the most basic protection in a van to \$40,000 for overhauling a luxury limousine. Neither price tag includes the cost of the basic

"We don't ask too many questions," said Tetradyne sales mana-

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ger Robert Soussi. "But I need to know, if not which country, which

area of the world is involved.

Soussi, who speaks English, French, Spanish, Italian and Ara-bic and handles most of the negotiations over the telephone, said the firm needs to know at least the general area where the vehicle will be used so that the type of protection installed will fit the type of attacks common to that

He said the caliber of bullets as well as the motivation behind attacks vary from place to place and the firm has different levels of protection suited to each.

'We have all the statistics, all the information," he said. "For ex-ample, we know that kidnappers, in countries where company and government officials are often kidnapped, allow themselves two and a half minutes to carry out the mis-

sion. Otherwise they abort." Company officials refuse to reveal the specifics of their customer list and say they often don't know themselves who the vehicle is for, since arrangements are often made through middlemen.

Aside from the basic armor plating welded into a car to keep it from buckling in a rollover or crash, Tetradyne offers sirens, loud speakers equipped with tape recorders that call for help in the appropriate language, outside speakers that allow communication with attackers, two-way radios, gunports for shooting back and even a grenade launcher.

The company, with 40 employees, turns out about 40 cars per month. Soussi said customers include U.S. grocery store chains that transfer large amounts of cash, oil companies with overseas operations, banks, and numerous government officials

United Press International The sizzling heat wave of 1980 — which browned out vast areas of Texas, killed cattle and poultry, drove some farmers toward bankruptcy and monthly electric bills to unheard of figures - is threatening to stage a comeback.

While weather experts are stopping short of outright predictions that the sum-mer of 1981 will be as bad as 1980, they point out that the warmer-than-norma weather predicted for May and June could be a signal of higher temperatures later on.

It does indicate we should all start watching the situation very closely," said Dr. Robert Livezey, a long range weather forecaster with the Climate Analysis Cen-ter in Washington, D.C. "We should stay on the alert. This isn't one of those years you can shrug off.'

A more ominous warning is being sounded by the Texas Department of Water Resource

"We are quite dry at the present time

and we need rain badly," said water department spokesman Herbert Grubb. "Unless we get it, we have another disaster in the making.

Summer heat may repeat

Last year's devastating drought and heat, from which farmers are yet to fully recover, saw temperatures hit at least 100 degrees for as many as 42 days in a row. For metropolitan areas, that meant scattered water shortages, astronomical utility bills, frayed tempers and power cuts.

Water experts are worried that if rainfall levels drop this year as they did last year, the state's 70 or so major reservoirs will be down to about half of their capacity by the end of summer 1981.

"There has been more rapid growth in our metropolitan areas than anticipated, Grubb says. "It's a statewide problem. We have grown more rapidly than water sys-tems have been expanded to keep up with growth.

Grubb warned the problem may become

even more serious in rural and agricultural

"Because it was so dry last summer and this winter, the soil is extremely dry. That's why even when it's raining we are not getting a lot of runoff (which helps to fill lakes). The rains we have had in the last several weeks are wetting the top few inches of the soil." he said.

"Further north, where only the topsoil is wetted, unless the rains keep coming, the moisture (remains) very shallow and the water will be quickly used up by plants and dried out by the sun," Grubb said. If that happens, he said, "we would have

a repeat of serious drought on the farmer and the rancher.

Recent rains didn't help matters much. Experts at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station say some of the rains were accompanied by high winds and hail which inflicted severe damage to crops, especially in Uvalde County.



Gramm says Reagan plan has House votes to pass

United Press International WASHINGTON — Rep. Phil Gramm, D-Texas, sid Sunday he believes there is "a good chance" the Democratic-controlled House will approve Presi-dent Reagan's revised budget proposal by 20 or 30 votes this week

The House is debating two major proposals: a plan beintroduced by Gramm and Rep. Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, that modifies Reagan's budget proposal by cutting an additional \$6 billion from the budget, and a Democratic alternative that would restore some ands to social programs.

A floor vote on the plans is expected Tuesday or Wednesday. Of the total membership in the House, there are 243 Democrats, 191 Republicans and one ndependent.

In an interview with the Cable News Network, the conservative Gramm said he believes "the vote is going to be close go, Smith

But he added, "I think we are building momentum, and I think that there is a good chance that we are going to win by 20 or 30 votes.

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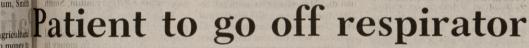
Asked about statements by House Democratic leaders that they are also gaining momentum for the Democratic alternative plan, Gramm said, "I think that we are in good shape. "I think that their talk about gaining momentum is

pretty reminiscent of our talk early in the Vietnam War about how we were going to have the boys home by Christmas

Gramm said there is "a distinct possibility" Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, will compromise with the Republicans on a tax cut bill rather than face defeat of his one-year tax cut plan. The administration has proposed a three-year tax cut bill.

Gramm said he believes liberal Democrats are making House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., their "whipping boy.

"They want to say, 'Well, it is not that our programs don't work anymore, but it is that we got this old white-headed man who's not dynamic enough and who's not the strong leader we need right now.' "I think that is unfair and totally unfounded," Gramm said.



United Press International STANFORD, Calif. Surgeons hoped to remove Stan-bids second heart-lung trans-were performed more than a den a viable hroughout plant from his mechanical respirator this weekend in a crucial test

bsee if he can breathe on his own.
The patient, Charles Walker,
a, of Binghamton, N.Y., recived a new heart and new lungs in a four-hour operation Friday, and his condition remained critic-

en al but stable Sunday. The operation was performed t 10 years

able to leave the hospital in another month.

Three heart-lung transplants cade ago at other institutions. The longest survivor only lasted 23 days and the procedure was aban-

Stanford because of the availability of a new drug, cyclosporin A. The drug suppresses the body

immune reaction to foreign tissues without devastating its ability to fight infections.

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54 days after Stanford Medical Center performed its first such procedure on Mary Gohlke, 45, a Mesa, Ariz., newspaper execu-

Gohlke has set a world survival record for a heart-lung transplant recipient, and the success gives hope heart-lung operations may become reasonably safe.

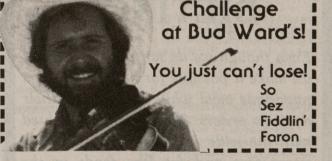
Walker's new organs came from an undisclosed donor. Because of a congenital heart defect, Walker's blood was not properly oxygenated.

This condition led to pulmonary hypertension and resulting deterioration of both his lungs and his heart. When he was 13, he was told he had the lungs of a 90-yearold

In recent years Walker, an embalmer, has spent most of his time in bed and has been given weekly blood transfusions. Without the transplant, he was given less than a year to live.

He was awake but sedated Friday, and he was visited by his mother, June Spangenberg, and one of four brothers.

Gohlke has been slowly regaining her strength. She walks about her room and makes several short trips each day down the hall. Her physical therapy includes lifting 3pound weights and she may be



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