### Mayor opposes GTE rate increase request

United Press International
AUSTIN — The mayor of
Webster said service provided
by General Telephone Co. of
the Southwest isn't up to acceptable standards and the company should not get a \$110 million rate increase

Mayor Beverly Heinrich was the first witness called in a Public Utility Commission hearing Thursday on General Tele-phone's request for a rate in-

Heinrich said General Telephone's service in her city has improved during the past year, but said it still is not up to to acceptable standards.

She said General Tele-

Bell or Continental telephone companies, which operate in the was calmly walking out of a savings and loan office, which he

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E.L. Langley, president of General Telephone's Texas than the \$110 million requested.

operation, testified for most of the day on the company's need for increased revenue.

The Texas Municipal League, which opposes the in-crease, said General Telephone is entitled to only \$24 million

#### 'Heroes' surprise robbery suspect

phone's rates are higher than tion workers surprised, tackled those charged by Southwestern and captured a teenager who

had just robbed at gunpoint. The workers, who have been acclaimed as heroes by the customers in the bank, did not know at the time of the capture Wednesday that the would-berobber, 17, held only a toy pistol.

"I don't know what possessed any of us to tackle him, except we knew we had to do something," construction worker superintendent Barry Smith, 25,

Police said a customer entered the San Jacinto Savings and Loan in downtown Houston Wednesday morning in time to see an armed man forcing cusomers and employees behind a counter.

The man turned from the bank and told a nearby construcion crew the bank was being obbed. The workers gathered near the bank entrance, and jumped the suspect as he emerged wearing a nylon stock-

"We work hard for our money," said C.J. Crowe, 35, who explained that the contruction workers were simply ired of crime.

Workers Jerry Harrell, 30, Bill McDonald, 31 and Leonard Hodge, 35, helped jump on the suspect, who had taken \$2,000 rom the bank.

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Arkansas calls it unfair

# Power switch protested

United Press International LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas officials believe a new government formula doling out hydroelectricity in a six-state area is unfair and could even

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Gov. Frank White says he is petitioning the Southwestern Power Administration to recon-

sider the allocation of electricity a move that may not sit well with the other states involved. "We're going to look at the demise of the Reynolds operation in the state of Arkansas" un-

less the company can continue to operate with inexpensive hydroelectricity, White said at a news conference.

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federal Energy Department based in Tulsa, determines how much electricity generated at federal dams will be given to Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

In 1979, the SPA opened state was hurt as severely as the

bute more than 2,108 megawatts of hydropower — valuable bestate to lose electricity cause it is cheaper than electricity from any other source. But megawatts—under the new formula. It would still get the lion's Arkansas officials say they never share of the available power,

thru Apr. 16.

destroy the state's economy by knew the hearings were going driving the Reynolds Metals Co. on. however, at 676 megana percent.

As it turned out, Arkansas' allocation was cut from 521 megawatts to 376 megawatts or 18 percent of the available power. White said the cut is especial-

The SPA, a division of the federal Energy Department based in Tulsa, determines how Reynolds employs about a much electricity generated at federal dams will a signed by all congressional delectricity generated at federal dams will be given to Arkansas, loss of Reynolds would have a drastic economic impact on the Texas, Oklahoma and fied that the allocation

hearings to decide how to distri- state of Arkansas," White said. Missouri was the only other

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- The loss of Reynold be a hardship to Arkans would be a detriment to development - one ginal goals of the SPA.

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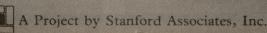
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