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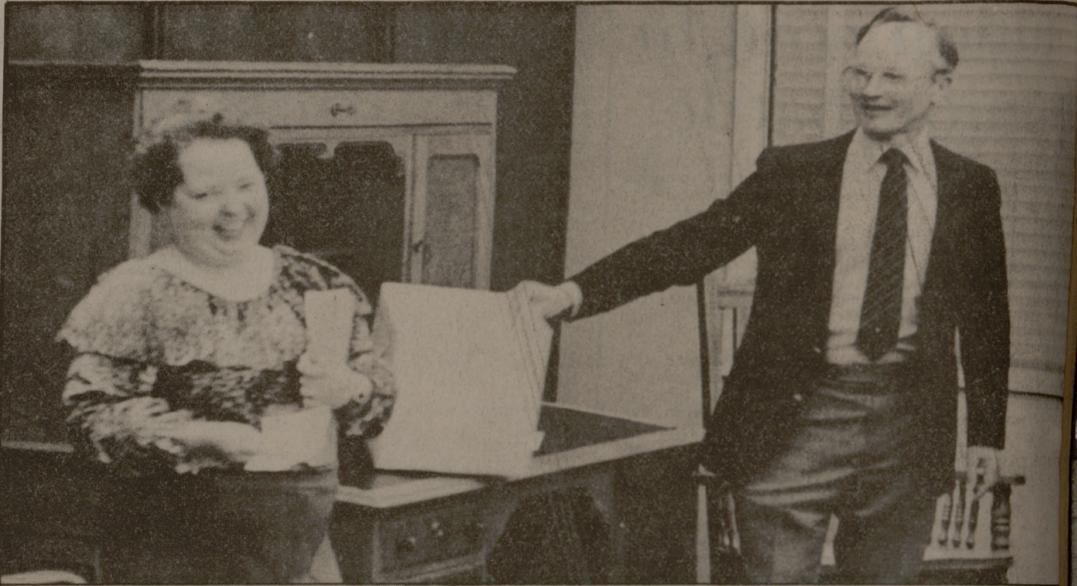
United Press International
HOUSTON — The Department of Public Safety reports major crimes in Houston increased 18.7 percent last year.

Thefts, robberies and aggravated assaults in the South's largest city took the biggest jump. There were decreases in the number of homicides and rapes.

The yearly increase compared with increases of 3.8 percent in Dallas and 3 percent in Austin, said Phymeon Jackson, a spokesman for Houston Police Chief Lee P. Brown.

The overall increase in Houston was a reversal of 1981 figures, when major crimes in Houston decreased 2.9 percent.

Brown's office attributed the big increase to "greater efficiency in capturing the data" and improved accuracy in reporting.



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Mrs. Ronald Hambric, left, of Bryan, smiles as Dr. Henry Dethloff, head of the history department, announces her as the third prize-winner in the Friends of the Library membership prize drawing. Mrs. Hambr-

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Reagan urged to change

Bentsen calls for unity

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AUSTIN — President Reagan must consider responsible alternatives to his tax and defense policies if the federal deficit is to be reduced, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said Tuesday.

In a speech to a joint session of the Texas Legislature, Bentsen said the United States must regain control of its economic destiny by lowering the budget deficit.

"It's time for us all to start working together in a broad, bipartisan effort to bring spending in line with revenue," he said. "We've got to understand

that \$200 billion deficits can destroy our economic future.

"We all know that these are difficult times for America," he added. "Our economic problems are complex and they are important. They will not be solved by rigid, unbending adherence to slogans and ideology."

Bentsen said Reagan has been unwilling to listen to alternatives proposed by Democrats.

"It doesn't have to be my idea or your idea," he said. "We're willing to listen to other answers."

But Bentsen said Reagan has refused to compromise on his

three-year, 25 percent tax cut, despite a budget deficit of staggering proportions.

The Texas senator said that the president should consider reducing the last phase of the tax cut from 10 percent to 5 percent and moving the effective date forward from July 1 to April 1.

"This way we would stimulate the recovery from the recession with a prompt 5 percent tax cut while shaving the projected deficit by \$20 billion over the next two years," he said.

Bentsen also said he supported an increase in defense spending, but he said it should

be stretched out over a longer period of time.

"We simply cannot spend sort of money the president is requesting as fast as he wants to without risking massive overruns and the waste of scarce tax dollars," he said.

Bentsen said Reagan proposed a budget which increases spending to \$43 billion including \$30 billion for military.

"If we keep up that spending spree we may end with the most powerful military force in the world, but it won't be anything left to defend," he said.

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