## Big Bend to burn with computer help

United Press International Big Bend National Park — For the next several days, smoke. will be rising over the Chisos Basin area of Big Bend National Park — a protective fire programmed by a computer and car-

ried out by park authorities.
Successful efforts for the past several years to protect tourist camp grounds from fire has resulted in a build up of ground brush. Now, according to park spokesman Robert A. Huggins, f a natural or arson fire starts there is high risk of it getting out

The "prescribed burn" of ab-

ters is to remove the undergrowth safely while not scaring the wilderness.

U.S. Forest Service fire expert Dan Warren, of Sante Fe., N.M., said the type of fire being set is programmed by a com-

'We tell the computer the wind, temperature, humidity and amount of moisture in the (dead) brush. And we tell it what we are trying to achieve with the burn," Warren said. "The computer will tell us how hot a fire we need and how long the flame

For the Chisos Basin fire, Warren said the most effective burn would take place while the temperature was above 50 degrees but below 90 degrees. Humidity should be between 5 and 25 percent, and winds should be below 15 mph.

Also programmed into the computer is the type of vegatation being eliminated and the time of year. He said in early spring, for instance, dead brush in that area would only have a 5 percent moisture content while in other seasons the vegetation would have a higher water con-tent. The lower the moisture content, the hotter the fire and the taller the flame

The length of the flame and temperature of the fire are the critical elements, Warren said.



Free wheelin

on his bike near Rudder Fountain. Roffino la

angered by famed defense

lawyer Percy Foreman's repre-

sentation of her in a divorce case, told an undercover police detective she wanted to rob

Foreman of his wealth, which she estimated equaled "King Solomon's mines," and then kill

"He has got to go," murder solicitation defendant Susan Parrish, 40, said on a secretly

taped conversation played Tueşday in court.

buying what she thought was

truth serum and poison from

the detective posing as a

At the time of her arrest, she was on probation after being convicted of trying to run over her ex-husband and millionaire

oilman, William Forney Sr. with

Prosecutors have said Parrish

believed Foreman, 80, caused boxes

Parrish was arrested after

been a wheelie enthusiast since junior high.

Woman wants

lawyer's death

divorce settlement.

The jury watched a vide

and heard her tell detective

ry Carpenter during an 30, 1982, meeting in Mem

Park that she wanted to

Foreman and make him lea

to his money and valuable

"I think we'll find King Su mon's mines," she said. Houston Fire Department

vestigator James N. Witt

Parrish asked him to help

He said Parrish told him

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