

### \$8.75 billion election in August

# Dallas plans mass transit system

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On Aug. 13, the more than 1 million people who live in Dallas and 20 surrounding communities will vote on a 27-year transit program designed to solve an already bad situation before it gets irretrievably worse.

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board's proposal would cost \$8.75 billion. It says the program would pay for itself with a 1-cent sales tax and operating revenues that should total at least \$8.92 billion during those 27 years.

The only federal money would be \$476 million for replacement buses and new buses, funding the government would give the city — any city — regardless of its other transit plans.

The DART proposal includes an immediate plan to expand the city's bus system with 556 new vehicles and a 35 per-

cent increase in area service.

The "Horizon Plan" — through the year 2010 — calls for 160 miles of surface trains, primarily along existing but unused railroads, and a downtown subway, as well as 23 miles of elevated highway lanes that would carry only high occupancy vehicles — car pools, vans and buses.

DART faces some real and psychological obstacles, however. Not the least of them is the June 11 defeat of a \$2.35 billion referendum in Houston that would have funded a heavy rail line downtown and expanded the bus system citywide.

Adlene Harrison, chairwoman of the DART board, believes Dallas is different from Houston because Dallas did several things right.

Houston's residents voted in 1978 to establish the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which

had no concrete plan, because they were already "hanging by their fingernails" she said.

"Where Houston will be five years later we should achieve in the first year," said the former city councilwoman and former regional administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"(Dallas) citizens had input," she said. "We can point to a plan, parts of which the citizens actually formulated" in a series of public meetings on the proposals.

Most of the criticism of DART has come from three sources: residents of older neighborhoods in East Dallas, where the rail lines run, who fear they face the greatest disruption; blacks in

South Dallas who feel the plan is too heavily weighted toward richer, white North Dallas residents; and a group led by former Republican congressman Jim Collins, who feels private enterprise could do the job better and that the city government should not levy new taxes.

As it stands now, she said, North Dallas has the greater traffic problem and thus will get 40 percent for the first 69 miles of rail, scheduled to be built by 1995.

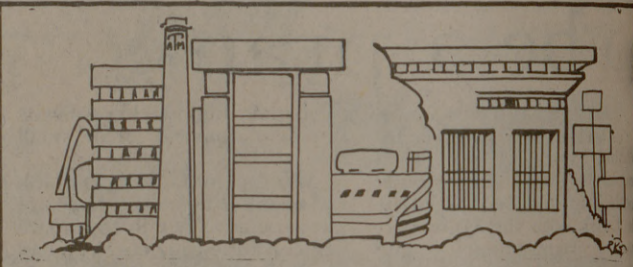
"The people will cut off their nose to spite their face if they reject a plan today because they can't get 200 percent of what they want," she said, adding that one of the board's prime criteria was to plan construction with as little disruption as possible to ex-

isting neighborhoods.

Harrison said she was especially distressed by the charges, primarily from J.B. Jackson Jr., the one DART board member who voted against the plan, that it is racist because it emphasizes Dallas' northern neighborhoods and suburbs.

"The people who stand to benefit the most are many people in minority areas that don't have cars," Harrison said. "(DART) will give them a far better quality of life."

"We have not counted one federal dollar in our rail plans," Harrison said. "If private enterprise thought they could take on all that on their own, they would've been in business and we would have welcomed them."



## Around town

### Finance students sweep contest

Four Texas A&M finance students swept all the awards in the undergraduate category of a recent competition sponsored by the **Houston Society of Financial Analysts**.

Business students from Rice University, the University of Texas and Texas Tech University also participated in the event and were required to analyze a Houston firm's financial statements.

**Kimberly Ann Davis** of Midland, who graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in finance, took the top prize and a \$1,000 scholarship for a financial analysis of Oshman's Sporting Goods, Inc.; **Roger Gremillion** of Houston, a senior finance major, won second place and \$500 for a report on Tenneco, Inc.

**Mark D. Taylor** of Dallas and **Jack L. Battle Jr.** of Houston won the two honorable mentions and \$250 each for papers on Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. and Sysco Corp., respectively. Both graduated in December with degrees in finance and are presently working on master's degrees in finance at Texas A&M.

### Photo exhibit to feature Galveston

A photo exhibit featuring more than 50 pictures of historic Galveston will be on display at Manor East Mall in Bryan through July 15.

The exhibit, entitled "Galveston: An Island in History," was produced by the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio and includes pictures from the Rosenberg Library in Galveston.

### Grad student to go to Washington

**Jeanine Nass Smith**, native of Livingston, who earned a master's degree in public administration this spring from Texas A&M, is one of 11 graduate students from Texas universities accepted into the **1983 Presidential Management Intern Program**.

Smith leaves for Washington, D.C., in July to begin a two-year stint with the U.S. Department of Justice's Marshals Service Department.

The program is intended to be the starting point for individuals pursuing careers in public program analysis or management.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University in 1980 and has worked as a personnel consultant at Continental Personnel in Huntsville. Much of the work she will do in Washington will involve labor relations matters for the U.S. Marshals office. Smith's graduate studies emphasized personnel/labor relations.

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# Five indicted in drug smuggling

**United Press International**  
**NEW ORLEANS** — Five men have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of importing 350 kilograms of cocaine as part of a smuggling cartel that the FBI said operated in four states and several foreign countries.

Edmund Pistey, FBI agent in charge, said the five men are

among 30 people who were indicted in March on related charges of trafficking large quantities of cocaine and marijuana.

Indicted Friday on charges of importing 100 kilograms of cocaine were Fernando Lopez, 41, Kenner, La.; James Edward Eakes, no age, Houston; Billy Joe Nichols, no age, Richardson; and Bobby Lee Ross, no age,

Harlingen. The four and Byron Abshire, 32, of Abbeville, La., also were indicted on charges of importing 250 kilograms of cocaine.

Pistey said Eakes and Nichols were in federal custody, Abshire was free on bond for the March charges and Ross and Lopez were federal fugitives.

If convicted on the trafficking

charges, Pistey said, Lopez could receive a 115-year sentence; Abshire could receive 95 years; Nichols, 75 years; and Eakes and Ross, 45 years each. He said the new indictments would increase those maximum terms. The FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration have been investigating cartel activity in Louisiana, Texas, California,

Florida and several foreign countries, since January 1982, Pistey said. He said other federal agencies have since joined in the investigation.

An FBI spokesman said the March indictments, two related indictments earlier this month and Friday's indictments all resulted from the investigation.

# Ruling OKs drug-sniffing dog use on cars and lockers, not students

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court Monday let stand a ruling that using trained dogs to sniff out drugs on students is unconstitutional, but allowing them to sniff lockers and cars is permissible.

The justices refused to hear arguments by a Baytown school system from a ruling that drug-sniff searches of students violates the Constitution's guarantee against unreasonable searches.

In 1978, Goose Creek Independent School District in Baytown launched an effort to

combat drugs in the 15,400 student system by hiring a Houston security firm to supply trained dogs to sniff students and their lockers and cars to detect drugs.

The dogs were brought to the schools unannounced and, led by a trainer, sniffed lockers and automobiles. The dogs also were taken into classrooms while classes were in session and allowed to roam the aisles, sniffing the desks and smelling and touching the bodies of individual students.

When the dog smelled drugs, he alerted the handler. A sus-

pected student was told to report to the principal's office where his pockets and clothing were searched.

At the end of the 1979-80 school year, the dogs had made 296 visits to the district's 19 schools.

Two students were cited as having been singled out by the dogs. After searches, no drugs were found on either, although a vial of perfume was found in the female's purse.

Both students were given apologies, but the American Civil Liberties Union, acting for

the students, challenged the searches. A federal district court found the sniffing was a reasonable search.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed in part, saying sniffing lockers and automobiles involved a smaller intrusion on privacy, so they were not illegal searches, but sniffing the students was an invasion of the students' privacy.

A dog's sniffing technique — "sniffing around each child, putting his nose on the child and scratching and manifesting other signs of excitement in the case of an alert — is intrusive,"

the court ruled.

Goose Creek appealed the ruling, arguing the degree of intrusion was minimal because the odor of drugs escapes into the air.

The school district also said a requirement of individual suspicion would not work since school officials were untrained in drug enforcement tactics.

The ACLU opposed high court review, arguing, "It is the indiscriminate and personal nature of the sniffing here which gives the use of dogs by Goose Creek the nature of being a search."

## PROVISIONAL STUDENTS

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# Dallas automatic tellers robbed over weekend

**United Press International**  
**DALLAS** — The latest in a rash of automated teller robberies touched off an alarm at 4:48 a.m. Sunday, at an MPACT machine at Plaza National Bank in north Dallas, causing an esti-

mated \$30,000 damage, police reported.

The amount stolen in the other robberies has not been released, but the machines are said to have a capacity of up to \$20,000.

Sunday's robbery followed a raid on a PULSE machine at Texas Bank, also in North Dallas, by six hours.

James Bridges, 28, who was visiting friends at a nearby service station, said he heard the bomb go off with a sound like "someone had hit the side of the building with a vehicle."

He said he saw two men in black jumpsuits and baseball hats, pointing military-style rifles.

"I realized what was happening, and I ducked behind a building so I wouldn't get shot. It looked like if you had gotten in their way, there was no getting out alive," he said.

Bridges said the bandits moved in unison, as if well-drilled.

Investigators said the men apparently were spooked by witnesses during the second raid, and fled without taking any money.

Last Thursday, a similar raid netted about \$2,000 and wrecked an MPACT machine at Gateway National Bank in north Dallas.

Dallas Police Sgt. Ron McCracken said investigators were treating the three robberies as related.

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## Police beat

- The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between June 17 and June 24.
- THEFTS**
  - On two separate occasions a key was used to gain entry to the Fireman's Training School and approximately 20 gallons of gasoline was taken from the pumps.
  - A brown attache case from a fourth floor study carrel in the Sterling C. Evans Library.
  - A textbook from outside of the Commons Dining Area.
  - A wallet and its contents were taken in April. Since then the owner's Texaco card was used to purchase gas on four separate occasions. Police are still investigating.
  - Two terrarium desk planters from the Soil and Crop Sciences-Entomology Center.
- Bicycles:**
  - A maroon Trac 10-speed from the Dorm 9 bike rack.
  - A green Schwinn 10-speed from the Memorial Student Center bike rack.
- A green 10-speed from between the MSC and Ruddle Tower.
- A green 10-speed from the Academic Building.
- An orange Volkswagon 10-speed from the Aston Hall bike rack.
- An orange Crescent 10-speed from Married Student Housing.
- A battery cable was cut on boat at Married Student Housing.
- A glass door at the north end of Lounge E and a window in 417 Dorm 11 were broken apparently by a pellet gun.
- A blunt instrument was used to damage a light pole, an incense burner, a soft drink machine, and a plexiglass bulletin board in the recreation area adjacent to Olsen field.
- The right side-view mirror was broken off a 1981 Pontiac in Parking Lot 24.
- BURGLARY**
  - A battery from a 1977 Chevrolet pick-up in Parking Lot 24.

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