

# White undecided on appointment

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AUSTIN — Speculation centered Wednesday on former Austin state Rep. Sara Weddington as the most likely choice to succeed John Fainter as Texas secretary of state. Fainter, considered Gov. Mark White's most trusted political adviser and one of his best friends, resigned Tuesday to return to private law practice. White has not indicated whom he will name to replace Fainter, although Weddington, who is currently in charge of Texas' Office of State and Federal Relations in Washington, D.C., has been most frequently mentioned. Weddington said she would like to have the job, but she said she does

not think White has made up his mind. "It would be a great honor to serve as secretary of state," she said. Dwayne Holman, White's appointment secretary, indicated Weddington is a candidate for the job, but he said White has not made a final decision, and there also are several other people being considered. Weddington, who worked in former President Jimmy Carter's administration, was lead counsel in the historic Roe vs. Wade case, which resulted in the legalization of abortion. Fainter, 45, informed White of his resignation Tuesday afternoon, said Holman. The resignation was effective immediately.

# Former EPA chief departs — again

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WASHINGTON — Anne Burford, saying her return to government created "an unwarranted furor" that hurt President Reagan in this election year, Wednesday turned down appointment to an advisory panel the day before she was to take the job. Burford, who was forced to resign as chief of the Environmental Protection Agency amid a scandal 17 months ago, pulled out of the new environmental post after her appointment was condemned in overwhelming votes on Capitol Hill — by the House on Tuesday and by the Senate last week.

Her nomination as chairwoman of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere did not require congressional confirmation, and Reagan had insisted he would ignore the House and Senate votes, contending as recently as Tuesday she was "a victim of a lynching." But White House spokesman Larry Speakes, in California where Reagan is vacationing, said the president "has agreed to abide by Mrs. Burford's wishes." Burford last Friday strongly indicated she was less than satisfied with the job. In bitter remarks to a Colorado woolgrowers convention, she described the advisory panel as "a joke," and a "nothingburger."

In a letter delivered to Reagan Wednesday, she said there "has been an unwarranted furor created around my appointment" that was not helpful to Reagan. "The people of the United States must be given the opportunity to make a fair and objective analysis of your accomplishments on environmental issues," she said. "Consequently, and to avoid further disruption, I respectfully request that you withdraw my name." Burford resigned as EPA administrator in March 1983 with the agency engulfed in allegations of mismanagement of the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program and relaxed enforcement of environmental laws.

Her selection to the advisory panel post, announced by Reagan July 2, undercut a Reagan re-election campaign effort to mend fences with environmental leaders. The head of the nation's largest conservation group said Reagan will have to do more than "fluff and rhetoric" to make peace with environmentalists.



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## Waiting for relief

Doctoral student Carol Cheek waits in the summer heat for her son to go swimming with her in Wofford Cain Swimming Pool.

## U.S. charged with 'flouting' agreement

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MOSCOW — The Soviet Union marked the ninth anniversary of the Helsinki Accords Wednesday with charges that Washington is "crudely flouting" the agreement that was supposed to foster an unprecedented era of East-West detente. Instead of detente there are dangerous new tensions in Europe, said a front-page editorial in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda. It blamed the policies of "the aggressive circles of imperialism, above all United States imperialism."

The newspaper said Washington and its NATO allies were "pursuing a policy of confrontation and diktat, crudely flouting the principles of the (Helsinki) Final Act." The editorial focused its attack on the deployment of American cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Western Europe, making no mention of the document's human rights provisions which the West has regularly accused Moscow of breaking. Pravda did credit the Helsinki Accords, which were signed at the height of detente, with improving

# A&M will offer new program

**From staff and wire reports**  
In response to a growing need expressed by private industry, Texas A&M University will offer a new graduate degree program in urban land development. The program, a master of science with a major in land development, will emphasize physical planning and construction management coupled with appropriate instruction in finance and other related areas.

"It is simply a matter of responding to demand in private the sector," Wolfgang Roeseler, professor of urban and regional planning, said. The program must be approved by the state coordinating board before it can be officially implemented. Approval is expected at the board's October meeting, Roeseler said. The program was recently approved by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents at their July board meeting. In April, it also was approved by the Graduate Council, the Academic Program Council and the Faculty Senate. The program, to be administered by the department of urban and regional planning in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, will prepare students for careers as managers and entrepreneurs in the field of urban land development. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the private business sector by providing graduates to deal with developing real estate for uses such as shopping centers, residential neighborhoods and industrial areas.

It will be a non-thesis program which will require 36 hours of completed coursework and a satisfactory final examination. Texas A&M currently offers two graduate programs concerning real estate through the agriculture economics and finance departments. The new urban and regional planning program will deal with planning and designing real estate with an emphasis on the physical character. Previously, students could do graduate work similar to the new program while enrolled in the Master of Urban Planning program with an emphasis on land development. A similar program was instituted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983 and Harvard University is preparing for such a degree to be offered by the Harvard School of Design. Texas A&M will be the first university in the Southwest to offer such a program. Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said the objective of the land development program is "the strengthening of the private business sector by providing competent persons to deal with the effective conversion of raw land into a wide variety of urban uses in a manner responsive to market forces, mindful of social responsibilities and fully cognizant of the competitive investment market. "With this proposed program, the University will respond to a demonstrated need in Texas and surrounding regions by producing competent physical developers and managers."

# Russia marks Helsinki anniversary

European cooperation "in the fields of the economy, science, culture, education and others." The non-binding Helsinki Accords were signed Aug. 1, 1975, after 22 months of negotiations by the United States, Canada and the 33 European nations excluding Albania. Soviet-initiated provisions, which effectively legitimized post-World War II boundaries, confirmed the "inviolability" of national borders and prohibited intervention by one state in the affairs of any other.

The West insisted on a human rights section protecting individual liberties and promoting the free exchange of ideas, people and information. As East-West relations have deteriorated, each side has accused the other of failing to honor the accords. The West specifically says Moscow has broken its commitments by invading Afghanistan, helping to crush the Polish free labor movement and cracking down at home on dissidents — in particular Nobel laureate Andrei Sakharov.

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