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Abstract Burleigh K. Allen, Sandra Byrd Newberg, and Rudolph Rancuret of Montana plead guilty to blue box fraud charges. All 3 received two-year suspended sentences, placed on probation, and fined \$500. Charge against Robert Seitz dismissed. Mentions that these people were four of ten indicted.

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Logjam may block easing of sewer, water crisis

By ROGER CLAWSON
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Progress toward easing the city's sewer and water crisis may be blocked by a logjam in Washington, D.C.

State Public Health Engineer Donald Williams said Friday state aid to municipal sewer projects is stymied until legislation is passed by Congress approving federal participation.

Williams said originally the federal government's share was to be 50 per cent with the local municipality and the state each paying 25 per cent.

But legislation authorizing federal funding ran out last June and Congress has yet to pass a bill extending such funding.

Compliance with state pollution control standards was to have been effective July 1972. Because of the funding difficulty, the deadline has been extended to July 1974.

WATER and Sewer Department Director Vernon Troy announced recently that construction would begin on the city's secondary sewage treatment plant March 1, 1971. Construction will take at least two years, he said.

However, unless federal and state funds are forthcoming, the city will be \$7 million short of the cash needed to complete the \$9 million plant.

The city's water department — said by Troy to be in dire need of \$27 million in improvements — may look forward to at least two more years of summer water rationing, and win-

ter crises brought on by channel blockage and slush ice.

To embark on a capital improvements program (an estimated \$4 million is needed just to bring the system up to par, said Troy) city officials had planned to use the revenue generated by a water rate increase.

The city has filed a petition before the State Public Service Commission, asking for a 25 per cent increase in water rates.

THE PSC will convene a hearing in Billings Wednesday to hear the city's case for a rate hike, but even if the city is successful, the price boost may not go into effect.

Asked Friday if the President's wage-price freeze would

stall any rate hike granted by the PSC, Mayor Willard Fraser declined to comment.

"I won't go into that," he said. "Nobody seems to know."

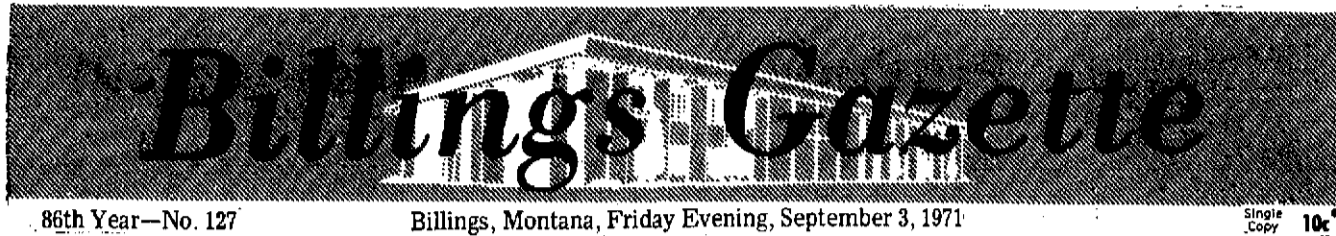
Fraser said the city would proceed with its rate increase request and "hope for the best."

Meanwhile, said Fraser, applications for federal grants to enlarge the sewer and water utilities are being prepared.

Fraser said he will carry the grant requests to Washington in person.

The mayor said other plans are being drafted to put a revenue bond question before the people in the November 1972 elections.

The size of the bond sale the voters will be asked to approve has not yet been determined, said Fraser.



Ky threatens Thieu

SAIGON (UPI) —Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky has threatened to "destroy" President Nguyen Van Thieu to prevent establishment of a dictatorship in South Vietnam, sources close to the vice president said Friday.

The threat came as the presidential campaign opened

officially Friday with Thieu as the only candidate. The sources quoted Ky as saying he believes that Thieu will be overthrown before the scheduled Oct. 3 election.

Ky told Vietnamese newsmen earlier Friday:

"If Thieu goes on the way he is doing now, dictatorship will

be set up in South Vietnam. The Vietnamese people will have to fight dictatorship in the country as well as the one which comes from outside.

"The Vietnamese people have always wanted freedom and democracy, never dictatorship. If President Thieu wants dictatorship, this will be a sad thing

for the country."

Ky had been a candidate but dropped out of the race with retired Gen. Duong Van "Big" Minh. Both accused Thieu of "rigging" the election.

In further elaboration, sources close to Ky said he feels that the next 30 days until the election are crucial to the

future of the country. The sources said there is a good chance the elections never will be held because of demonstrations and other unrest.

The sources said Ky feels so strongly about Thieu's position that he had "threatened to destroy him and his clique, if by destroying Thieu it would remove a dictator and help the country and the people."

Thieu Friday named Col. Nguyen Khac Binh, head of the South Vietnamese Central Intelligence Agency, as head of the National Police because of the possibility of more street demonstrations. The group is similar to the American FBI.

Binh replaces Maj. Gen. Tran Thanh Phong who became unpopular in the police force because of his crackdown on officers taking bribes. Binh is expected to be placed in charge of over-all security if the demonstrations do break out.

Six political parties called on Thieu Friday to resign "or face the consequences before history" — swift reaction to Thieu's Thursday announcement he would be the only candidate and that he would resign if he failed to receive a vote of confidence in the election. He did not say what percentage he would consider a vote of confidence.



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Proposed zoning debated

Kenneth Hollar, right, who is building a trailer court on Lake Elmo Road, pleads for "protection from harassment" by opposers when "we comply and build under zoning." Sandwiched by

map boards, left, is Earl W. Kinney, protesting the zoning. Hearings were conducted Thursday night by the City-County Planning Board.

3 plead guilty in telephone fraud

By GEORGANNE LOUIS
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A private detective, a housewife and an electronics company employe all pleaded guilty Friday in federal court to fraud by wire.

The three were private investigator Burleigh K. Allen of 1235 Landscape Drive; the wife of an electronics company employe, Mrs. Sandra Byrd Newberg of 15 Grand Avenue; and electronics company employe, Rudolph Rancuret of 2104 Concord Drive.

Each of the three was charged in two-count indictments with using an electronic device to bypass the telephone billing system on long-distance calls.

The second count against each

defendant was dismissed after each pleaded guilty to the first count.

ALL THREE were given two-year suspended sentences, placed on probation for that period and fined \$500 by Judge James F. Battin.

A grand jury indictment of the same charge against Robert Seitz of 1016 7th Street West, a construction worker, was dismissed at the request of U.S. Atty. Otis Packwood.

Packwood told the court the calls from the Seitz telephone had been made by another person, already under indictment.

A fifth defendant also charged with fraud by wire had his case continued until 9 a.m. Thursday

so he could confer with his lawyer. The defendant is Leslie Rudolph, formerly of Great Falls, now living at 7018 Old Hardin Road, Trailer 5.

THE FIVE in court Friday were among 10 persons indicted Aug. 3 by a federal grand jury on charges that the 10 had used a multi-frequency signal generator which bypassed the telephone billing systems in 761 long-distance calls.

Judge Battin ordered that the devices taken from the Seitz, Allen, Newberg and Rancuret telephones by the FBI could be retained by the U.S. attorney's office and destroyed.

The indictments stemmed from a joint investigation by the

FBI and Mountain Bell Telephone Co.

Allen, 62, admitted making an Aug. 17, 1970, call between Billings and San Francisco with the device. Count II, which was dismissed, had charged 11 additional calls.

Mrs. Newberg, 25, admitted a Nov. 30, 1970, call between Billings and Denver. She told the court the final destination of her call was not Denver but she had used the device to reach a Watts line in Denver. Count II, which was dismissed, charged her with 50 additional calls.

Rancuret, 42, pleaded guilty to an Aug. 30, 1970, call between Billings and Albuquerque, N.M. Count II, again dismissed, charged him with four additional calls.

Cool 'n clear

Labor Day weekend in Billings will have mild days and cool nights.

A rainy Friday morning produced .42 of an inch of precipitation but clearing was forecast for Friday night and Saturday.

Friday night's low will be 40 to 45 and Saturday's high will be 70 to 75. A high near 65 was forecast for Friday.

Rain chance is 30 per cent Friday decreasing to 10 per cent Saturday.

The hottest September day in Billings weather records was Sept. 4, 1950, with 100. Last year the weekend temperatures ranged from 52 to 91.

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County gets \$204,200 for new jobs

By DAVID T. EARLEY
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Yellowstone County's fluctuating unemployment rate may have cost the county \$146,500.

That's how much less it gets than Cascade County out of the latest federal unemployment-fighting grant.

But county officials, and the mayors of Billings and Laurel, have been advised to be of good

cheer. More federal funds may be forthcoming to supplement the \$204,200 granted to expand the public works force employed by the three local governments.

Clarence Nybo, state employment security director for Billings, explained to a meeting of county and city officials Friday that apportionment of the \$1 billion in federal funds to stimulate local hiring was made on the basis of unemployment statistics

as of the end of May.

"If they'd taken July figures, we'd have gotten about what Cascade County got."

The Cascade and Great Falls share of the \$4 million financial windfall for Montana's governmental units is—initially—\$380,900, compared with the basic grant to Yellowstone County of \$267,600.

PART OF the funds are re-

served for state hirings within the counties: \$63,400 in Yellowstone and \$30,300 in Cascade. Adn so the Cascade-Great Falls share, based upon May unemployment statistics, is \$350,700, said Nybo.

The Billings and Yellowstone unemployment rate at present is in excess of 6.5 per cent, he added.

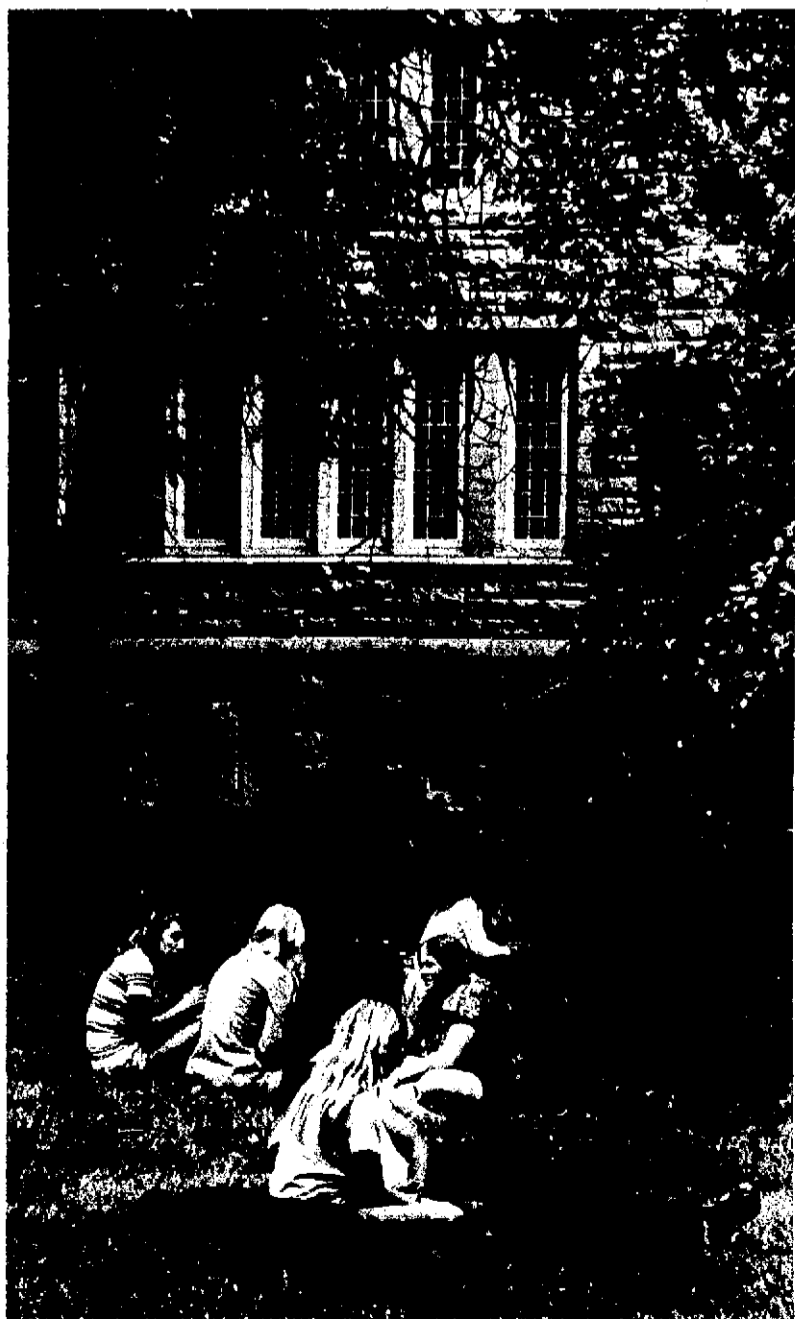
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WHEREAS most land outside

the city limits would be zoned "agricultural" if the new proposal receives official city and county approval, the board may recommend a "community commercial" classification for the Grand-Shiloh corner.

Developers of the corner, represented by Dean Swanson, have

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While summer lingered

Students returning to school found weather to enjoy the grass near the Student Union at Rocky Mountain College before Friday's rains

brought a reminder of fall to Billings. Hot August became crisp September with coolness timed to turning calendar pages.

FBI probes White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — An FBI investigation into the leaking of sensitive information to newsmen by government officials extends to the White House and Pentagon, as well as the State Department, it has been learned.

Informants say the probe involves lie detectors and demands that officials sign affidavits swearing they did not provide unauthorized material to reporters.

According to these informants the White House ordered the FBI into the current investigation after a July 23 New York Times story gave details of a new secret American proposal at the U.S.-Soviet strategic-arms-limitation talks in Helsinki.

First official indication of the unusual query came Thursday when the State Department acknowledged some of its personnel had been questioned by the Justice Department concerning

sources of "stories which we judge to be harmful to the national interest."

State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey declined to "go into details or the anatomy

of the investigation. However, information provided by various sources produced the following account:

The administration has been

bothered by more than one story dealing with sensitive information attributed to government officials, including the famous Pentagon-papers incident. But the direct cause of the investigation was the July 23 Times story that raised serious concern in the White House.

This led to the order that the FBI investigate, a move supported and cooperated in by Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

The FBI subsequently found four State Department officials who confirmed talking to Times reporters who wrote the arms-limitation story, but the four denied leaking sensitive information.

Big Four sign Berlin accord

BERLIN (UPI) —The Big Four ambassadors signed an historic Berlin agreement Friday designed to ease tensions in this divided city and to help bring about a new area of peace and security in Europe.

It was the first major Berlin agreement since the one 22 years ago ending the 1948-1949 blockade which Josef Stalin imposed on the city at the height of the cold war.

Its main points:

—It spelled out for the first time the western right of unimpeded access to the western outpost 110 miles inside East Berlin.

—It gave West Berliners the right to pass through the Berlin wall to East Berlin and

recognized the ties that bind West Berlin to West Germany. But it did not destroy the wall.

—In concession to the Russians the agreement barred West Berlin from becoming a state of the West German Federal Republic and limited West German political activity here.