





# Oil prices continue in downward tailspin

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices went into a tailspin Monday after OPEC broke off a nine-day attempt to come up with a plan for cutting production and reducing excess world supplies.

Analysts said they expected prices to hover around \$10 to \$12 a barrel until the cartel finds a way to limit output. The analysts said they did not foresee prices going much lower than that because demand would pick up.

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Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude, closed at \$12.34 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That was down sharply from Friday's \$13.94 close, but up from a low of \$11 in early trading.

April contracts for unleaded gasoline slid from Friday's close of 44 cents a gallon to 40 cents; regular gas dropped to 39.55 cents from 44.24 cents; and heating oil closed at 47.69 cents, down more than a nickel from Friday's 52.83 close.

Oil prices have fallen dramatically since late November, when crude oil

traded at \$30.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Over the past two weeks in the United States, all grades of gasoline decreased an average 7.91 cents a gallon, said Dan Lundberg, an industry analyst who surveys 17,000 gasoline stations in 50 states bi-weekly for his Lundberg Letter.

Since January, prices have fallen 24.26 cents a gallon, to an average of 95.76 cents a gallon for all grades — full-service and self-service including all taxes, he said over the weekend.

The Los Angeles-based analyst said

retail prices could drop an additional 2 to 3 cents before leveling off.

Members of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have seen their share of a bloated world market cut away by such non-OPEC producers as Britain, Mexico and Norway.

The plunge accelerated in December when OPEC formally abandoned price and production quotas in favor of trying to win a bigger share of the market by cutting prices.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Developers plead guilty to fraud charges

DALLAS (AP) — A suburban Dallas developer and one of his former business partners pleaded guilty Monday after a 2½-year probe of questionable construction loans tied to the failure of five savings associations. Mesquite developer Clifford Ray Sinclair and Robert Lueben entered the guilty pleas the same day they and Sinclair's wife, Kathryn, were to be tried on charges stemming from \$750 million in loans made between early 1982 and 1984.

The three were indicted in December on federal charges of conspiring to defraud lenders in connection with the construction of thousands of condominiums along Interstate 30 east of Dallas.

### Supreme Court OKs police roadblocks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday permitted states to continue using sobriety-check roadblocks in their efforts to curb drunken drivers.

The action, however, set no national precedent and left unresolved a split among state courts as to whether such police roadblocks violate the privacy rights of motorists who are stopped.

The justices, without comment, let police in Virginia continue using the roadblocks, although they some day could agree in another case to study the controversy more fully.

### Shultz attempts to renew base accord

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The United States and Turkey said Monday they would not reach a new agreement on U.S. bases during Secretary of State George Shultz's visit, but an American official said that "no big deal" because the current one remains in force.

Shultz will end three days of talks here today and will instruct lower-level diplomats to continue trying to settle key issues, a U.S. official said.

# Senate group OKs tax overhaul provision

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a vote portrayed by Chairman Bob Packwood as an unwarranted victory for the very rich, the Senate Finance Committee agreed Monday that municipal bonds now in the hands of investors should remain free of federal tax.

The committee, without taking a vote or considering any amendments,

tentatively decided to retain all present-law special tax breaks for the oil and gas, timber, farming and mining industries. The House, in passing its version of tax overhaul last December, had increased taxes on those industries by about \$8.8 billion over five years.

Several senators said they will offer amendments later affecting those tax provisions, which include the oil depletion allowance, immediate

deductibility of timber-growing costs, and quick writeoff of fertilizer and land-clearing costs.

Action on the bonds provision, taken by voice vote without dissent, helped to quiet fears that had unsettled the market for municipal bonds, a term for any security issued by state and local governments. The committee will decide later whether to tax bonds issued in the future, but by a 19-0 vote the panel agreed that not

even that change — if it is approved — would take effect before 1987.

"We are not talking about taxing the poor ... not even the upper-middle incomes," Packwood said. "We are talking about taxing the rich — the very rich."

His proposal would have applied only to a few hundred thousand people whose incomes and deductions are so high that they are subject to a "minimum tax."

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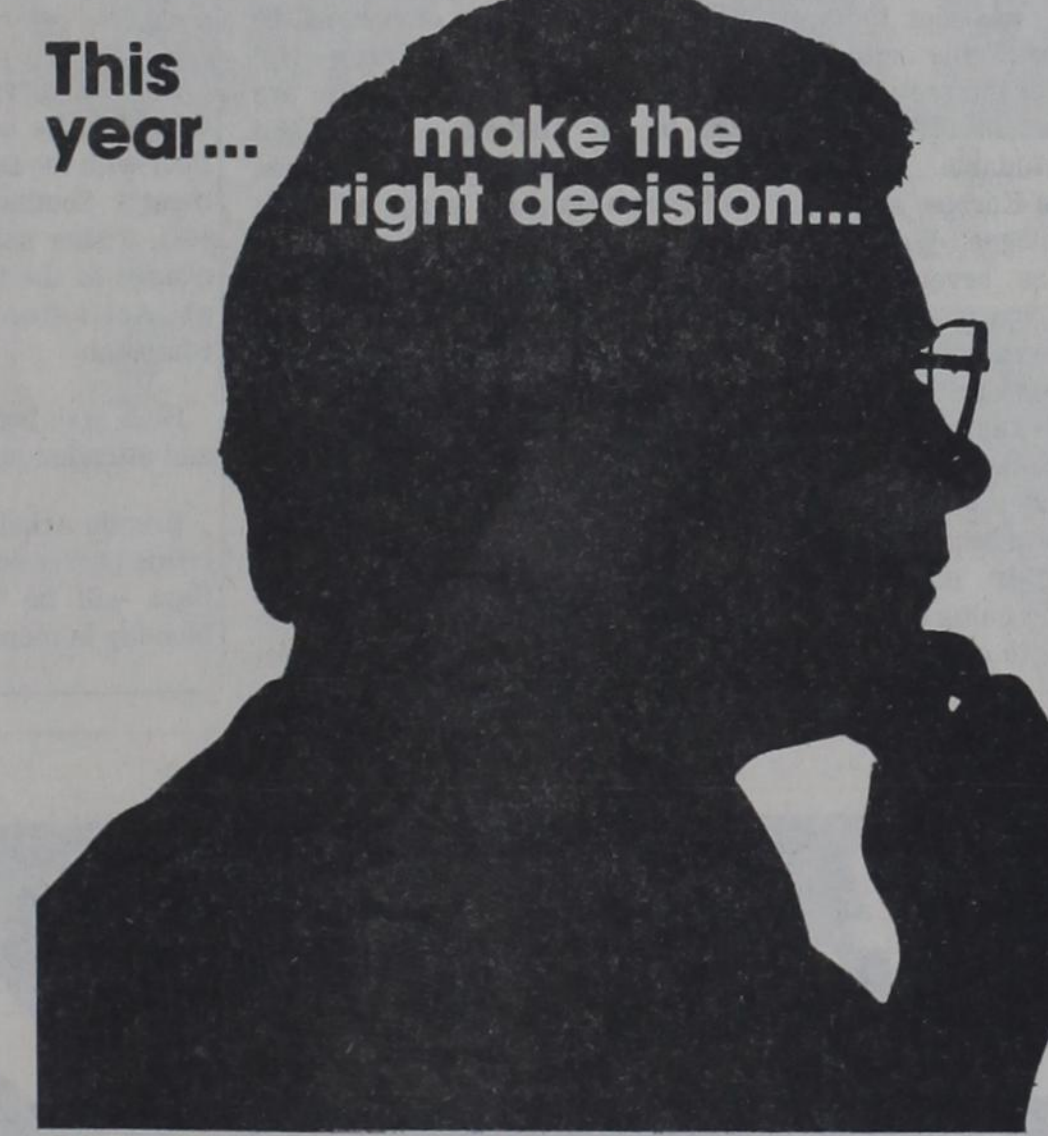
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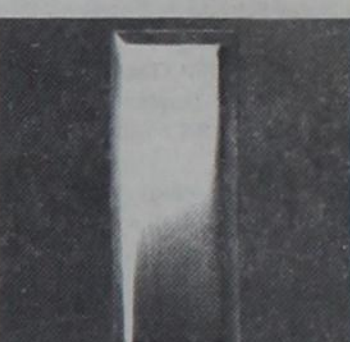
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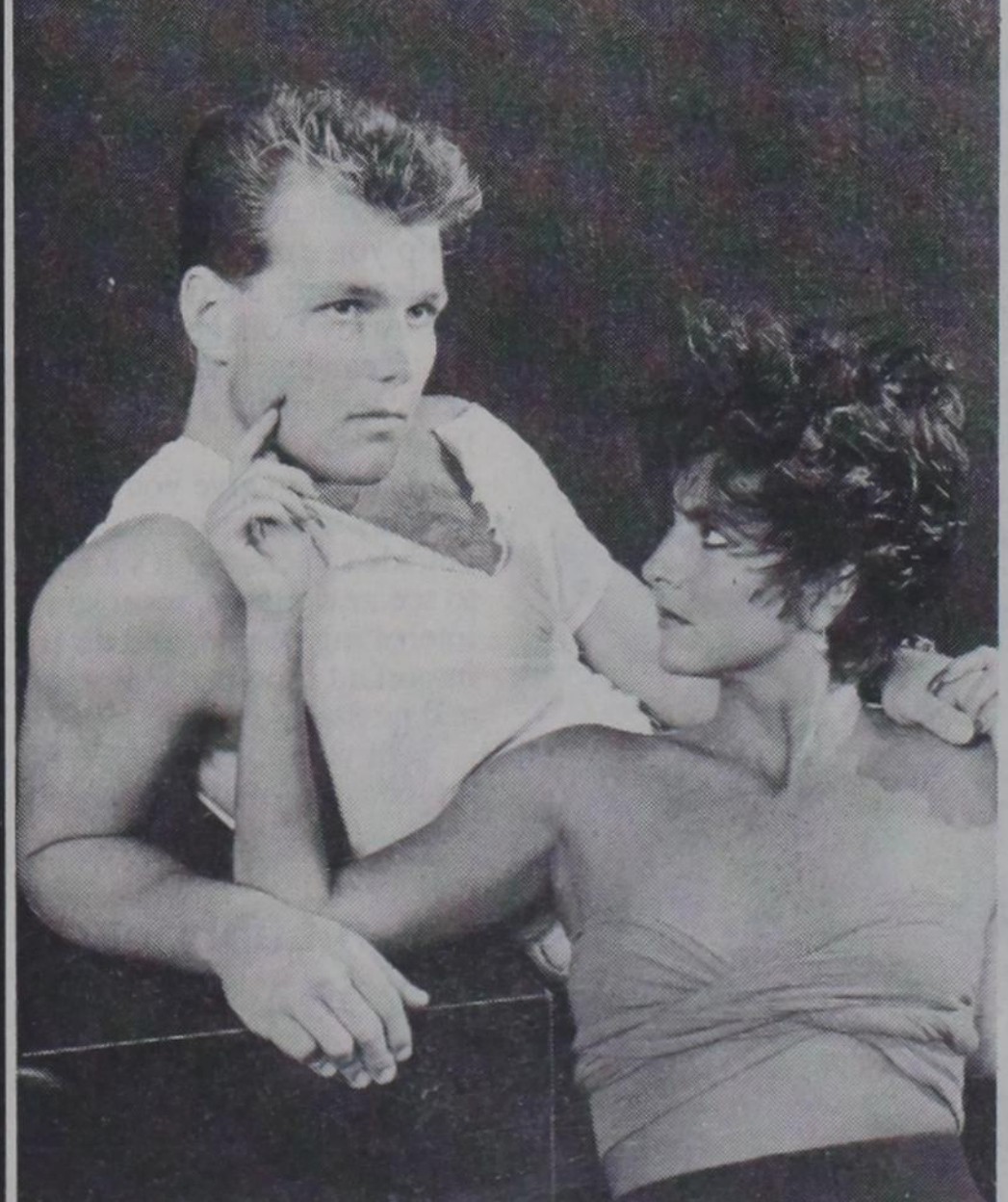
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# 'Out of Africa' wins best picture, sweeps awards

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Out of Africa," the tale of Danish writer Isak Dinesen's romantic sorrows as a young woman, dominated the 58th Academy Awards on Monday by winning seven Oscars, including best picture and best direction by Sydney Pollack.

Top acting honors went to William Hurt, as the homosexual, movie-loving prisoner in "Kiss of the Spider Woman," and seven-time loser Geraldine Page, as the ailing widow determined to return to her childhood home in "The Trip to Bountiful."

Sentimental favorite Don Ameche was named best supporting actor as the retiree made young again with the help of visitors from outer space in

her father, John Huston, who directed her, lost a bid for them to take home father-daughter awards.

No picture had been expected to dominate the awards, but "Out of Africa," adapted from Isak Dinesen's writings, also won for Kurt Luedtke's screenplay, John Barry's score, for art direction, sound and cinematography.

In a stunning rejection by academy voters, "The Color Purple" which had tied "Out of Africa" with 11 nominations, failed to win a single award. The industry had already aroused controversy by denying a nomination to director Steven Spielberg.

"I want to thank Horton Foote for all this," Page said in tribute to her screenwriter, as the Music Center audience at the 58th Academy Awards gave her a standing ovation. No ac-

love, you have given to me — and I hope I have earned — your respect," said Ameche, who had never before been nominated during 50 years in Hollywood. "For that I am deeply grateful." He also received a standing ovation.

Huston, herself a first-time nominee, also became the first person to win an Oscar for a movie directed by her father.

"This means a lot to me since it comes for a role in which I was directed by my father (John Huston), and I know it means a lot to him," said Huston.

The Oscar for best song went to Lionel Richie's "Say You, Say Me" from "White Nights."

Best foreign film was Argentina's "The Official Story," a moving drama of a woman who learns her

original screenplay and film editing, while "Cocoon" was named for visual effects. "Back to the Future," the science-fiction comedy, was honored for sound effects editing, and "Mask," the story of a horribly deformed youth and his mother, won the Oscar for makeup. "Ran," the Japanese epic directed by the great Akira Kurosawa, won for costume design. "Broken Rainbow," was named best documentary feature.

The honorary awards provided more sentiment as Paul Newman, cited for his series of distinguished performances and devotion to his craft, spoke from Chicago, where he is filming a sequel to "The Hustler."

Nominated six times with no Oscar, Newman said wryly that he hoped his honorary award "did not come wrapped as a gift certificate to Forest

for self-worth, drew both support and criticism even before the show began.

One homemade banner hanging over the red-carpeted promenade outside the Music Center proclaimed "Whoopi, Good Luck," referring to the film's star, Whoopi Goldberg, a best actress nominee for her first movie. Another was a reproduction of the movie's trademark with a message critical of the Academy's treatment of Spielberg, the fabulously successful director of such blockbusters as "Jaws" and "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial."

A group protesting "Purple's" depiction of American blacks picketed the ceremonies later in the day. The Coalition Against Black Exploitation has complained that the film incorrectly portrays black men as "brutal and savage" and black

restore glamour to the awards and help improve the audience ratings, which have sagged recently.

This year's awards also promised to restore some of the drama that has been missing the last few years, when such best-picture winners as "Amadeus," "Terms of Endearment" and "Gandhi" had been widely anticipated.

Three of Monday night's awards were announced well in advance of the show. In addition to Newman's award, the Academy Board of Governors voted an honorary Oscar to Alex North for his "brilliant artistry" in creating film scores. North had been nominated 15 times without winning.

Charles "Buddy" Rogers, who starred in the first best-picture winner, "Wings," was named for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for his philanthropic work and "his unselfish efforts in helping others." He is the widower of Mary Pickford, an academy founder.



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horizons to acting with an appearance in "Miami Vice." He is scheduled to appear in yet another "Vice" episode to be based on the title track from his newly released album.

JUDAS PRIEST's "Turbo" — release date March 24.

This leather-clad band was formed in 1969 by guitarist K.K. Downing and assist Ian Hill. They were joined by frontman Rob Halford in 1971 and by Glenn Tipton and Alan Moore in 1974. The band has become extremely well-known for its live shows, featuring Halford in his trademark S&M ear, bolting onstage on a motorcycle.

A quote off the back of their 1984 "Pretenders of the Faith" album could be said to define the band's use of imagery. "The Metallian — rising from darkness where hell hath no mercy and the screams of vengeance echo on forever, only those who keep the faith shall escape the wrath of the Metallian — Master of all metal."

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# Tech begins spring drills in businesslike fashion

By COLIN KILLIAN  
University Daily Sports Editor

Texas Tech's David McWilliams seemed to be enjoying the first day of spring football practice Monday, his first as a college head coach.

"Honestly, it felt pretty good," McWilliams said with a smile after he watched about 150 players begin scraping off a winter's worth of rust in preparation for the 1986 football season.

"They showed a little zip and did some things well," he said. "It went pretty well for the first day."

Tech trainer Ken Murray said the Raiders suffered no

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—David McWilliams

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major injuries, other than the usual scrapes, bumps and bruises.

Spring practice will continue for the next four weeks, finishing with the annual Red-Black game April 19 at Jones Stadium. The Raiders will have their first scrimmage Saturday. All practices and scrimmages are open to the public.

With the first day of spring drills, McWilliams began trying to solve the losing maze Tech has been trapped in for seven consecutive seasons. The Raiders finished 4-7

last fall, leading to the dismissal of five-year coach Jerry Moore.

The Raiders return nine offensive and six defensive starters from last season, providing McWilliams a firm foundation on which to build Tech's football fortunes. Overall, Tech returns 48 of 66 lettermen.

"I'm certainly excited about getting started," McWilliams said Monday at a pre-practice press conference. "I feel I know a lot about our squad physically since I've been able to watch film of them last year and been able to watch them in the off-season program.

"But I don't know about them mentally, from a football standpoint — what kind of mental toughness there is, what type of mental capabilities there are."

McWilliams said he would use the final depth chart from last season as a base for the spring. However, he said several players have changed positions. Tight end Ricky Boysaw has been moved to defensive end, tailback Keith Henderson has been placed at cornerback, fullback James McGowan has switched to tailback and defensive tackle John McLain has crossed over the line of scrimmage to offensive guard.

McWilliams said added emphasis will be placed on the Raiders' passing game from a multiple set offense, which replaces the wishbone used by Tech last season.

"The (players) were more like me — more work than talk," McWilliams said of the initial workout. "There was not a lot of rah-rah type stuff. I hope the enthusiasm will come, but we had great work. It's just time to stop talking and start working, and that's what we did."

Two key players will sit out the spring recovering from knee surgery. Senior linebacker Brad Hastings, a legitimate All-America candidate, and senior tailback Timmy Smith both are expected to return in the fall.



**In your face**  
Texas Tech's James Johnson and Ricky Boysaw engage in stretching exercises during Monday's opening day of spring football practice. Spring drills are open to the public.

## Arizona assistant to be UTSA basketball coach, report says

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Ken Burmeister, an assistant coach at the University of Arizona, will be the University of Texas at San Antonio's head basketball coach, the San Antonio Express-News reported Monday.

Burmeister, 38, will replace Don Eddy, UTSA's first basketball coach. Eddy quit Feb. 7 after the school began investigating an incident in which he allegedly shoved a player during a game.

Burmeister was picked by a six-man search committee over three other finalists, the Express-News quoted an unnamed source as saying.

Dr. Alan Craven, a search committee member, would neither confirm nor deny the report. But he did say a coach had been named and that the school would announce the appointment later.

Burmeister was in Houston over the weekend and told the newspaper he would not confirm he had been appointed.

## Ticket agents enjoying Final Four fiesta

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Agents are doing a brisk trade in tickets for the NCAA Final Four this weekend, with eager buyers ready to trade cash, trips and even a used Rolls-Royce.

"We buy them one minute and we sell them the next," said Bob Zidell of Spectrum Tickets.

He said the phones were ringing constantly Monday with inquiries from people who want to sell tickets as well as those who want to buy a seat at the college basketball championships at Reunion Arena.

"It's big," said Scott Daima of Texas Tickets. "We're selling as many as we can get our hands on."

Selling prices for the ticket prices range from \$650 for so-so seats to \$1,500 for premium, lower

level seats, agents said.

Zidell, a former stockbroker, said the atmosphere at his agency was similar to a commodities exchange.

Agents said the volume of tickets sold is small, about about 20 to 30 sales per day, because they must purchase the tickets before they can sell them.

The \$46 general tickets, distributed by lottery, sold out several months ago, said Zidell, who describes himself as a "ticket broker" pricing his commodity by the laws of supply and demand.

Zidell said he has been offered free trips to Vail, Colo., London and Hawaii in return for seats.

"We're considering dealing with a Fort Worth gentleman who's considering trading his used Rolls-Royce," Zidell said. He said the car, worth about \$12,000, was offered in return for several tickets.

Sales were moving slower in special ticket packages, with 18 of the packages still unsold Monday, said Rick Baker, the executive director of a private committee hosting the championship.

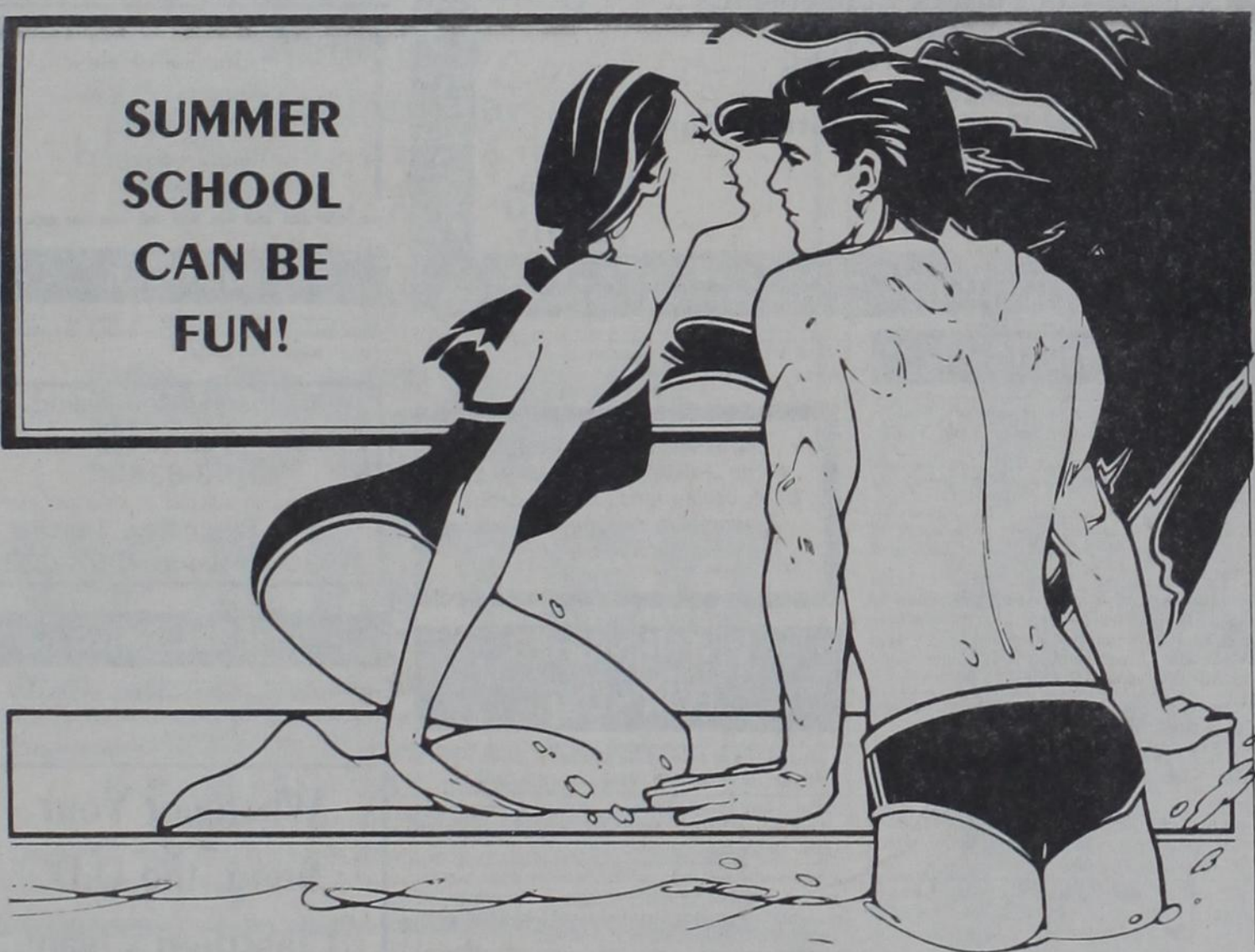
But Baker said he expects to sell the remaining packages before the end of the week. He said 100 of the \$5,000 packages have been sold and the remaining 18 are part of 40 packages offered at \$4,000 each.

The special ticket packages include party invitations, parking permits and two seats to the two Saturday games and the Monday championship.

"We've had more phone calls than we know what to do with," Baker said.

Ticket scalping, selling tickets for more than their face value, is prohibited on city property, but Jack Beckman, manager of Reunion Arena, said he does not have the people to enforce the law.

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