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Social Security overhaul proposed

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Newt Gingrich, in a bid to force debate in the new Congress on a volatile issue, is proposing radical overhaul of Social Security in which mandatory private retirement accounts would generally replace monthly government checks.

Gingrich, R-Ga., who intends to outline his ideas in a speech to the Georgia Business Council in Atlanta next week, says his idea for a "stable permanent Social Security" is designed to force discussion on an issue that has plagued Republicans politically for decades.

"Hiding Social Security in a closet is a net loser for the Republicans because the Democrats kick the door in," he said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Gingrich won re-election to his fifth House term from Georgia on Tuesday with 60 percent of the vote. But in a replay of past campaigns, Republican candidates in Georgia, Alabama and other states were defeated in races in which they came under attack for voting to cut Social Security cost of living increases.

Younger workers would be required to establish Individual Retirement Accounts to provide for their own retirements, although the federal government would be responsible for maintaining all senior citizens interest rates by creating a new pool of private savings, help correct the trade imbalance and help create jobs by abolishing the payroll tax. In addition, he says, "It will decrease our fears about retirement."

Gingrich, whose conservative

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How's that?

Nuclear

Q. Can you name the United States Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier?
A. The *Enterprise* was commissioned by the Navy in 1961.

Calendar

Pancake supper

- TODAY**
- There will be an all-you-can-eat pancake supper at 5 p.m. at 900 San Antonio Street to support the local International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge. The cost is \$2.50 and \$1.25 for children under 12.
 - The mayor's prayer breakfast will be from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Homestead Inn. Tickets for the continental breakfast are \$2.
 - The Highland Council for the Deaf will have a carnival with side shows from 7 to 12:30 p.m. A "slave auction" will take place from 9-11 p.m. when students from SWCID will be "sold." Proceeds will go to interpreting services.
 - There will be an Arts and Crafts show at the Coahoma Community Center from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - The Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Senior Choir will sponsor a chili dinner and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church. The cost of the dinner is \$2.50. Church members will deliver orders of four or more dinners without charge. For free delivery, call 263-4069.
 - Howard County 4-H food show and awards program will be at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.
- TUESDAY**
- District 24 of the Texas Nurses Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Staff Development Department in the Big Spring State Hospital.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Tri-college Army ROTC interviews will be at the Howard College Student Union Building 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- The local Chapter of the National Association of Retired Employees monthly meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Kentwood Older Adults Center. Officers will be elected.

Tops on TV

Marco Polo

"The Adventures of Marco Polo" (1938) stars Gary Cooper, Basil Rathbone in the travels of a 13th century explorer Marco Polo on Ch. 6 at 7 p.m.
Also on television tonight:
"Testament" on Ch. 5 at 8 p.m.
"The Sting" on Ch. 8 at 10:30 p.m.

Outside

Fair

Skies are fair today and will continue through Sunday with highs in the low 70's today, and in the mid 60's Sunday. Wind is 10-20 miles per hour and gusty. Lows will be in the mid 40's.

Party calls state race a success

AUSTIN — You wouldn't expect a candidate who received less than one of every 10 votes cast to talk about success, but Robert F. Reid, the Libertarian Party opponent of state Treasurer Ann Richards, was happy about Tuesday's election results.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the number of voters who voted for us," he said in a telephone interview from Fort Worth.

The Libertarian Party, crushed in all statewide races, especially those featuring Republican and Democratic candidates, did enjoy a measure of success, however.

The party, which advocates turning over many functions of government, such as roads and schools, to the private sector, needed to collect 5 percent of the vote in at least one of the statewide races in order to gain a place on the 1988 ballot.

Without that 5 percent, the party would have to engage in a costly and time-consuming petition drive to get its candidates on the ballot, which was the case for Tuesday's ballot.

"We spent half our resources and time to just get on the ballot," said Reid, who received about 8.4 percent of the vote against Richards. "Next election, we won't have to waste our efforts on a petition drive. You'll see a considerable improvement in our standing," he said.

Libertarian George Meeks of San Antonio received almost 10 percent of vote against state Comptroller Bob Bullock, as did Wiley Rawlins of Dallas in his bid against Texas Supreme Court Justice Jim Wallace in the Place 3 race.

John Steiner, director of the legal section of the Secretary of State's office, said the party will have to receive 5 percent of the vote in any statewide race in 1988 to retain "ballot status."

Recent third parties that were on the ballot in Texas included the Citizens Party, the Socialist Workers Party and La Raza Unida.

If Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Theresa Doyle of San Antonio had just received about four more votes per precinct, the party would have been eligible to hold a primary in preparation for the 1988 election.

Instead, Doyle, with 1.24 percent of the vote in the governor's race fell short of the necessary two percent to allow a primary.

But Reid said that was just as well. He said primaries allow the state to take control of the party.

County

Commissioners to review right-of-way for Highway 87 project

Howard County commissioners will review the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation's request for a right-of-way on South Highway 87, when they meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the county courthouse.

According to a news release from the highway and public transportation



Spiffy

Five members of the Steer Band show off their new uniforms Wednesday at Big Spring High School. From left to right, the band members are senior band captain Medina Corwin, junior trumpet soloist Jo Jo Paredes, freshman cornet player Marilyn Corwin, senior co-captain Mike Ramey and senior assistant drum major Cory Lewis. See photo feature, page 6B.

Jobless rate rises in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — While the national unemployment rate remained stable in October, the jobless figure in Texas jumped to 9.5 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday.

Labor Department figures for October show 781,000 Texans were looking for work, 51,000 more than in September when the state's jobless rate was 9 percent, officials said.

Seven percent of the nation's labor force was looking for work in October. The national jobless rate for September also was 7 percent.

"Things aren't getting any worse, but I can find little reason for optimism," said Bryan Richey, southwest regional commissioner for the agency. "(The rate) suggests things have leveled off and we're starting to make small advances."

Richey said the Texas labor force increased in October.

"Many found jobs but many did not," he said.

Richey cited continuing depression in the oil and gas market, economic problems along the Mexican border and foreign competition as problems plaguing the Texas economy that will not be solved quickly.

Slumps in mining, construction, transportation and utilities also are slowing the economy's growth, Richey said.

"Until we can find a way to stimulate alternative job growth, we're likely to see relatively high unemployment in Texas," Richey said.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley and the Midland-Odessa areas continue to show the highest rates of unemployment, while the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the Interstate 35 corridor, which includes Austin and San Antonio, have the fewest out of work, he said.

The Texas unemployment rate last month showed a 1.5 percent jump over that of a year ago, representing about 151,000 more unemployed in the state, Richey said.

Joblessness in Texas now has been at or above 9 percent for four months and above 8 percent for nine months. Unemployment in the state peaked at 10.5 percent in June, Richey said.

department, a project to upgrade US Highway 87 to four lanes south of Big Spring was approved by the highway commission in its October meeting.

The project, with an estimated construction cost of \$2.2 million, will extend from Hearn Street to just south of Ranch-to-Market

Road 33, a 2.5 mile distance.

The commission action is contingent on Howard County's agreement to furnish right-of-way from Hearn Street to the Glasscock County line and to provide for any necessary adjustment of utilities. The county has 90 days to act on the offer.

When the offer is accepted, the highway department will proceed with the development of construction plans and financing.

Expansion of US 87 from that point to the Glasscock County line will be considered based on statewide priorities, traffic demand and the availability of funds.

In addition to the highway discussion, commissioners will also take action on canvassing of votes received in the county clerk's office in Tuesday's general election.

County Trapper Lyn Carpenter will also report on his trapping activities from April 15 thru Oct. 31.

Nation

By Associated Press

Letter describes abuse

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of Nicaraguans who served in the National Guard of the deposed Somoza dictatorship are being subjected to physical and psychological torture, according to a letter smuggled from the Sandinista prison where they are confined.

The letter, purportedly written by one of the inmates at the penitentiary, located 30 miles east of Managua, said the former guardsmen "have been beaten and chained in damp, dark isolated parts of the prison."

The inmates also have been victims of "selected torture," such as rationing of water and food, exposure to the elements and sexual abuse, as well as deprivation of sleep, medical attention and adequate hygiene, the letter said.

Needles may be given

ALBANY, N.Y. — In an effort to combat the spread of AIDS, the state Health Department is studying a proposal to give a small number of drug addicts in New York City free hypodermic needles, state Health Commissioner David Axelrod said Friday.

New York City Mayor Koch said that although he hasn't been officially notified of the proposal, it sounds like a good idea.

"The spread of AIDS in the heterosexual community is coming from the drug-addicted group," Koch said. "We must explore in a reasonable and responsible way" measures to combat the disease.

But Koch added that he was concerned that distributing free needles might be perceived as condoning or perhaps fostering drug abuse.

"You have a balancing of interests," Koch said.

Kids found dead in dryer

MIAMI — A mother whose unattended children were found dead in a clothes dryer told police she left them alone when she went to work because she expected the baby sitter to arrive shortly.

Linda Grant found her sons, 4-year-old Anthony and 3-year-old Maurice, burned to death when she returned from work Thursday afternoon, said police spokeswoman Deborah Wilson.

Police were investigating the possibility that someone put the children in the dryer, but the deaths appeared to be accidental, Robertson said.

Police said Ms. Grant, 32, had had baby-sitting problems all week, and had called in sick to her job at an elementary school cafeteria Monday when she couldn't find anyone to stay with the children.

Judiciary Committee

Work depends on more than leader's politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although the Senate Judiciary Committee will have a liberal at the helm and a Democratic majority next year, the political makeup of the whole committee will determine how thoroughly the panel's past conservative agenda can be demolished.

The makeup could be crucial to committee Democrats' attempts to stop some of President Reagan's conservative judgeship nominees and to send liberal legislation to the Senate floor, according to congressional sources in both parties.

The committee will be headed next year by either Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who was chairman in 1979-80, or Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, currently the ranking Democrat. Both are liberals and both have led battles against Reagan judicial nominees — although Kennedy did so with more fervor.

Democratic sources, speaking only on condition they not be named, said the party wants to avoid losing their majority on key votes as Republicans did on several notable occasions in the 99th Congress.

The GOP's 10-8 majority fell apart at times because moderate Sens. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who won re-election, and Charles Mathias Jr. of Maryland,

who retired, sometimes voted with the Democrats.

But Democrats on occasion lost votes of two moderate-to-conservative members, Howell Heflin of Alabama and Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, neither of whom faced an election this year.

One Democratic source speculated "it will be harder to get Specter" next year, because without Mathias, he could be in the uncomfortable position of standing alone in bolting from his party.

Sources said there are several ways the liberal Democrats can try to assure success.

• They could push for an 11-3 Democrat-to-Republican ratio, thus giving liberals a better chance to win on their issues. To stop a nomination, however, Democrats will still have to hold onto at least one of the two conservative votes — or lose both while persuading Specter to vote with them.

• They could try to cut a deal with Republicans, assuring them of keeping eight seats on the panel in return for selection of a GOP moderate for the panel. The Republicans are going to need eight seats on Judiciary — where four vacancies were created by retirements or election defeats — to find spots for senators having to leave other committees.

World

By Associated Press

Minister rumored ill

MOSCOW — Thousands of soldiers marched across Red Square on Friday for the Revolution Day parade, the annual display of Soviet might which this year included posters denouncing the U.S. "Star Wars" program.

Defense Minister Sergei L. Sokolov missed the parade, the military's most important annual public observance. The 75-year-old official is rumored to be ill.

It was only the second time in Soviet history a defense minister missed the ceremony marking the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

Sokolov's absence left the most junior of his three first deputy ministers, Gen. Pyotr G. Lushev, to review troops massed on the cobblestones of Red Square under a light snowfall.

Demands 'reasonable'

NICOSIA, Cyprus — The speaker of the Iranian Parliament said Friday that his country's conditions for helping win the release of American hostages in Lebanon were reasonable and that the United States was begging for talks with Iran.

Hashemi Rafsanjani, a powerful figure in the clergy-led Iranian government, said Washington is seeking talks with Tehran in hopes of securing the release of the remaining captives, at least some of whom are held by Shiite Moslems believed loyal to Iran.

Rafsanjani said Tuesday that Robert McFarlane, a former U.S. national security adviser, traveled clandestinely to Tehran to try to mend U.S.-Iranian relations. The speaker said McFarlane and four others were confined for five days and expelled without seeing any officials.

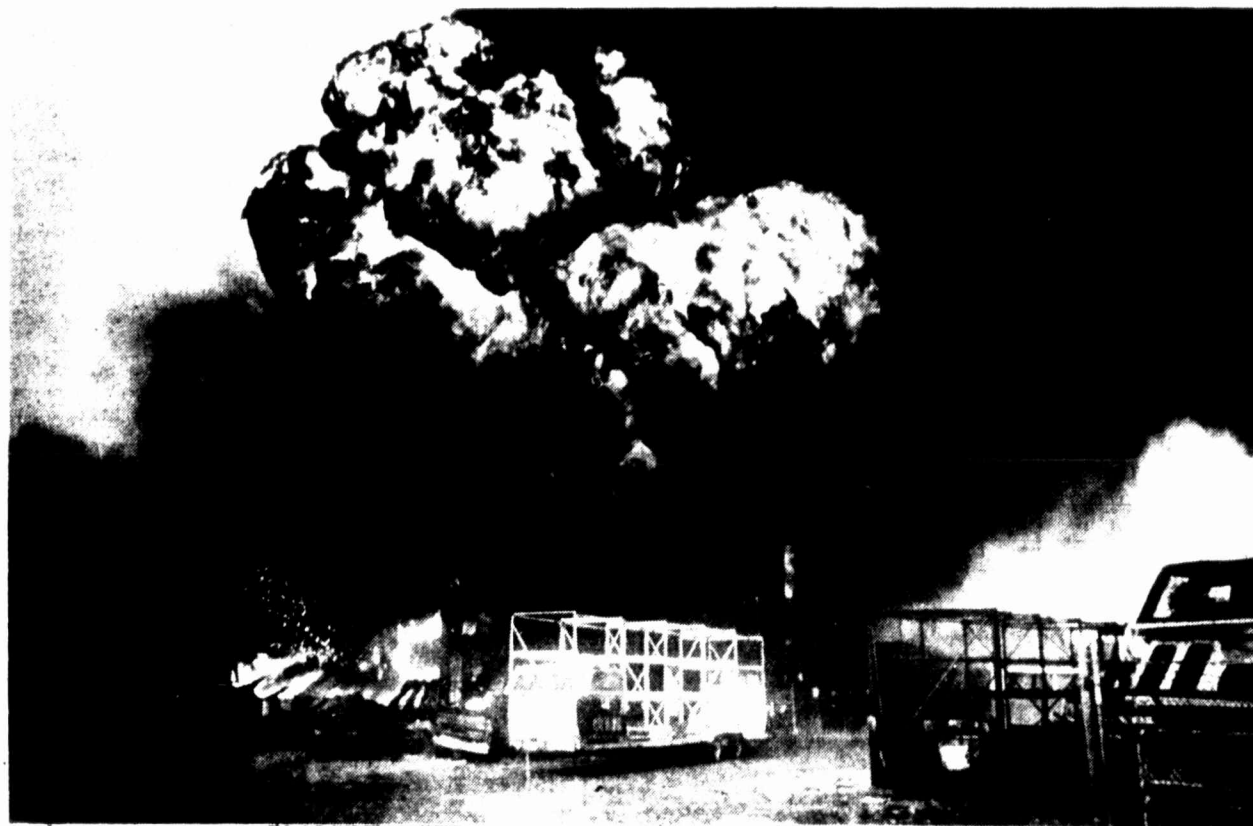
Flight records found

SUMBURH, Shetland Islands — Divers working 300 feet below the surface Friday recovered the cockpit voice recorder of a helicopter that crashed into the North Sea, killing 45 people, a British government investigator said.

It may provide clues to the cause of the crash, the worst ever by a civilian helicopter. The twin-rotor Chinook was ferrying workers from a North Sea oil field Thursday.

It went down so quickly that the crew did not radio a distress signal. The two survivors among the 47 aboard still were in shock Friday and unable to explain what happened, a doctor said.

David King, chief inspector in the Accident Investigation Bureau of Britain's Transport Department, said divers from the support ship Deepsea 1 had found the forward section of the American-made helicopter.



Associated Press photo

Fire ball

Fire destroying a camper manufacturing plant caused the evacuation of some nearby homes in Richmond, and eastern Kansas community of about 450. Two employees of Rigid Form, Inc., suffered smoke inhalation, and a firefighter suffered minor burns. Ron Webster, plant owner, estimate the loss at \$1 million.

France believes U.S. negotiated with Iran, foreign minister says

PARIS (AP) — France believes the United States negotiated to free American hostages in Lebanon, the foreign minister said Friday.

Jean-Bernard Raimond, speaking to the Anglo-American Press Club, said he did not know the details of how hostages were released and said reports of U.S. arms sales to Iran were not discussed during a meeting earlier Friday with U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

But asked if he thought the United States negotiated with Iran to free American hostages, Raimond replied: "Everything allows us to believe that they in fact negotiated, I don't know by what means, but apparently they negotiated, even though they often said don't negotiate with terrorists."

"I note with satisfaction that after the incessant criticism of France ... others now find themselves vulnerable, perhaps more vulnerable than us," Raimond said.

Reports surfacing this week indicate that the United States may have made secret deals with Iran to buy with spare military parts freedom for three American hostages held captive in Lebanon: David Jacobsen, the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco and the

Rev. Benjamin Weir. The United States has embargoed all arms sales to Iran since 1979.

Islamic Jihad, a group of Moslem Shiite fundamentalists loyal to Iran, released Jacobsen on Sunday, Jenco last July and Weir in September 1985.

Eight Frenchmen are missing in Lebanon, and Paris was hit by a wave of bombings in September. France has drawn heated criticism over reported deals with Syria and overtures to Iran.

France also has come under fire for what is perceived as its lack of solidarity with Britain, which claimed Syria had a role in the attempted bombing of an El Al Israel Airlines jetliner and called on European nations to impose sanctions against Damascus.

Earlier Friday, Premier Jacques Chirac issued a statement saying he was misinterpreted in an article published in The Washington Times.

The story said Chirac had reported hearing from West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher that the attempted bombing was organized by Israel's Mossad secret service along with renegade Syrians in an attempt to bring down President Hafez

Assad's government.

Chirac's office said in a statement that the interpretation of the premier's comments was "completely unfounded." Chirac later told reporters he thought his conversation with Times editor Arnaud de Borchgrave was not for publication.

A West German government spokesman in Bonn denied that Kohl or Genscher made such comments. However, Washington Times spokesman Larry D. Chandler said the accuracy of the story was backed up by a tape recording made of the interview with Chirac's knowledge.

Britain claims it has proof of Syrian involvement in the April bombing attempt. The foreign ministers of the 12 European Common Market nations are to meet in London on Monday to review the possibility of a common stand toward Syria.

"We have a certain number of indications provided by Britain ... indications which bring into question the Syrian (secret) services," Raimond said.

Asked if the information was convincing, he responded: "They are sufficiently convincing for us to take measures of solidarity."

Shultz: refrain from negotiating

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Friday that not negotiating with terrorists is the right policy for the United States, but he refused to say if that policy was abandoned in seeking the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

"The White House is in charge of the executive branch and they have issued a statement that all statements will be handled by the White House and that's why I cannot comment," Shultz told reporters on his Air Force plane as he returned to Washington.

He returned home Friday evening from talks in Paris with French officials on terrorism and in Vienna with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze on arms control. Both he and Shevardnadze said their meetings Wednesday and Thursday ended in sharp disagreement.

Shultz said after a one-hour meeting Friday with French Premier Jacques Chirac that they

reaffirmed their shared determination to stamp out terrorism but disagreed on policy toward Syria, which Britain has accused of involvement in terrorism.

The United States has backed Britain's break in relations with Syria and withdrawn its own ambassador from Damascus. Chirac has ruled out breaking relations with Syria and, according to French reports, negotiated with Syria to use its influence to end a string of September bombings in Paris that killed 11 people.

Reports of a clandestine White House program to get military equipment to Iran shadowed Shultz on his way home.

Iran's Parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Tuesday that a U.S. delegation secretly visited Iran recently to seek improved relations, and U.S. reports have said the United States and Israel have shipped weapons and military parts to Iran to win the release of Americans kidnapped in Lebanon.

"I am not going to comment on that," Shultz said in an airborne news conference before stopping in Shannon to have his jet refueled.

According to some reports, Shultz protested to President Reagan that shipping arms to Iran contradicted U.S. policy. The White House has not acknowledged such shipments.

Maintaining an almost solid wall of silence apparently bothered Shultz. "I don't particularly enjoy it," he said. "I like to say what I think."

Long-standing U.S. policy has ruled out negotiating with those who hold Americans hostage or with countries that sponsor the captors. The State Department has said only that a dialogue about the hostages' well-being is permissible.

The Lebanese group Islamic Jihad, which released American David Jacobsen on Sunday and still holds two other Americans, is made up of Shiite Moslems loyal to Iran's Shiite leadership.



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Steer band marching to state competition

By EDDIE CURRAN
Staff Writer

Halftime of the Big Spring Steers' game in Pecos three weeks ago found the Pecos fans nonchalantly mulling about the stands — refreshments in hand — waiting for the second half.

The Big Spring Steer marching band earlier that day had made the 140-mile trek to Pecos.

As the Pecos fans were about to discover, the band came to please. The Steer marching band caught the fans' attention with "Shine Down", ended all conversation in the stands with "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", and then blew away the Pecos audience with its finale, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

As horns blared and drummers pounded, the Pecos fans rose. They didn't stand and clap and cheer out of a sense of politeness. Rather, the music went in their ears, tingled down their spines, and combusted spontaneously in their legs. The Pecos fans, recognizing a quality performance, responded with a loud and lengthy standing ovation.

As the Steer band has proven in the last two weeks, that inspired performance was nothing out of the ordinary.

Two weeks ago, the Steer band won the district band competition and advanced to regionals. Last Saturday in Odessa the band took another big step, winning the region.

Monday the Steer marching band faces its biggest test — the state finals in Austin. Senior band captain Medina Corwin plays

the xylophone, which she says "weighs a thousand pounds." Having been involved in band since the sixth grade, one might say that Monday's performance will be the culmination of seven years of hard work and good times for Medina.

"It's still so hard to believe that we finally made it. I hope we will be in the top three, but it's scary to think about. We've had a lot of support from the elementary schools and the townspeople. That helps a lot when you feel the city is behind you," the spunky senior said.

Senior trombone soloist and assistant drum major Cory Lewis has also been in band seven years.

"It's like a dream. I'm really thrilled about it, because in years past we did good in the position we were in, but some of those 5-A bands were outrageous. Now we're getting more of a fair chance."

Corwin agreed the drop to 4-A had helped. She said it was difficult to compete with the huge 5-A bands that had "much more windpower."

Directing the Steer band are Ricky Mitchell, Steve Waggoner and Pat Daniel.

Mitchell said he has several reasons to be confident about the band's chances Monday in Austin. Although Pecos also qualified for state, the Steers have twice been rated above Pecos this season.

Pecos was fifth in the state last year, and three bands ahead of Pecos graduated to division 5-A.

"I feel like we're going to be in the top three, and I feel like we have a real good chance of winning. We've been building to this, because we have such a solid band and we've moved to 4-A. Those two facts

help, and also the strong leadership we get from the seniors," Mitchell said.

The band will be judged in three categories, he explained — musical, marching capabilities and general effect, and categories within each divisions.

Among those categories are playing in tune and phrasing in musical, and uniformity and clarity of formations in marching capabilities.

As the Pecos fans might attest, the strength of the Steer band is in the third category, general effect.

"That's where we beat out Pecos. We were a lot stronger in general effect. Our music is something people recognize, which helps us," Mitchell said.

Lewis agreed with his director. "That's one thing we have. We really get the crowd going. We get a standing ovation every time. And not only do we do our show and play in the stands, but we back up our team; we give them a lot of support," Lewis said.

The Steer band's show opens with "Shine Down", which Mitchell described as "a little dance step — a fast rock type thing that's real exciting."

Selection number two is a drum feature, "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers."

"We have so much going on. The drummers are up front and the color guard is right behind them and the band is on each side doing different things with their capes," the director said.

The band closes with the "Battle Hymn", a patriotic song that Mitchell called "a good, emotional type thing."

Although the Steer band makes its show look easy, looks can be deceiving. Several

band members were asked what was harder, the playing or the marching? "The playing while your marching," blurted freshman cornet player Marilyn Corwin, and several of her band mates laughed.

Her comment, however, sheds light on the difficulty not only of playing an instrument and marching, but of staying precisely in step — with 142 bandmates.

In a band, one bad apple can certainly spoil the entire bunch, and there are plenty of apples.

With all those people turning and marching in between one another, it almost seems a miracle that bandmates don't lock horns.

Three possible reasons for its success may be that the band practices and practices and practices.

In August, they practiced four hours daily: two marching and two playing. During the school year, they practice each day during school for an hour and from 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays.

In the past several weeks, with district, regional and now state competitions, the band has been practicing on Tuesday nights as well.

The hope is, of course, that the judges in Austin will appreciate the band's hard work.

If all goes according to plan, just when the band hits the killer notes on the "Battle Hymn", those judges won't have a choice. The general effect will flow through their ears, tingle down their spines, combust in their legs and blast out their vocal chords. "The winners!" they'll shout.



Big Spring High School band director Ricky Mitchell, on a platform high above the practice field, uses a PA system to call out instructions to his marchers.



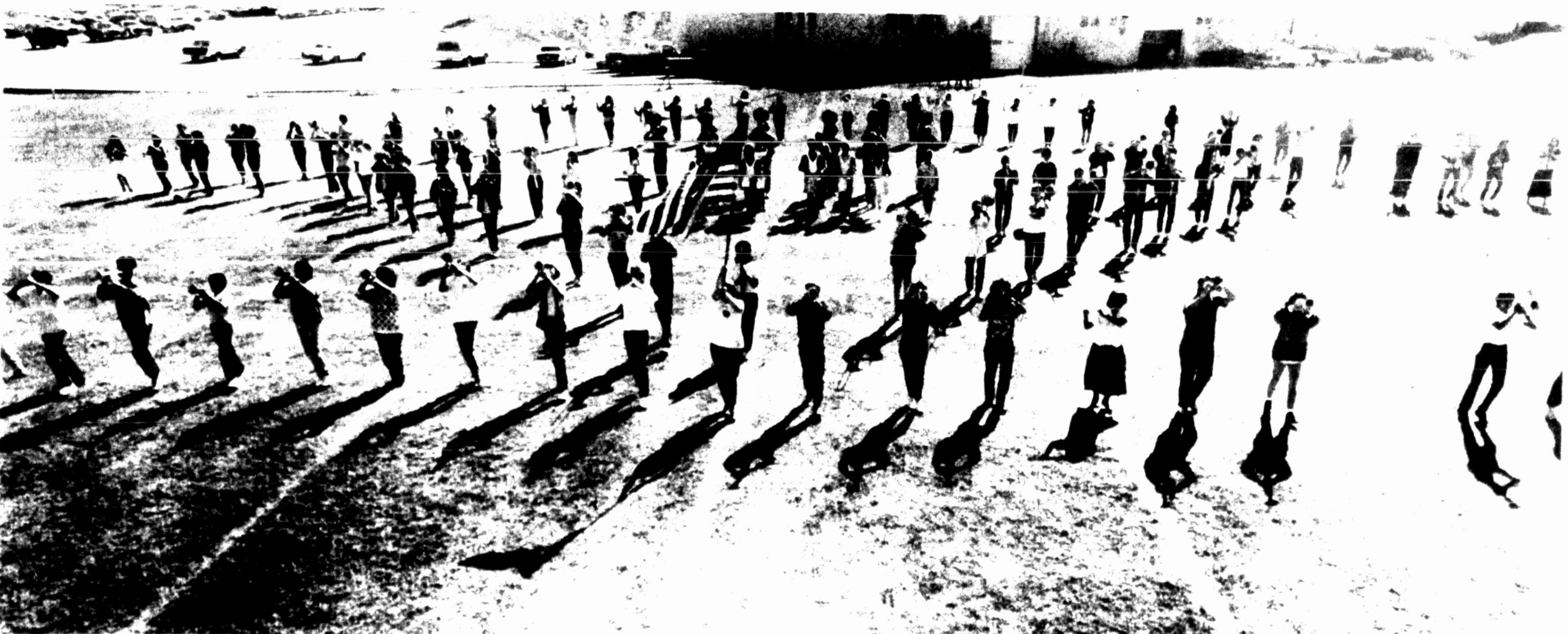
The horns have it, in this procession of Steer band members during a recent practice session.



Arthur Hernandez strains to look toward band director Ricky Mitchell, to make sure he is performing correctly.



Flutist Tara McCann maintains her concentration as she plays her instrument and follows her marching pattern.



The Big Spring High School marching band practices its routine on the practice field on the north side of the high school before heading off to state competition in Austin Monday.

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