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Outstanding in his field

A land surveyor from Wyoming County, N.Y., checks the geography of farmland along Tonawanda Creek near Alexander. Stubs of corn stalks

stick up through several inches of snow as land changes and erosion are studied.

## Bailout won't save benefits: Pension pros

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pension experts say the Social Security system is in more trouble than a \$168 billion bailout plan can cure — an argument which may be backed up by revised government figures.

The House Ways and Means Committee and its subcommittee on Social Security ended seven days of hearings Wednesday on the rescue plan drafted by the National Commission on Social Security Reform.

After receiving a revised forecast from the Social Security Administration on the system's outlook for the rest of this decade, the subcommittee will begin drafting legislation next week.

Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, the subcommittee chairman, said that after taking testimony from more than 120 witnesses he was "pleased that so far no major national organization and no major national figure has come out against the package."

However, various organizations have protested certain parts of the plan, "which is understandable," Pickle said in an interview.

"But no one has said, 'Don't pass a bill unless our needs are met,'" he added.

Some groups have complained that the House is moving too quickly on the rescue plan submitted to Congress late

last month. House leaders have acknowledged that quick action is necessary to keep opponents from building up pressure against the measure. In addition, the government has said the system will be broke after June.

Pickle said that once the subcommittee begins drafting the legislation, "we'll move fast."

One issue the legislators must consider is whether the package goes far enough.

Several witnesses before the subcommittee on Wednesday warned that calculations on Social Security's debts did not tell the full extent of the system's problems.

Gerald D. Faciani, representing the American Society of Pension Actuaries, said he believes the reform commission and Social Security's actuaries have underestimated the retirement system's long-range deficit.

Other pension groups also expressed concern that the forecasts were too optimistic. The American Academy of Actuaries endorsed the compromise plan, but said Congress should raise the retirement age to 66 by 2015, then index it to longevity, as a majority of the reform commission suggested.

## City's population climbs to 92,000

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
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Midland's population zoomed up to 92,000 by the end of 1982, according to Mayor G. Thane Akins. And that is one reason the city had difficulty keeping up with resulting problems, he told the Uptown Business & Professional Women during a luncheon Wednesday in Midland Center.

Admitting the council faced some bad experiences from a three-year fast growth period, the mayor explained operations of local government, sending out a plea for all people to get involved.

When the U.S. Census was taken in 1980, Midland's population was pegged at 70,525. When 1982 closed, the figure had been bumped up to 92,000 by the city's Planning Department, "and that's a conservative estimate," said the mayor.

"That represents a 12.5 percent growth per year since 1980. That's phenomenal growth. Most cities would consider 3 to 4 percent good growth. And with annexation, the growth was up to 15 percent some years," he said.

Continuing, Akins noted, "There's no way to stay up with it. I know we've had some bad experiences.

Now, we're in a more reasonable growth period."

To illustrate the fast growth, Akins said the city's Planning and Zoning Department one year had more applications for zoning than did the city of Dallas.

One of the problems of city government, he contended, is the lack of involvement or apathy, of the citizens.

"Whether you like it or not, politics is where it's at. Most everything that affects you in life many times is brought on by people in politics," said Akins, in his second term as mayor.

Midland's local government is organized under the manager-council concept, similar to many other cities with more than 5,000 population. That can be worked three ways: a weak city manager and strong council, a strong manager and weak council, equal work for both.

"Ours is written up where it's a strong council and weak city manager, but we operate cooperatively," Akins explained. "We try to separate ourselves as the policy-making group and the city manager handles day-to-day operations.

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## Begin may resign, call elections

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin may resign and call early elections to resolve the furor over a recommendation that Defense Minister Ariel Sharon step down because of Israel's role in the Beirut massacre, news reports said today.

The reports came as Begin's Cabinet prepared to meet for the third time in two days to debate whether Sharon should remain in the government.

A government-appointed special inquiry commission on Tuesday found Sharon partly to blame for the Sept. 16-18 massacre of more than 700 Palestinians and recommended he resign.

The Tel Aviv daily newspaper Maariv said leaders of Begin's Likud political bloc predicted the Cabinet would adopt the commission's recommendation and that Begin would resign soon and set elections.

Begin holds a substantial lead in political polls, and is believed to view early elections as a means of solidifying his government's position.

Israel Radio said Begin, who was criticized by the commission for "indifference" to the possibility of a massacre, was expected to announce his strategy at today's Cabinet meeting. The radio said Begin was likely to propose early elections.

The daily Yedioth Ahronoth said most Cabinet ministers believed the crisis had come down to a choice between Begin's resignation and Sharon's ouster.

Sharon was said to be insisting that



Supporters of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his government Wednesday gather outside his Jerusalem office. See related stories and photos, Page 4A.

Begin fire him because he believed that by resigning voluntarily he would be admitting guilt.

"I won't put a Mark of Cain on my forehead voluntarily," he was quoted by Yedioth as telling a meeting of the military high command.

Avraham Shapira, parliamentary chairman of Begin's ruling coalition, told reporters after a meeting with

He said Sharon had asked the Cabinet not to order the soldiers punished.

Public opinion on Sharon's fate was divided, and demonstrations both for and against him erupted Wednesday here and in Tel Aviv.

In its findings released Tuesday, the commission said that Sharon should leave his post for allowing Lebanese Christian militiamen into the Sabra and Chatilla camps where between 700 and 800 Palestinian refugees were killed.

It urged that Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, chief of military intelligence, be fired, and said the military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, would have been recommended for dismissal were it not for his retirement this April.

The report also said the United States could bear part of the blame for the slaughter because it refused to persuade the Lebanese army to mop up Palestinian refugee camps.

It further touched on the "hasty evacuation" of the multinational peace force, including U.S. Marines, from Beirut after the evacuation of Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas in late summer. The foreign peacekeeping troops were sent back to the Lebanese capital after the massacre.

Criticisms of the U.S. role were muted in the 108-page document but the commission suggested the partial responsibility of others "perhaps could be clarified in another framework."

## Anglican Church debates nuclear weapons use

LONDON (AP) — Bishops, clergymen and laity gathered at the headquarters of the Anglican Church today to discuss nuclear weapons in what church officials say is the most their most significant debate since World War II.

The debate focuses on whether the Church of England, the state church officially headed by Queen Elizabeth II, should call for a phased program of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Bishop John Baker of Salisbury has submitted this proposal to the church's leadership council, and a vote was expected at the end of today's meeting on whether the 550-member general synod should press Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to begin disarmament while keeping Britain in the NATO alliance.

Baker says nuclear weapons are morally unacceptable. He faces opposition from Bishop Graham Leonard of London.

Leonard, who like Baker once served in the army, proposes that the government reduce its dependence on nuclear weapons but not give them up. He argues that their use "can be morally acceptable."

The debate coincides with Vice President George Bush's return to the United States after a seven-nation tour to promote President Reagan's proposals for deploying more nuclear missiles in Europe while continuing disarmament talks with the Soviet Union.

The Reagan administration also is encountering anti-nuclear pressure from churchmen. A special committee of U.S. Roman Catholic bishops has drafted a pastoral letter condemning the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons and the letter is expected to be adopted, with minor revisions, at a meeting in May.

The key speech at the Anglican meeting was expected from Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie. He is spiritual leader of the church and head of the worldwide, 65-million member Anglican Communion, which includes 3 million U.S. Episcopalians.

In his Christmas Day sermon last year, Runcie condemned the money and effort spent building "lunatic" nuclear arse-

nals, but he has not supported one-sided nuclear disarmament. The archbishop is expected to go along with the government's multilateral policy — retaining the weapons until other countries agree to give up theirs.

The debate opened one day after a Gallup poll showed two out of three Britons rejecting unilateral disarmament but a majority of them against the planned deployment later this year of U.S.-controlled cruise missiles in Britain.

The nuclear debate intensified in response to a report called "The Church and the Bomb: Nuclear weapons and Christian conscience," drafted by a group of churchmen headed by Baker.

The report was requested by Leonard, who is chairman of the church's Board for Social Responsibility. The board did not agree with all the findings of the report, which drew widespread attention when published last October and was dismissed by Mrs. Thatcher as "unrealistic."

## Panel expands probe, plans to subpoena 25 EPA employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House subcommittee, expanding its probe of the Environmental Protection Agency's handling of a toxic waste cleanup program, intends to subpoena 25 EPA employees, the panel's chairman says.

The House Energy and Commerce Investigations subcommittee was meeting in closed session today after EPA Administrator Anne M. Gorsuch attempted to restrict the right of House investigators to question EPA employees.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the panel's chairman, said Wednesday the subcommittee planned to subpoena the workers, either today or Friday, for questioning about possible manipulation for political purposes of the \$1.8 billion "superfund" program to clean up toxic waste dumps.

Mrs. Gorsuch said Wednesday restrictions imposed on her employees were designed to protect the workers, not hinder the subcommittee.

"If they wish to waive those rights, that's their right," Mrs. Gorsuch said. "But it's my job to protect the rights of those employees until they wish to waive them."

The restrictions included the presence of EPA lawyers and Republican congressmen during questioning. In addition, the subcommittee staffers were required to provide a transcript of the interviews to EPA headquarters.

Dingell said the restrictions illegally interfered with the employees' rights to speak freely with congressmen, as well as Congress' constitutional role to oversee the executive branch.

"I find the agency's attempt to intrude into the internal operations and procedures of the subcommittee extremely offensive," Dingell told Mrs. Gorsuch in a letter. "I can assure you it will not be tolerated."

A subcommittee source, who insisted on anonymity, said the employees expected to be subpoenaed included personnel in

both EPA's Washington headquarters and its San Francisco regional office.

Dingell said the subcommittee also would revive a subpoena issued last year for EPA enforcement documents relating to three cleanup sites, one each in California, Oklahoma and Michigan.

The California site — Stringfellow, near Riverside, Calif. — has become the focus of the congressional inquiry into the superfund program.

Stringfellow is considered as California's worst toxic dump site. About 170 chemical companies dumped waste at Stringfellow.

Dingell confirmed Wednesday that the subcommittee is investigating allegations that money for cleaning up the site may have been withheld for fear it would help the Senate campaign of then-Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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## Lawyer shoots himself in funeral chapel

AUSTIN (AP) — Suicide has been ruled in the death of a 52-year-old Houston lawyer found shot to death in the funeral home where he arranged his final rites two months ago.

A Bible was found nearby, open to John 3:16-18, referring to everlasting life for believers. The verse was marked in black pen.

Police said Juliam Knox Lyles was killed Wednesday by a shot to his heart with a .357 Magnum pistol. An apologetic note was found on a chapel organ.

Lyles, who also operated a real estate business in Houston, was arrested last December in Houston and charged with two counts of sexual abuse of a child involving two 15-year-old boys, Houston police said.

A funeral home attendant said Lyles had come in at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and asked to play the chapel organ. Police said the shooting occurred at 12:24 a.m. Wednesday.

Lyles' body was found in an anteroom to the chapel, lying face down.

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# Dogcatcher regrets freeing dogs

*Killing 11 pushed him 'off deep end'*

ROSENBERG, Texas (AP) — A suspended dogcatcher who says he "went off the deep end" after killing 11 dogs in one afternoon says he wasn't thinking clearly when he freed three condemned mongrels.

"What I did was wrong, I know that. If I don't want to see a dog destroyed, I'll do my damndest to find him a home. You can bet on that," said Dan Barnshaw.

"I just wasn't thinking clearly that day. It was a bad day all the way around," he said Wednesday.

Barnshaw, who let the animals out of his truck a mile from town last week, ended up having to kill two of the dogs later the same day because someone saw him release the animals and notified police. The third dog never was recaptured.

"This one particular dog was black and ginger and those are the same colors as mine," said Barnshaw, referring to his Doberman pinscher named Dobie.

Barnshaw was suspended without pay Tuesday and placed on six months probation.

Police Chief Dwayne Sparks said he understood what Barnshaw did.

"We're lucky to have someone in this job who likes animals. I don't think I could kill dogs myself. I guess Dan had just reached the saturation point in killing," Sparks said.

Barnshaw said he had kept the three mongrels a day longer than the 72 hours the rules



AP Wirephoto

Rosenberg dogcatcher Dan Barnshaw was suspended without pay for setting three dogs free Tuesday.

of his job allow because he hoped to find homes for them. He said it was the first time he had ever freed animals he was supposed to kill.

He said he already had shot two dogs and

killed nine others by injection, and could not stand to execute the three remaining in the kennel. So Barnshaw said he loaded the animals in his truck and drove outside this town 30 miles southwest of Houston.

"I opened the cage" on the back of the truck, Barnshaw recalled. "I said, 'Get out of here.' That's all. I had a sigh of relief when this happened."

The dogs bounded out of the truck, and Barnshaw said they knew they were being liberated.

"It's funny what an animal can sense," he said.

Shortly afterward, he said, he was ordered to go pick up the animals again. He said he found two, including the dog that reminded him of Dobie, but could not locate the third.

"They were very easy to catch," he said of the two. "They came back to me."

Barnshaw said killing the pair was doubly difficult after he had freed them earlier.

"But I just said, 'Well, it has to be done,'" he said. "It was better to do this than to have them running wild and turning into a vicious type of animal."

He said he was sorry he had failed to do his job.

"I went off the deep end, I guess," said Barnshaw, who has a mongrel in addition to Dobie. "I don't know what it was. I love animals. I love my work. I know what has to be done."

## Sunken ship's trouble-filled history related

GALVESTON (AP) — A Panamanian-registered freighter resting on the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico is an old ship with a "number of problems," a Coast Guard port captain says.

The 259-foot Eaglescliffe, laden with 3,500 tons of grain, sank about two miles northeast of Galveston Island's north jetty early Wednesday, two days after springing a leak in a starboard hold.

Stormy weather hindered salvage plans Wednesday, but the 19 crewmen, the ship's captain and a pet dog were safely rescued from the boat the day before, officials said.

Coast Guard officials in Corpus Christi said they were familiar with the Eaglescliffe.

"She had been in a number of times and had a number of problems. She was just an old vessel," Coast Guard Port Captain Gerald Hinson told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The freighter ran aground on the south jetty at Port Aransas in February 1979, blocking the Corpus Christi Ship Channel for two days, Hinson said. The ship had lost its steering and was driven by high winds into the jetty, where rocks pierced the engine room, he said.

Later that year, the ship was rescued while listing dangerously en route to Mexico, about 200 miles east of Corpus Christi, he said.

Crewmen discovered a crack Monday in the starboard side, said Petty Officer Don Hope. Water leaking into the ship could not

be pumped out because grain in its hold was absorbing it, Hope said.

The cause of the crack was unknown, he said.

Cmdr. Arthur Whiting of the Marine Safety Office said the ship's superstructure was poking out of 24 feet of water but was too close to shore, to obstruct shipping traffic.

The ship's owner was devising a plan to salvage the sunken ship, he said.

The grain, loaded at Interstate Grain Terminal in Corpus Christi, was purchased by Conasupo, a Mexican government purchasing agency, and bound for the port of Progreso in Mexico.

## Judge to hear witness' changed story

WACO (AP) — A federal judge today will hear testimony from a witness who claims she lied during the 1978 capital murder trial of condemned killer Thomas Barefoot.

Barefoot, convicted of shooting a Harker Heights policeman, had been scheduled to die Jan. 25 by lethal injection.

His scheduled execution was stayed Jan. 24 by the U.S. Supreme Court,

which said it wanted to use the case to decide how federal courts should handle emergency death penalty appeals.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton today will hear a witness' claim that she lied during Barefoot's trial, which ended with his conviction on Aug. 7, 1978.

Barefoot, 42, of New Iberia, La., has maintained he did not kill officer Carl Levin.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Installment debt growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans took on \$2.19 billion more in new installment debt than they paid off in December, marking the second strong credit-spending month in a row.

Both months were paced by auto loans. Total debt outstanding had risen \$2.52 billion in November after declining slightly in October.

The December gain helped push outstanding consumer credit at the end of 1982 to \$343.4 billion, an increase of about 3 percent over 1981, the Federal Reserve Board said Wednesday.

There had been an increase of over 6 percent in 1981 and less than 1 percent in 1980, a year in which spending was held down by credit controls as well as recession.

Consumers actually took on a bit less in new debt during December than during November — \$30.5 billion compared with \$31.6 billion — but the new figure was still much higher than those for most months during the long recession.

Though declining slightly, December's new loans were still far above the month's \$28.3 billion in repayments of old loans. Repayments had totaled \$29.1 billion in November.

### More foreclosures expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — A depressed farm economy probably will force the federal government to foreclose on another 800 to 900 producers, Agriculture Secretary John Block said.

There were 844 foreclosures on producers holding federal farm loans during 1982, triple the number posted a year earlier, and Block said another 6,000 producers with federal loans left farming last year "for a variety of reasons, not only because they failed."

But Block, testifying Wednesday before a packed House Agriculture Committee, said the Farmers Home Administration, USDA's credit arm, has rescheduled, reamortized or deferred loan repayments for 40,000 of the most financially strapped FmHA borrowers to keep them operating during 1983.

Those efforts, he argued, prove that the government is fulfilling its promise to go the "extra mile" to provide farm credit to any producer with a reasonable chance of surviving the current extended slump in market prices. They also should dispel the need for the kind of moratorium on FmHA loan repayment that is being proposed by farmbelt congressmen.

FmHA, which holds about 14 percent of all farm credit, is the lender of last resort, serving the highest risk farmers who can no longer qualify for credit from commercial sources.

### Plan to increase jobs studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says his administration is studying plans to increase employment by speeding up scheduled government construction projects.

The president's spokesman added that no decisions had been made. The president said Tuesday that government agencies and departments had been told to accelerate the work.

But on Wednesday, he said "we are looking at" such steps. His spokesman said Reagan "has made no decision to proceed."

Reagan, in a third day of interviews with journalists from outside Washington, said about the status of the administration's jobs program. "What we do have in our budget already ... is that we are looking at all the agencies and departments of government that have already built into the budget programs of construction, of maintenance, of upkeep and so forth that they need and with the idea of accelerating those and wherever they have them scheduled, doing them now."

He said that it was "pretty hard for a president to say" when the specifics of the program would be determined, but said his representatives were talking to members of Congress about it.

### Air fare war takes new twist

MIAMI (AP) — In the latest twist in the airline fare wars, Pan American World Airways says it is offering a \$99 fare on transcontinental and other routes while allowing a similar fare between Florida and the Northeast to expire today.

The carrier unveiled a mixed bag of \$99 fares between New York and several points, including California, many central U.S. cities and Bermuda. The new fares take effect Friday and are generally valid through early March to mid-April, depending on the market. One hitch is that seats may be limited on many flights, Pan American said Wednesday.

Miami-based Eastern has already announced \$99 fares with various restrictions to several cities beyond today.

The other major carriers did not make announcements Wednesday but have said they will remain competitive in the markets that affect them.

The end of the South Florida-New York discounts means substantial increases on those flights beginning Friday.

Pan American had started the last round of fare cuts when it lowered the seat prices between many U.S. cities to \$99 during the slack January period. Its competitors were critical of the discounts, saying no one could make money, but they quickly matched them.

### GM recalling 1980 X-cars

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. will recall 240,000 of the 320,000 front-wheel-drive X-cars that the federal government was investigating for possible brake defects.

In a statement five days before a government-ordered hearing on the brake problems, the company said letters will be sent to owners of 208,000 1980-model Chevrolet Citation, Pontiac Phoenix, Oldsmobile Omega and Buick Skylark cars with manual transmissions built through the 1980 model year.

GM also said Wednesday it will recall 32,000 1980 models with automatic transmissions built in the early 1980 model year run. The repairs will be done free of charge, GM said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and GM have received several hundred complaints during the past three years from motorists who said the cars' brakes have a tendency to lock prematurely, causing vehicles to go into dangerous spins.

"We took the action voluntarily to go to a recall," said GM spokesman Harold Jackson. "However, the government did issue an initial determination of a safety-related defect, and I guess it would be fair to say that we agree with them."

### Lawmen testify in bomb trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Colorado law enforcement officers have testified the man accused of masterminding a \$15 million bomb-extortion scheme against Gulf Oil Chemicals Co. acted in "good faith" when he traded information about the plot for his wife's release.

FBI agent Brian Jovick said John Marvin McBride talked at length about the scheme and "basically lived up to the agreement."

Michael Bell, an undersheriff with the Durango County Sheriff's Department, also said Wednesday he believed law enforcement officers "got what we bargained for."

McBride's common-law wife, Jill Renee Bird, was promised immunity from prosecution and released Oct. 5, two days after the bargain was struck.

However, Texas authorities withdrew the agreement, contending McBride reneged on the deal, and Ms. Bird was indicted a month later.

The officers' testimony came in a hearing on 40 pretrial motions in case against the couple and three others accused of threatening to blow up Gulf's largest chemical refinery unless they were paid \$15 million.

# Recession brings opportunity to Japanese

EDITOR'S NOTE — "Recession ghost towns" can be found even in Japan. But the Japanese social and economic system shields that nation, the world's third-largest economy after the U.S. and the Soviet Union, from the recession's worst blows. This the fourth article in a five-part series.

By JIM ABRAMS  
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TOKYO (AP) — For Akiyuki Aota, the world recession and its impact on the Japanese electronics industry was a lifetime opportunity.

Aota, a 41-year-old father of two, was the first to hand in his resignation when Akai Electric Co., the company to which he had devoted 20 years of his life, sought 200 voluntary retirements from its male staff last November to save the money-losing company from financial ruin.

With some 15 million yen (the equivalent of \$63,000) in severance pay, Aota will pay off the mortgage on his house, has enrolled in a coffee shop management school, and plans to invest in his own cafe later this year.

"It would be a lie to say I don't regret leaving," he said in an interview. Had prospects for business been better, he said, "I would have stayed on with my colleagues, but I decided the recession will continue for a few years and that's why I decided to fulfill my longtime desire to strike out on my own."

The world recession has taken its toll on Japan's economy. Overall exports were down sharply last year, domestic demand is stagnant and such basic

industries as steel and petrochemicals are in trouble. But in this nation where lifetime employment is part of the social structure, many like Aota are ensured a soft landing for the economic fall.

AKAI ELECTRIC, a maker of high-quality audio and videotape recorder equipment, has been in decline for several years. With 90 percent of production going for exports, mainly to Europe, sales have been undercut by recession and protectionism, and profits have vanished as larger Japanese makers muscled into larger markets with cheaper, mass-produced items.

It had losses of about \$25 million on sales of \$79 million in the fiscal year ending last November, and auditors decided it was time for sharp personnel cuts.

But like most Japanese companies facing similar cutbacks, Akai did not lay off or release any worker. Public Affairs Manager Toshio Suzuki said 216 male workers out of 1,200, more than the original request, voluntarily left their jobs — induced in part by severance payments financed by Akai's borrowing \$7 million.

Its financial backer, Mitsubishi Bank, also made leaving more attractive by arranging new positions in smaller companies affiliated with the huge Mitsubishi conglomerate. "About 130 already have new jobs, and by February everyone should be settled into their new position," Suzuki said.

He said that for those who chose to stay, management-level employees took salary cuts of 5 percent to 10 percent and the female staff will be cut by

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"natural attrition" from 1,000 to 700 this year.

AKAI'S CASE has received much local publicity as proof that even Japan's once-invincible electronics industry is subject to the ravages of recession. But its efforts to avoid layoffs and firings are typical.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries plans to "relocate" 573 workers with Kawasaki subsidiaries, many from its shipbuilding section, where orders were down 64 percent in the first half of 1982.

In the petrochemical industry, where production is expected to be cut by 38 percent by 1985, Mitsubishi Petrochemical plans to transfer 300 workers, one out of 10, to subsidiary firms by spring.

Sumitomo Metal Industries every day sends about 280 of its idle workers to "educational training" classes in which the government, as part of an assistance program for recession-hit industries, pays about half the worker's normal salary.

About 30 percent of Japan's manufacturing companies are carrying out some kind of employment adjustment, said Koichi Aritoshi, Deputy Director of the Labor Ministry Employment Policy Division. But only 1 percent, he said, have actually laid off workers.

THAT IS ONE reason Japan's unemployment rate in November stood at only 2.3 percent, up slightly from 2.1 percent in November 1981 but down from October's 26-year high of 2.48 percent, compared with more than 10 percent for both the United States and Western Europe.

These figures might be higher if U.S. or European formulas for determining employment were used, but Aritoshi said unemployment is kept low because the growing service industry more than takes up the slack in jobs lost in manufacturing.

Workers in small manufacturing firms and subcontractors to the industrial giants — the people first to suffer in a business downturn — have so far managed to switch quickly to service-related jobs.

In November, 56.78 million Japanese had work, up 690,000 from a year earlier, with the addition of 450,000 jobs in

service industries and 440,000 in the wholesale and retail sector, offsetting the 240,000 positions lost in the manufacturing sector.

Japan has not totally escaped the upheavals of structural change and economic malaise without victims however.

IN YUBARI, on the northern island of Hokkaido, about 2,200 people are still drawing unemployment benefits as a result of the October shutdown of the local Hokutan Yubari Coal Mine, a city official said.

The mining company, hit by low demand and a mine disaster in October 1981 that claimed 93 lives, shifted 500 tunnelmen to a different colliery, and the city hired 92 at a public hospital.

Even so, "the general mood in town is that we don't have much of a future," said city official Shinichi Tezuka. About 1,000 of the city's 38,000 residents have already drifted off in search of better fortune, he said.

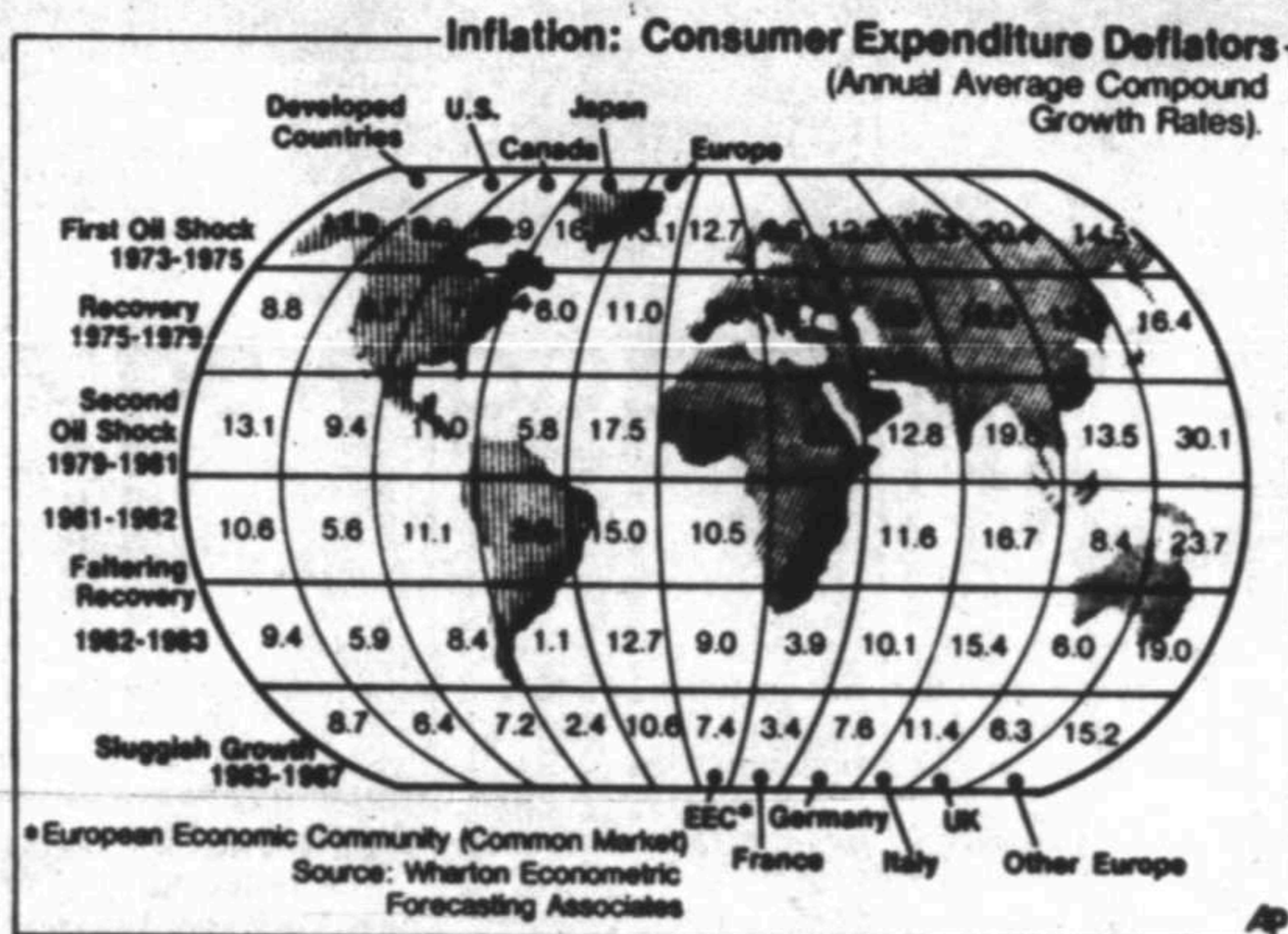
Recent visitors to Nihama, in southwest Japan, say it "already has a look of deterioration," with boarded-up shops, as Sumitomo Chemical prepares to close its local ethylene plant. The workers will fare better than the town itself. A company spokesman said all plant employees have been guaranteed jobs at other Sumitomo plants or related companies.

With the construction industry in a prolonged slump, more than 1,000 workers in the cement industry have been laid off temporarily. The layoffs usually last only a few days, but they are still unusual in Japan, where the layoff is a last resort.

"There is a limit to how much industry can adjust without cutting work forces," said the Labor Ministry's Aritoshi. "If Japan's economy continues to grow slowly, we could have a real employment problem."

Forecasters say the national output will grow little more than 3 percent in 1983, a near-standstill by Japanese standards.

NEXT: Part V-The Climb Back



### Coalition urges natural gas price rollback, freeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — A consumer group, countering a Reagan administration plan for price decontrol, is urging Congress to roll back natural gas prices to their pre-winter levels and freeze them for two years.

The Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition said Wednesday that unless Congress acts, the average homeowner will see his bills increase by 55 percent over the next four years.

Those predicted increases come on top of hikes of 121 percent in residential bills that have occurred since 1978 when Congress began the current decontrol timetable.

In a study titled "Gas Prices Out of Control: The Price of Inaction," the coalition charged that the 1978 law has been a failure, subjecting consumers to stiff price hikes despite record oversupplies of gas.

"Phased decontrol is not working. All across the country, consumers are facing staggering price increases," said Robert Brandon, executive director of the energy coalition. "Gas prices will continue to soar unless Congress stops the decontrol process."

The coalition plan would freeze gas prices for two years at levels in effect before this winter began. Once prices were allowed to rise again, the coalition plan would scrap the current scheduled increases and put into effect hikes that would be kept below the level of inflation.

The coalition predicted that these changes would trim projected residential price increases over the next four years from 55 percent to 27 percent.

This would translate into a savings over four years of \$640 for the average homeowner, who in 1982 paid \$767 for natural gas. However, the coalition said the savings would be even greater in certain parts of the country. It pre-

dicted four-year savings of \$1,306 in Hartford, Conn.; \$1,151 in New York City, and \$1,114 in Flint, Mich.

"We have already seen the damage caused by partial decontrol," Brandon said. "This study shows that the only solution is to stop decontrol."

The Reagan administration, however, wants to move in the opposite direction. President Reagan met with his Cabinet Tuesday and discussed a plan to remove price controls from all natural gas.

Currently, only about 60 percent of supplies are scheduled to be decontrolled by 1985 with the rest of supplies remaining under price controls forever. The administration would remove controls from all supplies of gas.

Energy Secretary Donald Hodel began a round of discussions Wednesday with members of Congress to work out details of a possible decontrol proposal. He said he hoped to reach a consensus on exact details within the next 10 days and present it to the president for his approval.

Earlier administration efforts to seek total decontrol have been sidetracked

because of strong congressional opposition.

However, Hodel said the administration bill this time will have sections to protect consumers from sharp price increases.

One way of doing this, he said, would be to instruct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the law not to allow higher costs to be passed through if pipelines could not show they were bargaining with producers to get the best gas price available.

The Natural Gas Supply Association, which represents producers, hailed the administration's decision to push for decontrol. It said removing all price controls would result in lower prices for consumers just as the decontrol of domestic crude oil did.

Nicholas J. Bush, president of the association, said he had not analyzed the energy coalition study but he called it the "latest doomsday scenario." He said previous predictions by the group have been flawed by using inflated estimates of the price of oil, the fuel natural gas competes with in the market place.

### Dollar retreats

LONDON (AP) — The dollar retreated further on foreign exchange markets today in brisk trading. Gold bullion prices rose.

European currency dealers said the dollar fell on continued speculation of an imminent cut in the 8½ percent U.S. discount rate and the belief that the pro-business West German coalition government would remain in power.

### Steel's claims face test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Claims by the specialty steel industry that imports have hurt domestic production and jobs are facing a test before the International Trade Commission, where foreign producers say they aren't to blame.

At least two European opponents, Belgium and France, contend unemployment rates approaching 50 percent at some U.S. plants are due not to imports but to overall economic conditions in this country.

"The recession and resulting decline in U.S. consumption of stainless steel and alloy tool steel products are a greater cause of injury to the domestic industries than any increase in imports," said a brief filed before today's hearing on behalf of the Association of French Specialty Steel Producers.

But economists testifying Wednesday for the domestic producers dismissed the European contention.

Paul Marshall, an economist with Marshall Bartlett Inc. of Lexington, Mass., used 36 pages of graphs and testimony to back his claim that imports are the culprit.

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## Authority applauds good job

By VINCE GIORGI  
Staff Writer

Midland's Housing Authority patted itself on the back for a job almost done Wednesday after learning that the \$500,000 grant for its fiscal year 1981-82 housing rehabilitation program is stretching far beyond early expectations.

During a monthly meeting in City Hall, Horace Berry, the program's contractor, said repairs are complete on 56 homes while another 32 are being refurbished. Berry said the 88 homes will deplete \$478,322.28 of the original grant, leaving enough money to complete work on an additional three or four houses.

When applying for a Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, city officials estimated that about 45 homes could be repaired with the \$500,000 grant.

Berry said contracts are in hand for the additional houses, and he estimated the work should be complete and the money spent by the end of March.

The City Council has received a \$949,000 block grant for fiscal year 1982-83, and has indicated that \$250,000 of the money will go to sustain the 1981-82 program.

Because of various delays, Midland's 1981-82 housing rehabilitation program did not get started until late in 1982, thus accounting for the overlap of the 1981-82 program into fiscal year 1982-83.

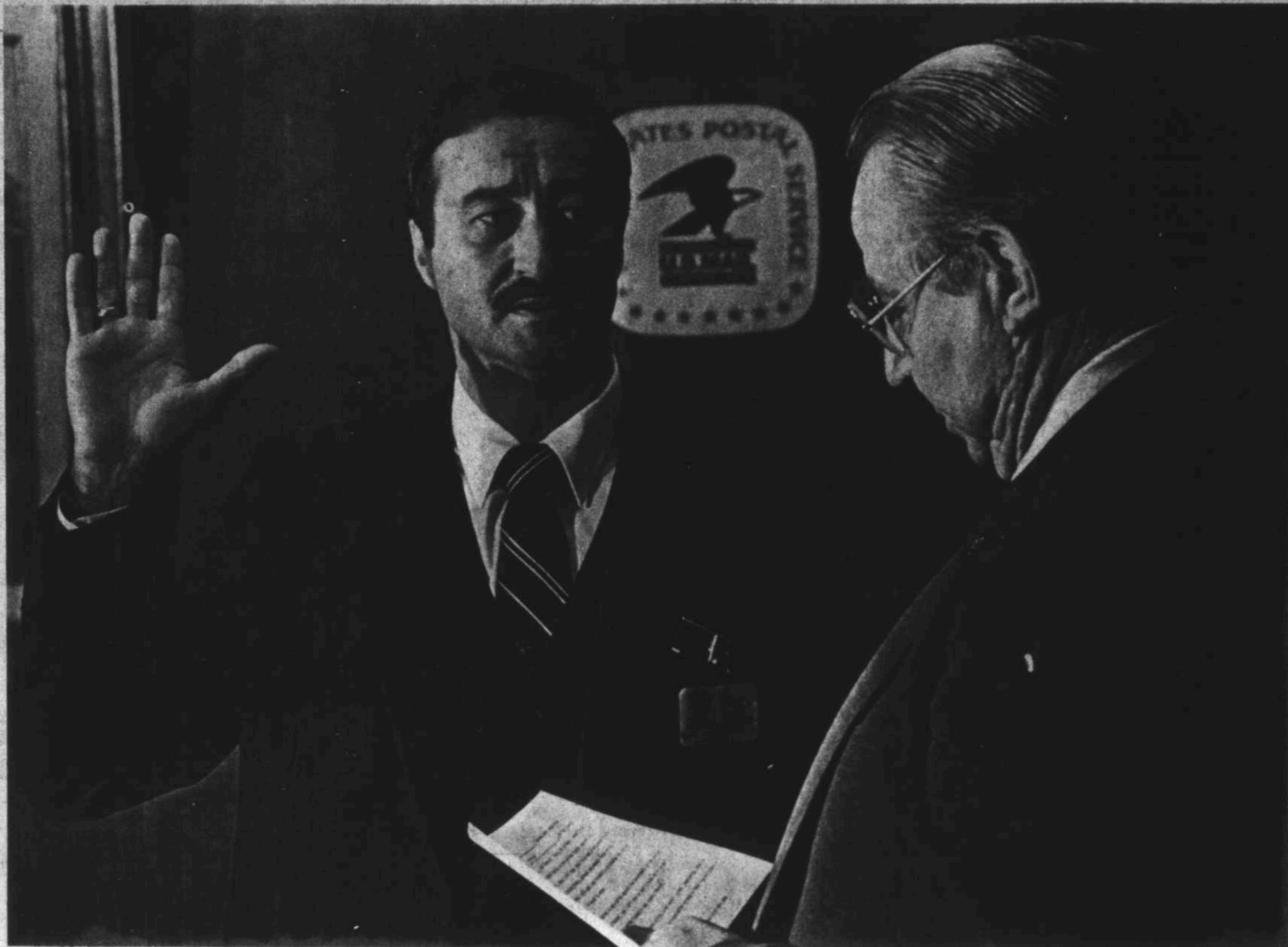
Chairman Gene Abbott said the housing authority should proceed with its rehabilitation work once it receives formal notice of the additional \$250,000 funding from the City Council.

Susan Howell, program coordinator, said she will ask the council to amend its original 1981-82 program contract to include the \$250,000.

Meanwhile, housing authority officials began laying the groundwork for using the \$250,000 by receiving assurance from Gloria Ellis, executive director of Midland's Human Relations Council, that the HRC will continue in its role of accepting applications for the program.

Berry said that a smooth transition into the 1982-83 program would be helpful in keeping contractors involved in the rehabilitation work. Ms. Howell suggested that March 1 might be a good time to begin the application process.

Abbott said that once the council lends its approval, the 1982-83 program can begin.



New postmaster

"Bill" Williams, left, Midland's new postmaster, is sworn in Wednesday by Vernon Greggerson.

## Midland's new postmaster sworn in

Customer service important to Williams

By VINCE GIORGI  
Staff Writer

Midland's new postmaster, V.L. "Bill" Williams, took the oath of office and was officially sworn in during a Wednesday morning ceremony at the Main Post Office.

Vernon Greggerson, manager and postmaster of the El Paso Postal Service management sectional center, conducted the ceremony for Williams, 47, who left a postmaster job in Port Arthur to take the position.

Williams succeeds former postmaster

David E. Holster, a 41-year veteran of the Postal Service who retired Dec. 31, 1982.

Williams was selected Jan. 20 by U.S. Postmaster General William Bolger after a review process that began in September and involved 57 applicants for the post.

Williams said his first priority will be to spend time familiarizing himself with Midland's postal employees and operations. "I'm pretty impressed with the caliber of the people in the office here so far," he said.

Although he doesn't expect to make

any immediate changes in the local postal system, Williams said that any initial changes would likely be internal and would not affect service to customers.

He encouraged Midlanders to voice their complaints and comments concerning Midland's Postal Service.

"I would like to tell everyone that is a customer that if they have a problem, we'd like to hear about it," Williams said. "If they have a problem with a discourteous employee, I especially want to be made aware of it. One thing I will not tolerate is employees that are

not courteous and helpful to our customers."

Williams grew up on a ranch near Georgetown and began his 26-year Postal Service career June 19, 1956, as a part-time mail carrier in Austin. He served in the Austin office as a carrier for 13 years and as a supervisor for two years before being appointed to the Pflugerville postmaster's position in March 1971. He was named Georgetown postmaster in June 1972 and served as officer in charge at Belton in 1975. He took over the Port Arthur postmaster job in January 1976.

## Pipe bids under city estimate

City may save money on project

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

All 18 bids for a 15-mile pipeline came in under the \$7.5 million estimate and the top four fell \$3 million less than that figure in bid opening Wednesday morning in City Hall. Of those four, two came from out of state.

About 100 persons crowded into the Council Chambers to hear each company's bid as it was opened. Final decision will be made Feb. 22 by the City Council.

The pipeline, which will start at the sewage treatment plant and travel southeast to J. "Timber" Floyd's land, had been designed to be the largest expenditure in the \$20 million sewage disposal plan, according to Utilities Director John Lowe.

Four top companies being considered for the contract — who gained that spot by submitting the lowest bids — are Key Enterprises of Odessa, \$4.35 million; John Reynolds and Son of Paoli, Ind., \$4.45 million; Stolaruk Corporation of Dallas, \$4.48 million; and CFW Construction Co. of Fayetteville, Tenn., \$4.5 million.

"We had a whole bunch under \$5 million; it was very close, very competitive," Lowe said of the bids, which ranged up to a high of \$6 million.

Normally, the city receives only five or six bids on such a project, according to Lowe.

"We're going to save money on the pipeline," he said. But the savings may go into the holding pond and liner, which may have been underestimated.

Looking at the competitive bid situation that contributed to the low bids, Lowe said he hopes it continues into the time the city seeks a contract for the pond.

The pipeline is the first major part of the project. Lowe said bids also are out on the pumps and switching gear.

The plan calls for piping primary treated effluent out to a holding pond on Floyd's land, where it would then be used for irrigation.

"We're just delighted with the way the bids came in," said Lowe. "We paid a relatively high rate on the bonds when we sold them. These low bids help us to save some money."

## Anti-Ozzie request in Midland

By ED TODD  
Staff Writer

Ector County, which is trying to block controversial British rock star Ozzy Osbourne's scheduled March 8 performance in Odessa, late Wednesday afternoon filed in federal court in Midland a request for declaratory judgment to determine the county's rights and to get the court's sanctions on terminating the Osbourne contract.

An agent for Ector County had booked Osbourne Jan. 10 for an 8 p.m. March 8 performance. Since then, citizens who call themselves Odessans for Decency and others have petitioned Ector County to cancel its contract with Osbourne, who does business as Blizzard Productions Inc.

Anti-Osbourne Odessans have alleged that the entertainer performs mutilations on stage and commits other "acts" which would offend many people of ordinary sensibilities, which are morally unacceptable to Odessa and which are illegal.

In the request, which was filed by Ector County Attorney Steve Groh on orders of the Ector County Commissioners' Court, the county is seeking an OK of its prohibiting the Osbourne performance on grounds that his purported past performances would indicate that his Ector County performance would be no different: that it would include "violations" of local ordinances and state laws.

If those allegations were proved true, then Osbourne's conduct would be "in violation of the agreement (contract) terms, city ordinances and state law."

The "controversy has ripened" to the point, says the request, that Ector County would be damaged were it to terminate the contract or by Osbourne's agents in their seeking an injunction against Ector County.

The contract was signed by Osbourne's promoter, Randy Shelton of Stardate Attractions.

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## Zoo advocates turn to Hogan

Park could be new zoo site

By PATRICK DEAREN  
Staff Writer

To the Navaho, a hogan was home, wherein existed shelter, life and hopes for the future.

Those same characteristics may someday be found in Midland's park of the same name by native West Texas animals and imported domesticated species — or so the dreams of Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Kohout.

But dreams, in any city endeavor, always are tempered by financial realities.

"A lot is subject to change — we're in the process of upgrading our master plan," he noted.

For more than two decades beginning in 1958, a zoo for the city of Midland was more than mere hopes. Initially only a modest deer exhibit at Cole Park east of the city, it blossomed into an exotic species facility that met its ultimate downfall when a bond issue for its relocation and expansion suffered an overwhelming defeat in 1977.

In the six years since, the Parks and Recreation Department has been preserving the zoo facility at Cole Park pending an ultimate decision on initiation of another such facility. Now, however, Kohout says the Cole Park cages and other zoo-related buildings will be razed, as the Environmental Learning Center at Hogan Park has become the focal point of any potential animal exhibit.

"It does look like if we ever do have an outdoor exhibit it might be more feasible at the Environmental Learning Center," said Kohout, "at least until such time as the Permian Zoological Society is successful in getting a zoo going between Midland and Odessa. But that is so far down the road we can't even count on that being reality by the year 2000."

What Kohout would like to see at Hogan is an animal exhibit with a "farm theme," which more or less

amounts to a facility with a petting zoo. Included would be various animal and bird species commonly found on farms which could be inexpensively maintained. An indigenous species exhibit also would be considered, though the inclusion of carnivores might present some care and feeding problems.

No exotic species such as lions, tigers or elephants would be included because of monetary and medical considerations.

"It's hard to find veterinary care for exotics," noted Kohout. "That was one big problem when we had the tigers and chimps. We had to fly in a veterinarian from the Houston area. We want our exhibit monitored by a local veterinarian."

The proposed site somewhere adjacent to the Environmental Learning Center just north of the intersection of Wadley and the east Hogan Park road has several advantages over Cole Park, said Kohout.

"It is more accessible, better known and surveillance would be easier," he explained. "When we had the zoo out at Cole Park, people would dump whole animal carcasses out behind the cages."

Kohout would like the animal exhibit at Hogan to be contained in a "miniature barn silo," be "humane and properly sized" and be overseen by individuals who would disseminate educational leaflets and answer questions from visitors.

Inflation and decreased sales tax revenue, however, may prove budgetary hindrances to implementation of such plans.

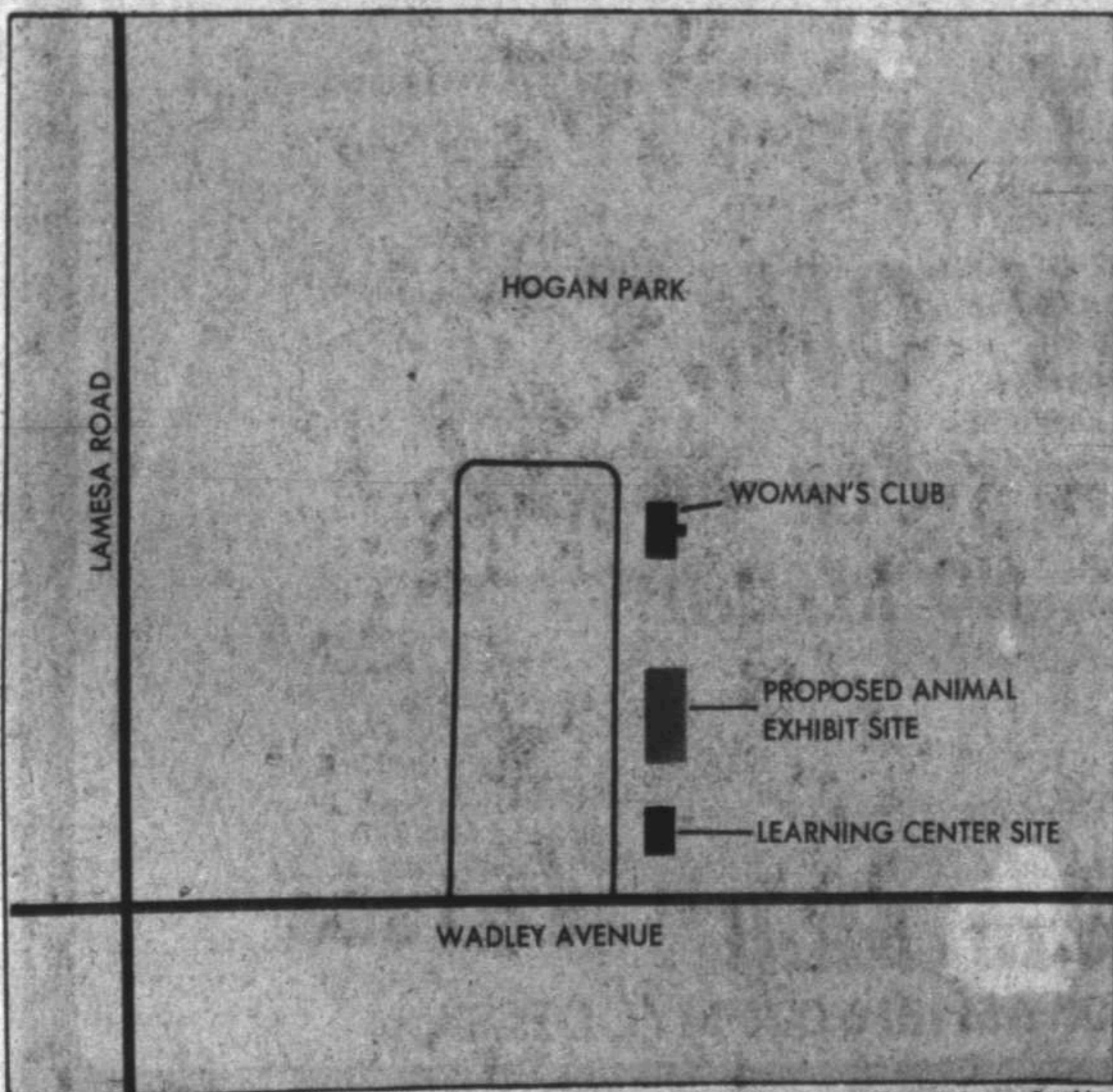
"We can't be strapped with a significant investment," said Kohout.

With such a reality looming over the heads of Parks and Recreation officials, the decision to consider Hogan Park rather than Cole Park may prove significant.

After all, the original hogan of the Navaho, while sturdy, transcended the problem of economics — constructed as it was from logs, sticks and mud.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert



The cages at the old Cole Park Zoo, above, will probably be torn down as the Parks and Recreation Department focuses its animal exhibit efforts on Hogan Park, where they hope to someday have an animal exhibit next to the Environmental Learning Center, indicated on the map, left.

# Osbourne conflict in Midland court

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Groh has told the Ector County commissioners that blocking Osbourne's performance might violate the performer's constitutional rights and could result in suits for damages against the Commissioners' Court, the individual commissioners and the county.

In reviewing the purpose of a declaratory judgment, the Ector County request cites a 1958 case, Paramount Pictures Corp. vs. William Holden et al., which noted that "the very object of the declaratory judgment is to seek a court's determination of the rights of the parties when a controversy exists, even before the acts of the parties result in damage."

A 1963 case considered a declaratory judgment an "intent to avoid delay and accrual of damages against one uncertain of his rights and to promote an early adjudication of the controversy" between the contesting parties "without waiting until one of them should see fit to begin suit for coercive relief."

In citing yet another case, the Groh-prepared request said "the court must look at the entire course of action and all of the defendant's relevant conduct, carefully weighing the business realities involved."

Ector County is seeking to terminate the Osbourne contract and, at the same time, avoid a breach-of-contract suit.

The request is to be considered by U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton, who presides in Midland and elsewhere from Austin to El Paso but who lives in Odessa.

In the Ector-Osbourne two-page

contract signed by Shelton, the promoter agreed to lease the Coliseum for \$700 or, if it means more money, for 10 percent of the show's gross receipts. In turn, Ector County agreed to provide 15 security guards and one emergency medical technician during the performance.

In other provisions, Shelton agreed "to pay for any and all damage" to the coliseum during the performance and to carry a public liability insurance for bodily injury or death.

Further, the form contract provides for the "conduct of entertainers and show managers with young people's attraction" trusty.

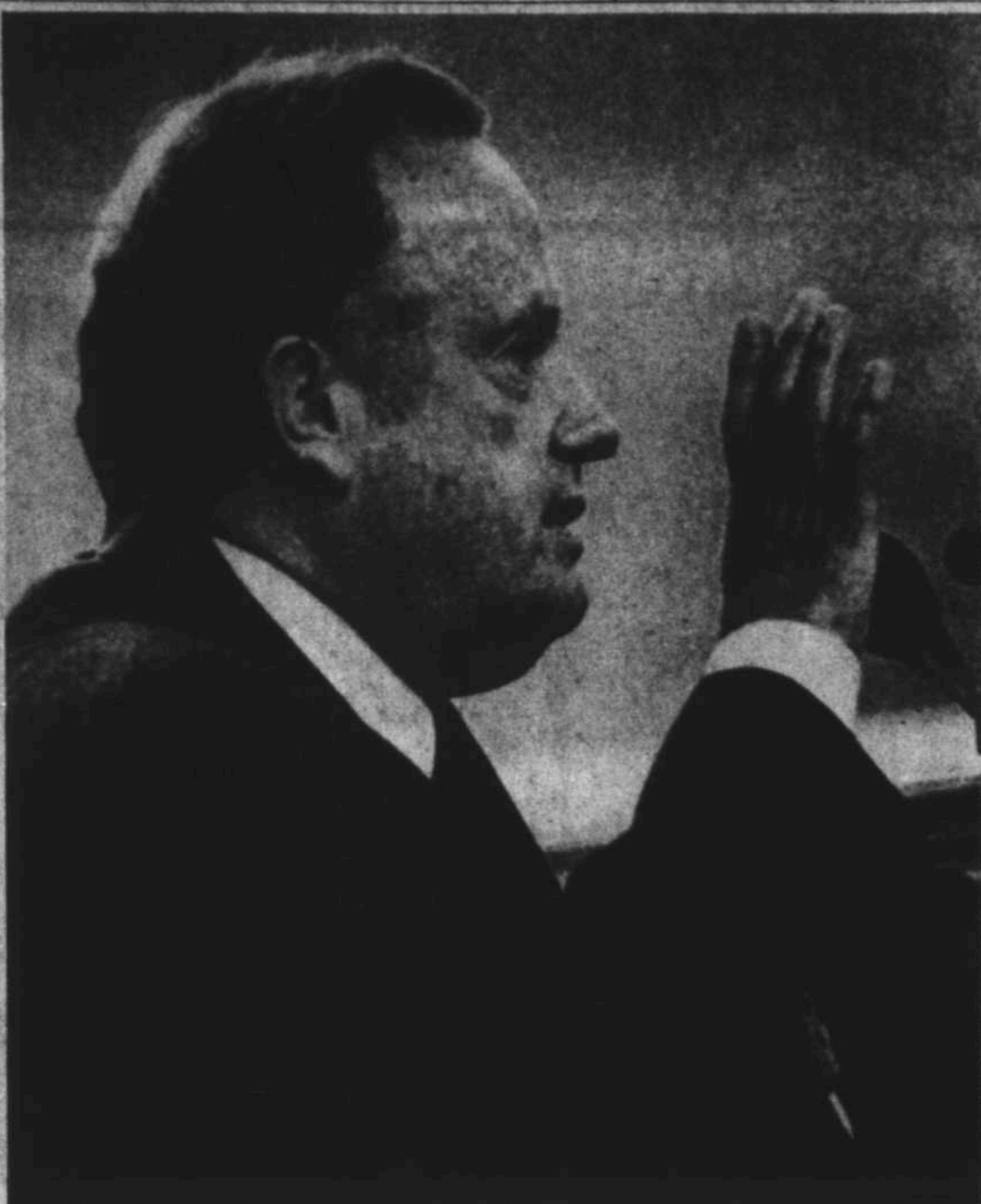
—Entertainers are to sign no autographs or leave the backstage and dressing room areas except to appear on stage for performance.

—No souvenirs or novelty should be sold that lends itself to being thrown.

—Conduct of entertainers while giving their performance should not be such as to deliberately indicate or entice patrons to leave their seats or tend to create a hazardous, uncontrollable crowd situation.

In addressing any "illegal performance," the contract says that the lessee agrees that no coliseum performance, exhibition or entertainment shall be "illegal, indecent, obscene or immoral."

The contract further states that the coliseum director shall have the right to demand that "illegal or indecent, obscene, lewd, immoral" or otherwise offensive acts that have received criticism be deleted from the performance "so that it will not be publicly offensive."



AP Laserphoto

Department of Public Safety Director James Adams testifies before the House on the state's prescription law.

## State's prescription law 'pain'

AUSTIN (AP) — The director of the Department of Public Safety says the state's triplicate prescription law has cut the availability of dangerous drugs, but an opponent of the law says it's been a pain to Texans.

DPS Col. James Adams said Wednesday the law — requiring doctors to send prescription copies to DPS — has

caused a 48 percent reduction in prescriptions for potent drugs. Adams said the sharp reduction "indicates doctors are either being more careful in the amount of drugs prescribed or fewer drugs are being obtained for illicit purposes."

"These more dangerous addictive drugs are being more carefully controlled," he told reporters.

## BIRTHS

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Feb. 7, 1983  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kyle Little, 4606 Debbie Cove, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Keith Potter, 3903 Tanner Drive, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick James Langan, 1806 W. Texas Ave., a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Filiberto C. Hinojos, 308 E. Gist Ave., a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garcia Morgan, 1509 S. Colorado St., a boy.

Route 1, Box 76, Stanton, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wayne Darwin, Route 3, Box 700, Sp. 30, twin girls.  
Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Joe Higginbotham, 3200 W. Michigan Ave., a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Joseph Colley, Route 3, Box 623-T, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Lynn Aly, 2901 Bonham St., Odessa, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lazara Madrid, 1708 S. Atlanta St., a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Leroy Cox, P.O. Box 50071, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Odd Ronning, 4011 Winchester Court, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ray Hughes, 2005 North C St., a boy.

Feb. 8, 1983  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Craig Scott, Route 1, Box 130-J, a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Leonard Maker,

## Midland Wage, Hour office to have full-time staff person

A compliance officer will be staffing the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour office at the federal courthouse in Midland on a full-time basis starting today, it was announced Wednesday.

Martin J. Rosenthal, 34, has been with the government for the past four years and transferred here from Tulsa, Okla., to take over the office, which had been operating on a sporadic basis for the past several months due to the retirement of one compliance officer and the voluntary transfer of another.

Rosenthal said his basic duties are to

enforce provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act — which include the minimum wage law, child labor laws, overtime and government contracts — in the 14-county Midland-Odessa region.

While he will be permanently assigned here, he said his duties require that he be away from the office on occasion but that a phone recording device will take messages and provisions will be made for "walk-ins" to also leave messages.

The office phone number is 561-8132.

## Midlander's board nomination OK'd

AUSTIN — Jack Russell of Midland is one of three men whose nominations to the Midwestern State University board of regents were approved Wednesday by the Senate Nominations Subcommittee.

Also named to the board were Edward Moran Jr. and Harold Rogers, both of Wichita Falls. Rogers is a reappointment.

Midwestern State University is in Wichita Falls.

## DEATHS



Alvonzo Johnson

Alvonzo "Bud" Johnson Jr., 49, 1200 N. Colorado St., died Tuesday in a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mount Rose Baptist Church with the Rev. Gerald Badger officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery, directed by Thomas Funeral Home.

Johnson was born Sept. 25, 1933, in Bremond. He had been a Midland resident the past 26 years. He had worked as assistant manager for M System food store for 15 years and was owner of King's Sandwich Shop.

Survivors include his wife, Ada; two daughters, Julia Johnson and Elverta Gildon, both of Midland; two sons, William A. Griffith and Ronnie R. Griffith, both of Midland; four sisters, Mae Ella Arnold of Bremond, Maggie L. Nelms of Woodforth, Nora Overstreet of Amarillo and Ora Williams of Midland;

two brothers, the Rev. F.W. Johnson and E.J. Johnson, both of Midland; and eight grandchildren.

## Dorothy J. Clary

SEAGOVILLE — Services for Dorothy Jean Timmons Clary, 49, of Dallas and formerly of Stanton, were Saturday at Robinwood Baptist Church in Seagoville with James Everidge officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Clary died Feb. 2 in Dallas. She was born Nov. 4, 1933, in Stanton. She married Robert A. Clary Nov. 4, 1950, in Midland. She was a housewife and a substitute teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. She also was a teacher in the Young Adults Sunday School class at Robinwood Baptist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Stars and served as president of the Seagoville PTA for three years. She was involved in charity work.

## Billy Stephenson

RANKIN — Services for Billy Stephenson, 61, of Rankin are pending at Richard W. Box Funeral Home of McCarney.

Stephenson died at his residence.

## Officer shot in chest

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Greenville police officer was in fair condition early today in a hospital where he was being treated for a gunshot wound in the chest.

Police Lt. Dwight Gasway said Patrolman Kenneth Humble had stopped an automobile and asked the driver for identification when the man fired a single shot at him with a .25 caliber pistol.

# Recession could hurt smaller colleges

By HALLYE JORDAN Staff Writer

Without jobs, many people turn back to education.

The trend of increased enrollments during difficult economic times applies to large and prestigious colleges and universities. That trend, however, does not apply to smaller state and private schools, according to Dr. Gene Budig, chancellor of the University of Kansas.

As the largest of the Big Eight universities, KU's enrollment is expected to continue increasing. But smaller state colleges and private schools may be hurting in enrollment over the next few years, Budig said.

In Midland Wednesday to attend a meeting of an expected 50 alumni in the area at a private home later that evening, Budig said, "Many young people unable to secure jobs opted to advance themselves through increased education. This is usually the case during difficult economic times."

"It is apparent that with the difficult economy, young people are trying to attend the very best institutions they can afford," Budig continued. "Thus, the more prestigious universities are at an advantage and I believe that will continue through the '80s."

"I do believe that some of the smaller state institutions and private institutions will be hurt," he added.

According to Budig, enrollment at large universities, especially those with significant land grants, "has not only held, but the quality of students has remained very high."

At the University of Kansas, for example, enrollment increased by more than 400 students this year; KU's average ACT scores are almost two points higher than the national average for doctoral-granting institutions.

However, academic standards at the university enjoy an unusual national reputation of extremely high quality.

Budig, who compares KU to The University of Texas at Austin, said The New York Times rated KU one of the top 10 public universities in a study of the 250 finest public and private academic universities.

Change magazine named KU one of the 50 best educational bargains in America, he said, adding there was no tuition increase this year. Tuition is adjusted every two years, he explained.

The University of Kansas also has the lowest tuition of 52 Association of American Universities public and private institutions, he continued.

Even with an open admission policy for Kansas residents, Budig said the university continues to attract quality students.

"I think it is comparable to the University of Texas at Austin in terms of

quality," he explained. "We're smaller but not dissimilar."

He pointed out that while UT-Austin has about 100 distinguished professorships, KU has 45 — a large number compared to the enrollment of 28,000 students.

Citing KU as having one of the largest endowments of any public university in the nation, Budig said its portfolio is valued at more than \$150 million.

In addition, the university has one of 24 Rhodes Scholars this year.

"That's the 21st (Rhodes Scholar) in the history of KU," Budig said. "That places us in the top 20 percent in America."

Budig said the university prides itself on efforts aimed at enhancement of programs. The scholarship fund has increased by more than \$1.2 million in the last 14 months, he said.

"We've made a significant effort to see that outstanding young students at

both undergraduate and graduate levels are not outpriced of a university education."

Budig, who received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Nebraska, was appointed chancellor of KU two years ago. Prior to that, he served on the faculty and staff at Nebraska for six years, as the president of Illinois State University for five years and as the president of West Virginia University for four years.

Presently he writes a column about once a month for the Kansas City Star and continues lecturing at the undergraduate and graduate levels in journalism, higher education and aerospace studies courses.

Budig was scheduled to appear in Dallas tonight for another alumni meeting during his tour of Texas, one of three alumni visits scheduled this year.

## North Texas independent oilman dies

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Nethum A. Steed, prominent North Texas independent oil producer and past president of Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners association, died at his home here Wednesday. He was 62.

Steed was also past president of the

North Texas Oil and Gas Producers Association and a member of the National Petroleum Council.

He was a native of Stephenville and lived in Jacksboro until he moved to Wichita Falls in 1954. He was a graduate of Texas A&M and a director of Texas Bank and Trust of Wichita Falls.

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