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Facing

Last year, the oil industry went from glamor to gloom. But all is not lost. In Sunday's FOCUS, Richard Collins, president of Mineral Development Inc., shares what he learned in 1982, and how it will affect his company this year.



Racing

With Jim Hall and Bobby Hillin out of the Indy picture this year, it seemed Midland had been bumped from the front to the back seat in auto racing. Not so, say members of Midland's VDS Racing Team. Read Sunday about VDS' Indy venture.



Tracing

Over 2,000 Americans who fought in Vietnam remain unaccounted for. Are they still alive? Are they prisoners of war? Midlander Jim Haines, who served with the Marines in Vietnam, gives his view in Sunday's "Speaking Out."

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'Make love, not war'

"Love and war," a photo taken in Beirut's main shopping district, won third place in the "Daily Life" category of the annual World Press photo competition for Associated Press photographer Bob Dear.

Sharon steps down from defense post

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ariel Sharon resigned today as Israel's defense minister, finally yielding to pressure from fellow Cabinet members who accepted an inquiry commission's finding that he shared blame for the Beirut refugee massacre.

The embattled ex-general, almost a constant target of controversy because of his hard-nosed military policies, told Prime Minister Menachem Begin in a telephone conversation that he would leave the Defense Ministry on Monday, a spokesman for Begin said.

However, Israel army radio quoted Sharon as saying he would remain in the Cabinet in another capacity, as yet unspecified. Only Begin, his longtime ally, has the power to remove Sharon from the Cabinet altogether, and opposition politicians quickly demanded outright dismissal.

Asked what his plans were, Sharon was noncommittal, other than saying "there's a lot of work to be done" on his farm in southern Israel, the army radio reported.

Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor said the Cabinet voted 16-1 Thursday to accept all the Beirut massacre commission's recommendations, including one that Sharon resign his portfolio. He said Sharon "presumably" cast the sole dissenting vote.

Cabinet members emerged from the meeting saying Sharon had refused to resign, but that Begin had spoken forcefully in favor of accepting all the commission's recommendations.

Sharon's resignation as defense min-



Bowing to the pressure that has been building since an inquiry commission found him "responsible" for the September 1982 Beirut massacre, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon today resigned his post. He will remain in the Cabinet in an undisclosed capacity unless Prime Minister Menachem Begin takes action to remove him.

Sharon, 54, is revered by supporters as a war hero who routed Palestinian guerrillas during last year's invasion of Lebanon and who always put Israel's security foremost. His critics consider him callous and unstable, however, and many Israelis urged his ouster after the inquiry report was published Tuesday.

"It's a trick," said Yossi Sarid, an opposition Labor Party member of Parliament, on army radio. "while he remains in office as minister without portfolio, he will be de facto defense minister."

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guerrillas during last year's invasion of Lebanon and who always put Israel's security foremost. His critics consider him callous and unstable, however, and many Israelis urged his ouster after the inquiry report was published Tuesday.

The three-man inquiry commission was appointed by the government to investigate the Sept. 16-18 slayings of more than 700 Palestinians in Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps, which were surrounded by Israeli troops.

Invasion long in planning

By MARCUS ELIASON
 Associated Press Writer

TEL AVIV, Israel — Ariel Sharon says he began planning the Lebanon invasion on his first day as defense minister 18 months ago. That was the beginning of his downfall because the horrifying epilogue of the war — the Beirut massacre — forced his resignation today.

Sharon, 54, has suffered setbacks before, only to rise triumphant from the embers, and he is too young, and too ambitious to be written off. Yet critics predicted from the outset a calamitous end to his term.

Israeli history will always honor

Sharon as the quintessential Sabra soldier — uncommonly brave, unorthodox and brimming with the kind of ideas that turn a battle from defeat to victory.

But it will also record a long list of incidents that blotted his career — disobedience, recklessness and even callousness.

Sharon's very size and shape speak power and determination. Weighing more than 220 pounds, he is built and moves like an armored car. He is the unstoppable force he trained his troops to be: "Always move forward, go for your objective, never give up."

He seems impervious to criticism. Israelis joke that he's not really fat —

just thick-skinned. Asked recently how he takes all the criticism, Sharon replied: "Maybe because it's because I stand. I stand. I believe a man must take a stand. If you believe in something, you have to struggle for it... I admit it's not easy. It's only easy for people who don't stand... If you stand, you'll get everything you seek."

Were it not for his temperament, Sharon might have moved ahead much faster. But he has always been an obstinate loner. He has been called a brute, a warmonger, a bulldozer rolling unfeelingly over every obstacle in his path.

(See SHARON, Page 2A)

Bush, Shultz to report to Reagan on 'public relations' trips

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is summoning Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George P. Shultz for reports on Bush's efforts to boost support for U.S. arms policies in Europe and Shultz's attempts to smooth out relations in Asia.

Reagan planned to meet today with Bush and Shultz, who returned to Washington Thursday night from a two-week tour of Japan, Korea and China.

Bush, who arrived back earlier than Shultz, said of his seven-nation European tour: "I hope there is more understanding of our commitment to arms reduction." He added: "I think we did some good in that regard."

Shultz, meanwhile, said that as a result of his trip, the United States now has "a solid basis of common interest" on which to build closer ties with the People's Republic of China.

While Shultz said closer ties with China are still in the future because of

continued friction over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, "Our bonds with such sturdy allies as Japan and Korea are strong."

Shultz, on his initial trip to the Far East as secretary of state, said a principal purpose was to form personal working relations with Asian leaders. He also discussed trade and defense issues in Japan and reaffirmed the U.S. defense commitment to Korea.

But his trip was linked in many ways to Bush's 12-day visit to Europe.

Shultz promised Asia that the United States will not sign nuclear arms control agreements which could result in the Soviets moving medium-range missiles out of Europe for re-deployment within striking range of Asia.

Bush's European trip was intended to explain Reagan's policies throughout western Europe, where allied governments are coming under political pressure to back away from their support of the president's "zero-option" arms control proposal.

The Soviets have repeatedly rejected the zero option, which calls for dismantling the Soviet SS-20s and two other missile types already deployed, in exchange for cancellation of NATO plans to put 572 U.S.-made Pershing II and cruise missiles in Europe, beginning late this year.

Lyndon Allin, a White House spokesman, said Bush's trip brought attention to Reagan's position in the arms control debate.

"You want to sustain that and you do

it in a number of ways," he said, mentioning the possibility of "presidential messages" and contacts with Congress to build up political support for the Reagan proposals.

The United States currently is involved in negotiations in Geneva with the Soviet Union over reductions in both the strategic, or long-range, nuclear missile arsenals and in the medium-range weapons deployed in Europe and aimed at targets there.

Military pay freeze could cost Texas

By T. LEE HUGHES
 Associated Press Writer

An Analysis

WASHINGTON — Texas ranks second in the amount of salaries paid to active duty military personnel and would be one of the states most affected by President's Reagan's proposed freeze on military pay, according to Defense Department figures.

Payments to military personnel on active duty in Texas were expected to exceed \$2.6 billion for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, according to Pentagon estimates.

That's second only to California, where such payments were expected to reach \$3.8 billion, and slightly more than Virginia, where they were projected to run about \$1.8 billion.

The figures are particularly important for communities built around military installations, whose personnel spend their pay on cars, housing, food and drink, clothing and countless other

necessities and luxuries. Simply put, the president's proposed freeze would cut the amount of Defense Department funds that otherwise might be funneled into Texas next fiscal year.

With the freeze in effect, salaries to active duty military personnel in Texas would total just over \$2.4 billion in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, according to Pentagon estimates.

Each percentage point increase in military salaries beyond the level recommended by the president would result in about another \$24 million being paid to such personnel, much of which would go toward bolstering local economies.

In proposing the freeze last month, Reagan said it was part of an overall program aimed at reducing "the dangerous growth rate in government

spending" which he said was threatening economic recovery.

But some members of the Texas congressional delegation immediately expressed concern over the freeze proposal, though their reservations were generally expressed in terms of its impact on the military, rather than on the Texas economy.

Democratic Rep. Mickey Leland of Houston called the president's proposal "absolutely crass," and said, "I think military personnel deserve more than adequate pay."

"A terrible step backwards," is how Rep. Martin Frost, a Dallas Democrat, described the freeze.

Republican Sen. John Tower, chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, has introduced legislation that would provide military personnel, with some exceptions, a 4 percent pay increase beginning in April, 1984, half-

way through the next fiscal year.

"Many of the military's top leaders agree that military compensation should be the last place to take cuts in the defense budget," Tower said, contending that some kind of increase was necessary to maintain military morale.

In the last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, nearly \$2.18 billion was paid in salaries to active duty military personnel in Texas, according to the Pentagon.

Those payments went to personnel in more than 70 of the state's 254 counties, although the amount per county varied widely.

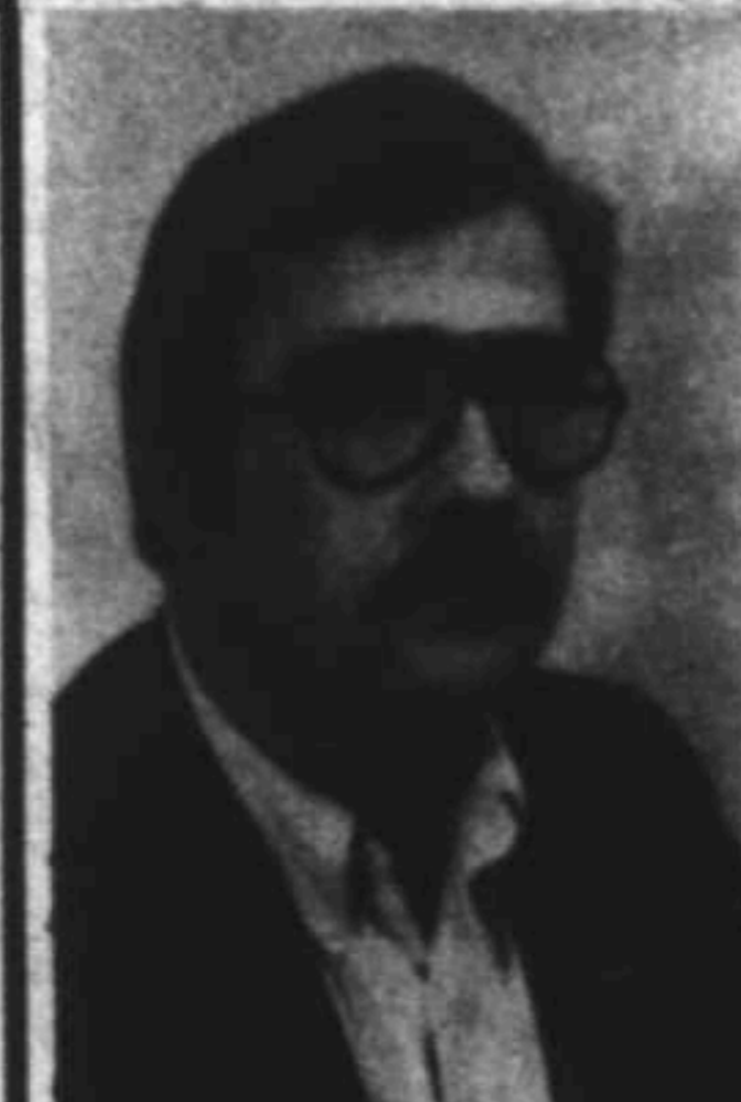
Among counties where total salaries for active duty military personnel were largest were Bexar, \$643 million; Bell, \$581 million; El Paso, \$286 million; Wichita, \$107 million, and Tarrant, \$88 million.

INSIDE TODAY

Yogi bearable

For Karen Thompson, yoga is a way of "learning to let go of the tension." She practices the ancient art's "physical side."

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Support sought for natural gas compromise

By the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration is seeking congressional support for a natural gas compromise that would remove most price controls by 1985 but would also pressure pipeline companies to find the cheapest gas available.

Energy Secretary Donald P. Hodel said that price controls would be removed immediately from new gas production and from renegotiated contracts for existing gas supplies. Remaining price controls on existing gas production would be phased out in approximately two years.

But the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would be given broader powers to prevent pipelines from passing higher gas prices on to customers, Hodel said in an interview.

FERC could reject price increases that exceeded the rate of inflation if it determined that a pipeline company could have purchased other gas supplies at a lower price, Hodel said.

Hodel, who was given White House clearance Wednesday to approach key members of Congress about the plan, said the response so far has been positive.

"I've run into no rejection," he said. The proposal to strengthen FERC's watchdog role is a "breakthrough" consumer-protection provision that he said he believes makes congressional approval possible.

In effect, the administration plan would remove price controls at one end of the delivery system, where gas is purchased from producers, while strengthening regulation at the other end, where it is delivered to consum-

ers. Under legislation enacted in 1978, about 90 percent of the nation's gas supply remains under federal regulation. About 65 percent will be deregulated by Jan. 1, 1985.

But gas prices have risen rapidly despite controls because the regulations give pipelines wide leeway to pass on to customers any higher prices paid to gas producers.

The long-term contracts that many pipelines have with producers permit producers to raise prices irrespective of supply-and-demand considerations and require pipelines to pay for high prices even if they don't take it.

The General Accounting Office, in a new report to Congress, estimated that natural gas prices would increase 23 percent in the year ahead if no changes are made in the existing law.

If all controls were removed, prices could soar an additional 80 percent this year, the GAO said.

The prospect of escalating gas prices has created powerful opposition to decontrol in Congress.

In a memo to the Cabinet Council on Natural Resources and Environment outlining his proposal, Hodel said that any comprehensive natural gas bill "must contain some element of 'consumer protection' so that this proposal cannot be characterized as 'deregulation on the backs of the poor.'"

Under existing law, increases in the cost of gas paid by the pipelines has been passed on virtually automatically. To block increases, opponents had to prove to FERC that increases involved "fraud and abuse," a standard that FERC interpreted narrowly.

The change Hodel proposes would give FERC additional authority to

oppose prices that were imprudent or excessive.

This would give pipelines a strong incentive to find the cheapest sources of new gas and to renegotiate high-priced contracts for existing supplies, administration strategists argue.

The White House has given Hodel until the beginning of March to win congressional support for his proposal. His meetings on Capitol Hill Thursday included one with House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John D. Dingell, D-Mich. Dingell said he would support the proposal, but withheld final judgment.

FERC Chairman C.M. "Mike" Butler told a House Energy subcommittee Thursday that consumers face "very severe" increases in natural gas prices unless Congress deregulates natural gas and forces renegotiation of existing contracts, to deal with the current price escalation.

If Congress did take that action, gas prices would stabilize or even decline, Butler predicted.

He said that FERC has done almost all it can under existing law to keep gas prices from rising.



Marina Verola, seen here in a Feb. 2 photo showing her in the March issue of Playboy Magazine, where she poses semi-nude, announced Thursday she has been forced to resign from here stockbrokers job

with E.F. Hutton in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., due to the article. Verola said she resigned rather than be fired from her position. E.F. Hutton had no comment to make on Verola's resignation.

Leaders shy away from grand reforms



EDITOR'S NOTE — The world recession should awaken political leaders to the need to overhaul the global economic structure, say many economists. But governments have a more immediate task at hand: ending the recession. This is the final installment of a five-part series.

By CHARLES J. HANLEY Associated Press Writer

In the mid-1970s, riding a crest in the world's relentless boom-and-bust cycle, the noted Russian-American theorist Wassily Leontief fed mounds of statistics — the workings of the global economy — into a computer.

That monumental United Nations study reached a firm conclusion:

"The principal limits to sustained economic growth... are political, social and institutional rather than physical."

Seven years later, despite its vast potential, the world economy is once again all but dead in the water, stalled by its own complexity, by political cross-currents, by economic chain reactions gone out of control.

And once again, political leaders and the economists who advise them are preoccupied with today's challenges, and not about to tackle the grand reform schemes the theorists say will be necessary tomorrow.

ALTHOUGH TENTATIVE signs of a coming rebound are cropping up in the United States, forecasters project U.S. economic growth of only 2 percent in 1983 — far below the 7-percent recovery rate considered "healthy." Moreover, they foresee continued stagnation in many other countries.

Two immediate tasks face decision-makers: rescuing Third World countries drowning in debt, and breathing new life into Western economies without kicking off further inflation.

WORLD DEBT

"The crucial objective in the next two or three years must be to keep the very large debtors on track — that means Mexico, Brazil, Argentina," William R. Cline, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C., said in an interview.

Third World countries owe more than \$600 billion to foreign banks and governments. Mexico, Brazil and Argentina owe \$200 billion of that.

Their debts swelled when world interest rates skyrocketed in recent years. The high interest rates helped bring down inflation internationally, but they also stifled economic growth. The resulting world recession cut into the foreign earnings of Mexico, Brazil and other Third World countries, and drove them to the brink of default on their huge loans.

The governments of the industrial nations, whose banks would be endangered by such major defaults, gave stopgap aid to the big debtors. But they needed more.

In January, the United States, modifying its earlier stand, joined other Western governments in supporting an increase of about 50 percent, to \$90 billion, in the basic resources of the International Monetary Fund, the banker of last resort for the money-short Third World countries.

At the same time, the U.S. Federal Reserve System began pressing American commercial banks to continue lending to these countries.

The multi-billion-dollar challenge of seeing Third World debtors through the crisis is formidable.

"This will be an unparalleled task that will not be quickly achievable," observes the respected Wall Street economist Henry Kaufman.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The recent economic debate in Western capitals has focused on the question of whether and when to shift from the strategy of "tight money" and high interest rates — for suppressing inflation — to policies of easy credit and higher government and consumer spending — to raise demand for goods and services and put people back to work.

For more than a year, economic

seers have said an upturn was at hand. But in that period the number of unemployed in the industrial West has grown by at least 5 million, to more than 30 million.

"Even for the most skeptical, if this is not the time for new policies for recovery, I don't know what they require. Unless they are waiting for a crash," Indian economist P.N. Dhar, an assistant U.N. secretary-general, told a reporter.

Twenty-six economists from 14 countries, brought together by the Institute for International Economics, have called on five governments — the U.S., Japanese, West German, British and Canadian — to switch to stimulative policies, in other words, to expand money supplies, bring down interest rates, boost government spending or cut taxes.

Some expansionary policies have been adopted — a new West German program of government investment in housing, for example.

BUT THE WESTERN governments are not rushing into the expansionist camp. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in fact, vowed in late January to press on with her tight-money policies, to get Britain's inflation even lower than its current 5-percent level.

The hesitation stems in part from the big budget deficits already being chalked up by the Western governments.

As for interest rates, the "prime," the benchmark U.S. rate, has fallen from 21.5 percent to 11 percent over the past two years. But Cline and others say it must drop two or three more percentage points to help spark a recovery.

The climb back from the worst recession in a half-century is strewn with obstacles.

Protectionism may be accelerating. In January, for example, the United States curbed imports of Chinese textiles, and China retaliated by stopping purchases of American cotton and soybeans. France is blocking imports of Hong Kong watches, and Hong Kong in turn is boycotting French cognac. Such barriers slow international trade, which is a major route to world recovery.

SECONDLY, Third World nations loaded with debt have had to cut back imports from the industrial West. This means trouble for the entire world economy, because the developing countries will "no longer be as vigorous an engine of growth as they were in the 1970s," says the research firm Wharton

Econometric Forecasting Associates. Wharton Econometric also points out that the recession has dried up investment for so long in the industrial countries that the base for future growth, in new plants and research, is weak.

United Nations economist Dhar favors fundamental reforms in the global economic system, but he says today's challenges must first be met.

"Once you have a recovery, and it proves both significant and durable, then you can turn to these longer-range ideas," he said.

Some of the long-term ideas:

— In international lending, creation of a single world institution to act as intermediary between commercial banks and Third World borrowers.

— Stabilizing the world currency system, whose wild fluctuations have made it increasingly difficult for some countries and easier for others to sell their goods abroad. Some propose simply better coordination of economic policies among major governments, which would tend to keep their currencies aligned. Others want to move more quickly toward a single world currency.

— Setting price minimums and maximums for raw materials. Sharp declines, such as the 86-percent drop in sugar prices from 1980 to 1982, deepened the slump among Third World nations that depend on sales of raw materials. Sharp increases, such as the quadrupling of oil prices in 1973-74, can stun the industrial world.

The most pressing need now, economists agree, is for close cooperation, synchronization of policies, among the major capitals — Washington, Tokyo, Bonn, Paris, London.

If West Germany tries to expand, for example, and the United States sticks to monetary restraint, Germans might face sudden new inflation and Americans worsened unemployment.

"While each of the three regions (Europe, the United States and Japan) has the ability to disrupt the world economy, none of us has the ability to solve our common problems alone," Japanese Trade Minister Sadanori Yamanaka told European officials in Brussels last month.

The syncopation could come when President Reagan and other Western government heads gather for their annual economic summit, set for late spring in Williamsburg, Va. In that colonial town, a birthplace of American independence, these presidents and premiers may produce a new declaration of global interdependence.

Latest batch of reports point to improvement

By ROBERT BURNS AP Business Writer

The government's latest batch of economic reports point to some improvement for business and industry, but none gives a clear signal that the recession is over.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that retail sales last month rose 0.1 percent. That was an improvement from the 1.1 percent drop in December, but hardly the kind of surge economists are looking for as evidence of a general recovery.

In addition, the Labor Department said the number of people filing for first-time unemployment benefits in late January rose by 52,000, reversing a recent downward trend.

Meanwhile, a Saudi Arabian magazine quoted Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani as saying he "sees no way out of a price reduction" for crude oil. A drop in OPEC prices could lead to lower oil prices worldwide, and to further drops in gasoline prices.

In its report on retail sales, the Commerce Department said that while overall sales rose by only 0.1 percent, sales of goods other than automobiles climbed 0.8 percent.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige called the non-auto increase "healthy," and added, "Retailers should participate fully in the business recovery now under way."

That was the first time Baldrige had

formally declared that recovery from the recession had begun. He said some time ago that an upturn would occur in the January-March quarter.

In another sign of improving economic health, the major domestic auto companies reported that the number of workers on layoff this week fell to 264,350. They also plan to build 8.2 percent more cars this week than a week ago, according to Ward's Automotive Reports, a trade journal.

On Wall Street, fresh hopes of further declines in interest rates touched off a stock market rally Thursday. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 20.33 points to 1,087.75. That was the Dow's highest close since the record 1,092.35 on Jan. 10.

In other economic developments Thursday:

—The Reagan administration began its long-delayed offensive to sell Congress a proposal that would accelerate the decontrol of natural gas prices. Energy Secretary Donald Hodel began meetings with congressmen to outline the Reagan decontrol plan.

—The Investment Company Institute, a mutual fund trade group, said assets of the nation's 299 money market mutual funds fell \$2.4 billion this past week to an eight-month low of \$195.0 billion. The seven-day average yield on the 232 funds followed by Donoghue's Money Fund Report, an industry journal, fell in the week ended Wednesday to 7.77 percent from 7.81 percent the previous week.

Bomb defendant on her own

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman once promised immunity from prosecution in a \$15 million extortion scheme against Gulf Oil Chemicals Co. is on her own now that Texas authorities have the case, a federal prosecutor from Colorado has testified.

Patrick Murphy, an assistant U.S. attorney from Denver, said Thursday he feels bound by the agreement with Jill Renee Bird. But he said he called Sam Longoria, an assistant U.S. attorney in Houston, before offering the immunity.

"It was like the hostage situation," Murphy said of his decision to offer the plea bargain.

"We felt we were in a state of emergency. We were middlemen trying to negotiate for the safety of the citizens of Texas."

Longoria "understood the urgency of the matter and said go ahead with the deal," but added he "didn't think the court would enforce it because it was an under-duress situation," Murphy said.

"I said we can cross that bridge when we come to it," Murphy said. "I was entering the agreement in good faith."

Murphy said he offered Ms. Bird's common-law husband, John Marvin McBride, a chance to plead guilty to a single count in an attempt to extort \$15 million from Gulf by threatening to blow up the company's Cedar Bayou plant, 30 miles east of Houston near Baytown.

Murphy's testimony came Thursday in a hearing on 40 pretrial motions in the case against McBride, Ms. Bird and three other Durango, Colo., residents.

Murphy said he entered the agreement with McBride because he offered him information on another bombed plant. An extortion letter had said bombs were planted at another chemical plant in a metropolitan area.

FBI agent Brian Jovick testified earlier that McBride ordered Michael Allen Worth, 34, to plant 10 explosive devices at Gulf's Port Arthur refinery but that he tossed them into Galveston Bay.

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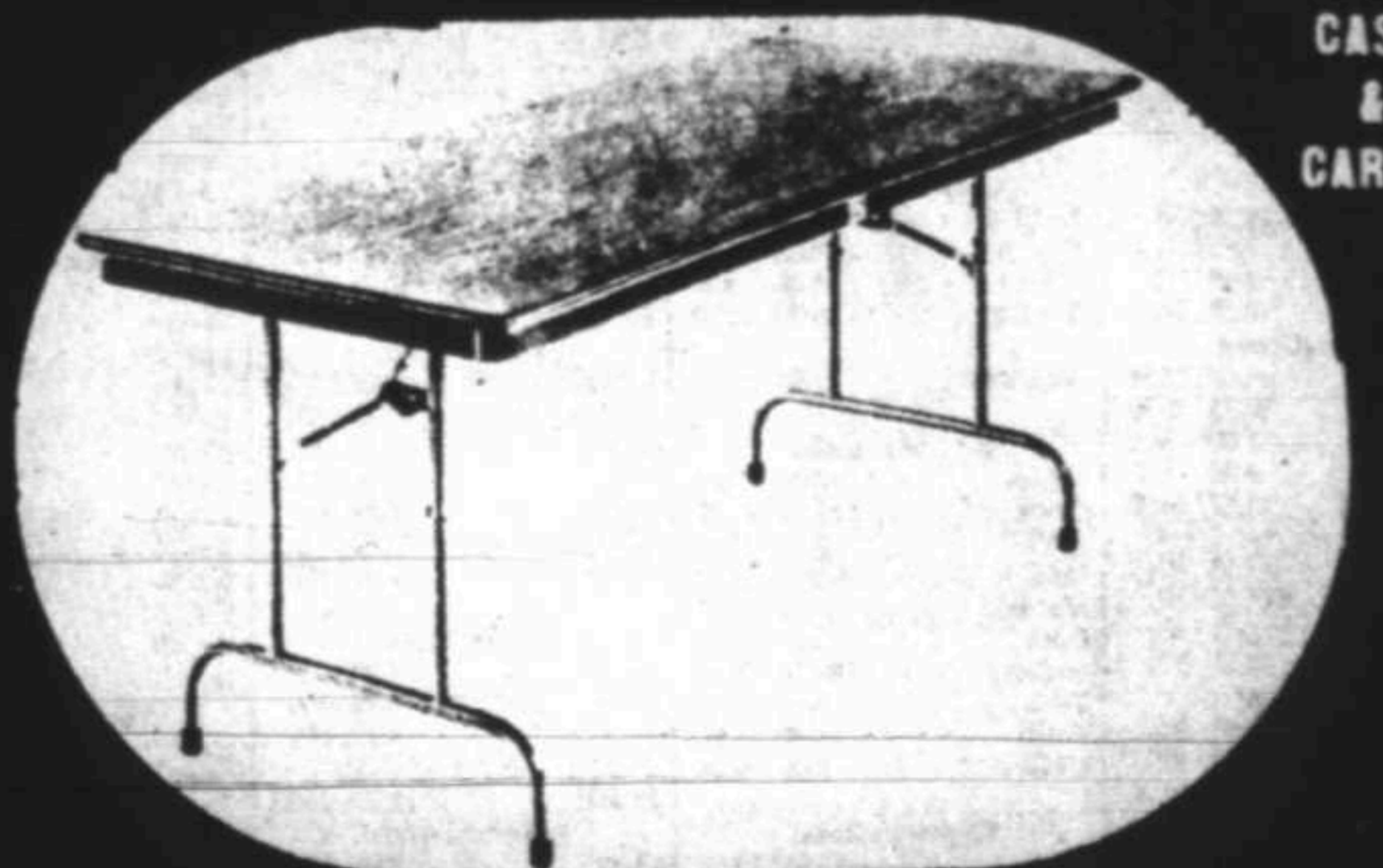


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Stock market gains

Agee departure symptom of times

By JOHN CUNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — As Professor Eugene Jennings sees it, the departure of William Agee from Bendix and its parent, Allied Corp., is another example of the demise of unseasoned executives in a time of corporate stress.

In the past five years of rapid executive turnover, said the professor, the top corporate officer most likely to be dropped was the staff man who, with little operating experience, had slipped over into line responsibility.

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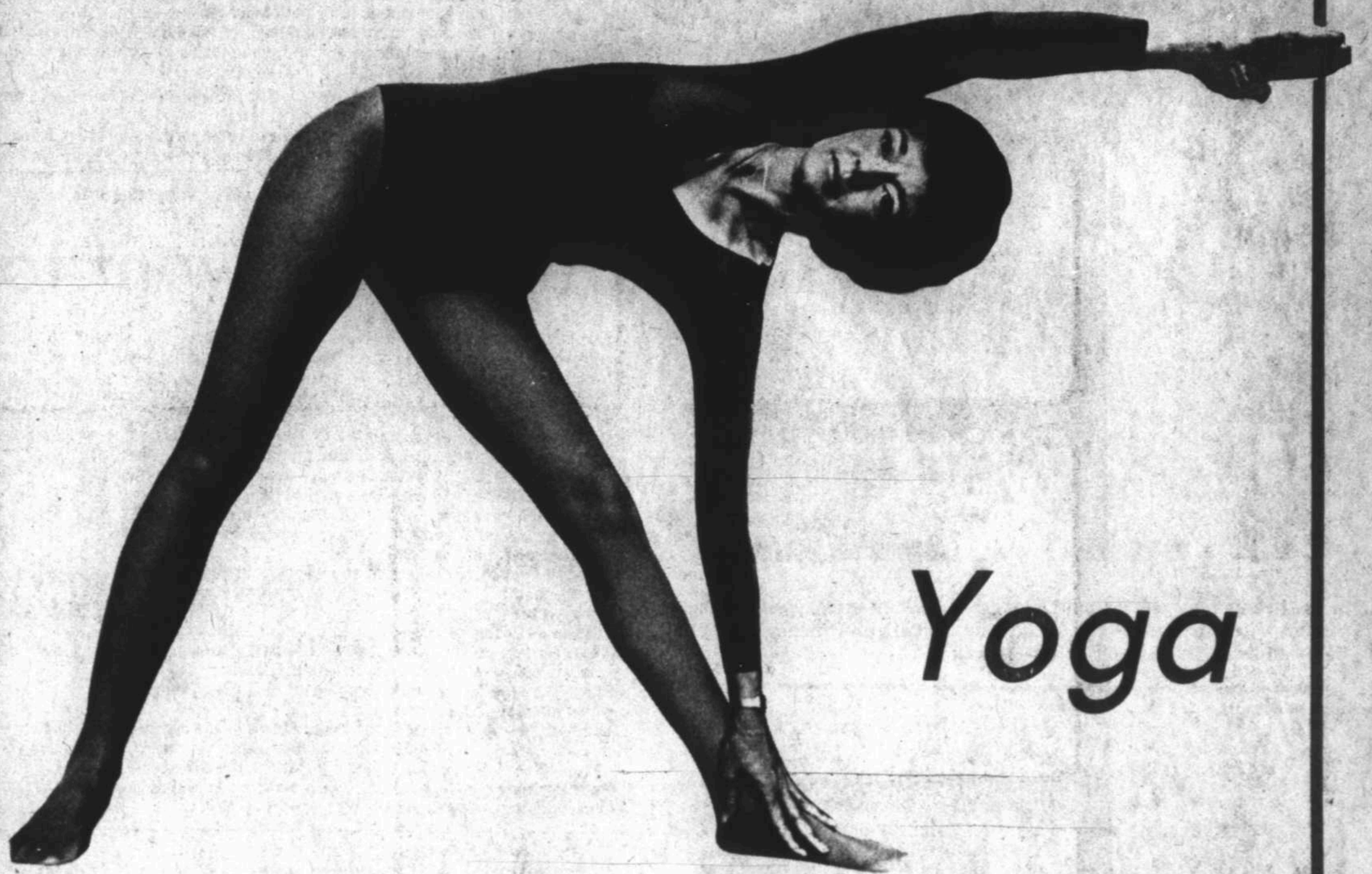
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Yoga is not just a hobby for Midlander Karen Thompson — it's a way of life.



Yoga

Yoga is way to take care of yourself

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

When Karen Thompson is tense and needs to get away, she retreats to her closet, spreads out a blanket and stretches.

While Karen could be called a yogi (follower), or more accurately a guru (teacher), she says the 4,000-year-old method of physical fitness is a way of "learning to let go of tension."

Karen doesn't chant while sitting in a pretzel-like position, but she does practice Hatha yoga — the physical side of yoga.

"I don't get involved in the far out yoga," she said. "It's not weird or strange. It's taking care of yourself

— your whole self."

Literally, yoga means discipline. The term also means a school of thought in the Hindu religion and a system of mental and physical exercise developed by that school. Karen practices the latter.

She first tried yoga about five years ago when a friend from high school tipped her off to the relaxation exercises.

"I took a couple of classes and dropped out," she said, adding that "after the third time I knew I'd never stop."

Now yoga is a way of life. She not only practices the art in her home, but also teaches it at Midland College and the Midland Fitness Center.

"Stretching is essentially what it is, but you cannot separate mind and body." If the body is relaxed, then the mind will be relaxed, she said, referring to the Western world practice of yoga where the exercise improves health and peace of mind.

Although many people think of yoga as a religion, with a regimen that includes lying on a bed of nails, walking on hot coals or contemplating one's navel for hours, Karen said it is a philosophy that can relax and strengthen a person.

Her once-skeptical husband didn't really pay much attention to the exercises until he watched professional football players work out in California.

"He saw them do several of the

yoga postures," she said. "Those men need to keep themselves flexible. Balance is very important. As we grow older we become stiffer and our muscles are shortened. But, you can tune back into these things with simple yoga postures. That's what the football team was doing. Stretching. Relaxing. Flexing."

While the yoga postures can help with the sense of balance, it also increases circulation, prevents injuries and prepares a person to become physically fit.

Yoga, which teaches breathing techniques that increase the oxygen supply and acts as a natural tranquilizer, compliments other types of exercise.

"It does the things that other

forms of exercise can do, only in a slow, relaxed, controlled manner and it's not painful," she said. "It's a way to take care of yourself — mentally, physically and spiritually."

When Americans are uptight, the teeth are clenched, the shoulders move upward and the neck is strained, said Karen, explaining "when I get into this state of tension, I'm glad I do have some things to call on."

What she "calls on" is about 30 minutes of stretching exercises. She teaches people how to relax isolated areas of their body — the arms, neck, legs and back.

"Tension will settle in the neck and lower back," she said. "I focus on postures to relax the spine. The

basic idea is that you cannot have a relaxed mind without a relaxed body. Yoga is an easy process to relax the body."

Karen said the practice of yoga is "hard for Western world people to buy because it is not competitive. It's so un-American to think that simply doing nothing is doing something."

Leotards and tights are not necessary for yoga postures. For Karen, a simple reach for something off the top shelf is a slow, controlled movement that improves her flexibility.

"It increases your energy, rather than depleting it," she added. "In fact, a series of yoga classes can give an aerobic effect, addressing flexibility, endurance and strength."

Ranch owners sue for additional royalties on oil, gas leases

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

A Midland oil operator who contracted to manage the oil and gas properties of Loving County ranch owners, a former partner of the operator, an Austin couple and a Midland bank are defendants in a federal suit which alleges the ranch owners didn't get the best prices on the leases and are due additional royalty interests.

The petition alleges that Perkins D. Sams was obligated to obtain for the owners of the Slash and Kyle Ranches "the best possible terms for oil and gas leases and to manage the property to

the best of his ability for the benefit of the plaintiffs."

From 1963 to 1970, Sams had contracted to reap 5 percent of gross income from the leases but that fee was increased to 8 percent in 1970, the petition says.

"Sams obtained numerous oil, gas and mineral leases," the petition claims, and the plaintiffs "believed that the terms of these leases were the best terms which could be obtained for the benefit of the plaintiffs."

However, the petition alleges that in recent months "Sams...on numerous occasions acquired overriding royalty

interests, production payment interests and other interests in the properties. The acquisition and retention of these interests by Sams is in direct contradiction of the confidential or fiduciary duty imposed upon Sams.

"Many of the leases obtained by the defendant Sams were for bonuses which were less than the amount which a prudent agent or fiduciary would have negotiated," the petition says. "Likewise, royalties provided for in various leases were smaller than the royalty which could have been and should have been obtained for the plaintiffs."

The petition does not cite an amount

of money sought by the plaintiff but does ask for an "accounting of each and every transaction involving overriding royalty interests, production payments or any other interests upon the lands" belonging to the plaintiffs and asks for an accounting of "all sums" received by or paid by the defendants.

Plaintiffs to the suit are Center Bank of Kansas City (Mo.) National Association as trustee for William L. Abernathy, Logan Abernathy, Mabel Johnson Bailey, Abbie J. Burton, David L. Fayman, Faith Fayman Strong, Danah H. Fayman, W.D. Johnson Jr.,

the estate of J. Logan Abernathy and its executor, Security Pacific National Bank of Palm Springs, Calif., and the W.D. Johnson Jr. heirs — Ann Brandon of Kansas City, Mo., and Susan G. Johnson of Santa Cruz, Calif.

The heirs and others are complaining of Sams and Sam Oil Corp., James Burford of Midland, J. Hiram Moore and his wife Betty Moore of Austin, J. Hiram Moore Ltd. of Austin, and The First National Bank of Midland, trustees for various trusts.

The petition claims that 20 years ago Sams agreed to manage the Loving County properties for the plaintiffs and "to lease these lands to others for

production of oil and gas and other minerals.

Burford was a partner of Sams and "benefited from the transactions in the lands," the petitions allege. The Moores purportedly were "recipients of many improper oil leases obtained through the actions of defendant Sams."

J. Hiram Moore Ltd. is an alleged record owner of interest in the land owned by the plaintiffs and allegedly obtained those interests through the "improper actions" of Sams and the Moores.

The bank is a record owner of interests, says the petition.

Richards: Women doing what they want

By RICHARD ORR
Staff Writer

Urging women not to let themselves hold themselves back, State Treasurer Ann Richards thanked members of the Permian Basin Women's Political Caucus for the role they played in her sweeping election victory last fall, saying it opened doors not only for women, but for minorities in general.



Ann Richards

"I think one of the most important events in the country today is that women are getting into the mainstream of things and doing what they want to do," she told about 50 members of the group during remarks often interrupted by laughter and applause at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Student Union in Odessa Thursday night.

"Some of us have more opportunity than others, and some of us make opportunity," she said, laying blame for the low self-esteem women often have for themselves on the differences

between the way "boys and girls are raised."

As the mother of two boys and two girls, Mrs. Richards said she saw that

difference first-hand in school books that imply that a girl's role in life is to be supportive of "boys who are taught that the sky's the limit."

"But we're here tonight because of an urgent voice inside that says what we have is not enough. And some of us are here because we've served one cup of coffee too many to able-bodied boys. We want more."

"We want rewards for our work and to participate in the fundamental questions of this country: war, peace and the survival of our children. We want dignity. We don't want to be confused about who and what we are."

Noting that she is first woman since Gov. Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson to hold a major elective office in Texas in 50 years, and that Gov. Mark White is appointing many women to important posts in state government, Mrs. Richards said that unless "we ask for equality and prove we deserve it, we'll lose it again. What we are (after) is to make a better human civilization."

"We have threatened men's feelings of superiority merely because we ques-

tioned it. I like men. They've been good to me. We want to work with men, not take their place. We want to complement them. We can't blame or let anyone — parents, husband or family — hold us back.

"We can do it. Anything is possible. But we've got to want it bad enough to bear the responsibility and take the enormous risks involved."

Sanders, Seuing to speak at Black History Festival

Midland's second annual Black History Festival Saturday will feature two guest speakers and the presentation of the Premier Award to several Midlanders.



Charles A. Seuing

The day-long event at Carver School is sponsored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club with local clubs, organizations and churches providing exhibits and displays.

Bob Ray Sanders, vice president and station manager at KERA-TV in Dallas, is scheduled to speak at 2 p.m. The evening program will include a talk by Dr. Charles A. Seuing, dean at Shelby State College in Memphis, Tenn.

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Bob Ray Sanders

will be presented by Norine Bradford, Darlene Williams, Michael Bryant, Larry Gilbert, Quincy Wallace and Charles Mason at the Black Federation of Women's Club, 1703 E. Wall Ave.

A Premier Award will be given to outstanding citizens in the black community, including Earl Booker, Dr. Viola Coleman, Cassie Doyle, Gloria Ellis, Ozie Hall, E.L. Jordan, the Rev. Robert Lathan, L.S. Littlejohn, Freddie Nelms, James Ramsoure, Aquila Watson, Willie Wilson, Michael Williams and Callie Mae York.

Other distinguished guests include Mayor G. Thane Akins; Dr. Joseph Barresi, superintendent of the Midland Independent School District; and Dr. Jess Parrish, president of Midland College.

'Leanderthal Lady' exhibition shut down

AUSTIN (AP) — The "Leanderthal Lady's" scheduled appearance in the Texas Capitol has been scrapped because of complaints from American Indians, who protested the display of what may be the oldest human skeleton uncovered in North America.

"This may be hard for many to understand, but just ask yourself how you would feel if someone dug up your great-great-grandmother and placed her remains on display in similar circumstances," said El Paso Sen. Tati Santiesteban, who is half Yaqui Indian.

State highway department workers unearthed the skeleton six weeks ago at a construction site near the Central Texas community of Leander. Archeologists estimate that the bones are at least 9,000 years old.

Department officials planned a public display in the Capitol, starting Saturday. But they threw out the plan Thursday.

"It's not worth the agony, and we're going to shut it down," said Bob Neely of the highway department's public information office.

The agency received an "inordinate number" of telephone calls Thursday from American Indian groups, other organizations and legislators protesting the public showing, Neely said.

Santiesteban said Ray Apadoca, executive director of the Texas Indian Commission, asked him to intervene.

"Although I certainly appreciate the scientific importance of the discovery of the ancient Indian grave site near Austin and the knowledge of the past which may be obtained from a study of that grave and the remains found within it, I also understand and sympathize with the feelings of those American Indians who

object to a public display of the remains of the Leanderthal Woman," said Santiesteban.

The State Historical Commission and State Antiquities Committee had withdrawn their support, according to Neely.

"We had hundreds of calls from people wanting the skeleton to be displayed — teachers wanting their classes to see it and so forth, and archeology director Frank Weir thought it would be a good idea," Neely said.

Before Thursday, Neely said, "We had no flak at all, none."

Santiesteban said the highway department meant no offense to American Indians, "but it is a fact that many American Indians — including members of the Tigua tribe in El Paso — do not believe that displaying the remains of one of their possible ancestors in the middle of the Capitol with large crowds constantly flowing back and forth past them is proper or shows the kind of respect for this ancient Texan, which she is due."

Groups that had expressed concern about the display included the Indians Womens Research Center in Wichita Falls, Tigua and Alabama-Coushatta reservations in Texas and the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, the legislator said.

A public display in a museum might be possible later, he said.

However, Executive Director Curtis Tunnell of the Texas Historical Commission said the "objection would be just as strenuous" to a museum showing.

"Indians would have a lot of cultural and religious objections" to such a display, he said.

Neely said the skeletal remains will be kept at a department laboratory here. "Interest in the skeleton has been worldwide," he said.



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"Heading up, moving out" a longhorn steer head damaged by smoke and water in Sunday's fire at the state Capitol are workmen assisted by Sen. Buster Brown, right, D-Lake Jackson.

Democrats want to force runoff election

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democrats are working hard for a runoff in the 6th Congressional District as their best chance of defeating recently-turned Republican Phil Gramm on Saturday.

How many ballots are cast in the special election will probably decide if the nine Democrats and one Libertarian in the race can force the former College Station congressman into a runoff.

Absentee voting has been low. But fair and warm weather was predicted throughout the 14-county district that stretches from Dallas County to the outskirts of Houston.

"We have a chance of forcing Gramm into a runoff but it's going to take a good voter turnout to do it," said State Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle.

A spokesman for Gramm said the 40-year old former Texas A&M economics professor has a "good opportunity" to win a majority vote.

Gramm switched parties Jan. 5 and resigned the congressional seat he won in November, for the third time, to run in the special election as a Republican. Efforts of Democrats to get the election date, set by former Republican Gov. Bill Clements, delayed failed in federal court.

Gramm's best-known Democratic contenders in the campaign are former state Rep. Dan Kubiak, 44, of Rockdale, and John Henry Faulk, 69, former star on the TV show "Hee Haw" and a resident of Austin and Madisonville.

Both say they can force Gramm into a runoff in which Democrats can unify and exert more voting strength.



DEATHS

Aubrey Johnson

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Masonic services for Aubrey A. Johnson, 77, of Shawnee, Okla., father of Gwen James of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today at the Roesch Funeral Home chapel in Shawnee. Burial was to follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Johnson died Tuesday in Shawnee.

He was born March 10, 1905, in Bolivar, Tenn. He moved with his family to Deport, where he grew up. He moved to Oklahoma where he married Coleen McNeVins in 1930. He worked in the oil fields in Texas and Oklahoma prior to moving to Shawnee in 1946, where he worked at Park Street Garage until his retirement. A son died in 1948 and a daughter died in 1975. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 107 and was a 32nd-degree Mason.

Other survivors include his wife, his mother, two brothers, five sisters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Marcel McCusky

Services for Marcel McCusky, 61, of rural Midland were to be at 1:30 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Russ Austin of the Word of Life Church officiating. Burial was to follow in Fairview Cemetery.

McCusky died early Monday morning in a Midland hospital.

He was born July 30, 1921, in Quebec, Canada, where he grew up. He lived in Canada, New York and Minneapolis, Minn., before moving to Midland in 1981. He had been a maitre d' for the past 30 years and was employed as a maitre d' at Green Tree Country Club at the time of his death.

Survivors include six sons, Stephen McCusky of Quebec, Canada, Lewis McCusky of Vancouver, Canada, Larry Ladwig of Minneapolis, Minn., Fredrick Ladwig of Madison, Wis., Gary Ladwig and Dean McCusky, both of Midland; five daughters, Shirley Gendron of Quebec, Canada, Julie Severin and Nadara Ladwig, both of Minneapolis, Minn., Dawn Grubbs of New York, N.Y., and Maria Ortiz of Mexico City, Mexico; a sister, Jeanette Gaudreau of Quebec, Canada; and 11 grandchildren.

Eladio Zubiata Jr.

BIG SPRING — Rosary for Eladio A. Zubiata Jr., 53, of Big Spring will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be said at 9 a.m. Saturday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Zubiata died January 1982. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a utility worker with Cameo Mobile Homes. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mrs. Kim Barnett

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. Kim (Marg) Barnett, 75, of Plano and formerly of Big Spring, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Barnett died Wednesday in a Richardson hospital.

She had lived in Big Spring for 55 years and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Correction

The Midland Reporter-Telegram incorrectly reported Thursday that \$250,000 of a \$949,000 block grant will be used to fund the city's fiscal year 1981-82 housing rehabilitation program. The money will go to finance a fiscal year 1982-83 program.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Elizabeth Ogden

Elizabeth Ogden, 78, of 4617 Versailles died Wednesday in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 3:30 p.m. today at Wilshire Park Baptist Church with the Rev. Chris Osborne, minister, officiating. Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ogden was born March 2, 1904, in Kimball, Neb. She was raised in Pine Bluffs, Wyo. She lived in Missouri and Kansas, moving to Washington, D.C., where she lived for 11 years. She moved to Midland in 1970. She was a member of Wilshire Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Yarger of Midland; a sister, Janet McCoy of Startup, Wash.; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Dorothy Clark

ARLINGTON — Services for Dorothy Blackman Opp Clark, 76, of Arlington and formerly of Midland were to be at 11:30 a.m. today in Hugh Moore Funeral Home in Arlington. Burial was to be in Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark died Wednesday in Arlington.

She was born Feb. 2, 1907, in Purcell, Okla. She lived in Midland from the early 1930s to the mid-1950s.

Survivors include her husband, Art Clark of Anadarko, Okla.; three sons, William S. Blackman of Midland, R.K. Blackman of Las Cruces, N.M., and John B. Blackman of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Mrs. H.L. Brautigam of Arlington; two sisters, Lura Femem of Rogers, Ark., and Lucille Hillsman of Carlsbad, N.M.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Laurel Albert

BIG SPRING — Services for Laurel Albert, 62, of Ackerly will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Ackerly, with burial in Fairhaven Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Albert died Thursday morning in a Big Spring nursing home.

He was a retired farmer.

S.W. Windham

BIG SPRING — Services for S.W. "Sandy" Windham, 74, of Big Spring were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Windham died Wednesday morning in a Stanton hospital.

He was a retired cook and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Raggae band to be at Midland Center

The Lotions, a reggae band from Austin, will perform at Midland Center Saturday beginning at 8:30 p.m.

This group has been performing in Austin since 1978. Band members include Madrilie Wilson, percussion; Alan Monsarratt, vocals and bass; Johnny "Reverb" Holston, lead guitar; David Roach; keyboards; and Keith "Crowbar" Newberry, drums.

The Lotions play copy material as well as performing original selections. Since 1978, the band has opened for the Pointer Sisters, Joe Cocker, Auggie Myers, Peter Tosh and Talking Heads. During its performances, the band has been joined onstage by Alvin Crow, Rusty Weir and Rick Derringer.

Tickets are priced at \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. The concert is sponsored by R.D.C. Productions. For more information contact The Cellar.

Judge blocks mail delivery because of chain scheme

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily blocked mail delivery to an organization that has reportedly enlisted 13,000 members in Texas and Louisiana in what officials say is an endless chain scheme and lottery.

U.S. District Judge David O. Belew Jr. on Wednesday granted a request from the U.S. Postal Service to stop mail service for 10 days to Money Tree, and organization run by Joyce and Harold Cox of Fort Worth.

Belew set a hearing Feb. 17 on the postal service's request.

Postal service attorney Tom Ziebarth said the government is investigating further legal action against Money Tree, whose brochure says that after eight weeks, a member "could receive as much as \$100,000 or more" in \$5 money orders.

"It just doesn't work out that

way," Ziebarth told The Dallas Morning News.

Money Tree requires an investment of \$20 and a recruitment of four new members. Members also buy a list of nine names for \$5, sending \$5 to the ninth and first four names on the list, and contributing \$5 to Money Tree.

Belew said he was granting the temporary restraining order "because there is probable cause to believe they are conducting a lottery through the mail."

Postal inspector R.E. Intriago said in an affidavit that it was "mathematically impossible" for anyone to get rich by participating in the scheme.

Money Tree's attorney, Jim Shaw of Fort Worth, said Thursday that he was given three hours notice of Wednesday's hearing.

Hunger is concern, delegates told

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — There should be greater concern for hunger, world peace and disarmament, Episcopal church leaders said in opening a three-day conference for West Texas delegates here.

David E. Crean, hunger officer for the Episcopal Church of America, Thursday told about 450 delegates representing 60 West Texas counties that every Christian should work to insure that every human being has an adequate diet.

Addressing the opening meeting of the West Texas Episcopal Diocese, Crean called on the church to at least

triple the average contribution.

He urged them to be aware of their own local hunger problems, which he said have become more acute over the past two years because of the economic recession.

The Rev. Gerald McAllister, bishop of the Oklahoma diocese, called on the church to seek peace.

"There are those among us, some of whom are innocently ignorant and some who are willfully ignorant, who do not realize or will not admit that governments, economies, educational systems, civil laws and social customs are all human creations.

Man jailed in murder, burglary, assault

BIG SPRING — Alfredo Torres, arrested Feb. 5 by Big Spring police, has been charged with murder, burglary and aggravated assault in connection with the death of Daniel Rios.

Torres is being held in Howard County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 on the murder charge, \$5,000 on burglary and

\$15,000 on aggravated assault.

In 118th District Court activity Thursday, Juan Peredia pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated assault and was assessed three years in the Texas Department of Corrections by Judge Jim Gregg.

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