



Stormy weather

Violent waves batter the eroding shoreline in Pacifica, Calif., south of San Francisco, as a coastal storm continues Wednesday. Thousands have fled their homes in the face of high water, high winds and high surf. See related stories, Page 2A.

Congressmen want unlimited access to files

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressmen investigating the Environmental Protection Agency say President Reagan's offer to give them restricted viewing of agency documents is "totally unacceptable" because of growing evidence of wrongdoing.

Chairmen of four House subcommittees involved in the dispute rejected Reagan's offer Wednesday and said they will continue to press the White House for full and unrestricted access to the documents.

Meanwhile, White House chief of staff James A. Baker III, in an interview with The Associated Press, would not commit the administration to keeping EPA Administrator Anne McGill Burford on the job permanently.

"There are no present plans" to fire Mrs. Burford, Baker said. He also said the possibility that she had mismanaged the agency had been discussed at the White House.

The demand in Congress for full access to EPA documents came after White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said the president would allow what he called "complete access" to EPA files.

But the House chairmen said Reagan's proposal still carried too many conditions.

"We now have solid evidence of wrongdoing which will make it harder to accept constraints," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the

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House Energy and Commerce investigations subcommittee.

Dingell said his committee "is continuing to receive allegations under oath which are very, very important." He said they include not only political manipulation of EPA's \$1.6 billion superfund toxic wastes cleanup program, but also "ethical behavior and possible questions with regard to violation of the law."

Dingell, whose subcommittee has now issued more than 50 subpoenas for documents and testimony, said the issue in the dispute is no longer executive privilege, the grounds upon which Reagan originally refused to give Congress the documents.

"At issue here is the question of the health, environment, safety and well-being of the American people and the enforcement and administration of the law," Dingell said. "I believe the public will not accept constraints that deny the Congress the right to full information and the right to all documents."

Speakes, speaking in Santa Barbara, Calif., near Reagan's mountaintop retreat, said Reagan directed that Congress "shall continue to have complete access to any and all documents they seek" in the EPA investigation.

OPEC ministers seek British, Mexican support of price cut

LONDON (AP) — With the future of OPEC's power at stake, six of the cartel's 13 oil ministers are lobbying non-members Britain and Mexico to support a moderate and uniform oil price cut.

Today's meeting in London indicates the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' new dependence on competing producers for controlling world crude oil prices and production.

Until this year outside petroleum producers usually took their price cues from OPEC's benchmark price.

Now, faced with a supply glut, sagging demand from recession-hit consumers and dissension within OPEC ranks, most of the cartel's members say only a global agreement can avert an all-out price war.

Mexico appears willing and its oil minister agreed to participate in a meeting here today with OPEC delegates from Venezuela, Kuwait, Algeria, United Arab Emirates, Nigeria and Indonesia.

But the Financial Times, a respected British business newspaper, said Britain is expected to tell the cartel ministers it will go its own way.

One British official was quoted by the Daily Telegraph of London as saying, "OPEC is a cartel and must run its

House coalition offers alternatives to natural gas decontrol bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of more than 20 House members, opposed to President Reagan's natural gas decontrol bill, today unveiled an alternative which they said would hold future consumer gas prices below the level of inflation.

"The president's bill goes in exactly the wrong direction," said Richard Brandon of the Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition, which helped draft the alternative plan.

"The president is long on decontrol and short on consumer protection."

Brandon's group contends the Reagan bill would yield price increases to consumers of 67 percent

over the next four years, while favoring gas producers.

Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., a chief sponsor of the measure, said it would roll back gas prices to Jan. 1, 1982 levels. It also would extend federal price controls — due to expire for most categories of natural gas on Jan. 1, 1985, under current law — for two additional years.

The bill, to be introduced later this month, also would allow gas prices to fall if the energy component of the Consumer Price Index drops, but would limit any increases to 75 percent of the CPI. It also

would limit the prices that can be charged for imported and other expensive deregulated gas.

A major difference with the Reagan plan is that the alternative would retain price controls on so-called "old" gas, which is gas discovered before 1978 that makes up about 40 percent of supplies. Reagan's bill would decontrol all gas prices, including those for old gas, on Jan. 1, 1985.

It also would cut off the opportunity for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which administers the present system of natural gas price controls, to use administrative

action to decontrol old gas or to create new categories of high-cost gas.

The alternative plan also would limit or kill provisions in many current contracts between gas producers and pipelines that are forcing prices up. It would limit "take-or-pay" contracts which now require pipelines to buy expensive gas while cheaper gas goes unused.

Gephardt said the measure would require FEREC to scrutinize pipeline requests to pass through higher costs to consumers by making sure that such increases are proven "just and reasonable."

members, non-OPEC producers and consumer nations.

On Wednesday, he said the group of ministers is close to reaching an agreement on a uniform price cut and must "work a little more on a production ceiling and quotas."

Asharq-al-Awsat, a London-based newspaper serving Arab readers, said today that the first task of the London talks would be "a final attempt to convince Nigeria to raise its price" from \$30 to a level closer to the current OPEC benchmark price, with the other OPEC countries dropping their price slightly to reach a uniform rate.

If this does not happen, the Saudi news media has predicted a move to lower OPEC's base price to about \$29 or \$30 per barrel.

Each drop of \$1 in the price of a barrel of oil is expected to mean a drop of about 2 1/2 cents in the price of a gallon of gasoline at the pump in the United States.

If the London talks make headway, Asharq-al-Awsat says, the way may be cleared for an emergency OPEC meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, "despite the lack of any encouraging signs from extremist (OPEC) members," an evident reference to Iran and Libya.

Pope urges clergy to seek change, reconciliation while avoiding violent means



Papal pose

With the Costa Rican flag behind him, Pope John Paul II listen to the country's national anthem during welcoming ceremonies Wednesday at the Juan Santa Maria airport in San Juan.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Pope John Paul II began his nine-day tour of this impoverished and war-ravaged region by urging Roman Catholic clergy to reject Marxism, capitalism and all violent paths toward change.

In a speech to Central American bishops Wednesday, he called instead for reconciliation within their divided nations and within the Church itself.

Today, the pope celebrates Mass outdoors in La Sabana Park. Church leaders have predicted as many as 1 million people — two-fifths of Costa Rica's population — will attend.

The Polish-born pontiff also meets this morning with the tiny Polish community in San Jose and with Costa

Rican President Luis Alberto Monge.

John Paul told an eager, welcoming crowd at San Jose airport Wednesday he was making the eight-nation tour to "share the pain of a people, and leave a word of encouragement and hope, based on a necessary change in attitudes."

Later, he told 66 of the region's bishops that the church "cannot resort to methods of violence which are abhorrent to its Christian conscience."

"A lacerating clamor rising from these lands and calling for peace, the end of war and to violent deaths has sounded with accents of urgency in my spirit," the 62-year-old pontiff said.

"This clamor implores reconciliation

and it thirsts for widespread and heretofore uselessly awaited justice.

"There is nothing more deplorable and alarming as the threat of war which would raze the countries involved and would become a deadly scenario for foreign interests."

The pope rejected both "a purely economic capitalism" and "a materialistic collectivism (communism) that equally oppress human nature."

"The Gospel is a defender of man, especially of the poor and defenseless, of those who lack earthly goods and are ignored," he said.

Costa Rica is poor, but in troubled Central America, it is an oasis of peace and democracy.

The Pope's other stops will include three tortured lands: El Salvador, where a bloody civil war rages; Guatemala, where a rightist military government is trying to quell a stubborn guerrilla movement and Nicaragua, where the guerrilla-led government is trying to rebuild the nation after a bloody revolution.

In all, some 100,000 people have died in conflicts in the region in the last five years — many in civil war and many others at the hands of death squads linked to rightist elites trying to hold off social change.

In the 1960s, the traditional alliance of church and Latin American elite began to break.

Two tanks burn at Big Spring plant

BIG SPRING — Two large gasoline tanks partially filled with unleaded gasoline caught fire and burned for several hours Wednesday night and early today at Cosden Oil & Chemical Co. east of Big Spring. Firefighters extinguished the blaze at about 5:30 a.m. today.

Carl Dorton, Big Spring fire marshal, said the tanks, about 40 feet high and 75-100 feet in diameter, were engulfed by flames while unleaded gasoline was being transferred from one to the other.

Dorton said investigation of the fire is not complete, but early indications are that a pump malfunction sent gaso-

line spraying against an electric motor and sparked the blaze.

He said both tanks were consumed by flames, but the fire was brought under control by about 12:30 a.m. He said U.S. Highway 80 was closed and traffic was rerouted around the area for about five hours. Dorton said to his knowledge, no one was injured or evacuated during the incident.

Big Spring, Howard County and Cosden Refinery firefighters battled the fire with water and foam.

Dorton said no damage estimate was available early this morning. The refinery is owned by American Petrofina Inc.

DPS investigates morning traffic death


The Department of Public Safety is investigating a traffic accident that claimed the life of one man a mile or so east of Midland early this morning.

The accident occurred when a pickup truck and a tractor-trailer rig collided at the intersection of U.S.

Highway 80 and County Road 1162 near the Quail Ridge Mobile Home Park about 6 a.m. The driver of the pickup was killed.

DPS troopers were still on the scene at press time and no other details were immediately available.

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Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Details on Page 2A.

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Lip service

"Everyone in there is in there because of their own need," lipreading instructor Kay Phillips says of the class she's conducting at Trinity Towers.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Forecast for 7 a.m. EST
Friday, March 4
Low Temperatures



National Weather Service
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
AP Laserphoto Map

Sunny skies and mild weather will be the rule for most of the country Friday, but Texas and southern Oklahoma may be in line for showers, according to the National Weather Service.

Chance for thunderstorms continues

A chance of thunderstorms lingers in the forecast through Friday with a few heavy storms possible tonight, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

It is expected to be partly cloudy through Friday with temperatures becoming a little cooler. Temperatures tonight should dip to the mid-40s, climbing to the low 70s Friday. Winds are expected to be gusty traveling southwesterly to westerly at 15-25 mph.

Wednesday's high of 82 slightly missed the record high of 84 set in 1955, while the overnight low of 56 was quite a bit warmer than the record low of 15 set in 1971.

Midland statistics

Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms through Friday. Low tonight in the mid-40s. High Friday low 70s. Southwesterly to westerly winds 15-25 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS
Yesterday's High: 82 degrees
Overnight Low: 56 degrees
Sunset today: 6:40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:13 a.m.
Precipitation: 0.00 inches
Last 24 hours: 0.00 inches
This month to date: 1.40 inches
1982 to date: 1.40 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
6 a.m. 51
7 a.m. 54
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Texas temperatures

High Low Precip
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Amarillo 75 46 0
Beaumont 77 63 0
Brownsville 81 69 0
Dallas 82 60 0
El Paso 71 45 0
Fort Worth 82 60 0
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Shreveport 82 57 0
Stephenville 82 57 0
Texarkana 83 59 0
Victoria 80 65 0
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Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Scattered thunderstorms through Friday. Winds north and cooler most sections Friday. High 68 far west to 81 extreme south. Low tonight 37 to 46. Highs Friday 80 extreme west to 72 southeast and 75 Big Bend.

North Texas: Widespread thunderstorms developing today. Thunderstorms tonight most numerous in eastern section. Thunderstorms redeveloping area wide on Friday. Highs 75 to 80. Lows 52 to 64. Highs Friday 80 to 72.

South Texas: Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Friday. Highs in the 70s and 80s north and 82 to 85 south. Lows in the 60s.

Part Arthur to Part O'Connor: Small craft advisory in effect. Southerly and southeasterly winds increasing to 20 to 25 knots tonight and Friday. Seas 5 to 7 feet increasing to 5 to 8 feet tonight. Winds and seas higher in or near scattered showers and thunderstorms through tonight becoming more numerous Friday.

Part O'Connor to Brownsville: Small craft advisory in effect. Southerly and southeasterly winds 20 to 25 knots through Friday. Seas 5 to 8 feet. Winds and seas higher in or near scattered showers and thunderstorms through tonight becoming numerous Friday.

Border states forecasts

New Mexico: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms through Friday. Snow level lowering to near 7,000 feet tonight. Breezy and cooler most sections Friday. Highs 50s mountains and northwest with 60s and 70s lower elevations south and east. Lows 20s mountains and northwest to 40s southeast. Highs Friday 60s and 50s mountains and northwest to 72 southeast.

Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy and mild through Friday. Scattered thunderstorms becoming more numerous tonight and Friday. Highs 78 to 80. Lows in the 50s. Highs Friday in the 60s.

Correction

Absentee voting in Midland's April 2 city-school elections will be held from March 14 through March 29 in the Midland County Elections Administrator's Office at 709 W. Washington Ave. The Reporter-Telegram earlier had listed the absentee-voting period as March 24 through March 29.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.
Have we made an error? Call us at 682-5311, Ext. 130, and a correction will be published.

Pacific storm still battering California

By KIM MILLS
Associated Press Writer

An earthen dam above California's Simi Valley threatened to break under the strain of a week of rain, while pounding surf crushed ocean-side homes and 9,200 people had to flee as a stalled Pacific storm continued to torment the Golden State.

Officials issued an order late Wednesday to evacuate up to 1,200 people from the Simi Valley, northwest of Los Angeles, after deciding that the earthen Sinaloa Dam could give way.

"There's 6 inches of water coming over the dam and both sides of the dam are corroding," Ventura County fire dispatcher Kathy Whitman said.

"We have engineers out there cutting off the flow of water, trying to lower the level of water," said police Lt. Dorsey Cullen, who said the water behind the dam was 6 feet above normal.

The death toll from the West Coast storms that began over the weekend rose to 16, with more than 50 people injured. Forecasters predicted another powerful storm would hit California this weekend.

The storm has wrecked over \$130 million in property since Monday, according to the state Office of Emergency Services said. Thirty-one counties were expected to ask Gov. George Deukmejian for emergency aid today, and the governor was expected to relay the request to President Reagan.

The foul weather rerouted the California tour of Queen Elizabeth II, who left Southern California by air Wednesday afternoon and arrived at San Francisco a day ahead of schedule.

The British monarch offered her sympathy to Deukmejian in a statement that said she and Prince Philip were "saddened by the loss of life and damage caused by the storm in California."

"The state is just absolutely soaking wet right now," said Alex Cunningham, director of the state Office of Emergency Services. "It's like a completely saturated sponge that can't hold another drop of water without a drop running out somewhere."

Forecasters said the storm also spread eastward today to Colorado and Arizona. Storm warnings were issued for Colorado.

In Southern California, 10 piers were undermined or sheared off by pounding surf and at least 1,124 homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed, including six wrecked by Malibu surf



Lava fountains reach 300 feet during an eruption of Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano.

Tongue of lava flows down street of Volcano, Hawaii, subdivision

VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP) — A three-mile long tongue of lava from the erupting Kilauea Volcano began creeping down a subdivision street, forcing residents from their homes for the second time this year, Civil Defense officials said.

The flow was about 500 feet wide and moving about 600 feet an hour late Wednesday, said Harry Kim, Hawaii county civil defense administrator. It was not known whether any houses had been damaged.

The residents of the Royal Gardens subdivision were ordered to leave their homes earlier in the day. About 50 homes are scattered throughout the 500-lot subdivision, which has no electricity or telephones. Police had set up roadblocks

around the area to limit access. "Our priority is the lives and safety of people," Kim said. "Not only the flow, which is a slow-moving element, we're talking about fire, fumes and smoke."

The possibility of brush or forest fires sparked by the hot lava were a major concern, Kim said. The island of Hawaii is in the midst of a five-month drought.

The lava flow was being fed by 200- to 300-foot fountains from a vent in the volcano's east rift zone. The fountaining began Friday in the latest of a sporadic series of eruptions which began Jan. 3.

Kim also ordered the subdivision evacuated on Jan. 7.

and 12 by a downtown Los Angeles tornado. In northern California, flooding and mudslides swept houses from their foundations and trapped 90 people in a canyon.

The Sacramento River, which has already driven 2,000 people from their homes, was expected to crest at 10 feet above flood stage today.

Helicopters plucked more than 80 people to safety, 10 from a wayward

Tennis player's Malibu home destroyed

By LILA LITTLEJOHN
Associated Press Writer

MALIBU, Calif. — The scream of chainsaws echoed across the Malibu coastline, a whirring death knell for posh beachfront homes shattered this week by the storm-whipped Pacific Ocean.

A home owned by tennis star Billie Jean King — the object of an unsuccessful palimony suit filed against Ms. King by her former lesbian lover — had to be bulldozed Wednesday.

Another house at the ocean's edge simply toppled into the Pacific when

its pilings were undermined by 10-foot breakers. "This is the worst I've seen," Los Angeles County Fire Department Battalion Chief Larry Rohrer said of the damage.

Nidia Cota said she watched as her tiny yellow Malibu Road home topple into the waves.

All that was left of Mrs. Cota's home were a few chunks of cement, the kitchen sink and some yellow boards. An uprooted palm tree was tossing about in the surf.

"We've seen it before, we know what can happen," Mrs. Cota said as she

pushed her toddler in a stroller across the street to a neighbor's home in this prestigious community 25 miles west of Los Angeles. "We just have to do the best we can."

Next door, another small home groaned audibly as each wave struck its pilings.

"We're trying to get the furniture out just in case," said owner Lucy Parnell. "It's just too much for sandbags. There really isn't anything you can do."

The sea also claimed septic tanks beneath several houses, turning the air fetid as residents hoarded washing

Social Security plan may get approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$165 billion Social Security overhaul, powered by strong bipartisan support from House tax writers, is moving toward approval by the full House.

The House Ways and Means Committee voted 32-3 Wednesday night to approve the delicately balanced package of payroll tax hikes, a curb on benefits, a levy on retirees' benefits and mandatory coverage for new federal employees.

The full House will vote on the plan next week, and also decide whether a higher retirement age should be part of the package.

The Social Security portions of the legislation enjoyed strong support, but Ways and Means was unable to wrap

up its two days of public sessions and behind-the-scenes maneuvering until striking compromises on unrelated provisions.

Those dealt with emergency extension of unemployment benefits for laid-off workers of up to 10 weeks and a change, phased in over three years, in the way Medicare pays hospital bills.

Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr. of New York, the top Republican on the panel, called the 32-3 vote "an historic event."

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., the panel's chairman, indicated the strong bipartisan vote in favor of the measure signaled the support the package will have on the House floor.

"I think today we signed a peace pact that nobody envisioned happening a

year ago," Rostenkowski said.

Only conservative Republican Reps. Bill Archer of Texas, Philip M. Crane of Illinois and Richard T. Schulze of Pennsylvania opposed the legislation, which embraced the recommendations of the National Commission on Social Security Reform.

The package is supposed to carry Social Security through its financing crisis in this decade and wipe out a projected \$1.9 trillion deficit over the next 75 years.

Legislators said they had decided to bury their differences on the unemployment and Medicare provisions of the plan in order to keep up the momentum the Social Security bailout has had since January, when it was

drafted and then endorsed by President Reagan and House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass.

By a voice vote, the committee approved the compromise extension of up to 10 weeks of jobless benefits starting April 1. This would apply to unemployed persons who have exhausted their benefits.

Those still receiving benefits could get up to an additional eight weeks of benefits, for a maximum of 63 weeks. The provision will cost about \$2.3 billion.

Some Democrats had wanted more generous benefits and some Republicans had wanted less. But they stopped bickering and settled on the compromise.

The recession-relief measure faced debate today, with House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. saying he hoped any additions to the bill would be small enough to avert a veto by President Reagan.

The measure includes money for projects such as repairing federal buildings, along with \$1 billion for community development grants, and emergency shelter and food for those hardest hit by the recession.

"There is a lot of pork in here," complained Rep. Del Latta, R-Ohio. "It is not a national bill," said Rep. James Howard, D-N.J.

Recession-relief bill first on Congressional agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bipartisan Social Security bailout bill, after clearing the Ways and Means Committee, heads to the full House where a decision is expected on whether a higher retirement age should be part of the package.

But first the House was considering a \$4.6 billion recession-relief bill, which some Democrats want to increase while some other lawmakers contend it is too loaded down with regional "pork barrel" spending projects.

The \$165 billion Social Security reform bill won approval in committee Wednesday night on a 32-3 vote, and

full House passage is expected to come next week.

The bill, designed to get Social Security past its current crisis and wipe out a projected \$1.9 trillion future deficit, includes a combination of payroll tax hikes, a curb on benefits, a levy on retirees' benefits and mandatory coverage for new federal workers.

Tax writers cleared the last obstacle in the measure when they agreed to phase in over three years a plan to change the way Medicare pays hospital bills. The change would set hospital fees in advance based on a patient's diagnosis.

The bailout bill closely follows the recommendations of the National Commission on Social Security Reform. Its committee passage was praised as "an historic event" by Republican Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr. of New York, while the committee chairman, Democratic Rep. Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois, said it reflected a "peace pact" for the bill.

The committee accepted a provision to mix a 5 percent benefit cut for new retirees 25 years from now with a payroll tax increase in 2015. But Rostenkowski said that when it reaches the House floor, legislators will have a chance to vote on whether to raise the retirement age from 65 instead.

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Panel wants documents on EPA official's contacts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional panel is seeking all documents that passed between an Environmental Protection Agency official, who last year decided against regulating formaldehyde, and industry groups representing producers of the suspected cancer-causing chemical.

Assistant EPA administrator John A. Todhunter, who is responsible for controlling toxic chemicals, met with industry representatives at breakfast and dinner in the weeks before he decided not to restrict use of formaldehyde, according to government appointment books and participants.

Todhunter decided on Feb. 10, 1982,

telephone messages and other communications between Todhunter and four industry groups.

Two weeks before his decision, Todhunter, assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic waste, had dinner at a plush Washington restaurant with two industry representatives.

The dinner at the Prime Rib restaurant — on Jan. 26, 1982 — included Leonard J. Guarraia, lobbyist for the American Industrial Health Council, and William J. McCarville, an official of the Monsanto Co., a major formaldehyde manufacturer, according to the participants.

EPA's director for the Office of Toxic Substances, and Rita Lavelle, who was fired last month as EPA assistant administrator for solid waste.

The dinner culminated a series of contacts — many of them outside working hours — between Todhunter and chemical industry representatives. These contacts, numbering about a dozen, date from Todhunter's arrival at EPA in mid-1981, according to his appointments calendar.

Todhunter said the off-hour meetings were proper because he never discussed specific chemicals under review by his office.

Also at the dinner were Donald Clay,

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Appeals court kills Braniff-PSA operations plan

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court threw out a complex plan enabling Pacific Southwest Airlines to partially take over grounded Braniff International. Hours later, PSA's chairman proclaimed it dead.

"No doubt, it's dead. We don't think the (U.S.) Supreme Court would take it," said Chairman William Shimp, reached Wednesday night at his home in San Diego.

Even so, Braniff Chairman Howard Putnam and PSA financial vice president George Shortley expressed hope that something still might be worked out as they met with lawyers Wednesday night at Braniff's headquarters at the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport.

But Putnam said the ruling left him "in a state of shock."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the Braniff-PSA arrangement simply did not conform to bankruptcy law.

CRUCIAL TO Wednesday's ruling was the 5th Circuit's reversal of a federal judge who had ordered the Federal Aviation Administration to provide 200 landing slots — times at which planes may land at designated airports — for Braniff planes that were to be leased by PSA.

After Braniff ceased operating last May under the load of a \$1 billion debt, the FAA reassigned many of its 450 slots to other airlines so extra flights could fill the gap left by Braniff. Those airlines were among those opposing the deal.

Braniff contended in the arrangement with PSA that the slots were Braniff property that could be transferred as it pleased.

The FAA argued that it alone has jurisdiction over the issuance of airport time slots and a federal judge cannot treat them as property to be conveyed by contract.

U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon agreed with Braniff. He ruled in Fort Worth that the FAA had to return some of the landing slots to Braniff.

PSA HAD arranged to lease 30 of Braniff's 62 idle Boeing 727 jets and to hire some 2,000 Braniff workers. It set up a new PSA division to handle the Braniff transition.

"We cannot accept Braniff's characterization of the slots as its property," the 5th Circuit said. "The slots are actually restrictions on the use of property — airplanes, not property in themselves."

PSA had set a Tuesday deadline for approval of the deal. But as the appeals court shaped its opinion, the company extended the deadline, saying creditors had given them until March 15 to sign the papers with Braniff.

However, PSA, which said it had committed \$1.5 million to the proposal,

also said its new division had to begin flying June 15 so it could extend service to 16 cities previously served by Braniff.

They included such major markets as Miami, Newark and Washington.

EVEN HAD Braniff and PSA won at the 8th Circuit, they faced a threat by the venture's opponents to appeal any favorable ruling to the next highest court.

The 5th Circuit ruling sent the case back to Mahon for "further proceedings consistent with this opinion."

"Since certain portions of the transaction are clearly outside the scope of a section of the bankruptcy code, the district court was without power under that section to approve it," the opinion said.

"Its order must be reversed."

THREE MAIN legal issues were pre-

sented in the appeal:

— Was the District Court approval of the PSA transaction authorized under the bankruptcy code?

— "Did the District Court have the power to order the FAA to allocate certain landing slots at various airports to Braniff so that Braniff could transfer them in the PSA transaction?"

— Third, could the judge approve Braniff's transfer of its lease on terminal facilities at Washington National Airport to PSA without FAA approval?

On each issue, the appeals court reversed Mahon.

IN A SEPARATE dispute involving Mahon and the airlines, the 5th Circuit judges — Thomas Gee of Austin, Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville, Texas and Henry Politz of Shreveport, La. — ruled Monday that the district judge was within his jurisdiction in upholding the agreement approved by the bankruptcy court judge.

Competitors, including American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, had argued that Mahon erred in getting involved in the case because only a federal bankruptcy court has jurisdiction in such cases.

After collapsing last May, Braniff filed for protection from its creditors in federal bankruptcy court in Fort Worth.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge John Flowers said that with the PSA takeover, Braniff would be able to pay 12 cents on the dollar when liquidated — instead of the 9 cents that could be paid without additional revenue.

Immediate reaction to Wednesday's ruling was contradictory. Some said the deal was wrecked. Others said it might still be struck.

"We are disappointed, upset. The deal is dead. We gave it a good try," said PSA president Paul C. Barkley, reached in San Diego. "Our attorneys are discussing options, but it's highly unlikely there will be an appeal. The decision ends any hope of a transaction."

PUTNAM AND SHORTLEY told a news conference at D/FW Airport that lawyers would have to study the 5th Circuit ruling before a final decision is reached.

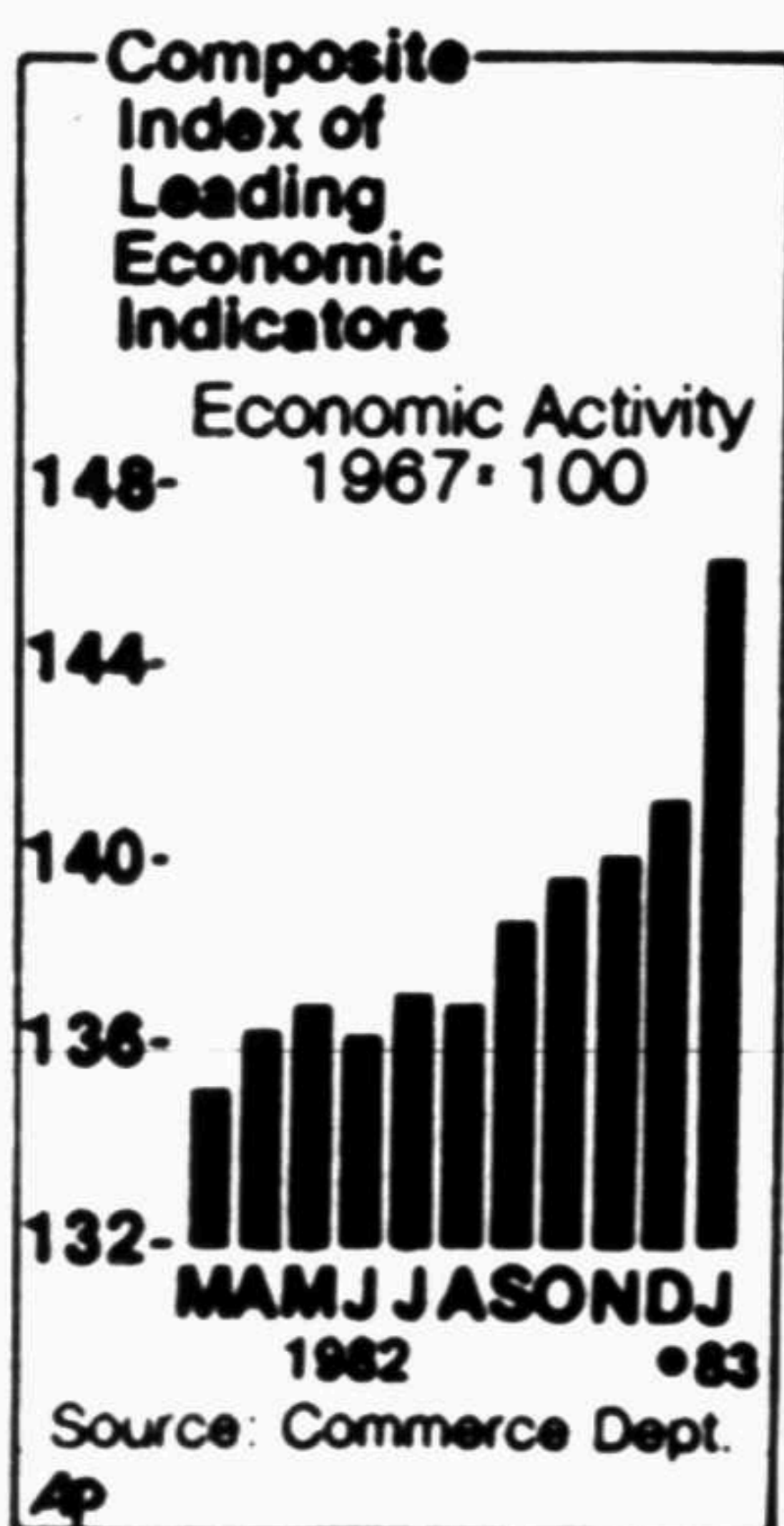
"At this time, we can't say what's going to happen. We have to review the opinion. We will be in meetings through the evening with our attorneys to determine what our alternatives are," Putnam said.

"We don't know if the deal is dead. But I have spoken with San Diego, and that's not what I have been told," Shortley said.

Economic indicators like school children

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Like children in a classroom, some



key indexes of the nation's economic health can be divided into groups: Fast, average and slow.

The leading economic indicators are like fast learners, the coincident indicators are the ones in the middle and the lagging indicators trail behind.

The leaders tell you what will happen in the economy tomorrow, the coincident indicators tell you what is happening today and the laggards confirm what happened yesterday.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that the Index of Leading Economic Indicators went up 3.6 percent in January, while the Index of Coincident Indicators rose 0.6 percent. The Index of Lagging Indicators dropped 1 percent.

"The difference among the three groups is essentially timing as it relates to the business cycle," said Edgar R. Fiedler, vice president for economic research of the Conference Board, a business group in New York. "The leaders move first and the coincident next and the laggards follow."

Larry Moran, an economist who is public information officer for the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the Commerce Department, said that on the average, the leading indicators start going up 2.6 months before a recovery gets under way, although it has taken longer in the current recession.

The lagging indicators, by contrast,

don't start rising until an average of 10 months after the recession hits bottom. "The laggards were designed to confirm the other two," he said.

There are 12 leading indicators, 4 coincident indicators and 6 lagging indicators. In most cases, Fiedler said, a rise in an indicator is good news. (The exceptions are the numbers relating to unemployment.)

Moran said analysts compiled the indexes by looking at a large number of economic measures. "Everything under the sun is a matter of fact."

He continued: "It was decided that some series had definite cyclical patterns. They would go up during expansions and down during recessions."

"Of those that had clear cyclical patterns, there were some that clearly were leaders... They would tend to turn down before you got into recession and up before you came out. There were some that were clearly coincident indicators. They'd turn down about the same time and up about the same time you came out. There were laggards — those that turned down after you're in and turned up after you're out."

A look at some individual components of the indexes shows why leaders are leaders, etc. Take the length of the average work week for production workers in manufacturing. That's one of the leading indicators. It is easier and faster for a company to put exist-

ing workers on overtime than it is to hire new employees or recall laid-off ones. When production turns up, therefore, one of the first signs will be an increase in the work week.

Other leading indicators are: the average number of weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance, the value of new orders for consumer goods and materials, vendor performance or the number of companies receiving slow deliveries, net business formation, the value of contracts and orders for plants and equipment, the number of new building permits for private housing units, the net change in inventories on hand and on order, the change in sensitive materials prices, the change in outstanding credit, prices of 500 common stocks and the money supply.

The coincident indicators — which generally measure production, Moran said — are the number of employees on non-agricultural payrolls, personal income, industrial production and manufacturing and trade sales.

The lagging indicators — a measure of costs, according to Moran — are the average duration of unemployment, manufacturing and trade inventories, labor costs per unit of output in manufacturing, the average prime rate, the volume of commercial and industrial loans outstanding and the ratio of consumer installment credit to personal income.

Wallace wants to put money in the ground

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas needs to spend more money and hire more people to battle oilfield pollution, says Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace.

He proposed fines of up to \$10,000 a day to violators and said the Legislature should spend more money on the problem. At present the fine is \$1,000 per day.

The main problem is abandoned, unplugged "leaking wells that pose serious health or pollution threats," Wallace said Wednesday. At present, the maximum fine is \$1,000 per day for polluters.

"Tougher penalties will provide a more effective deterrent," Wallace told the Water Quality Committee of the Texas Water Conservation Association. "Additionally, the commission proposes that proceeds from any penalties collected be earmarked for the state's

well-plugging fund."

At present, fines go to the state's general revenue fund.

When oil wells are abandoned without being plugged, shifts in underground formations can break the casing, and oil and other pollutants can leak into fresh water supplies. One method of plugging a well is to pour concrete down the hole.

Wallace said about 800,000 oil wells have been drilled in Texas, and only 300,000 are now in operation.

"It is estimated that thousands of wells remain unplugged without authority in Texas," Wallace said. He said the state's well-plugging fund was "simply not adequate to address the state's problem."

Wallace said he planned to ask the Legislature for more funds, more people and tougher penalties to fight the problem.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Oil and precious-metals stocks, which had sold off early in the week, recorded some of the day's best gains.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 18.09 Tuesday, rose another 4.35 to 1,135.06. The average has now gained 88 points since the start of the year, and nearly 360 points since Wall Street's bull market was born last August.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange reached 112.60 million shares, up from 103.75 million Tuesday.

The market drew some fresh encouragement from the news that the index of leading economic indicators jumped 3.6 percent in January.

Energy stocks, battered lately by fears of a global price war in oil, drew considerable support in Wednesday's activity.

Among the most active Big Box issues, Exxon gained 1/4 to 30 1/4, Atlantic Richfield 1/4 to 40 1/4, Schlumberger 1/4 to 41 1/4, Mobil 1/4 to 28 1/4, and Phillips Petroleum 1/4 to 32 1/4.

Gold and silver stocks also were strong as the price of gold climbed \$21 an ounce to \$433.50 in the Commodity Exchange in New York, rebounding from a \$100 slide at the end of February. ASA rose 2 1/4 to 6 1/4, Homestake Mining 2 1/4 to 52, Campbell Red Lake 1 to 26, Sunshine Mining 1 1/4 to 15, and Hecla Mining 1 1/4 to 22 1/4.

Among blue chips that have been market leaders lately, International Business Machines gained 3/4 to 102 1/4, Sears Roebuck 1/4 to 34, and Allied Corp. 1/4 to 39 1/4.

Stop & Shop Cos., subject of a favorable article in Forbes magazine, added 2 1/4 to 66 1/4, trading at record highs.

USF&G Corp., which raised its dividend, climbed 2 1/4 to 49 1/4.

Toys R Us was up 3 to 48. The company said its earnings for the year ended in January were up about 30 percent and proposed a 3-for-2 stock split.

The daily tally on the NYSE showed about five issues rising in price for every two that declined, and the exchange's composite index jumped .85 to 87.78.

Nationwide turnover in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 130.55 million shares.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index advanced 4.23 to 380.90. The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market closed at 263.40, up 1.58.

Additional listings

The following lists of New York and American stock exchange listings are not reported in The Reporter-Telegram's regular daily postings for the exchanges.

(The list is compiled by Rauscher Pierce Securities Corp.)

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	Assets	Change
AmFund 101	10 1/4	+
AmFund 102	10 1/4	+
AmFund 103	10 1/4	+
AmFund 104	10 1/4	+
AmFund 105	10 1/4	+
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AmFund 108	10 1/4	+
AmFund 109	10 1/4	+
AmFund 110	10 1/4	+

Commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
Oil	433.50	+
Gold	380.90	+
Silver	263.40	+
Copper	102.1/4	+
Aluminum	34.00	+
Steel	102.1/4	+
Grain	102.1/4	+
Textiles	102.1/4	+
Metals	102.1/4	+
Energy	102.1/4	+

Grain

Grain	Price	Change
Wheat	102.1/4	+
Corn	102.1/4	+
Soybeans	102.1/4	+
Rice	102.1/4	+
Oats	102.1/4	+
Barley	102.1/4	+
Flour	102.1/4	+
Sugar	102.1/4	+
Cocoa	102.1/4	+
Wool	102.1/4	+

Livestock

Livestock	Price	Change
Cattle	102.1/4	+
Hogs	102.1/4	+
Pigs	102.1/4	+
Sheep	102.1/4	+
Goats	102.1/4	+
Poultry	102.1/4	+
Swine	102.1/4	+
Other	102.1/4	+
Beef	102.1/4	+
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Nonferrous metal

Nonferrous metal	Price	Change
Copper	102.1/4	+
Aluminum	102.1/4	+
Zinc	102.1/4	+
Nickel	102.1/4	+
Lead	102.1/4	+
Iron	102.1/4	+
Steel	102.1/4	+
Other	102.1/4	+
Gold	102.1/4	+
Silver	102.1/4	+

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Senior-Dent' will take bite from dental bill

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Three Midland dentists have agreed to reduce their fees for senior citizens on limited incomes.

Drs. Lewis Tanner, Rodney Spencer and Millard Kimery are preparing to participate in a senior citizen dental program, according to Kimery, a Midland periodontist and president of the local dental association.

Senior-Dent, a statewide dental fee reduction program, was endorsed by the Texas Dental Association in May 1982, according to Beth Brooks, director of communications at the Texas Dental Association in Austin.

Because dental fees differ from dentist to dentist, Ms. Brooks said the reduced fees also will vary. But it is expected that Midland dentists will probably reduce their fees to qualifying senior citizens by 15 percent.

Ms. Brooks said only one Midland resident has inquired about Senior-Dent because "it (the program) has not been publicized in your area."

According to Dr. Jack Harris, president of the TDA, many elderly people throughout Texas do not have the income to pay for dental care.

"The Association has created Senior-Dent to fill a void that seriously affects the health of senior citizens," he said. "The dental profession in Texas is concerned and we have developed this program to assist the senior citizens of Texas in obtaining comprehensive dental care at a time when they need it the most."

Texas has about 1.9 million residents who are 60 years or older, with 340,519

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of those having incomes at or below the poverty level.

Eligibility requirements for the program are:

—Patient must be 65 years or older.

—Patient should not be receiving federal, state or other dental health assistance.

—Patient should not have private dental insurance.

—Patient's annual income should be \$12,000 or less, with an exception allowed by the participating dentist in special circumstances.

Services provided to Senior-Dent patients include comprehensive dental care along with examinations, cleaning and full or partial dentures, Ms. Brooks said, adding that all services are on a volunteer basis and no financial support is received from the state or federal governments.

To date, 1,440 Texas dentists have volunteered discount services to qualifying senior citizens.

Interested persons can call a toll-free number, 1-800-252-9377, to contact a participating Midland dentist.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Busy afternoon

Midland firefighters drive a "grass truck" through one of a series of fires that broke out Wednesday afternoon along the railroad tracks next to U.S. Highway 80. This fire was about a half-mile east of the Interstate 20-Highway 80 interchange. The truck douses grass fires by

spraying water from a nozzle attached to the front bumper. Fire department officials said the fires were probably caused by sparks from passing trains.



Staff Photos by Ron Jaap

Instructor Kay Phillips, left, demonstrates mouth positions during a lipreading class at Trinity Towers.

while Adelaide Gladden discusses difficulties in hearing certain sounds.

Trinity Towers students learn how to use their eyes to hear

By HALLYE JORDAN
Staff Writer

The 11 women sitting in a semi-circle facing their instructor had several things in common.

All were elderly, had graying or white hair, a case of the giggles and an intense desire to hear what was being said in the world around them. None were deaf but they did share a hearing loss.

"Everyone in there is in there because of their own need," lipreading instructor Kay Phillips said. "No one has signed them up. They want to be there."

The course, sponsored by the Midland College Community Services Department and Trinity Towers with the support of the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, helps people increase their "hearing" capacity by using sight.

"I have good hearing. But I read lips, too — sometimes to the point of embarrassment," Ms. Phillips, speech and language pathologist for the Regional Program for the Deaf, admitted to the class with a grin.

Drills which help students recognize words and sentences through situational, vocal, body and facial clues and

mouth shapes are taught in the eight Monday afternoons of instruction.

"When I say vase or face, you can't tell the difference," Ms. Phillips said, demonstrating mouth positions for the letters v and f. "But if I say, 'Oh, no, I broke my favorite vase,' it's obvious I'm not talking about my face."

After Ms. Phillips whispered a sentence, the students were asked to answer it out loud.

"What kind of view do you have over there?" she continued with the f/v instruction.

"Very few," came the answer with a chuckle.

"Very clever," Ms. Phillips replied.

The students, who were urged to whisper to each other during short drilling sessions between classes, practiced more than she expected.

"Keep whispering so you don't distort your mouth shapes but don't practice more than three minutes at a time."

"Aw-oh," one woman mumbled aloud to herself.

"Did I catch you cheating?" Ms. Phillips teasingly asked.

"No, but someone else has been," came the reply. "She was talking to me and I know it was for more than three minutes."

"There must be some socially acceptable way to make someone quit talking," the teacher mused.

"Yeah, shut your eyes," the woman advised.

For many people, that's all it takes.

"Most of the people who sign up for lipreading classes are people who have some hearing loss," Ms. Phillips said. "Some sign up so that they can help others in the family."

"Sixty to 65 percent of information people say is available to lipreaders. But there is so much language made up of vocabulary that is not visible."

During the third class session Monday, ways to get around those obstacles were reviewed.

One way to help "hear" is to place the light behind the lipreader so the person speaking faces the light and his or her mouth clearly can be seen.

"But what about those duds with mustaches — you can't tell what they're saying," one woman interrupted.

Mustaches or not, it is difficult to read the lips of people with certain characteristics or habits, such as those who hide their mouths, look down or speak when a lipreader is not looking.

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County inmates back in construction business

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Dallas Smith, who recently has been giving Midland County taxpayers and the county commissioners bargain-basement deals, this week offered another "special."

Once again, he volunteered Sheriff's Lt. Bill Decker and six prisoners, who happen to be craftsmen, to remodel another section of the former Tax Office in the basement of the 1930-vintage courthouse.

"Their skills are improving," said the sheriff.

In a week's time in February, Decker's prisoners and several deputies remodeled about 3,000 square feet of the vacated 6,000-square-foot Tax Office for about one-tenth the cost which a commercial remodeler would have charged, according to the sheriff's estimation. Offices were built for Criminal Investigation Division Capt. Pat Fuller and Warrants Capt. Richard Sexton and their staffs.

This week, Decker's hands are remodeling the other half of the Tax Office for work areas for Constable Tom McGinnis and his staff, for an enlarged Law Library and for a media

room for news reporters.

"It doesn't take any time putting up the studs, laying the (stud) tracks and sheet-rocking," observed Decker. "It takes time finishing it up — mudding, taping and bedding, painting."

The sheriff regularly drops by to oversee the progress of the work.

"This is peanuts here," Smith said of materials costs, as Decker and the prisoners were laboring away. "Labor is the big cost, and we've got the labor."

Labor cost is minimal. The sheriff just furnishes room and board.

Space for the Law Library, which now is cramped for space, will be sizably increased. Prosecutors, judges, practicing lawyers and law-interested laymen will reap the benefits of an expanded library.

By next week, the constable, his four deputies and two clerks will be shifted from the small room in the back of the Justices of the Peace offices to the cubbyhole now housing the law library, a sectioned-off hallway and the former coffee bar, which will be McGinnis' office.

"We'll have room to work now," said McGinnis.

"Amen," agreed Deputy Constable Bennie Matlock.

Earlier in the 1970s, Constable Jack Merritt was the loner in the constable's office. Later, Merritt hired a deputy and a secretary. Space was adequate.

After McGinnis took over the constableness in 1981, the constable's staff expanded with the rapid growth of rural Midland County. Today, McGinnis has four deputies: Monte Kay Cross, Hugh "Buzz" Buzzell, Ron Rice and Matlock. Working for them are two clerks Jackie Ward and Rosemary Olguin.

"It's fun when everybody's here," said Matlock.

"Six desks, seven people and a three-by-three-foot column" sporting horse-shoe-styled coatracks pretty well fill the office, observed Rice.

"Don't even have room for a moose head," said a lawman. Next door in Justice Charlie Sprayberry's offices is an assortment of wild game trophies — from a wild turkey's beard to a moose head.

"We've been thinking about putting double-decked desks in here," mused the constable, who noted that his new office is "sure an improvement..."

"It's going up fast, it's inexpensive, and they (Decker and crew) are doing a good job."

Many people's feelings were inspiration for prayer day

By GEORGIA TEMPLE
Entertainment Writer

It is believed that the idea began with the efforts of one woman.

Mrs. Darwin James witnessed not only the severe problems left in the wake of the Civil War, but also the plight of the European and Oriental people who came to the United States seeking a new life. The problems she

saw those in such hard times encounter seemed beyond human solution.

At that time Mrs. James was, in addition to being the mother of seven children, president of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and administrator of the Women's Executive Committee of Home Missions. She sought the only answer she knew: Prayer.

Turning her thoughts into action, she established a national day of prayer for Home Missions.

At about the same time, Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery and Mrs. Henry Peabody, after returning from a visit to overseas mission fields, also turned to the same answer to aid them in helping others:

A national day of prayer. (See DAY OF PRAYER, Page 2C)



Rev. Joseph Schley Jr.



Carol Hobbs



Sheja Leggett

Jury will investigate cop death

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury will study the death of a Dallas police traffic investigator who was killed when a tractor-trailer rig turned over on his patrol car, authorities said.

Carl Norris, 43, was pinned inside the wreckage on the North Stemmons Freeway for at least 45 minutes Wednesday before rescue workers were able to reach his body, police said.

Norris was investigating a four-car wreck when the rig's driver braked in order to avoid backed-up traffic, police said. The truck skidded about 142 feet across three lanes, clipped the back of the patrol car and spun it around before the trailer overturned on it, according to investigators.

Fellow officers say Norris, a 21-year veteran, recently had talked of retiring.

"He was talking about retiring. He had been saying he had his 20 years in on the retirement plan," said traffic investigator Bill Moser. "He didn't have a chance. He didn't know what hit him."



Dallas firefighters and police officers investigate the scene of a Stemmons Freeway accident which killed a police traffic investigator Wednesday when a truck's trailer landed on top of his car.

AP Laserphoto

Day of Prayer grew from feelings of many

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As more denominations began to participate, the two days became closer and closer together. In 1919, they were combined and a national committee was established to prepare one celebration for the world.

The day was officially set on the first Friday in March.

In honor of the World Day of Prayer, Church Women United and the Midland Association of Churches are holding a special service Friday at 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. A reception follows the prayer service.

This service has been observed worldwide since the International Committee for the World Day of Prayer was established in 1967, with CWU recognized as the official sponsor of this celebration in the United States. This year marks the first time the 18 members of the Midland Association of Churches have combined with CWU in sponsoring and performing this service.

"As people who pray regularly, it is joyously appropriate that we are joining the CWU who, over the years, has consistently been so helpful to the spiritual life of Midland," said the Rev. Joseph Schley Jr., president of the Midland Association of Churches.

The Midland Association of Churches

is an ecumenical group which sponsors, among others, community Easter and Thanksgiving services and the annual School of Christian Living.

In addition to the World Day of Prayer, the Midland CWU chapter is actively involved in providing services for the Center for Battered Women and their Children, Meals on Wheels, Casa de Amigos and St. Andrew Mission.

Carol Hobbs, past-president of CWU, said of last year's observance, "There were 170 countries and regions that actually participated."

The message delivered each year is written by a different group. This year's message was written by Women of the Caribbean.

"No matter what your religious background, you will feel comfortable," Sheila Leggett said of this year's service. "We will have a prayer for the children of the world, then each will be asked to give his own personal meditation."

The short program centers around the life of Jesus Christ.

"We will use examples of Jesus Christ as a person — what he did, what he tried to accomplish. We will show the forgiving nature of Jesus," Ms. Leggett said.

Pausing, she added, "Without Him, there would be no basis for this (World Day of Prayer) at all."

Senators hear group's plea for better teacher pay

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A salary increase of at least 30 percent over the 1984-85 biennium for classroom teachers was suggested Wednesday to the Senate committee on education by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

"There's more to providing quality education than simply assuring that

someone with a teaching certificate is present in the classroom," said Betty Pyle, president of TCTA and a science teacher at Bonham Junior High School in Odessa.

Ms. Pyle presented a proposal to legislators calling for beginning teachers with bachelor of arts degrees to receive a base pay of \$14,000 per year, and experienced teachers to receive 5 percent of the base salary amount of each

subsequent step in the same pay grade.

"We are cognizant that the salaries of beginning teachers are not adequate, while not forgetting that consideration must also be given to rewarding and retaining those who have made a career of teaching," said Ms. Pyle, who has taught 11 years in the Odessa school system. "We must not only encourage talented people to

enter the profession, but demonstrate to them that it's worthy of their dedication."

TCTA also supports legislation providing longevity pay for school district employees. Measures have been filed by Victoria Sen. John Sharp and Kathleen Rep. Stan Schlueter authorizing payment of \$4 per month to school personnel for each year of employment, Ms. Pyle told the committee.

Elderly students learning to visualize lip-reading

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"There is a little assertiveness training," Ms. Phillips explained. "One of the things I'm hoping to accomplish with these ladies is for them to take their own responsibility for hearing. It's hard sometimes to stand up and ask people to rephrase and repeat."

It also is difficult to lipread from certain positions and when more than one person is involved in the conversation, problems faced by the residents of Trinity Towers during mealtimes.

"It's hard to be facing everyone at the same time," Ms. Phillips agreed with the class. "It's hard to follow a conversation."

"What do you do when the conversation is bouncing back and forth?" she asked one resident.

"She just eats," another one joked.

"But what happens when you really

want to know what's going on," Ms. Phillips persisted, "like if it's your daughter and son-in-law talking about you and your money?"

"Why, I'd jump right in," another exclaimed.

Despite the light barrage of jokes tossed around the class, the students learned the answer:

"When people are interrupting each other, pick out the guy with the most clout and stick with him," Ms. Phillips said.

One woman told the class she finally had enough nerve to stand up to her minister, whom she had had difficulty understanding previously.

"I couldn't understand a word so I made him spell it."

"What happened when you asked him?"

"Well, he misspelled it — but I got enough of what he meant."

DEATHS



Harold W. Stoltenberg

Harold Stoltenberg

Services for Harold W. "Stolty" Stoltenberg, 68, of Midland were to be at 1:30 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Steve Edwards of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven North Mausoleum.

He died Tuesday morning in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 30, 1914, in Iowa City, Iowa, and was raised in Kinsley, Kan. His parents were Dr. and Mrs. W.P. Stoltenberg. He graduated with a geology degree from the University of Kansas. He married Elva Cheatum Dec. 9, 1938. He worked for Phillips Petroleum and Superior Oil Co. and was transferred to Midland in 1943. He became an independent geologist and oil operator in 1948. He was a member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce,

the Association of Petroleum Geologists and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Lynne Ray and Sue Anne Campbell, both of Midland; a sister, Mrs. Chappy Edwards of Dodge City, Kan.; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were to be Tom B. Campbell, William Thorn, Louis Beique, W.H. Thams, Hank Avery, L.C. Netherland and J.C. Williamson.

Honorary pallbearers were to be Tom Sealy, Max David, E.A. and Hugh McCullough, Holt Malone of Dallas, Earl Wallingford of Olathe, Kan., S.E. Haynie of Stanton and Bruce Livingston of Kingman, Kan.

The family asks that memorials be sent to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Johnnie Mohnkern

STANTON — Johnnie Lawrence Mohnkern, 77, of Lubbock and formerly of the Stanton area died Tuesday evening at a Big Spring hospital after an illness.

Services were to be at 10:30 a.m. today in the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Lenol Hester, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Mohnkern was born Aug. 29, 1906, at Brady. He was a veteran of World War II and had been in the retail grocery business in Lubbock. He owned and operated a general store and was postmaster at Germania, which was a small community between Stanton and Midland, from 1933 until 1943. He had lived in the area from 1914 until he moved to Lubbock in 1946.

He was a member of Cooper Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Survivors include two daughters,

Lavada Burdett and Avalene Powell, both of Lubbock; a sister, Pauline Reynolds of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mickey Berry

Graveside services for Mickey Berry, 31, of Midland will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Harper Family Cemetery in Mason County. Services are under the direction of Wilkerson Rudel Funeral Home of Brady.

She died Monday in Midland County.

Ms. Berry was born Oct. 11, 1951, in Mason County, where she lived most of her life. She had worked as a telephone operator, and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharla Dawn Berry of San Angelo, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Harper Jr. of Mason County, two brothers, Dayton Harper and Sam Harper, both of San Angelo, and a sister, Yvonne Eckert of Doss.

Pallbearers will be Dayton Harper, Sam Harper, Ervin Eckert, Larry Eckert, A.C. Harper and Craig Taylor.

Ferris W. Bolinger

EARLY — Services for Ferris W. "Pete" Bolinger, 74, of Early, stepfather of Aubrey Price of Midland, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel here. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday in a Brownwood hospital.

Bolinger was born Aug. 28, 1908, in San Saba County. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He

worked at McKnight State Hospital in Carlsbad. He married Leoma White Holder April 11, 1962, in San Angelo. He was a Baptist.

Other survivors include his wife, two stepdaughters and eight step-grandchildren.

S.R. Montgomery

Services for Sandra Rae Montgomery, 42, of Denver and formerly of Midland were Wednesday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Roy Carley, assistant minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Ms. Montgomery died Sunday in Englewood, Colo.

Pallbearers were Delton Marcum, H.S. Elliot, Charles Goss, A.C. Peeler, John Snow Jr., Gus Hicks and Tol Endres.

Mrs. Earl Stirman

Graveside services for Mrs. Earl (Mary) Stirman, 86, of 2901 W. Ohio Ave. will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, minister of the West Kentucky Baptist Church, officiating and directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stirman died Monday night in a Midland hospital.

She was born Sept. 11, 1896, in Texas. She spent most of her life in Terrell County where her husband was a rancher. He died in 1967, after which she moved to Midland with her son and his family.

Survivors include her son, Bill Stirman of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. Earline Blair of Tucson, Ariz.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Panhandle crash kills Borger man

BORGER (AP) — Officials of the Federal Aviation Administration were investigating the cause of an airplane crash that killed a 59-year-old Borger man and injured his wife and son, authorities said.

The plane crashed shortly after take-off Wednesday from the Hutchinson County Airport en route to North Carolina, where the family planned to attend a daughter's wedding, officials said.

Tourist's-eye-view of China planned

Dr. Frank Samponaro will share his adventures in China at 7:30 p.m. today at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Samponaro, an associate professor of history at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, spent three weeks in China last summer. His free lecture and slide program is in conjunction with the museum's current "China From Within" exhibit, which presents a look at contempo-

rary China by its own photographers.

In addition to describing what being a tourist in China is like, Samponaro will also give a historical perspective on the recent changes in the Chinese government.

The museum will be open beginning with a 7 p.m. reception. The public is invited to see the "China From Within" exhibit as well as the second exhibit in the series of exhibits planned on the works of Merritt

Mauzey. Refreshments will be served.

Other activities at the museum this week include a public lecture planned for Friday. This lecture is not in conjunction with the "China From Within" exhibit. Jerry C. Porter will speak on "Designing the Mid-America Center" at 3 p.m., not at 7 p.m. as previously announced.

A guided tour will be provided at 3 p.m. Sunday for the "China From Within" show.

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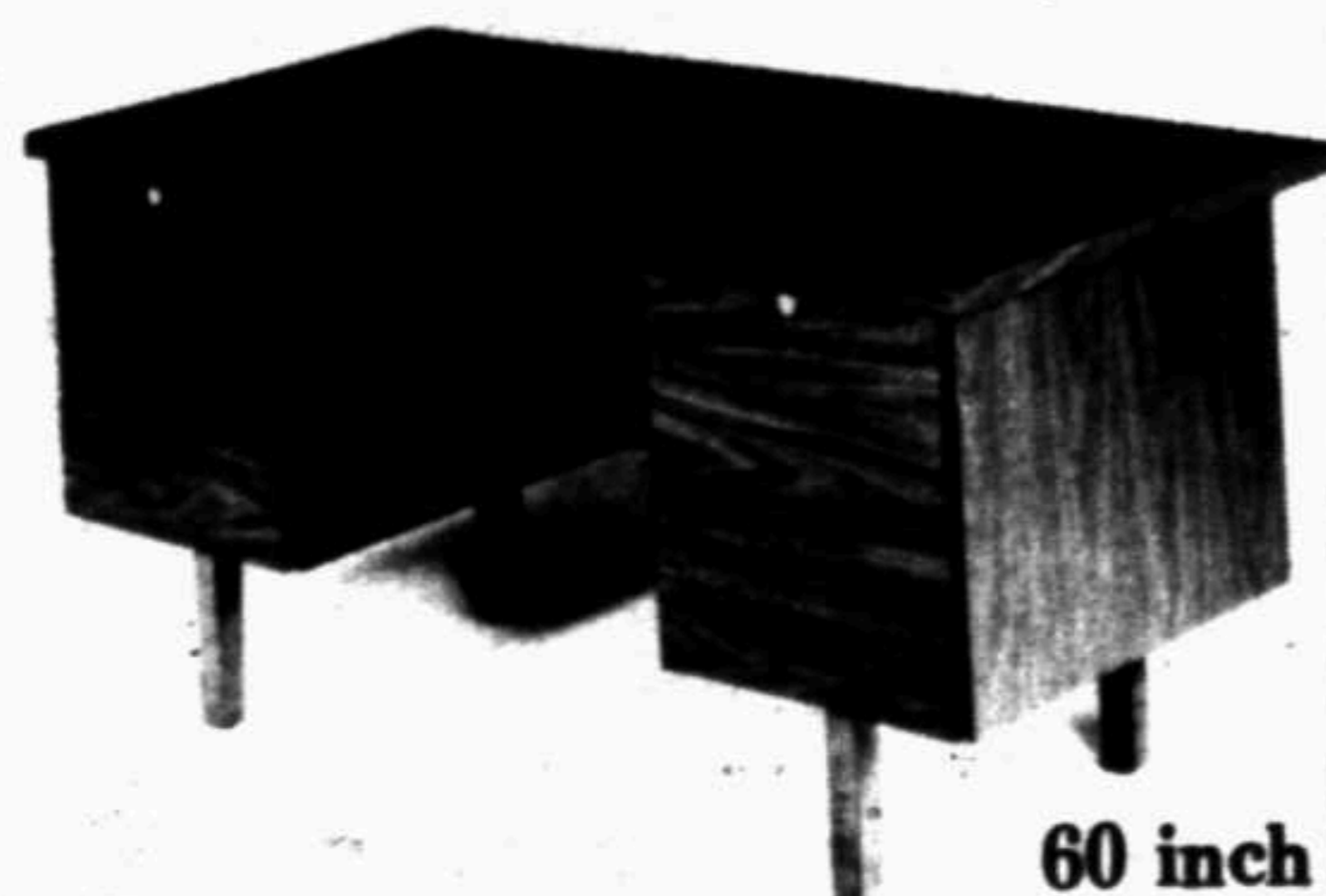
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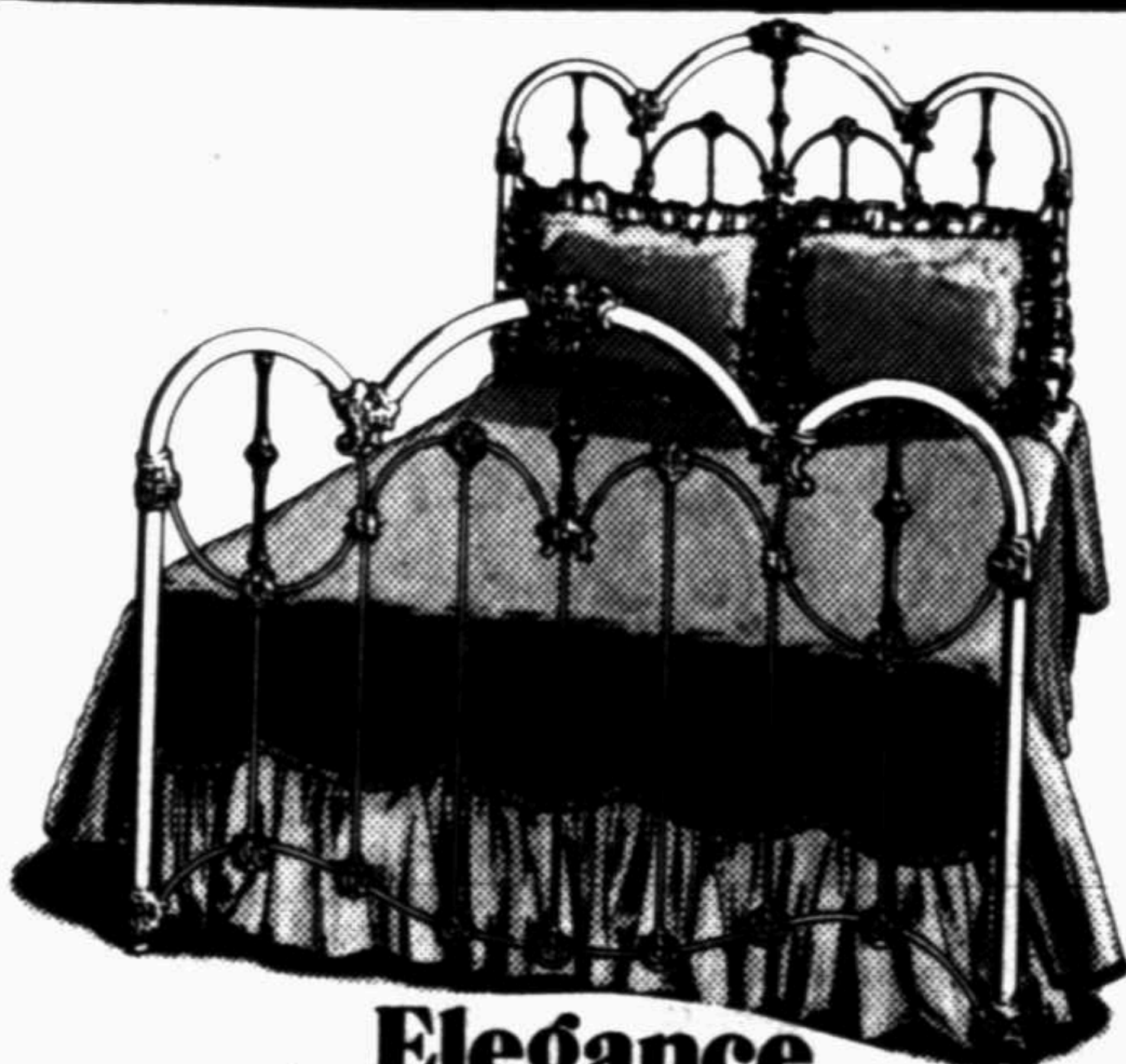
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