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For the first time in the history of Midland College, a new man will sit at the president's desk next week. As Dr. Jess H. Parrish prepares to take over, Dr. Al G. Langford reflects on some difficult and exciting moments at MC in Sunday's edition.

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Senate break may be stalled by oil issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate liberals are vowing to delay Congress' month-long summer vacation unless a compromise tax-cut bill gives the oil industry far less than the \$47 billion that assured President Reagan victory in the House.

But there is no indication such a filibuster would delay individual tax reductions beyond the Oct. 1 date in the bill.

And just in case the oil issue threatens to cut too deeply into the August vacation, Senate Republican leader Howard H. Baker Jr. has served notice that he will file a petition to choke off any talkathon as soon as it begins.

Until a House-Senate conference committee goes to work on a compromise on the bill, there's no assurance the filibuster will ever come about. If all goes according to plan, the conference should be convened late today.

The Senate has yet to give final approval to Reagan's 25 percent, three-year tax-cut bill, although it endorsed the package by an 89-11 vote on Wednesday, the same day it was passed by the House.

A planned vote on Thursday was put off until today after the tax bill got mixed up in the politics of Social Security benefits.

The finished bill is expected to be sent to Reagan for his signature on Tuesday or Wednesday. That would delay for only four or five days the recess, which is scheduled to last until Sept. 8.

The biggest obstacle facing the conferees is the oil issue — the same one that ensured Reagan's victory over House Democratic leaders in the showdown vote Wednesday.

To woo oil-state Democrats, Reagan agreed to \$47 billion worth of special tax relief for the oil industry over the next 10 years. House leaders had offered \$22 billion.

The Senate bill would provide \$20 billion worth of benefits for the industry in an attempt to spur increased oil exploration and production.

Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, served notice Thursday that \$47 billion is far too much.

"If there is substantial or significant yielding to the House position on grants to the major oil companies, that issue will be debated and discussed for some period and at some length," Kennedy said.

Metzenbaum added, "I think it may take some time to let the people of the country know what the facts are" about the oil benefits.

If conferees bend too far against the oil breaks, they could alienate the House Republicans and conservative Democrats who support the full \$47 billion.



Priceless playday

Children make a frantic dash as the gates are opened for the penny hunt during Thursday's playday at Dennis the Menace Park. A thousand pennies were scattered on a field and the youths, including Elizabeth Cleveland, left, scoured the field in their own treasure hunt.

Staff Photos by Paul Gilbert

'One more shot' at saving benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clearing the way for final action on President Reagan's spending cuts, the House has a chance to go on record in favor of keeping the minimum monthly Social Security benefit while letting the Senate cut it from the budget.

The latest effort to retain the minimum benefit is just "one more shot ... with a BB gun," one Republican leader says.

Both the House and the Senate planned final votes today on Reagan's austerity budget for fiscal 1982, starting Oct. 1.

At the same time, the House scheduled a vote on a separate resolution deleting a provision from the budget legislation that would eliminate the \$122 minimum monthly benefit.

House Budget Committee Chairman James R. Jones, D-Okla., acknowledged that if the Senate refuses to vote on the resolution or defeats it, elimination of the minimum benefit would stand in the budget. "And the 3 million people who lose their benefits will know precisely why," he added.

Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., said the resolution would be left to linger in the Senate Finance Committee to be considered as part of an overhaul of the entire Social Security system sometime after the August recess.

"No doubt there's a need to help and protect those in that (minimum benefit) category," Baker said, "but many of those are not in need. The problem is to cut out those who are getting a free ride."

Congressional leaders agreed Thursday to allow the separate House vote after House Rules Committee Chairman Richard Bolling, D-Mo., said he would block final action on the Reagan budget cuts unless Democrats were given a chance to retain the minimum benefit.

"What they got is one more shot before they go home, with a BB gun," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole, R-Kan.

House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel of Illinois commented: "This is a great political thing for them to do in the closing days of the session. It puts everyone on the line again."

"This is the only thing the Democrats are making any points on," he added.

Reagan wants to eliminate the minimum benefit as a means of saving some \$7 billion over the next five years.

Minority bloc supports county redistricting effort

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The re-aligning of a Midland County Commissioner's precinct to afford the black-Hispanic community a chance to put a candidate of their ilk on the county's governing body gained hearty support here Thursday night amid some negative outlook.

The plan called for a 71 percent minority bloc on the east of Big Spring Street, which is a more-or-less socio-economic dividing line of the city.

"This population thing of 71 percent means nothing," said Linda Gamez, "but it gives us opportunity" to get

into politics and to get the minority's interests and viewpoint into representative government.

The session at Robert E. Lee Freshman High School was the last in a series of five meetings to air viewpoints on proposals for a re-districting of the four commissioner precincts, which tend to quarter the city into socio-economic and political districts.

But Clarence Rankin, a black man who has served on numerous committees for the common good, wasn't optimistic about the effectiveness of a minority-dominated precinct. "In the final analysis, it (committee serving) did no good" for his people,

And Rankin wasn't optimistic about the likelihood of minority-tilted precinct to give the blacks and Hispanics a strong vote on the Commissioners' Courts.

"I'll eat crow when you make me see the difference," he pledged, "and I'll apologize, because I'm man enough to do it. I will eat crow for 30 days."

Wayne Harris, an Anglo who lives in the white-dominated far west Midland, suggested that "one person could make a difference — no guarantee."

Rankin pondered. "You're playing on my blackness," he said, "but it doesn't do anything

for me."

ONE PROPOSITION aired in the public meeting attended by blacks, Anglos and Mexican-Americans was this: That a black or Mexican-American vote on the five-member Commissioners' Court might give the minority community inroads into government and the confidence and cohesiveness to get a minority vote on the Midland City Council and effective representation in a city government.

"Minorities have always wanted to participate (in government)," said

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INSIDE TODAY

Play ball!

Federal mediator Ken Moffett listens as the end of the 50-day baseball players' strike is announced by the owners' negotiator. Play will resume August 9 with an All-Star game.

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Cancer center's director resigning one month after opening of facility

By GAIL BURKE
Staff Writer

Only a month has passed since the opening of the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center and already its director has resigned.

Midland Memorial Hospital Administrator Ray Branson announced Thursday during the regular Board of Trustees meeting that Dr. Alvin Lee Schlichtemeier, radiation oncologist and medical director of the Center, had resigned.

Branson said Schlichtemeier gave his resignation "somewhere around July 15," and a search committee was formed last week to find a replacement.

"Dr. Schlichtemeier's resignation was a strictly personal matter,"

Branson said. "It had nothing to do with Midland or the hospital."

Schlichtemeier, who was named director of the Center last year, could not be reached for comment.

According to Mickey Cappadonna, president of the Allison Center Regional Advisory Committee, Schlichtemeier gave a 90-day notice in accordance with his contract. Schlichtemeier said he will remain on staff until Oct. 15 and has agreed to stay longer should the search committee need more time to make a decision.

The search committee, with Schlichtemeier as one of its members, has already interviewed three radiation oncologists in its search for a replacement.

Cappadonna stated at the board

meeting that those interviewed were impressive and the committee hoped to fill the position by the October date.

"We have excellent candidates," Branson said this morning.

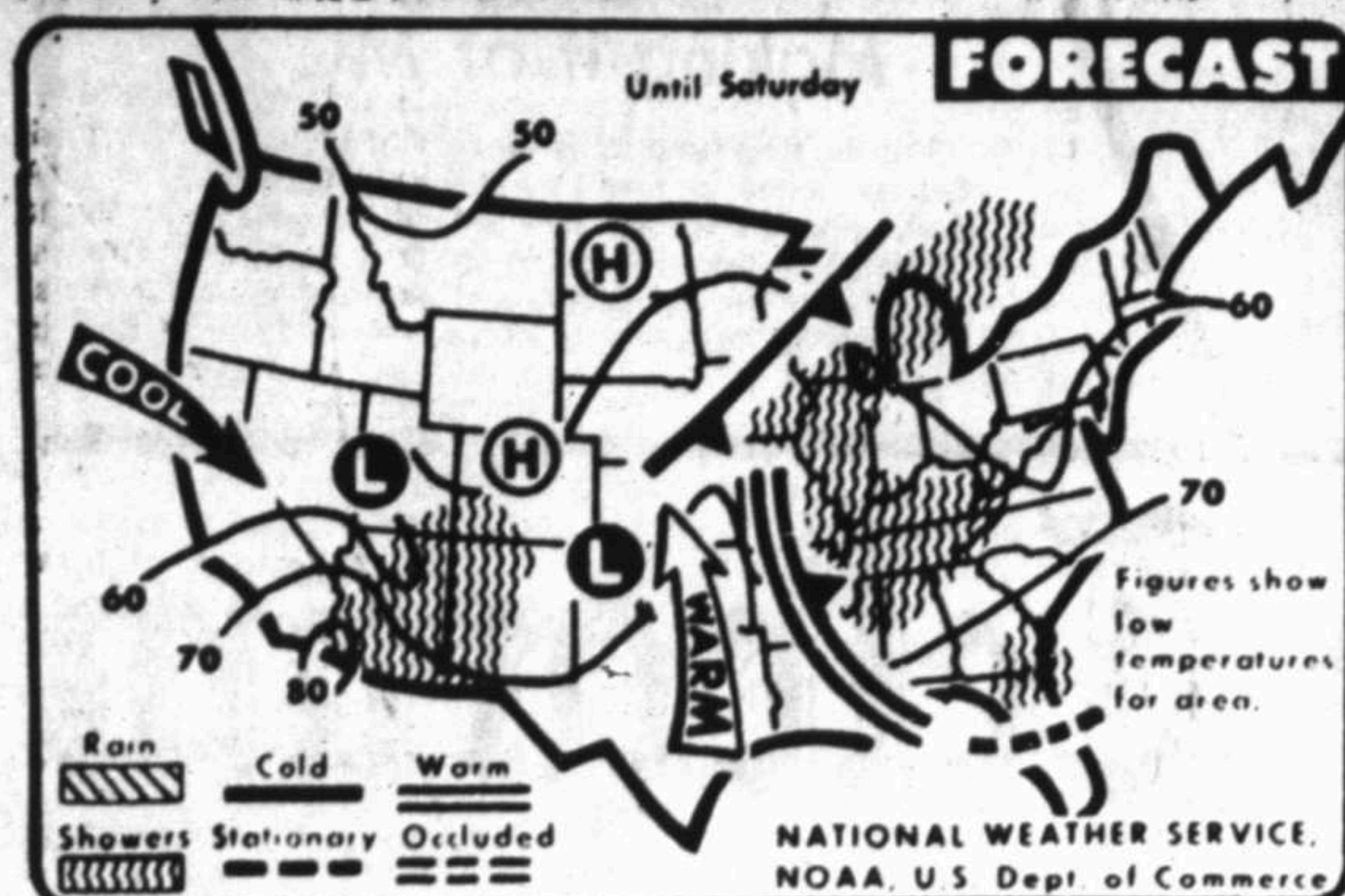
Additionally, Branson said the search committee also has been charged with recruiting a medical oncologist. He said a medical oncology group associated with the Sammons Cancer Center in Dallas, part of Baylor Medical Center, provides outreach services — consultative medical oncology services.

"We have spoken to them and they have made a proposal to us to provide one or two days a week as needed medical oncology services," Branson said.



Dr. Alvin Lee Schlichtemeier

WEATHER SUMMARY



Warm weather is expected through Saturday morning for most of the country. Showers are forecast for the Southwest and for the southern Appalachians, Midwest and Great Lakes.

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair days through Saturday. Partly cloudy tonight with slight chance of showers. High Saturday in the upper 80s with low tonight near 70. Southerly winds 10-15 mph through Saturday diminishing to 5-10 mph tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 88 degrees
Yesterday's Low: 71 degrees
Summit today: 8:45 p.m.
Summit tomorrow: 7:45 a.m.

Precipitation

Last 24 hours: 0.00 inches
This month to date: 0.00 inches
1981 to date: 7.01 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Wind	Humidity
6 a.m.	72	6 p.m.	90
7 a.m.	79	7 p.m.	88
8 a.m.	81	8 p.m.	84
9 a.m.	84	9 p.m.	82
10 a.m.	86	10 p.m.	81
11 a.m.	88	11 p.m.	82
noon	92	midnight	79
1 p.m.	97	1 a.m.	76
2 p.m.	93	2 a.m.	73
3 p.m.	90	3 a.m.	70
4 p.m.	86	4 a.m.	71
5 p.m.	80	5 a.m.	76

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

City	Temp	City	Temp
Ableton	96	El Paso	90
Albino	97	Fort Worth	88
Albuquerque	90	Houston	96
Albino	97	Lubbock	97
Albino	97	Marfa	96
Albino	97	Odessa	97
Albino	97	Wichita Falls	103

Extended forecasts

Sunday through Tuesday

West Texas: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows mid 60s north to mid 70s south. Highs low 80s north to mid 90s south.

North Texas: Clear to partly cloudy. Hot days with highest temperatures mid 90s southeast to around 100 northwest. Warm nights with lowest temperatures in the 70s.

South Texas: Partly cloudy with little change in temperatures. Widely scattered thunderstorms coastal and southeast Texas. Daytime highs 90 to 100. Overcast lows mostly mid and upper 70s except near 80 along the coast.

Fair skies to prevail

Fair weather should prevail in the Permian Basin through Saturday, although there is a slight chance of thunderstorms tonight.

According to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport, Saturday's high temperature should reach the upper 90s.

The chance of rain is only 20 percent tonight.

Some parts of Midland received showers Thursday evening, but the NWS office received none, leaving the July total at .40 of an inch and the yearly total at 7.01 inches.

Tonight's low will be near 70.

Thursday's high of 99 fell short of the 106 record high set in 1936.

Attorney seeks medical records for Hughes trial

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Texas attorney has obtained a subpoena for Veterans Administration records he believes may help clear up conflicting claims to the fortune left by Howard Hughes.

Attorney George Farnham of Houston hopes to prove that screen writer and author Rupert Hughes, an uncle of the late Hughes, was sterile and therefore three women claiming part of the estate could not be his granddaughters.

"Rupert was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II. It is our understanding that he was treated in a VA hospital in the Pittsburgh area," said Farnham. Rupert Hughes died at age 84 in 1956, he said.

Farnham, who suspects the hospital records may reveal Rupert Hughes' blood type, was granted the subpoena Thursday by Allegheny County Judge Joseph Del Sole.

Howard Hughes, an engineer and pilot who turned a tool company into a fortune now estimated between \$200 million and \$2 billion, died at age 70 in 1976. He apparently left no immediate family and no will, prompting more than 500 would-be heirs to seek a share of his money and stock in Las Vegas-based Summa Corp.

Police probing thefts, burglaries

In theft and burglary complaints to city police during the past 24 hours, Joseph Higgs of 2617 1/2 Kessler Ave. said someone pried open the door of his residence and took a TV set, record albums, a 12-speed bike and assorted stereo equipment worth a total of \$2,075.

Rare coins, jewelry, and a Polaroid camera valued at \$1,600 were reported.

Police Roundup

ed taken in a burglary of a residence at 100 Wadley. Entry was gained through a garage door.

And Rick Shewmake of 301 S. Eisenhower St. told officers \$405 worth of tools was stolen from the bed of a pickup that had been parked in his driveway.

Odessa's body found in mill

NEWBERG, Ore. (AP) — The dismembered body of a former Odessa, Texas, man was found Thursday in a wood chip processing machine at the Publishers Paper Mill in this Northwest Oregon town, Yamhill County officials said.

Yamhill District Attorney John Collins said Edward Gordon Owen, 46, was presumably already dead when he probably arrived in a wood chip truck.

Collins said he does not what caused Owen's death, or if he died accidentally. He said the investigation will include checking about 120 trucks that deliver chips to the plant each day.

Owen was not a Publishers employee, Collins said. The only thing found with the body was a Littin Industries card that showed that he had passed the company's welding tests.

Collins said the victim's last known address was in Odessa, Texas, but his estranged wife said he hasn't lived there for several years. He said Owen once called his wife and said he had a job in the Southern Oregon town of Grants Pass.

Police said the body was found after pieces of clothing started coming through a chip bin screen. The wood chipper pulverizes chunks of wood in paper-pulp preparation.

Yamhill County authorities ask that anyone with information about Owen call the sheriff's office.



Lena Wyatt enjoys some good food and company during a luncheon held Thursday at The First National Bank. The bank is celebrating its 91st birthday this month and, in

honor of the occasion, invited Midland citizens 90 years old and older to the luncheon in the Executive Dining Room. Some 25 members of the 90+ club attended and each received an

autographed copy of "The Land of the High Sky" from Jno. P. Butler, senior chairman of the board of the bank.

Minority bloc supports redistricting

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Manuel Carrasco. "Minorities have always wanted a piece of the pie, and they are not going to get it on the present system, (but) I can see a giant step forward."

"But we don't provide the vehicle for them to do it...to really take the first step...in the political arena."

Carrasco, who has lived in Midland for more than 40 years, said he was proud of the city.

"I'm proud of it now, but I'm not proud that the minorities have a slice

of that pie."

ONE PROPOSED redistricting plan, tabbed Plan 2, would radically re-align Commissioner Precinct 2 and would give it about 30 percent blacks, 40 percent Hispanics and 30 percent white for a 70 percent minority. The redistricting is based on the county-wide U.S. Census population of 82,836 and calls for a one-man, one-vote concept. Essentially, that concept calls for an equal number (20,659) of people with a plus-or-minus 5 percent

variance within each precinct.

Plans 2 calls for cutting severely into Precinct 3 in south and east Midland to get the high black-Hispanic count.

Under the current alignment, called Plan 1, Precinct 2 has 33 percent minority — 16 percent black and 16 percent Hispanic. Charlie Welch, a Democrat, is the Precinct 2 commissioner.

And Precinct 3, which now takes in southeast and south Midland, has 49 percent minority — 16 percent blacks and 33 percent Hispanics. Plan 2 calls for Precinct 3 having a 14.8 percent minority — 1.5 percent black and 13.3 percent Hispanic. C. DeWayne Davis is that precinct's representative.

Durward Wright represents the Anglo-laden Precinct 1 in the Democratic-tilted west Midland, and Win Brown represents the sprawling white Precinct 4 in conservative Republican north Midland. Under the existing or proposed plans to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval, Precincts 1 and 4 are 90-plus percent white.

JAMES BRADFORD, a black political scientist, was not overly enthused with Plan 2's proposal for a minority-heavy Precinct 2 to the exclusion of minority strength in other precincts. He advocated "strength in one (precinct) and strong influence" in another or others "to put stress on more than one representative."

"That would be ideal," Bradford said.

Bradford said he would prefer candidates who "will represent all of the people."

"That doesn't necessarily mean you have to have minority (black or Hispanic)" people to accomplish that. But Bradford cautioned against putting "my eggs in one basket" in referring to the 71 percent minority in Precinct 2 under Plan 2. Precinct 3 would have a 14.8 percent minority; Precinct 1 would have a 4.9 percent minority, and Precinct 4 would boast a 3.3 percent minority.

"It's better than having none," Barbara Harris said.

"What if," proposed an Anglo citizen at the meeting, "you put all your eggs in one basket and still lose (the election)?"

Rankin was leery about the quality and political and socio-economic leaning of a minority candidate.

"I don't want to be locked in by one person for 10 years," Rankin said. "I don't want to be locked in for 10 years with a joker who's a sorry commissioner."

Rankin's 10-year figure apparently was tied to a commissioner's tenure, although the office terms are for four years.

Some discussion centered on the traditional role which the county commissioners have played in the minority community.

Rankin suggested that voter apathy and lack of initiative on part of the minorities may have something to do with that role.

"How many of you have gone to county commissioners and asked for something?" Rankin asked.

Traditionally, the minorities have not turned out in droves to elect county commissioners.

"One reason the minorities don't vote in county elections is because of the very few benefits they get from the county," Bradford said.

"They (city and county) are two different entities; their philosophies are different."

Rankin seemed interested in getting a minority candidate or at least a candidate who could represent the less affluent east and south sides of Midland on the City Council.

"As of right now, the city is not in compliance as far as the voting rights are concerned," he said. City Council members are elected at large and not by districts to get a cross-section representation on the council. He suggested filing a lawsuit against the city for an election by districts rather than at large.

THE MIDLAND County Commissioners are to discuss and vote on a redistricting proposal on Aug. 10 in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Midland County Courthouse. Time is set for 2 p.m., but may be rescheduled for late afternoon or early that night to allow more citizens to attend the meeting.

A straw vote conducted by Welch on which plans the people at the meeting preferred indicated two votes for keeping the original plan, eight for going to Plan 2 for the minority bloc, none for Plan 3 which varied little from the existing alignment, and one vote for working on another plan.

"All the people I come in contact with," said Ms. Gamez, who is chairman of the Mexican-American Advisory Council, "support Plan 2."

IN A CLIMACTIC move, the League of Women Voters of Midland endorsed redistricting efforts "to accomplish more equitable representation."

"The League's conviction is firm," said League President Terri Trentham, "that a Commissioners' Court whose precincts allow for minority representation would more clearly reflect the texture of Midland County," be more approachable by its citizens, more responsive to groups and areas less than county-wide in scope, as well as remain collectively responsive to the entire county."

The League supported the lawsuit of former Midland Mayor Hank Avery against Midland County in the 1960s, that suit resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court decision favoring the one-man, one-vote principle now extant across the nation.

Backfire causes sudden scare to Secret Service agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — A backfire from a truck carrying steps to the front of Air Force One on Thursday afternoon caused momentary fears that a gun had been fired near the presidential jet while President Reagan was aboard.

The incident occurred at Andrews Air Force Base as the president was about to step out of the plane after a trip to Atlanta.

When the loud noise was heard, an Air Force officer went to the foot of the steps as they were moving into place against the front door of the plane and waved his hand to stop anyone's leaving the aircraft.

At the same time, Secret Service agents in the ramp area reached for their weapons.

But Air Force personnel said almost immediately that the noise had been a backfire and not a gunshot. Reagan stepped out of the plane moments later, smiling, and boarded a waiting helicopter bound for the White House without incident.

Immigration plan meets skepticism in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration is running into skepticism and criticism in Congress and from Hispanics over its plan to stem the flow of illegal aliens into the United States and grant amnesty to up to 5 million already here.

Some of the harsher attacks are coming from members of the president's own Republican Party.

But Sen. Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming, the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee that will review the proposals, called them "a good starting point."

"I'm pleased the attorney general is alert to the problems that confront us," Simpson said after listening to Attorney General William French Smith outline the program Thursday before a joint hearing of House and Senate immigration subcommittees.

SMITH SAID THE NEW policy is an effort by the Reagan administration to regain "lost control of our borders." He estimated that 3 million to 6 million illegal aliens now live in the United States, about half from Mexico.

The first step in the administration effort will be a new Coast Guard effort to intercept boats filled with Haitians heading for Florida and turn them back to Haiti.

Smith asked for congressional authorization for the interdictions Thursday morning, then told reporters later that the program would begin without congressional approval, using authority that the Justice Department believes the president already has.

The plan calls for stationing special immigration officers on Coast Guard vessels. If they intercepted an unregistered boat filled with aliens, the immigration officer would hold an immediate hearing to determine which, if any, were eligible for admission to the United States as refugees.

A Cabinet task force whose work led to the proposals said such interceptions would be rare and largely symbolic to deter Haitians from trying to reach U.S. shores. But the task force warned that the interceptions could lead to ugly incidents at sea.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS of the administration plan include:

—An experimental "guest worker" program to allow employers to import 50,000 laborers from Mexico annually for two years.

—Fines of \$500-\$1,000 for employers of more than four people who knowingly hire illegal aliens. The Justice Department could also seek injunctions against employers with a "pattern or practice" of hiring illegals. There is no current federal law against hiring illegal aliens.

In the past, employers have complained that they cannot be expected to distinguish illegal aliens from legal workers. And Hispanics have said employers will simply refuse to hire any Hispanics rather than risk breaking the law.

—A two-part program to permit up to 5 million illegal aliens to work in the United States and pay taxes, but not be eligible for welfare or to bring in their family members. The plan also would permit Cubans and Haitians who arrived before 1981 to apply for permanent resident status after five years in the country.

—Increased enforcement by the Border Patrol and the Labor Department.

—Raising legal immigration limits to allow 20,000 more newcomers a year from Mexico and Canada.

Correction

A story in Thursday's issue of the Reporter-Telegram dealing with the Chamber of Commerce, Col. Wilson Banks and plans for expanding Midland Regional Airport erroneously reported that Banks disagreed several years ago with the City Council.

Instead, Banks said he agreed with the council then to remodel the airport rather than construct a new facility.

"Personally, if we had the resources (money), a new building would have been fine."

But the money wasn't available for a new facility and a bond issue would have been rejected, he said.

"I do not consider that the council made a mistake" in deciding to expand the facility, rather than build a new one, Banks explained.

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How can we describe God? With what can we compare him? "With whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. Look up into the heavens! Who created all these stars! As a shepherd leads his sheep, calling each by its pet name, and counts them to see that none are lost or strayed, so God does with the stars and planets! (Isaiah 40:18, 25-26)

"O God you live forever and forever! Don't let me die half through my years! In ages past you laid the foundations of the earth and made the heavens with your hands! They shall perish, but you go on forever. They will grow old, like worn-out clothing, and you will change them like a man putting on a new shirt and throwing away the old one! But you yourself never grow old. You are forever, and your years never end. (Psalm 102:24-27)

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DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Thalassemia cannot be transmitted from one person to another

Dear Dr. Solomon: I was talking with someone who recently moved into the neighborhood, and she was telling me that her child suffers from a disease called thalassemia. This is a new one on me. I would appreciate receiving some information about the condition, particularly, since I have children of my own, whether it is contagious. — Mrs. B.E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Let me begin by setting your mind at ease and telling you what thalassemia is not: It is not contagious and cannot be transmitted from one child to another. As for what it is, thalassemia (also known as Cooley's anemia after Dr. Thomas Cooley, who described it in 1925) is an inherited disease that affects the blood. The condition is lifelong — that is, it cannot be outgrown.

Thalassemia is found most often in people who come from Mediterranean stock, such as Italian or Greek, although it also occurs in individuals in other parts of the world. It affects both boys and girls. Specifically, persons born with thalassemia are unable to manufacture a normal amount of hemoglobin, which carries oxygen from the lungs to the tissues, and are anemic. As a consequence, they require periodic blood transfusions, the only treatment now available.

A person who is a carrier of the thalassemia gene shows no other evidence of the disease and can lead a normal life. When two carriers become partners, however, there is a one in four risk that the child will have the severe form of the disease, a two in four chance that the child will be a carrier like the parents, and a one in four chance that the child will be normal. If only one parent has the gene for thalassemia, there is a one in two chance that a child will be born with the trait, but none of their children can have the severe form of the disease.

A child with the severe form of thalassemia usually appears to be in good health at birth. Later, as the effects of the anemia become evident during the first couple of years of life, the child may become pale and become prone to frequent infections. A worsening of the condition results in enlargement of the liver and spleen, with the result that the spleen must often be removed. The bones are also affected, particularly the structure of the skull and the bones of the face.

Because of the lack of sufficient oxygen resulting from the anemia, the child shows poor growth and development. There is no cure for the disease at present, the only treatment being the blood transfusions needed to sustain life.

A simple blood test that shows that a child is anemic, that the blood cells are defective, and that normal amounts of hemoglobin are lacking suggests the possibility of thalassemia. A more complicated blood test, called hemoglobin electrophoresis, can confirm the diagnosis.

Research currently under way is aimed at detecting the disease in the fetus. Meanwhile, genetic counseling is available to parents with the thalassemia trait.

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BACK TO CLASS



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Former FBI Special Agent Christine Hansen of Des Moines, Iowa, meets with reporters Thursday in Washington. Hansen, who left the FBI in October 1977, has filed a class action suit against the government.

FBI ordered to wipe out sex discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's No. 1 law enforcement agency is under orders to wipe out illegal sex discrimination within its crime-fighting ranks. The FBI has practiced illegal discrimination against women in hiring, physical training for new female recruits, and certain assignments, a Justice Department official ruled.

Under a decision disclosed Thursday, the FBI will have to take a wide-ranging series of steps to end the discrimination, including hiring some of the women who were illegally rejected and awarding back pay in certain cases.

In addition, FBI Director William Webster was ordered "to apprise all agents that (sexual) harassment ... will not be condoned."

The decision said all FBI employees are to be informed that those engaging in sexual harassment "will be disciplined."

The decision came in a 4-year-old administrative action filed by former special agent Christine A. Hansen on behalf of more than 2,000 current and former women special agents and female applicants for special agent positions.

"We're going to study the ruling and work with her (Ms. Hansen's) attorney in whatever needs to be done," said FBI spokesman Ed Gooderham. He declined further comment.

Justice Department spokesman John Wilson said that as far as the government is concerned, the case is now over and the decision will be implemented.

"The agency (the FBI) discriminated against female applicants in the hiring for the special agent position through the use of a variety of selection criteria which disproportionately depressed the number of female applicants," said Justice Department complaint adjudication officer Squire Padgett.

"The agency discriminated against female agents in the area of training, particularly certain tests and methods used in the physical and firearms components of training, the use of which disqualified a disproportionate number of females without sufficient justification," Padgett continued.

DEATHS

James G. Laughlin

SANTA ANNA — Services for James Gray Laughlin, 62, of Santa Anna, father of James Gilmer Laughlin of Midland, were held Wednesday in the Tricham Community Church with retired minister Howell Martin officiating. Burial was in the Tricham Cemetery.

Laughlin died Tuesday.

He was born Jan. 31, 1919, in Tricham.

Other survivors include his wife, another son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Minnie L. Meador

Services for Minnie Lee Meador, 85, of Midland, will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Oakwood Cemetery in Austin.

Mrs. Meador died Wednesday morning in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born Aug. 2, 1895, in Louisville, Ky. She was married Oct. 9, 1919, to Reece Meador in Denton. She was a Methodist and a retired school teacher.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Davis of Midland and Marilyn Brooks of Ballinger; a brother, Lee Bewitt Borden of Junction; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Louis V. Burns

Services for Louis V. Burns, 67, of 800 E. Washington St., will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hollowell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Willie Henry officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Roscoe V. Jackson Mortuary.

Burns died Wednesday morning in a Midland hospital.

He was born Aug. 16, 1913, in Navarro County. He was married to Jeanie Caruthers Oct. 16, 1938 in Pelham. He had lived in Midland since 1961 and was stockman for M System and Furr's Food Stores. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Earl Dean Bradford and Dorothy M. Lusk, both of Dallas, and Barbara Jean Hudspeth of Denver, Colo.; five sons, Bobby B. Burns and James I. Burns, both of Dallas, Lewis B. Burns of Copperas Cove, Leon Burns of Denver and Wilford Lee Burns of Midland; six sisters, Pearl Slaughter of California, Winnie Benton of Albuquerque, N.M., Opal

McTye of Dallas, Caunilla Fulton and Lorene Clay, both of Hobbs, N.M., and Mrs. Thamer White of El Paso; two brothers, James Burns of Dallas and R.C. Burns of Fort Worth; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bessie Fickman

Services for Bessie Mae Fickman, 82, of Holdenville, Okla., and formerly of Midland, were held Thursday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Marian Rankin, a Christian Scientist reader, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Fickman died Monday in Holdenville after a long illness.

She was born Dec. 26, 1898, in Hanley. She grew up in the Fort Worth area where she attended a business school. Mrs. Fickman moved to Midland from Oklahoma in 1946. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, as well as the Midland chapter. Before her health failed, she was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary as well as Democratic and Senior Citizens groups. She also taught Sunday school.

Survivors include three daughters, Jeanette Sanderson of Wewoka, Okla., and Gloria Stangle and Polly Cook, both of Midland; two sisters, Pearl Condon and Sylvia Bunt, both of Midland; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were to be Roger Sanderson, Larry Sanderson, Larry Sanderson Jr., Norvel Vogel, Mike Kuykendall and Steve Conkie.

Myrtle R. Green

Graveside services for Myrtle R. Green, 74, of 1101 Austin St. were to be at 11 a.m. today at Resthaven Cemetery with Steven M. Church, associate minister of First Christian Church, officiating.

Services are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Green died Wednesday night in a Midland hospital.

She was born June 22, 1907, in Texas. She lived part of her life in Tucson, Ariz. She moved to El Paso in 1970 and to Midland in 1973. Her husband was the late S. Lee Green. He died in 1973.

Survivors include a son, Harold Guthrie of Wichita Falls, a sister, Elda Rogers of Midland; and three grandchildren.

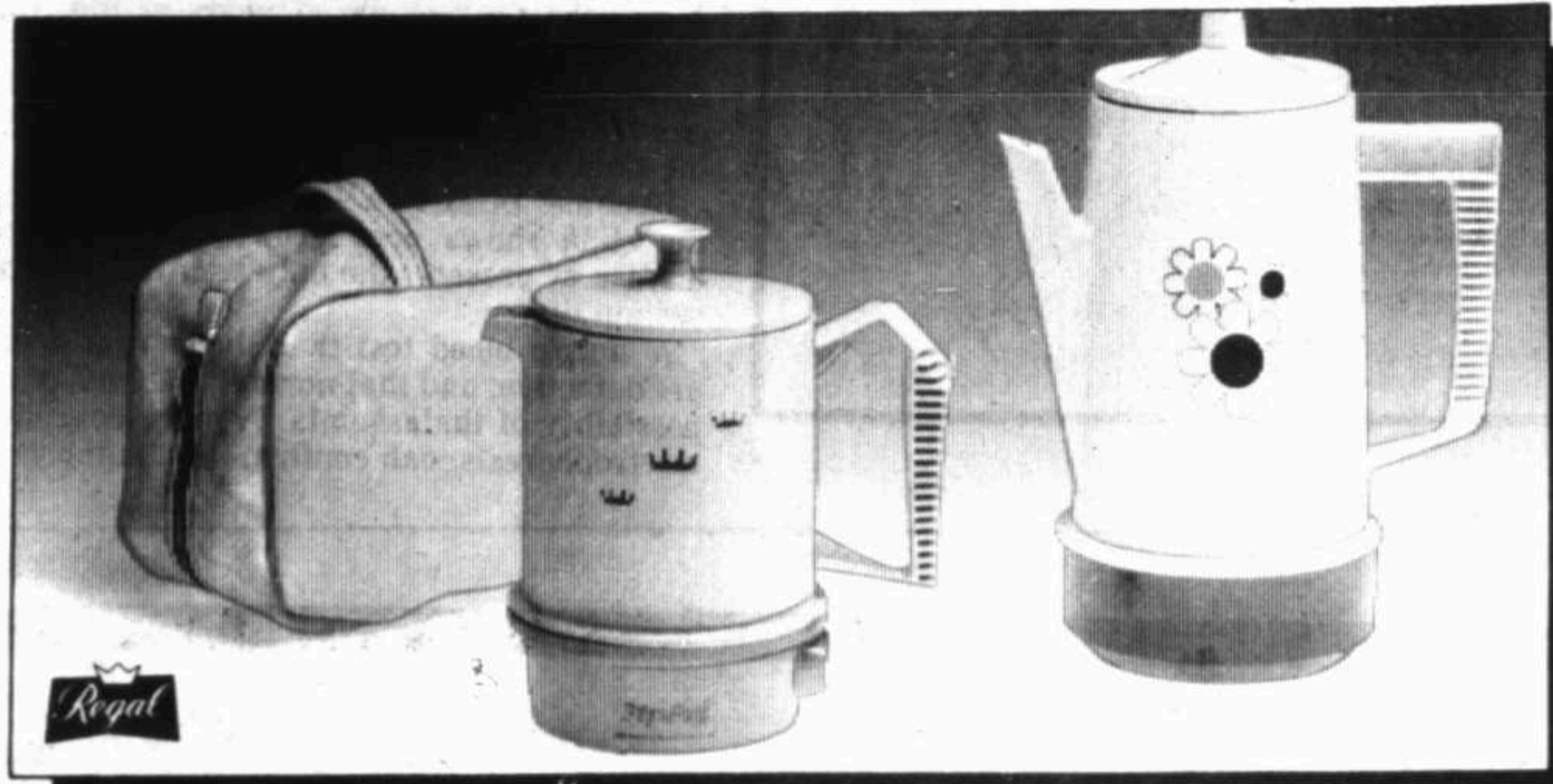
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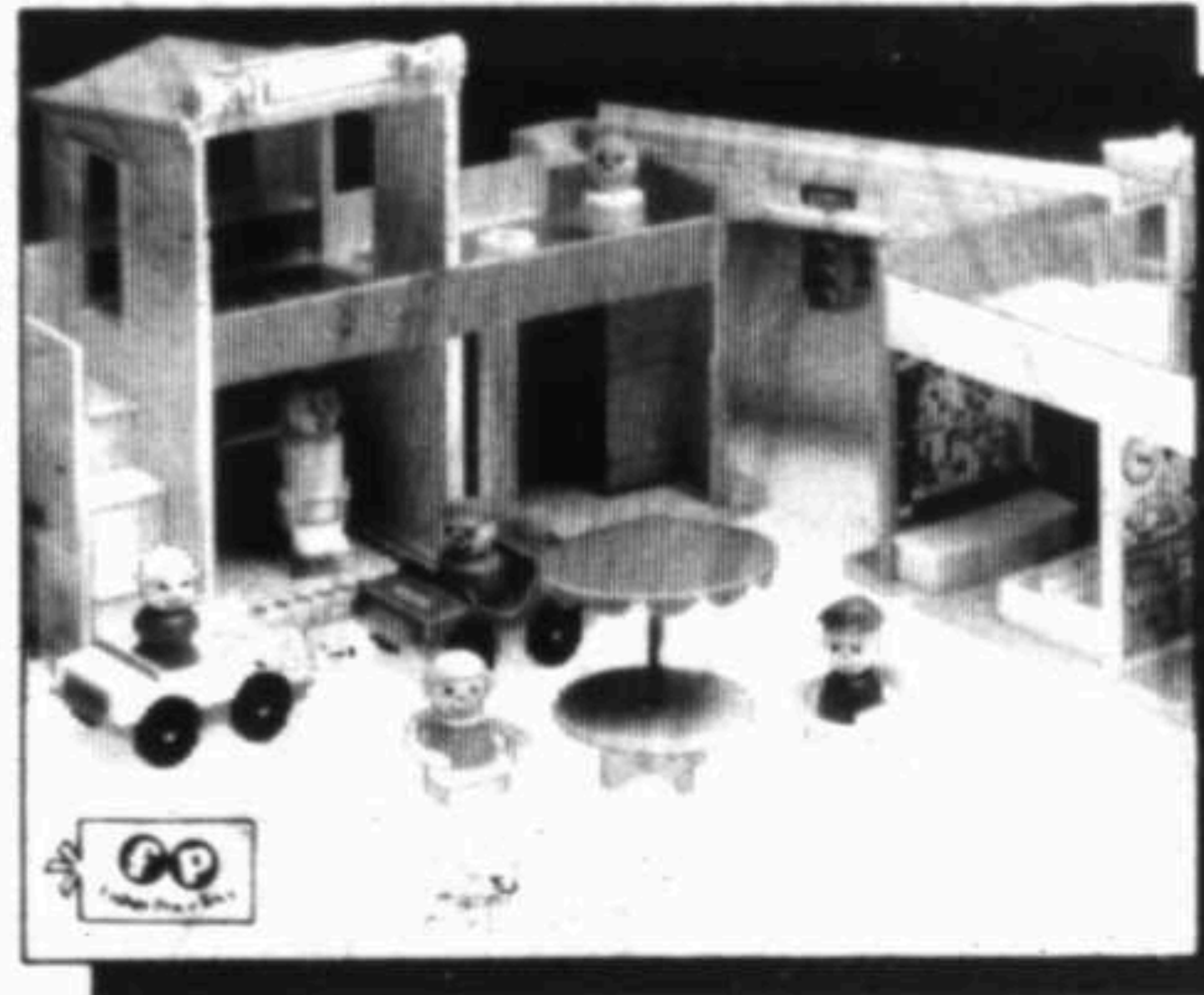
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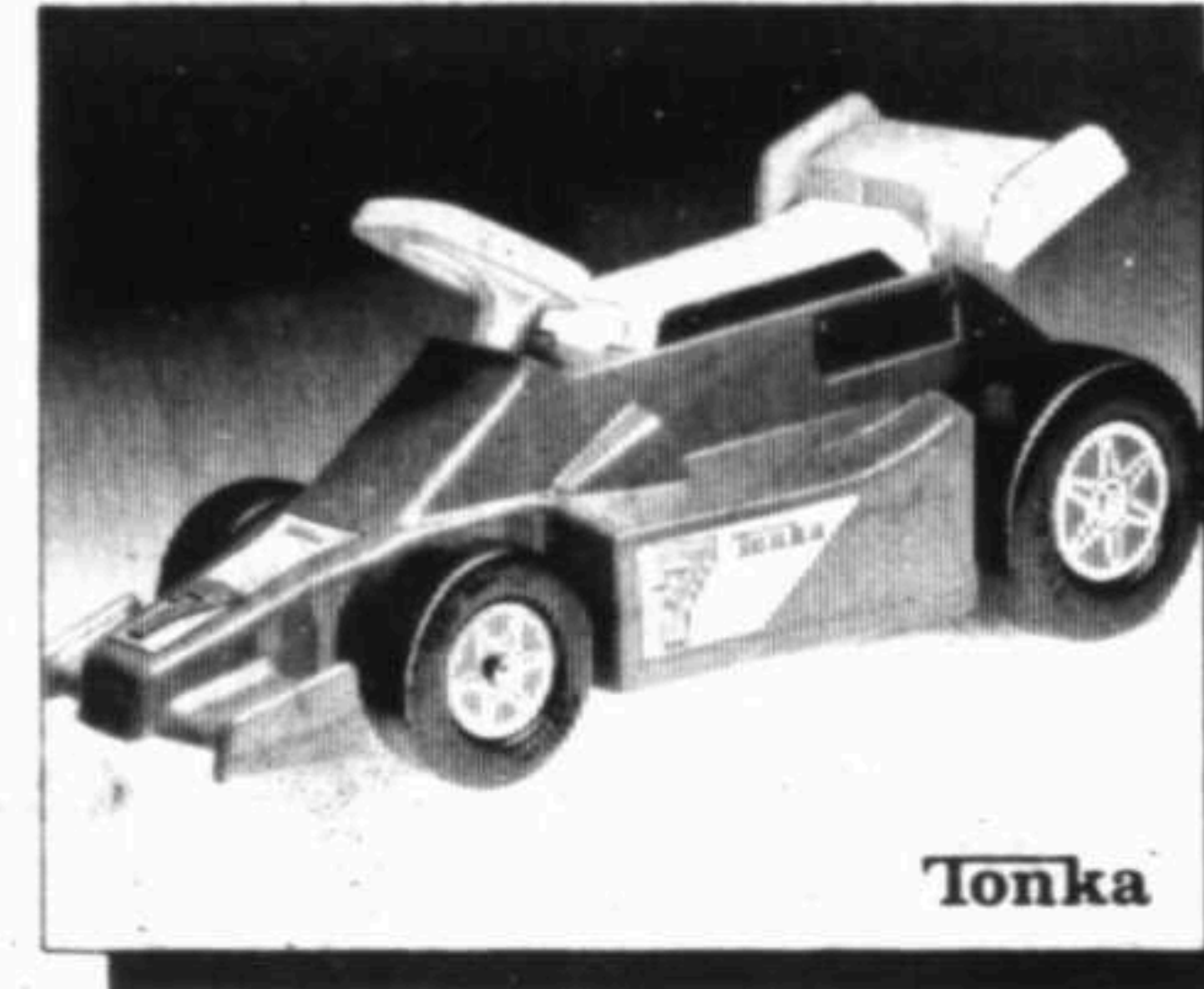
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LPGA Results

DANVERS, Mass. (AP) — First round of the 1991 PGA Tour's annual money list for the top five Golf Classic Thursday at the 6,000-rd. par-72 Fernhill Country Club in Danvers.	
Dave Capiotti	33-36
Carl Mullen	34-36
Kyle Forster	34-36
Jackie Carter	34-37
Vicky Taylor	34-37
Tommy Spivey	34-37
Danah Palmer	34-38
Marlene Floyd	37-35
Gale Stenlund	37-35
Barbara Murrhai	37-36
Jan Neffenger	37-36
Marta Chubb	37-36
Carole Hays	37-36
Jane Bailek	38-36
Betsy Andrews	38-36
Shirley McAllister	37-36
H. B. Dunne	37-36
Kate L. Wallen	37-36
Rosey Barrett	36-37
M. J. Smith	36-37
Kyle L. Wallen	36-37
Judy Clark	37-36
Lori Garbach	37-36
Mark Dickinson	38-36
Pat Meyers	37-37
Bonnie Lawrence	37-37
Debbie Austin	37-37
Jerilyn Britt	38-36
Patsy Hayes	37-37
Sharon Farrell	37-37
Penny Paul	37-37
Danah Haynie	38-36
Shirley Andrews	38-36
Kathy Whitworth	36-38
Joanne Kerr	37-38
Holly Stacey	38-37
Shelley Hamlin	38-37
Mary Ann Miller	38-37
Brian Brown	39-36
Vivian Brumfield	39-36
Dave Forster	37-38
Joan Joyce	37-38
Charles Morse	37-38
Debbie Kerr	37-38
Betsy King	39-37
Vicky Singleton	39-37
Debbie Kerr	39-37
Mindy Moore	39-37
Margie Stubbfield	39-37
Kyle L. Wallen	39-37
Roberta Speer	40-36
Cindy Ferro	40-36
Debbie Kerr	40-36
Kelly Kaul	41-37
Laura Hurlbut	41-37
Kathy Whitworth	41-37
Carole Jo Gallison	40-37
Vivian Brumfield	40-37
Alexandra Reinhardt	41-36
Noreen Lillien	41-36
Mindy Moore	41-36
Kathy Postlewait	41-36
Patsy Singleton	41-36
Vicky Singleton	41-36

NASL Standings

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Transactions

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed Mike Cuntight end, Mike Hartenstein, defensive end, John Skubinski, running back, Revie Sorey, offensive guard.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released Morrison, offensive lineman. Joe Adairson, tackle, Ken Banks, linebacker, Ulysses Cohen, cornerback, Matt Holder, guard, Chris Jones, defensive back and John Kulichich, linebacker.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Neil McGrath, linebacker.

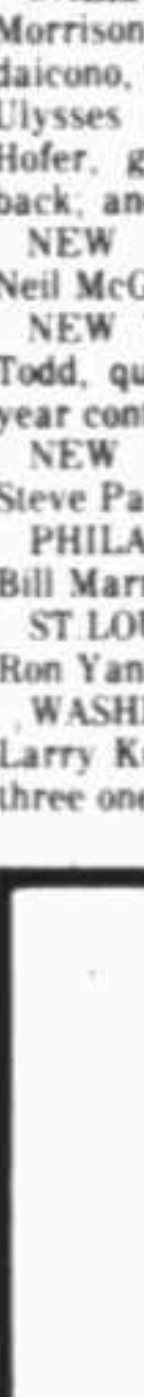
NEW YORK JETS—Signed Rich Todd, quarterback, to a series of year contracts.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Wade Steve Parker, defensive end.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released Bill Marren, offensive guard.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Released Yankowski, defensive end.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed Larry Kubik, linebacker, to a series of three one-year contracts.



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CFL Standings

Canadian Football League By The Associated Press					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF
Hamilton	3	1	0	.750	113
Ottawa	1	3	0	.250	87
Montreal	1	3	0	.250	79
Toronto	0	2	0	.000	100
Western Division					
Br Columbia	3	0	0	1.000	111
Edmonton	3	1	0	.750	138
Winnipeg	3	1	0	.750	101
Calgary	2	1	0	.667	81
Saskatchewan	1	2	0	.333	
Winnipeg 21, Toronto 18 Friday's Game British Columbia at Calgary, 8 p.m. Saturday, August 1 Hamilton at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Sunday, August 2 Saskatchewan at Montreal, 12:30 p.m.					

Talladega 500

The top qualifiers Thursday for Sunday's \$254,000 Tallahassee 500 stock car race at the Atlanta International Motor Speedway are:

- 1. Harry Gant, Denver, N.C. Buick 186.867 mph
- 2. Bobby Allison, Haverhill, N.C. Buick 184.777
- 3. Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C. Buick 184.457
- 4. Terry Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas: Buick, 184.275
- 5. Cale Yarborough, Timmonsville, S.C. Buick 184.134
- 6. Neil Bonnett, Huestown, Ala. Ford 183.861
- 7. Buddy Baker, Charlotte, N.C. Buick 183.857
- 8. Joe Ruttman, Upland, Calif. Buick 183.694
- 9. Rick Wilson, Barrow, Fla. Oldsmobile 182.217
- 10. Ken Bouchard, Pittsburgh, Md. Buick 182.047
- 11. Lennie Pond, Chester, Va. Buick 182.028
- 12. Ricky Rudd, Charlotte, N.C. Oldsmobile 181.471
- 13. Darrell Waltrip, Franklin, Tenn. Buick 181.379
- 14. Dave Marcis, Skyland, N.C. Buick 181.678
- 15. Morgan Shepherd, Concord, N.C. Pontiac 181.563
- 16. Sam Snider, Denver, N.C. Pontiac 181.429
- 17. Richard Childress, Winston-Salem, N.C. Pontiac 181.226
- 18. Bill Harvey, Del Ray Beach, Fla. Buick 181.179
- 19. C.E. Hill, Dawsonville, Ga. Thunderbolt 181.108
- 20. Rusty Wallace, Valley Park, Mo., Buick 181.078

Minor Leagues

Minor League Baseball
By The Associated Press
EASTERN LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
 Bristol 7, Lynn 5-2, 2nd game 1-0
 Reading 8, Holyoke 5
 Buffalo 6, Glen Falls 3
 West Haven 8, Watbury 3
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
 Pawtucket 2, Tidewater 6
 Richmond 5-2, Toledo 1-0
 Charleston 5, Rochester 6
 Columbus 3, Syracuse 1
SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
 Charlotte 11, Savannah 0
 Knoxville at Columbus, 2 p.m.
 Orlando 5, Chattanooga 2
 Nashville 3, Jacksonville 6
 Memphis 8, Birmingham 7, 13 innings
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Thursday's Games
 Omaha 6, Indianapolis 0
 Evansville 11, Denver 5
 Oklahoma City 8, Tulsa 7
 Springfield 7, Wichita 3
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE



Midland All-Stars named to the All-Tournament team at the Division I West Texas State Tournament held in Big Spring were, from left, D'Ann Nichols, Brenda Lenahan and Gina Navarro.

White eyes comfortable contract from Cowboys

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Randy White, the star of the Dallas Cowboys' defense, says he doesn't want to make as much money as offensive whiz Tony Dorsett.

White says he just wants to be comfortable and happy with a new contract. So far that hasn't happened.

The All-Pro defensive tackle is on his option year.

"I know what kind of contract I would be comfortable with and I'm confident something can be worked out," said White. "I don't want to be up there moneywise with Tony. Just comfortable."

White and the Cowboys still are negotiating.

"There's no panic," said White. "I just hope things can be worked out before the regular season starts because I want to start it with a clear mind. I don't want anything hanging over my head."

Agent Howard Slusher is dealing with Cowboys Personnel Director Gil

Brandt walked past White this week at training camp and mumbled something about "You're going to be the highest paid lineman in pro football history."

Minnesota Vikings join strikers

By The Associated
Press

The Minnesota Vikings joined strikers in front of their practice field before crossing the picket line and beginning their National Football League training camp.

"Our decision is to go ahead and cross the picket line, but to show support for your cause, we'll stand with you for a few minutes and hold pickets," Fred McNeill, the Vikings' player representative told striking state employees Thursday. "Also, if you've got buttons, give those to us."

The hundreds of strikers and other supporters who had formed a barri-

cade across the entrance to the practice field cheered McNeill and, moments later the rest of the Vikings emerged from their dressing room for their first practice of the 1981 season.

The strikers had asked the players to boycott practice for a day but they also said they would not try to stop the players from taking the field.

"We're not going to get nasty with a 250-pound linebacker," said one

striker. "We just want them to stay out for one day, but this is a nice compromise. I guess it's all we could expect."

Offensive tackle Ron Yary, center Dennis Swilley, return specialist Eddie Payton and line-backer Scott Studwell held up picket signs for television cameras and photographers before going to practice.

In a statement, the players association said: "The NFLPA supports the strikers and their

goals. No player wants to cross a picket line, but the problem is that nearly all of our players will be flying in from out of state and must immediately report to Mankato (State University, the practice site). They have no other facilities.

"With the first preseason game a week from Saturday, lack of practice would raise the likelihood of injury and, of course, fines and discharge by Vikings management."

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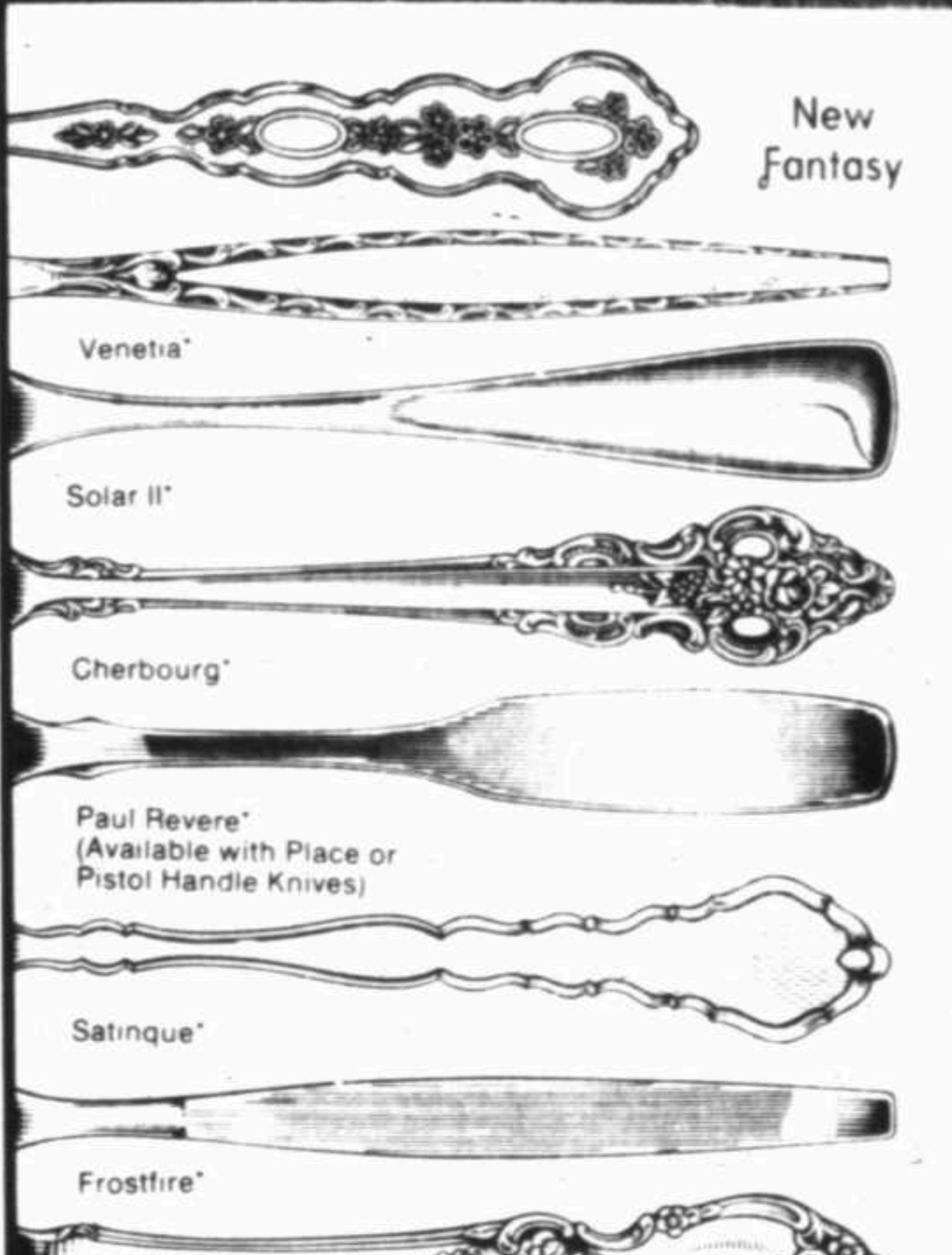
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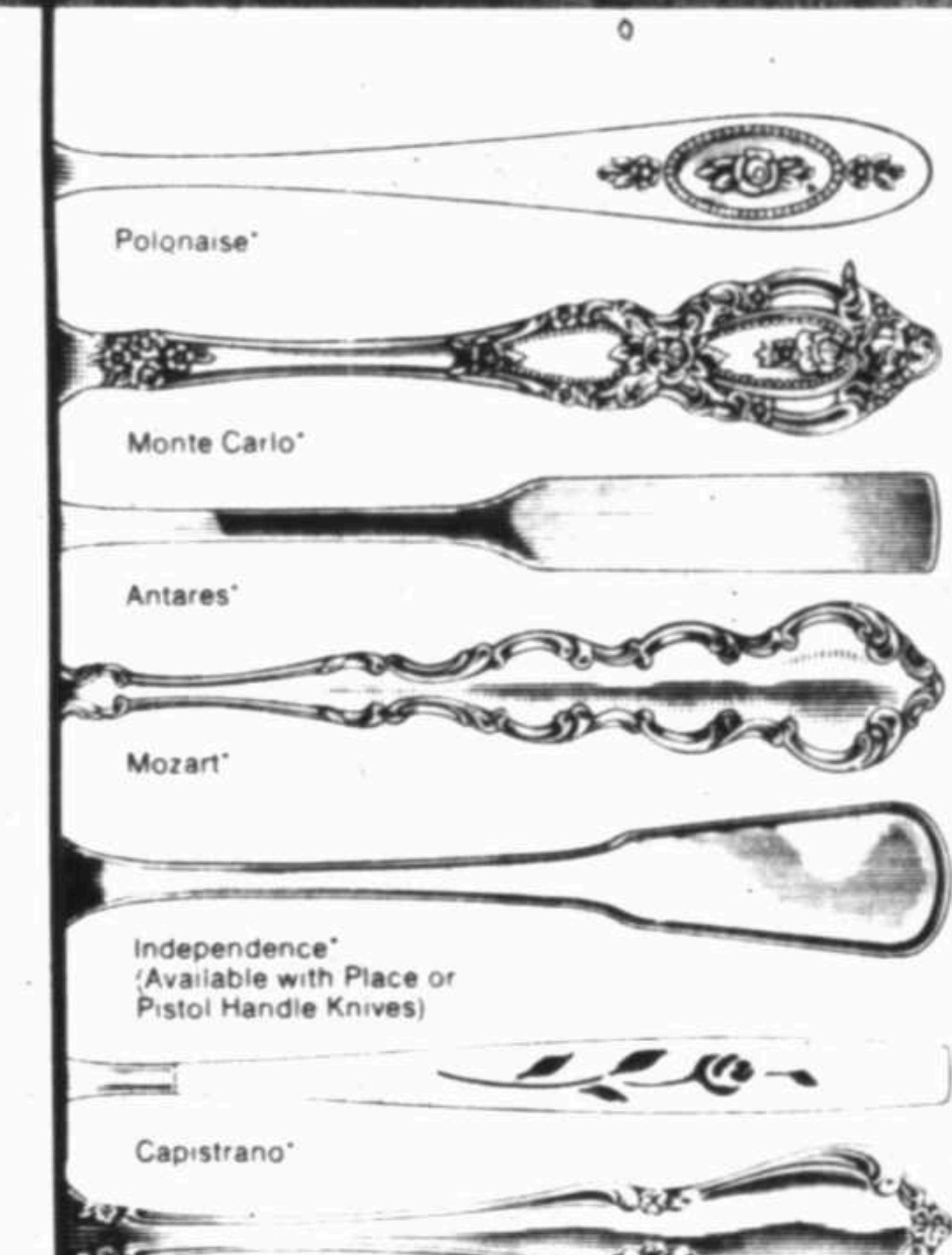
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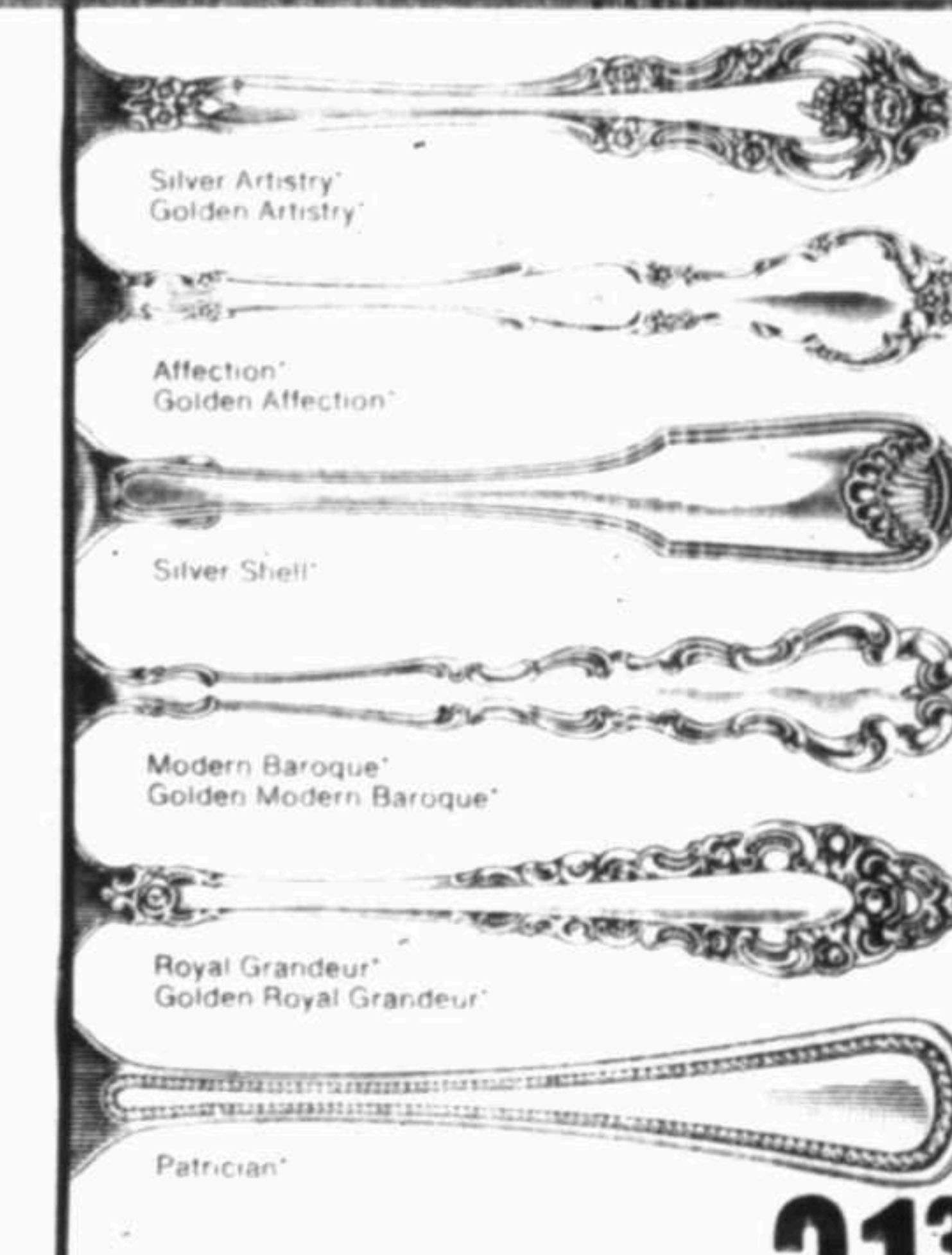
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Staff photo by David Sodamann

The tires on this welder's truck are big. The tires on Rowan 41 are bigger — several feet bigger. They're 11 1/2 feet tall. The eight tires under

Number 41 are capable of supporting a load of more than 2 million pounds.

Texas built, Alaska bound

By DAVID C. SODAMANN
Oil Editor

ODESSA — As Americans in the lower 48 states are depending on Alaskan oil to help blunt the energy crunch, Alaskan oil producers are depending on Permian Basin labor and know-how to help keep the supplies flowing.

In recent days, roughnecks and riggers, welders and big shots in the Alaska oil trade, have been assembling, inspecting and preparing to ship monumental evidence of this Basin-Alaska interdependence. They're working on the one-of-a-kind rotary drilling rig, Rowan 41, in the yards of Rowan Drilling, on Andrews Highway in Odessa.

In principal, Rowan 41 is, in most respects, much like its siblings in the Permian Basin; but, in practice, it is in most ways unique. So unique, it would be nothing but a useless freak in the Basin.

Unlike its deep-augering Texas counterparts, Number 41 is designed to be rigged up, and moved from drillsite-to-drillsite, without ever being torn down. It's a nearly 1,000-ton derrick and substructure, mounted on an incredibly huge and unmatched wagon.

Rowan 41 will work the wide-open tundra, around Prudhoe Bay, on Alaska's North Slope. It will be making hole year-round; in pleasant summer, shirt sleeve weather, and blustery, bitter polar winter. This extreme environment has dictated many of the features of Number 41.

THE BARREN LANDS of arctic Alaska, and the expanses of West Texas have their similarities — big sky, and seemingly empty space as far as you can see — but the Texas terrain is broken up by man-made features, while the wilds of Alaska remain virtually untouched. Texas fences, roads, and power lines impose limits on local rig builders that Number 41's designers could ignore.

Rigs for use in the Permian Basin must be disassembled and trucked around our artificial barriers. But up north, it's a clear shot from job to job; there's no need to tear down a rig for moving, if other arrangements can be made — so other arrangements were made, and Number 41 was built to move standing up.

Craig Morrison, of Rowan Drilling, is Number 41's project engineer. He seems proudest of the big rig's wagon. It's a one-of-a-kind, prototype system, he explained, in some ways similar to other mobile rigs used in Alaska, but unique enough to be bragged about.

The "cradle," as Morrison calls it, is capable of supporting loads of two-million pounds. The whole thing rolls on eight monstrous wheels.

While drilling, Number 41 will rest on a mammoth steel foundation. When the job is done, and its time to roll, Ol' 41 will get right up and go creeping off. Hydraulic cylinders as big as howitzer barrels will jack the wheels into traveling position.

Perhaps it's the rubber under Number 41 that's the most impressive thing about it, though it may only be because it's on the ground, where you couldn't ignore it if you tried.

THE DERRICK is awesome — 187 feet — the substructure is imposing — three stories, 37 feet ground-to-floor, completely enclosed and insulated — but it's those darned big tires Morrison talked about most.

"Imagine this," Morrison said authoritatively, "a 6-ply truck tire is hard to get" he paused for emphasis, "and these tires are 60-ply. They're over 11 1/2 feet tall!"

Number 41 can be broken down to its component parts and shipped by airplane to any part of the world, Morrison said. Everything but those huge tires, that is. "They won't fit in the door," Morrison said.

With its wheels down, ready to travel, Number 41 will be trucked like a siege tower from one location to the next. There is only one power line on all the North Slope, Morrison said, and when it comes time for the rig to pass under it, the derrick will be laid over, the rig rolled under, everything set up again, and moved on. From there on out, it will be clear sailing.

One bridge must be crossed also. "We think we can get across it like this," Morrison said, nodding his head

toward the assembled rig. "If not, we can split the package in half," he stated, as if to say, "We've thought of everything."

As Morrison explains it, moving Number 41 rigged up, instead of torn down, is more than a luxury, it's almost necessity. "You like to do as little as you can at 65 degrees below zero," he remarked. Moving Number 41 standing, eliminates many chores.

ROWAN 41 will be making hole for ARCO-Alaska. Les Sellers ARCO's North Slope district drilling manager visited Odessa this week to inspect his new charge.

ARCO has been using mobile rigs on the Slope for several years, Sellers said. They have wheels, but they're not arranged like Number 41's.

Comparing 41 to the older rigs, Sellers said, "It looks very promising — looks very good for cold weather."

Much has been learned from the use of the older mobile rigs, Sellers said, and that knowledge has been worked into the design of Number 41.

"At 40-below," Sellers remarked, "it takes a different type steel, and a little bit heavier steel to hold up under arctic conditions." Number 41's iron looked right for the job, he said.

Much of the supporting equipment for use with Number 41 has been assembled in Alaska. Things like the drilling mud system, a mobile truck shop and camp for the crew are in Alaska awaiting the remainder of the outfit — the 5,000-horsepower power package, and rig in Odessa. These items will be broken down to their components and shipped out of the Basin next week in 60 truckloads.

FROM ODESSA, they will be taken to Seattle, loaded on barges, and towed to Anchorage, where they will be reassembled and taken up the haul road along the Alaska pipeline to the North Slope.

"We've been waiting on this part to come join the other part," Sellers said. "We expect to do the rest of the assembly work on the Slope in September." The weather won't be too bad then, he added.

Around the first of October, when it starts getting really cold, Sellers said, Number 41 will begin drilling the first of many in-field wells. The new oil wells are needed by ARCO, to maintain a 1.5 million barrels per day flow down the pipeline. As old well production declines, new ones will be put on-line to maintain production levels.

Number 41 will work from gravel pads constructed on the tundra, Sellers explained. At moving time, it will be tugged down gravel roads by teams of bulldozers. During the winter it may be moved on ice roads made by spraying water on the ground. In any case, Sellers said, Number 41 will stay on surfaces more firm than the Rowan yard at Odessa.

"We don't get off on the tundra because that would make scars we would see for years to come," Sellers said. "We've got to save the land."

Pete Van Dusen, North Slope district drilling engineer for ARCO, added to Sellers remarks. "We're very environmentally sensitive," he said. Every possible precaution is taken to protect the fragile arctic tundra. "We don't fight with the environmental people, we work with them."

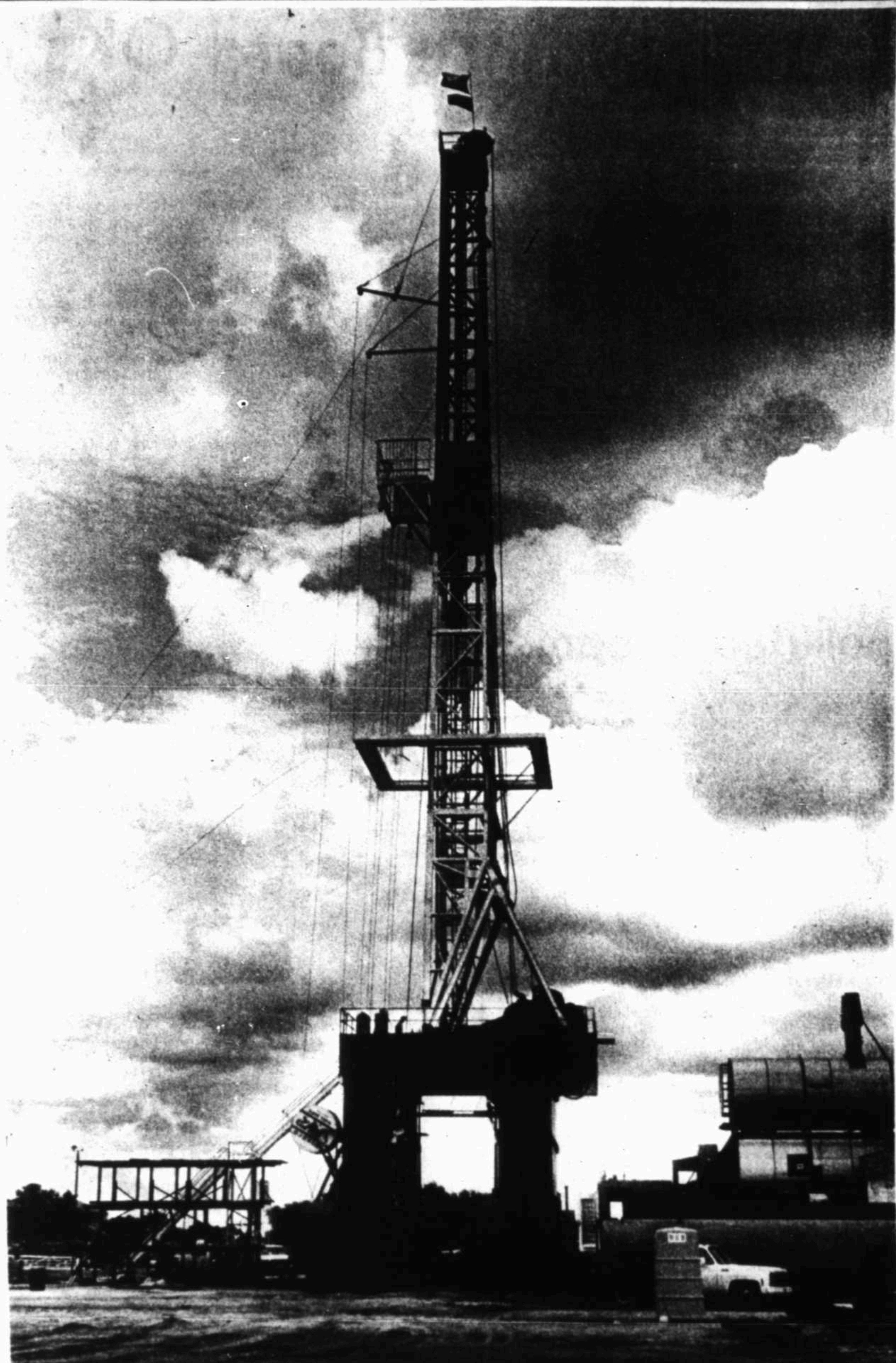
NUMBER 41 will be manned by crews of 13, working 12-hour towers. They will be on the rig two weeks, and off, in Anchorage, for one. Two pushers will supervise the work, during alternating one-week stints. When on the job, roughnecks will live in a portable camp, complete with recreation areas.

A rig like Number 41 will employ about 100 people, Sellers said, when support personnel are counted. Of the total, perhaps as many as 14 of the hundred may be women, he added.

Rowan 41 was designed by Rowan Engineering, Houston. The derrick and substructure were provided by Lee C. Moore Co., Tulsa.

The rig is capable of drilling to 30,000 feet, though most Alaskan wells will be only 11,000 to 14,000 feet deep. It is capable of hoisting 1.75 million pounds.

In the future, it could be working offshore, in the shallow waters of Alaska's north coast. "There's a possibility," Morrison said. "We have made preparations so that we can put this on an ice island."



Staff photo by David Sodamann

Rigged up and road ready, Rowan 41 will ply the North Slope oilfields around Prudhoe Bay, Alaska standing tall. Once it's rigged up in Alaska, it will remain rigged until its working days are done. It's

more than 230 feet from the the tri-color Texas Lone Star flag, and Alaska's midnight blue banner, to the caliche dust of the Rowan Drilling yard below.

Stonewall, Irion wildcats planned

James G. Harper Jr., Midland, will attempt to re-open the Bissett field with the scheduling of his No. 1 Covington, 16 miles northeast of Aspermont in Stonewall County.

Location is 1,667 feet from the south line and 2,250 feet from the west line of section 43, block F of the H&TC survey.

Trail Oil & Gas Corp., Abilene, will drill the No. 6 Ellison as a wildcat and as a location southeast stepout to the three-well Stonewall (Tannehill) field, nine miles northeast of Aspermont.

Location is 1,616 feet from the south line and 990 feet from the east line of section 104, block D of the H&TC survey.

IRION PROSPECTS

Anadarko Production Co., Jacksboro, will drill the No. 1 Ida Nutt, a 7,700-foot wildcat in Irion County, one mile north of Mertzon.

Location is 660 feet from the south and 3,600 feet from the west lines of section 1030 of the HE&WT survey.

Meadco Properties, Midland, will drill the No. 2 Fisher 18, a 3,000-foot wildcat in Irion County, 16 miles northeast of Barnhart.

Location is 2,400 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of section 18, block 27 of the H&TC survey. Ground elevation is 2,297 feet.

Local operators stake Kent wildcats

Energy Reserves Group of Midland has scheduled a 4,550-foot wildcat in Kent County, 1 1/2 miles east of Girard.

Designated the No. 1 Harris, location is 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 86, block 1 of the H&G survey, approximately 1 1/2 mile south-southwest of the R.L. Foree No. 1 Beggs Ranch, abandoned Jan. 8, 1971 at 4,500.

Also in Kent County, Stringer Oil & Gas Co. will drill the No. 1 "AC" Cairns et al, 4 1/2 miles southwest of Clairmont.

The site is 1,000 feet from the north line and 980 feet from the east line of section 52, block G of the W&NW survey, abstract 1203. It is one mile northeast of Gulf No. 2 Cairns, abandoned July 17, 1951 at 7,537 feet.

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State Insurance Board OKs change in auto rating plan

By LEE JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The State Insurance Board has given preliminary approval to a change in the automobile rating system that would mean higher premiums for people with "sporty" cars that cost more than average to repair.

If finally adopted, the proposal would go into effect with 1982 model cars. Two examples of cars that probably would have higher premiums are Toyota Corollas and Pontiac Trans-Ams, according to information given the board.

If the "Vehicle Series Rating" (VSR) system is finally adopted, owners of Buick Skylarks and Oldsmobile Cutlasses would pay less for their collision and comprehensive insurance.

A board spokesman said Wednesday "sporty cars" are the most likely candidates for higher rates.

The board now categorizes cars only on their initial cost, even though data indicates insurers are likely to pay out more in claims on some makes and models than others.

"For example, Toyota Corollas and Chevrolet Novas share the same symbol (rating) but the loss experience is worse for Corollas," the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office says.

Under the VSR system, a car receives an initial rating based on its original cost. The rating would be adjusted in each of the next two years, based on nationwide accident and repair-cost data. After that, its rating would stay the same.

Gaylon Daniel, board actuary, said the proposal would "have no overall impact" on automobile rates. Daniel said the increases in some owners' premiums would be "not so severe."

The TAIISO said adoption of the Vehicle Series Rating system would result in rates that are more fair, and force Detroit auto makers to manufacture cars that stand up better to collisions. Forty-three states already use the VSR system.

The board also gave tentative approval to changing its method of recognizing

the age of automobiles in setting premium rates.

Currently, a car's collision and comprehensive rates drop in each of the first four years after manufacture. After the fourth year, automatic reductions cease.

The TAIISO suggested a new system assigning a rate to each model year, going back nine years, with no automatic premium cuts.

Daniel said one result would be smaller overall rate increases. People who own cars less than four years old would pay more, but there would be lower premiums for cars made before 1973, he said.

The board rejected an insurance agent's proposal to impose an automatic \$500 deductible on collision policies sold to teen-age drivers and others under 25.

Board chairman Bill Daves said he sympathized and always had imposed "that sort of deductible" on his own children as they grew up.

"But I'm not sure that it is not the responsibility of the parent rather than a state agency to impose it," Daves said.

Also rejected were proposals to require insurance companies to itemize the components of an automobile policy when they bill their customers and to eliminate full coverage comprehensive insurance.

EPA says 36 cities have polluted streams

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Streams in 36 cities are so polluted with industrial wastes that problems could remain past a 1984 deadline for cleaning up toxic chemical discharges, the Environmental Protection Agency says.

EPA officials stressed that they saw no immediate public health dangers to people living in the cities. Toxic chemicals normally are found in very low levels in waterways and the danger stems from long-term exposure to them.

The agency produced the list of 36 cities after five years of study as part of a 1976 court-ordered settlement with the Natural Resources Defense Council, which contends EPA was taking far too long to crack down on toxic chemicals.

"We sought a court order that would merely force the EPA to tell the public the truth about their pollution problems," said NRDC attorney Jim Banks.

Banks said the council did not seek to force EPA to implement any particular control strategy because the group felt the weight of public opinion would bring the necessary controls once "people understand that they fish in, swim in and even drink from the most polluted water in this country."

The list of cities and their surrounding waterways were those the agency determined could still be "seriously contaminated" by toxic chemicals even after industry installs more stringent controls called for by 1984.

Under the court order, the agency now has six months to come up with a plan to impose further clean up in problem areas. Among options available, EPA could decide to require each city to develop its own control strategy or it could issue nationwide limits for some of the most dangerous toxic chemicals.

As the first step in that effort, the EPA also released a list of 12 toxic chemicals which it said were so pervasive in the nation's waterways that national control standards may have to be issued.

That list includes heavy metals like cadmium, mercury, lead, silver and copper and chemicals such as arsenic, chromium, cyanide, PCBs and three groups of chemicals used in making plastics — phenols, cresols and phthalate esters.

Arsenic, mercury, PCBs and phthalate esters were listed as risks to human health while the others were listed as risks to aquatic life.

Banks said the list of cities is likely to grow since the EPA did not survey coastal areas such as New York City in making this first assessment.

Study finds blood disorder in diabetics

BOSTON (AP) — Diabetics have a blood abnormality that may help explain why they are more likely than other people to suffer blindness, kidney failure and heart disease, a study concludes.

The researchers found that diabetics' blood tends to stick to the walls of the blood vessels. And even though the exact relationship is still obscure, they said that an abnormality in these people's red blood cells apparently is related to their blood vessel disease.

The study was conducted at Hôpital Saint-Louis in Paris and published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The doctors found that blood vessel damage is worst in people with the stickiest blood cells.

They developed a test that discloses the severity of this condition, but they said more study will be necessary before they know whether it will allow physicians to predict the chances of diabetics suffering blood vessel complications.

Sometimes diabetics' damaged blood vessels become leaky. This condition is the leading cause of irreversible blindness and is a major cause of kidney disease.

The doctors conducted their study on 30 diabetic patients and 25 healthy volunteers. They said they were not sure why the diabetics' blood is different.

Diabetes occurs when the pancreas fails to produce enough insulin, a chemical that signals the body to store nutrients.

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