





# Clemson Tigers suffer from rampant investigation rumors

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — If defending the 1981 national college football championship weren't enough, the Clemson Tigers have been shadowed all year by a long-running NCAA recruiting investigation that's bred speculation and rampant rumors.

"We've got so many distractions right now, it's unfair for the kids," Clemson coach Danny Ford said in a telephone interview Thursday.

The subject of Clemson's possible probation heated up this week as sportswriters ran wild with tidbits tossed by unnamed sources claiming the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Clemson's Atlantic Coast Conference had already decided the Tigers' fate.

The 34-year-old Ford said the stories were making it just that much tougher to keep his players pumped up. "We're trying like hell to do that," he said. "But it's getting harder and harder every day now because it doesn't let up."

Clemson's policy ever since the NCAA investigation began 19 months ago has been to defer all official comment to school President Bill L. Atchley.

In a statement issued by his office late Thursday afternoon,

Atchley said he couldn't be very specific, but acknowledged that he had received letters from the ACC and the NCAA. "We're evaluating these reports right now and will have a comprehensive statement to make soon."

"We're very close to having this thing resolved and we want to get it behind us so we can get on with our business," Atchley said.

Ford wouldn't talk about the reports, saying he has his players to consider.

"I'm not trying to be hard to get along with," he said. "But they don't need to be reading anything in the paper about me talking about it and taking my time away from them."

"We're really just trying to put that out of our heads and concentrate more on the rest of the season," sophomore quarterback Mike Eppley said.

"Coach Ford said he'd tell us as soon as he received official word," said Eppley. "So we're just taking everything that's in the papers now as publicity and rumors. In other words, just wait for the final word before we worry about it."

Despite reports published by The Washington Post quoting unnamed sources as saying both the ACC and the NCAA

Committee on Infractions have voted to put Clemson on probation for two years, the conference and the association have officially remained mum.

Asked about possible NCAA sanctions against Clemson, NCAA spokesman Dave Cawood said Thursday, "We have no plans to make any announcement on any school today, this week or any time in the near future."

The investigation has put pressure on the team, but no worse than last year, said Clemson sports information director Bob Bradley.

"These things surfaced three or four times last year," Bradley said. "It's been something both the 1981 team and the 1982 team have had to live with."

Published reports have traced the NCAA's most recent interest in Clemson's recruiting practices back to January 1981, when James Cofer and Terry Minor asked to be released from their letters-of-intent to play at Clemson.

The two Knoxville, Tenn., high school players claimed in a \$12 million suit, which they lost and are now appealing, that Clemson had violated recruiting regulations.

More recently, starting quarterback Homer Jordan's pur-

chase of a 1982 Monte Carlo has been called into question by NCAA investigators. Jordan, an All-American candidate at the start of the season, accompanied Clemson officials to a closed session with the NCAA's infractions committee last month.

The Athens, Ga., senior led the Tigers to the national championship last year with a victory over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. Atchley pulled him out of the starting lineup moments before kickoff in the Clemson-Kentucky game Oct. 2.

The school president said Jordan was benched "due to what may be construed in a very strict interpretation of the NCAA constitution as a technical violation."

Eppley, the sophomore from Charlotte, N.C., was called on to take Jordan's place in the Kentucky game, which Clemson won 24-6. Jordan underwent exploratory knee surgery 10 days later and missed the next three games.

Eppley, who quarterbacked the Tigers to victories over Duke, N.C. State and North Carolina, said he wasn't pleased with the way he got the starting job, but he was trying to make the most of the opportunity.

## Ponies remember Lubbock

By The Associated Press

Remember Chuck Hixson, who holds numerous Southern Methodist University passing records?

Well, he was the quarterback for the Mustangs the last time they beat Texas Tech in Lubbock. That was 12 years ago.

The high-flying No. 2 ranked Mustangs visit the South Plains again Saturday where they are 5-9 lifetime.

And they remember what happened to them out there two years ago. It snowed, Gabe Rivera played noseguard like a demon possessed, and Tech blanked the Ponies 14-0.

"That was humiliating," recalls tailback Eric Dickerson.

"It was one of the worst games we ever played," said tailback Craig James. "We were flat because we knew we had the Holiday Bowl bid wrapped up."

"That was our last shutout," he said. "I didn't think anybody could shut us out, but Tech sure did. We don't need a whole lot of incentive to go out there. I know the people who saw us play that day weren't too impressed."

SMU was a 13-point favorite, but that doesn't sit too well with Coach Bobby Collins.

"Ask Washington if they thought Tech has a good team," Collins said.

Tech fought the Huskies to the wire before losing 10-3. Washington then was ranked No. 1 in the nation.

In other games, Arkansas was a 15-point favorite to recover from the shock of its upset loss to Baylor by rebounding against the Texas Aggies in a night game at Little Rock; Texas was a 13-point favorite to roll over Texas Christian in Fort Worth; and Baylor was an 11-point pick over Rice in Houston.

SMU is 9-0 and 6-0 in the conference. The Ponies play their final game in Texas Stadium next week against Arkansas.

Both Arkansas and Texas, who meet Dec. 4 in Austin, are a game behind SMU and the Ponies can clinch at

least a tie for the SWC title by beating the Red Raiders.

Tech has three SWC victories, two of them in the last seasons.

"Some good things have happened to this team and I don't think we are through yet," said Tech Coach Jerry Moore. "You can talk forever about SMU. Dickerson is the kind of guy that if you make one mistake it's six points. And Craig James is just as impressive."

SMU crushed Tech 30-6 in Texas Stadium last year, with James getting 134 yards and Dickerson earning 129.

"A win would mean a lot to Tech's program," Collins said. "It would mean a lot to our program, too."

Dickerson needs 189 yards to reach Earl Campbell's SWC career rushing mark of 4,443. Dickerson would need 323 yards in his last two games to top the former Texas All-American's single season rushing record of 1,744 yards.

### CFL Concorde to lower prices

MONTREAL (AP) — Following a dismal season on the field and at the box office, the Montreal Concorde have decided to lower ticket prices for 1983, the Canadian Football League club announced Thursday.

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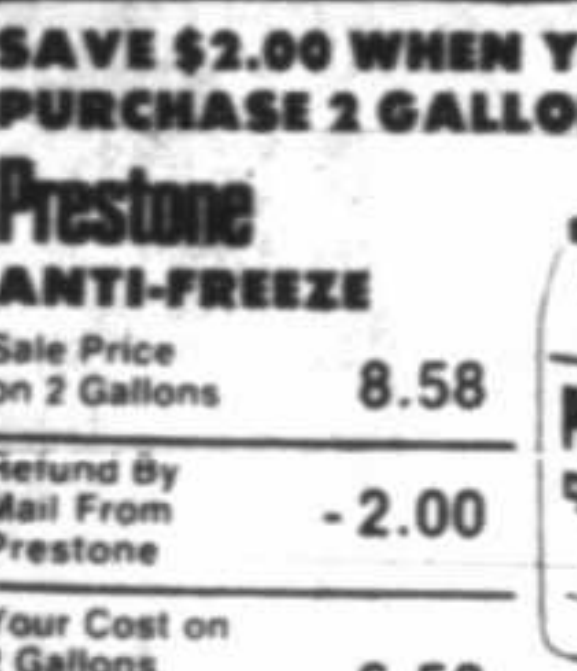
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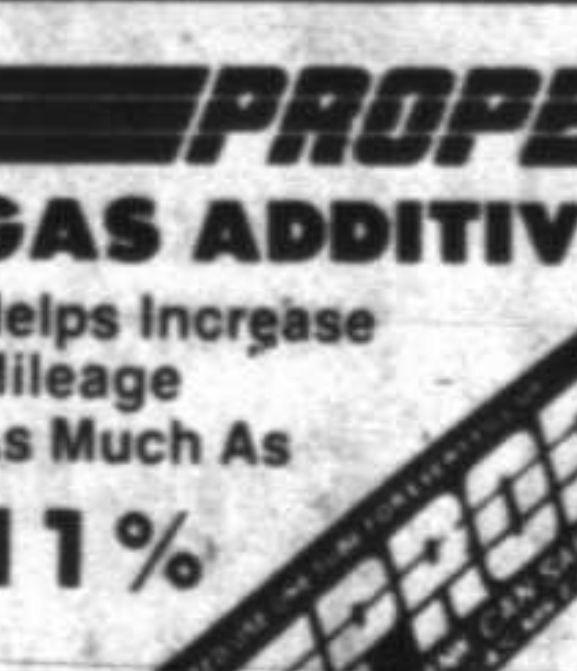
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# Nittany Lions get nod over Pitt

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON  
AP Sports Writer

Penn State never has won college football's national championship. Unless Georgia, Southern Methodist and Arizona State all stumble somewhere down the line, chances are the Nittany Lions won't win it this year, either.

But they have a strong supporter in Notre Dame Coach Gerry Faust.

"At the end of the (1981) season, after they beat Pitt and Southern Cal, I felt Penn State was the best team in the country," Faust said. "And this team this year is even better than last year."

Of course, Faust may just be indulging in a little game coaches play — the object of which is to convince everyone that your next opponent are the Monsters of the Midway reincarnated.

If you haven't guessed by now, fifth-ranked Penn State is Saturday's opponent for No. 13 Notre Dame, which got back into the Top Twenty by knocking Pitt from the No. 1 spot last week.

The Nittany Lions are 6-point favorites in what Faust calls "a big game — the players know it, we know it, the fans know it and Penn State knows it."

IF ANYONE knows who the winner will be, please tell the bowl people. Representatives of the Cotton, Orange, Sugar, Fiesta and Gator Bowls will be in South Bend to watch ... Penn State 21-14.

Last week's score was 31 right and 19 wrong for a percentage of .620. For the season, it's 346-119-11—744. Against the points, last week's count was 13 right, 18 wrong and one tie for a .419 percentage, dropping the log for the year to 130-137-1—487.

No. 7 Washington at No. 3 Arizona State (favored by 4): You win with defense, and these are two great defensive teams. But the better one belongs to ... Arizona State 17-10.

No. 11 Clemson at No. 18 Maryland (2½): Two winning streaks collide — Clemson's six in a row vs. Maryland's unlucky seven ... Clemson 20-13.

No. 1 Georgia (6½) at Auburn: Auburn's Bo Jackson may be the next Herschel Walker, but the original plays for ... Georgia 24-17.

No. 2 Southern Methodist (14) at Texas Tech: The Dickerson-James Pony Express runs into Senor Sack, alias Gabe Rivera. Close, but no cigarillo for el senior ... SMU 21-17.

No. 4 Nebraska (21) at Iowa State: The Cornhuskers have scored a total of 100 points in their last two games ... Nebraska 35-10.

No. 6 LSU (8) at Mississippi State: LSU leads the nation in defense and stuffed Alabama's Wishbone last week. Another Wishbone to snap, but the Upset Special of the Week ... Missis-

siippi State 14-13.

No. 8 Pitt (30) at Army: Army Coach Ed Cavanaugh wasn't cheer-cheering for old Notre Dame last weekend. Now he gets the Panthers on the rebound ... Pitt 41-7.

Louisville at No. 9 Florida State (no line): The Seminoles have scalped Southern Illinois 59-8, East Carolina 56-17, South Carolina 56-26 and now it's Louisville's turn ... Florida State 52-17.

Texas A&M at No. 10 Arkansas (16): It may be too much to expect a poor old coach like Lou Holtz to beat a rich young one like Jackie Sherrill ... Arkansas 28-14.

Stanford at No. 12 UCLA (8): UCLA's Tom Ramsey heads the NCAA's passing efficiency chart and Stanford's John Elway is fifth. Second Upset Special ... Stanford 31-27.

Purdue at No. 14 Michigan (21): Purdue has a history of giving Bo Schembechler fits, but the Wolverines can smell the roses ... Michigan 36-13.

MISSOURI AT No. 15 Oklahoma (13): Here comes Marcus Dupree — and there he goes ... Oklahoma 28-17.

No. 16 Southern Cal (4½) at Arizona: The Wildcats have beaten Notre Dame and Stanford and tied UCLA, but their bag of upset tricks is empty ... Southern-Cal 27-13.

Southern Mississippi at No. 17 Alabama (10½): The Crimson Tide hasn't lost in Tuscaloosa since 1963 and Bear Bryant is (a) fighting mad and (b) still the coach at ... Alabama 28-10.

No. 20 Texas (13½) at Texas Christian: The Longhorns haven't given up a point in their last two games ... Texas 28-7.

Oklahoma State at Kansas State (7): The Cowboys are due to catch a break. Third Upset Special ... Oklahoma State 24-21.

Baylor (11) at Rice: The Owls catch the Bears in a valley between Arkansas and Texas. Fourth Upset Special ... Rice 24-21.

Other games:  
East — Boston College (11½) 26, Syracuse 21; Temple 24, Colgate 14.  
South — Florida (13) 24, Kentucky 16; Tennessee 27, Mississippi (3) 17; North Carolina (27) 42, Virginia 14; North Carolina State (2½) 28, Duke 24; South Carolina (1½) 24, Navy 20; Louisiana Tech 31, Southwestern Louisiana 17; Virginia Tech 24, Vanderbilt (5½) 17; Wake Forest 28, Georgia Tech (2) 21; East Carolina 27, William & Mary 17.

Midwest — Central Michigan 21, Ball State 10; Cincinnati 34, Morgan State 8; Illinois (4) 31, Indiana 21; Iowa (3) 23, Wisconsin 16; Toledo 24, Kent State 14; Michigan State 28, Minnesota (1) 24; Ohio State (26½) 41, Northwestern 14.

Southwest — Utah 27, Texas-El Paso 14; Tulsa 35, Indiana State 7; West Texas State 28, New Mexico State 27.

Far West — Utah State 30, Boise State 20; Brigham Young 31, San Diego State 24; California (5½) 20, Washington State 14; Kansas (1) 28, Colorado 21; Fresno State 28, Montana State 24; Long Beach State 38, Nevada-Las Vegas 27; New Mexico 31, Colorado State 24; San Jose State 24, Pacific 14; Wyoming 24, Wichita State 20.

# No Dodger Blue for Steve Garvey

By Ken Gurnick  
Hearst Feature Service

LOS ANGELES — Now it's official. There is no longer any chance of Steve Garvey playing in a Dodger uniform.

If Garvey is ever to play in Dodger Stadium in a regular season game again, it will have to be in the uniform of one of the five National League teams that selected him: the Chicago Cubs, Houston Astros, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants or Pittsburgh Pirates.

Garvey also was picked by the Texas Rangers, New York Yankees, Seattle Mariners and Chicago White Sox in the American League, making a total of nine teams he can negotiate with. Only Seattle pitcher Floyd Bannister, Dodger pitcher Terry Forster, Cincinnati pitcher Bob Shirley and Milwaukee pitcher Bob McClure were selected by more teams.

"I think the Dodgers made a big mistake in not retaining Garvey," said Kurt Bevaqua, a utility man for the Padres who is hoping his club lands him. "When the draft is over, I think Garvey will be the highest paid player in baseball. If we get him and another pitcher, we can win the division next year."

Garvey spoke with writers about his final negotiating session with the Dodgers. "I realized, in essence, that what had gone out over all those years was not coming back."

That was about as close as Garvey got to criticizing the franchise with whom he has associated for the past 27 years, beginning as a bat boy, rising through the minor league system and becoming one of the most productive and dependable players in recent times.

Only occasionally did he refer to the low points of his tenure — the teammate jealousies and his highly publicized breakup with wife Cyndy ("We still are separated," he said).

He refused to discuss specifics of the negotiations and to comment on a report that the two sides agreed to a four-year contract, with money being a final hang-up. "There will be a time to discuss details," he said. "Now is not the time."

He did say he could not understand why the Dodgers would stick to their policy of not retaining his rights.

"I believe not having a contract offer had an effect on Steve's play," said Garvey's agent Jerry Kapstein.

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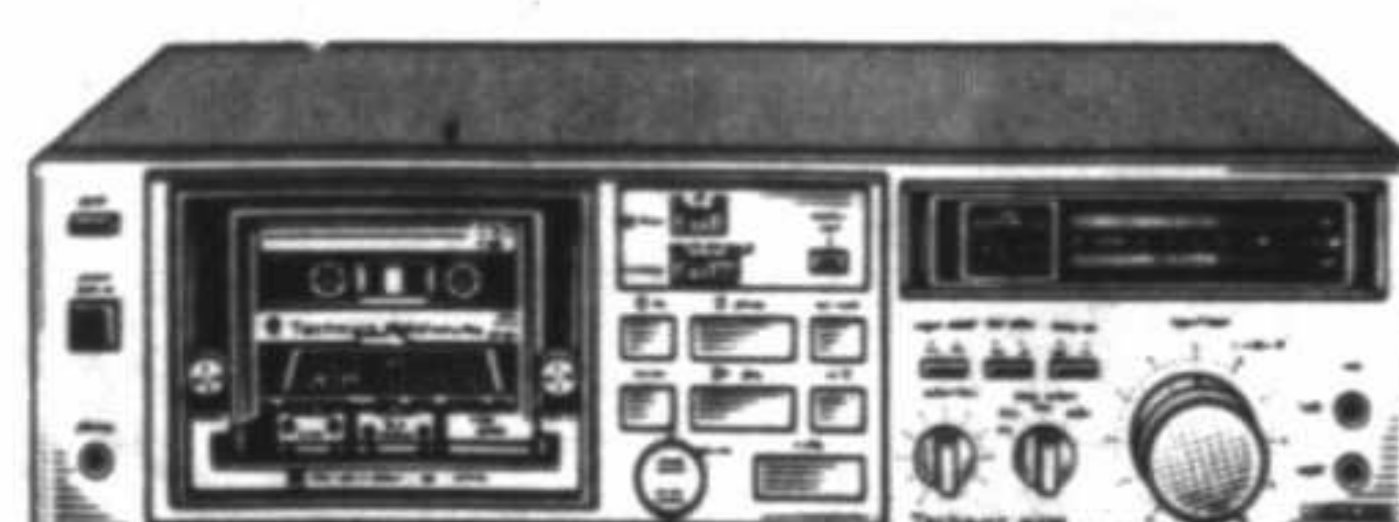


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# Reagan may propose jobs program backed by more taxes

By OWEN ULLMANN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—In major post-election shifts, President Reagan is hinting he will propose a job-creating public works program financed with higher gasoline taxes, and reduce his record military budget.

Reagan said Thursday night he is giving "deep thought" to a plan to rebuild the nation's transportation system — and create 320,000 jobs in the process — with a 5-cents-a-gallon rise in the federal gasoline tax. The tax is now 4 cents a gallon.

Thus, he backed away from his previous hard-line stands against tax increases and government "make-work" programs.

Reagan justified his consideration of the plan by saying that job creation is not the main objective of the program, and by calling the gasoline levy a "user fee," not a tax.

Nevertheless, his comments at a

nationally televised news conference suggested he is open to some alteration of his economic policy course in the wake of Democratic gains in last week's congressional elections, a continued rise in unemployment and mounting calls from congressional Democrats and Republicans for a federal jobs program.

At his last news conference six weeks ago, the president said it would take "a palace coup" for him to support new tax increases and he scorned public works projects as "artificial programs that make for dead end and temporary jobs" and only delay economic recovery.

In another policy change Thursday night, the president said he would look for savings in the new military budget he will send Congress next year, provided the cuts do not delay his plans for closing the weapons edge that he contended is held by the Soviet Union. "We're looking at everything," he

said. "I would have to say that, yes, if there are savings that can be made without delaying or setting back what we think is the improvement we must have if we are going to close that window of vulnerability (to Soviet military superiority)."

Reagan did not alter his position on Social Security, however. He pledged he would do nothing to cut present benefits of people now retired, raised the possibility of changes in benefits for future retirees and spoke against raising the retirement system's payroll taxes beyond previously scheduled increases as a way to restore it to solvency.

Both parties in Congress favor some type of jobs program to combat unemployment, which rose from 10.1 percent in September to 10.4 percent last month. The Democrats, however, are pushing a more ambitious plan than the one Reagan is considering.

Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., chairman of the Congressional Joint Eco-

nomics Committee, is proposing a \$3.6 billion program that would create 600,000 public works jobs in communities hardest hit by unemployment. Reuss would finance the plan with money Reagan is now earmarking for defense.

The Republican plan, promoted by Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, would raise \$5.5 billion a year, with the primary purpose of rebuilding crumbling highways and bridges and aiding mass transit systems most in need. But the secondary effect of the program, job creation, has not been lost to the administration.

Members of Congress from both parties also are pressing Reagan to scale back the record military build-up plan he has drafted for fiscal 1984 to cut the unprecedented budget deficits the government faces — more than \$150 billion a year in 1983 and 1984, by most estimates.

Reagan said Lewis proposed the transportation rebuilding program just

the day before. "No decision has been made," he said, but added that "it is under consultation and deep thought by all of us."

"I don't view this proposal as, let's say, a job-creating program, although, obviously, there would be jobs created by going forward with that effort," he said.

"But what we're talking about here is ... if we do it, it would be a user fee. It would be dedicated to rebuilding our highways and bridges," he added. "This is a problem that must be met sooner or later."

At his Sept. 28 news conference, by contrast, Reagan was asked if he could flatly rule out any tax increases, specifically an increase in the gasoline tax.

"Unless there's a palace coup and I'm overtaken or overthrown, no, I don't see the necessity for that."

On Thursday night, Reagan insisted he remains adamantly opposed to the types of public works programs spon-

sored by Democrats in the past. He said he will not return "to things that have been tried before in previous recessions, namely make-work job programs with the government taking billions of dollars out of the private sector to spend on these projects."

He said the government has spent \$66 billion on jobs programs over the past seven years, yet unemployment has continued to climb. "We're not going to go down the dead-end street that just leaves us set up for another recession," he added.

Contending his administration is "on the right course," Reagan said "we can't resolve the problem and really do what is right for the unemployed unless we make the economy sound, expand the economy, and thus create the jobs that we must have."

Asked if he thought the unemployment rate, now at a 42-year high, would climb higher, he said, "It could possibly go up some more. It could go the other way or it could stay level."

## Tax experts taking wait-and-see attitude toward WPT ruling

By LESLIE HAINES  
Energy-Business Writer

Energy producers and royalty owners may applaud last week's decision by U. S. District Judge Ewing T. Kerr against the Crude Oil Windfall Profits Tax, but tax experts are in a wait-and-see posture.

"It looks like the next thing that's going to happen is an appeal, but since the judge said the government can continue to collect the tax, I wonder who is going to initiate the appeal," said John Grimland, tax partner with Main Hurdman.

"Why would the government want to appeal?"

Another local accountant says if the tax is ultimately repealed, it will be the salvation of some small energy companies here.

If the decision is appealed to the Supreme Court, will the justices agree with Kerr? "We expect the decision to

be appealed, and we realize that while the government may have a difficult case, there will be political overtones which may influence the eventual outcome," said Stephen Huggins, tax partner with Price Waterhouse.

"We've found in the past that it's very difficult to predict the outcome of tax issues brought into the court system," he added.

If the decision is upheld, will Congress write a new windfall profits tax? Will it include natural gas along with crude oil in a new tax?

"We fully expect Congress to rewrite the law because they don't seem bent on reducing expenditures," said John H. Tompkins, tax partner with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Company of Midland. "They are apparently motivated by increasing revenues."

"The Reagan Administration could be between a rock and a hard spot." The President has repeatedly stated

he would repeal the tax, yet as Tompkins said, "What Reagan will do is anybody's guess. And he has been silent to this point."

Both Reagan and Congress are staring down the barrel of a deficit estimated to reach \$155- to \$175 billion in fiscal 1983. That money has to come from somewhere.

The tax was supposed to have brought in \$227 billion in the next six years, based on ever-escalating oil prices. If the tax is finally killed, the nation's coffers stand to lose \$37 billion in revenues and/or tax refunds in fiscal 1983 alone, Tompkins said.

Twenty percent of that amount, or \$7.4 billion, would be directly tied to the Permian Basin, where about 20 percent of all American crude oil is produced. An influx of that kind of money, or the absence of a pay-out of that amount in taxes, would boost activity in the area, and could be the salvation of some struggling com-

panies, he added.

"Our belief is that the 25 percent decline in oil and gas production in the current year is due, at least in part, to the windfall profits tax," Tompkins said. "The tax has not been to their (oil operators) advantage, though it has lessened their federal tax burden. But it is a cash outlay, so they have had less funds to plow back into looking for oil and gas."

The future is clouded. The Treasury Department has announced it will appeal the decision, but that action has to be made by the Justice Department, which has 60 days from the date of Kerr's ruling to file its appeal.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), a party to the suit, has also announced it may appeal the decision, which did not address the question of taxing property unjustly, but did say that such a tax should be uniformly assessed in all energy pro-

ducing states.

Some Alaskan crude oil had been exempted from the tax.

Tompkins did not discount the possibility that if the timing is right, in relation to decontrol of natural gas prices, Congress might add taxation of gas to the oil WPT, if and when it rewrites the law.

If the tax should be repealed, the refund energy companies might receive would be considered ordinary taxable income. Currently, the WPT, an excise tax, is deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Public accounting firms such as Peat Marwick believed the tax was wrong two years ago and let Congress know it. "The law was not passed without Congress having been warned it was unconstitutional," Tompkins says. Frank Burke of Dallas, director of Peat Marwick's energy tax practice, spearheaded the move against the WPT by

lobbying aggressively in Washington.

"Burke first raised the issue at the time the bill was on the floor, and he provided information to members of Congress showing the tax was unconstitutional."

There is no question the WPT has affected accounting firms as much as it has oil companies. "It's been a very difficult tax to administer," Grimland said. The U.S. Treasury department has in fact recently issued a 136-page tract explaining the regulations involved.

According to Tompkins, the tax "increased our work load as well as our problems. The amount of paperwork is insurmountable. The number of people it takes to comply with the law has not yet reached its peak."

Most public accounting firms have increased their accounting, engineering and computer programming staffs as a result, as have most of their clients.

## Personal computer explosion puts Briton's products on top

By JAMES PELTZ  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Amid the explosion of personal computers, nowhere has the combustion been more intense than in sales of the under-\$150 machines designed by a reserved Briton named Clive Sinclair.

His first wedge-shaped, 12-ounce computer, the ZX80, came out in early 1980 and Sinclair Research Ltd. sold 100,000 of them in a year. In March 1981 came the ZX81, a more advanced but similarly sized model that logged sales of 500,000 units by last August.

And this year Timex Corp., which manufactures the ZX81 in Scotland for Sinclair, agreed to build and market a machine similar to the ZX81 but with more memory, the Timex Sinclair 1000. Whereas the ZX81 has been available in the United States through mail-order only, the TS1000 is being sold directly

through U.S. retail outlets at a suggested price of only \$99.95.

Sinclair also has a more advanced computer, the ZX Spectrum, that is sold in the United Kingdom and is slated for export early next year.

Combined, some 200,000 Sinclair computers are produced monthly — output Sinclair and some industry analysts say is the highest in the business.

But the man behind the success, a bearded and balding 42-year-old redhead, appears unimpressed by the popularity of his machines, perhaps because he has had his share of close calls with failure.

Indeed, Sinclair views success and failure as did Kipling: "I treat the two imposters both the same," he says.

In a recent interview during one of his several U.S. trips a year, Sinclair sketched how he manages his Cambridge, England-based firm of which

he owns 95 percent. Slim, with silver-rimmed glasses and freckles creeping up his forehead, Sinclair answers questions quietly but briefly and is shy about expressing his feelings.

Success to him mainly is the "excitement of developing a product that's really new and which people really take to." Financial reward, he says, "is the means to the end," meaning development of new products, and work is under way for a "flat-screen" television and an electric car.

Sinclair Research posted revenue of about 27 million pounds last year, he says, or about \$45 million at current exchange rates. And revenue will be up this year, although he declines to be more specific.

Sinclair sees his job mainly as the firm's innovator. "My work is in the mind," he says and, while he may design his ideas on paper, much of a

machine's final details are often drawn by an employee.

"Having got the ball rolling, the project under way, I monitor it on a weekly basis," Sinclair says. "I watch that side very closely. The other sides of the business I'm less close to, really. I'm not a particularly good manager, pe. I'm not a 'hands-on' man."

Born in London, Sinclair learned basic electronics in school and at age 17 he went to work as a technical journalist.

Two years later he joined Mensa, which describes itself as an international association of intelligent people and which requires a high IQ score for membership. Sinclair, currently chairman of the British Mensa Society, downplays the membership as having any special significance, saying "it's a social thing" and simply gives him a chance to meet people.

In 1962 he founded his own company called Sinclair Radionics, whose first products included radio and amplifier kits that were sold by mail order.

Sinclair Radionics grew, and its product line expanded into hi-fidelity systems and electronic instruments. He married at age 22, had three children and moved from London to Cambridge in 1967.

Later that year Sinclair launched the \$185 Executive, one of the first true pocket calculators, and with revenue rising, he invested heavily in other projects, mainly digital watches and a pocket TV.

But matters soured by 1975. A new digital wrist watch introduced that year, the Black Watch, ran into problems when Sinclair had difficulty getting sufficient supplies of a new computer chip used in the watch.

Revenue began turning down, yet

other Sinclair projects were demanding substantial funds for development. By the end of its fiscal year ended April 1976, the firm was losing money.

Sinclair went to the government-financed National Enterprise Board for an injection of cash in late 1976. A pocket TV, with a two-inch screen, was unveiled in early 1977 and new calculators emerged the following year.

But by 1979 the board and Sinclair were falling apart. Published reports suggest the board was losing faith in Sinclair's ability to generate profitable products and that he was encouraged to concentrate on electronic instruments rather than consumer electronics.

In July 1979 the enterprise board and Sinclair split, with the board retaining the instrument business and Sinclair taking part of his research team to form Sinclair Research Ltd.

## Good tax news sparks late stock rally, death boosts dollar

By The Associated Press

Encouraging tax news lifted the stock market to a late rally, while news of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's death sparked the dollar to new highs against the weak French and Italian currencies.

In the weak auto industry, meanwhile, indefinite layoffs among U.S. workers rose this week and car production fell.

The late upsurge Thursday on Wall Street apparently was in response to hopes for passage of a bill to give more favorable tax treatment to some investment profits.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, down more than 4 points with 30

minutes left in the session, closed with a 10.21 gain at 1,054.73.

Trading was relatively quiet, however, with many financial institutions closed Thursday in observance of Veterans Day. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange slowed to 78.41 million shares from 113.24 million Wednesday.

As the session headed into its final minutes, financial news wires carried a report that a Wall Street official was hopeful about chances for passage of a bill to cut the holding period for long-term tax treatment of capital gains from a year to six months.

Edward L. O'Brien, president of the Securities Industry Association, assessed prospects for the measure as

"fairly good." Three times in the past two years, similar proposals have worked their way close to passage, only to be killed in last-minute congressional maneuvering.

Short-term capital gains are taxed as ordinary income, at rates up to 50 percent. The maximum tax rate on long-term gains was lowered to 20 percent last year.

Traders evidently saw the prospect of a shortened holding period as a potential stimulus to the market in general, and brokers in particular. Some of Thursday's biggest gainers were the shares of publicly held Wall Street firms and financial-services companies that own brokerage houses.

Brezhnev's death sent European investors surrying to the safety of the dollar in what one London dealer called "a gut reaction."

Besides hitting record peaks against the French franc and Italian lira, the dollar flirted with six-year highs against the British pound and West German mark. It also rose in lackluster U.S. trading, but continued to lose ground against a strengthening Japanese yen.

Gold, another haven for cash in times of political uncertainty, surged briefly. But bullion fell back in listless trading, ending the day at \$404.50 a troy ounce, off nearly \$10 from Wednesday's highs but up \$2 from Wednesday's late bid.

Indefinite layoffs reported among U.S. autoworkers rose this week to 252,199, the second straight week the number has been above 250,000, the five major domestic automakers reported.

The increase from 251,490 last week was due to increased furloughs at Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and American Motors Corp. Before last week, the last time reported layoffs had topped 250,000 was in the first week of April.

Temporary layoffs totaled 41,000, down from 41,935 last week.

Meanwhile, Automotive News said the companies will build 19.3 percent fewer cars in this country this week than they built last week.

The 88,730 cars this week will compare with 109,908 last week, it said. It is a 10.1 percent drop from 98,652 built the same week last year.

But the lower production does not affect plants making luxury cars, according to another industry journal, Ward's Automotive Reports. In fact, overtime is planned at Ford's Wixom, Mich., luxury car plant and General Motors Corp.'s Cadillac plant in Detroit, it said.

So far this year, U.S. car production remains 21.3 percent behind 1981's already depressed level, Automotive News reported, adding that 4.51 million cars have been assembled so far in 1982, down from 5.74 million at this time last year.

### Air Force says TI broke rules

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Texas Instruments Inc. violated federal regulations by submitting three reports containing sensitive information for use at an international computer conference without first obtaining Defense Department approval, the Air Force says.

"The papers were about design testing and manufacturing process of micro circuitry. They involved fairly sensitive data concerning advanced technique and technology," Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Valerie Elbow said Thursday in Washington.

She said Air Force officials had refused to grant TI clearance this week because they were afraid the papers would give communist countries information they have not obtained through independent research. The three reports were

to be included in papers distributed at the International Test Conference, which was scheduled to open here today. The two-day conference is expected to draw more than 2,000 computer experts from around the world.

Conference chairman Conrad Zagwyn said TI's last-minute withdrawal will force the organizing committee to rip apart the conference's digest of papers.

Two trade magazines that received the reports for study have been told to destroy them, conference officials said.

Norman Neureiter, vice president of corporate staff for TI in Richardson, Texas, refused to comment on the content of the reports or the Air Force objections. TI is under contract with the Air Force for computer development.

The three papers were called "Concurrent Checking of Program Flow in VLSI Processors," "An Architecture of Testable VLSI Processors" and "Analysis and Simulation of Parallel Signature Analyzers," a conference spokesman said.

"This happens in the high-tech business and mistakes can be made. You have to expect that," Zagwyn said.

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### Last ditch attempt being made to stop Getty project

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—Florida environmentalists have launched a last-ditch effort to halt Getty Oil Co.'s plans to drill in Santa Rosa County's East Bay, urging Gov. Bob Graham and state lawmakers to convene a special legislative session on the issue.

"Having met with the governor," said Charles Lee of the Florida Audubon Society, "it's clear that he would like to do whatever is legally possible to prevent the drilling from taking place."

But Steve Hull, Graham's press secretary, said Thursday in Tallahassee that the governor won't call a special session.

"We don't have any plans to call a special session on the Getty Oil matter," Hull said.

The 1983 Legislature could bring the issue up by mustering a two-thirds vote in both houses when it convenes Tuesday for its ceremonial swearing-in.

"There have been a lot of rumors going around that several legislators are considering that (bringing matter up Tuesday)," Hull said.

Environmentalists hope to get around a Sept. 8 state appeals court order that could force the Florida Cabinet to issue drilling permits when it

meets Tuesday. One possibility, Lee said, is a special bill declaring the court's interpretation of a disputed 1972 no-drill law is wrong.

"I would say that it's almost certain that the Cabinet is going to act on the 18th to issue the permit," said Lee.

"The question, I suppose, is whether

there is a legislative solution to beat them to that decision."

Michelle Beale, a Getty Oil spokeswoman in Houston, told the Pensacola News-Journal Thursday, the firm may be sending a lobbyist to Tallahassee, although "we don't anticipate they could block us retroactively."

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# Successful firm in Producers Forum spotlight

By LESLIE HAINES  
Energy-Business Writer

Anytime a corporation starts spending money like mad, it's bound to attract attention, so the string of purchases made recently by Petro-Lewis Corporation of Denver is hard not to notice.

So far in 1982, the firm has raised 60 percent of all the income funds raised in the oilpatch — last month it raised \$113 million alone.

Since its inception 12 years ago, the company has acquired \$2.6 billion in producing oil and gas properties. It raised capital by offering the public limited partnerships in \$2,500 mini-

um increments, with an average rate of return around 20 percent.

The money is used to buy and manage production. In the past 10 months, Petro-Lewis bought a chunk of Placid Oil interests for \$412 million, and paid \$110 million for Midland oilman Clayton Williams' Austin Chalk properties. Now it is wrapping up a purchase of \$165 million worth of Coquina producing properties and \$770 million worth of Conoco's.

"People all of a sudden are trying to find out who we are," admitted Bud Isaacs, senior vice president — property acquisitions at Petro-Lewis.

"It's been a fairly wild and woolly time for us, but we feel there has never

been a better time to buy than now."

He spoke Thursday to the West Texas Producers Forum.

The key to the 12-year old firm's success is that it buys cash flow, and does so only after lots of research.

"You have to know more about what you are buying than the seller knows about what he is selling," Isaacs said.

"There's no rule of thumb on the purchase price, but when you walk into a seller's office, you have to determine if he's off his rocker or not — if there's pride of ownership."

"And, the seller always offers you what he thinks he owns, so we check all ownership and burdens."

Petro-Lewis buys from majors, inde-

pendents, deceased oil operators' estates, drilling program sponsors and individuals.

Before making an offer, the company tears a prospect down to its lowest common denominator and looks at it lease by lease, inspecting reserves and estimated recoverable hydrocarbons, predicted rate of recovery, production and workover expenses and possible future net revenues.

The company began when drilling contractor Jerry Lewis moved to Denver and started a small drilling fund company. Almost as an afterthought, he decided to start raising money from the public to create an income fund, where the money would be used to buy producing properties.

Today, Petro-Lewis has 2,200 employees, almost 126,000 limited partnerships, and a computer as big as NASA's to handle the mountain of paperwork associated with lease management, royalty and delayed rental payments, taxes and so on.

The goal stated in the original prospectus offerings was to offer the investor a 12 percent rate of return, but, Isaacs said, results have often been much better, especially for older properties bought several years ago.

"Our rate of return now is averaging 16 to 24 percent. We had a couple of gas partnerships back in 1973 that were worth about a \$10,000 investment, and we couldn't give them away. Today, those properties are worth about \$200,000 to \$250,000."

The company does not direct retail-

ing itself, but wholesales whatever it has "in the warehouse" to regional investment bankers who, in turn, offer the partnerships to the public.

Petro-Lewis can raise a great deal of money fast because it is strong in marketing, Isaacs said. It offers satellite transmissions and slide shows of its meetings and presentations to investment houses.

"It's just amazing," Isaacs said. "When we did the Beta Field deal (off-shore California), we raised \$300 million in 33 days and we had to turn back \$50 million because the offering was oversubscribed."

The average investment in the firm's deals is \$8,500, or \$6,000 more than the required minimum. "Sixty percent of the partners' money in, is reinvested in subsequent Petro-Lewis deals because people elect not to take the distribution (profits)," Isaacs said, which makes for a "pretty good built-in thing for us to grow."

"It's a completely different type of people than the drilling funds draw. We're not looking for people who are looking for a tax shelter. We want people who are measuring the value of this investment for investment's sake."

Petro-Lewis is facing more competition now, but the firm still expects 1982 sales income to be \$466,321,650. Sales continue to be strong because the public and analysts perceive that with lower oil and gas prices, now is a good time to buy producing properties, Isaacs said. Coupled with that, Petro-Lewis has increased its marketing efforts.

No one acquisition has the characteristics the company wants, he said. "You've got to mix deals, just like you can't put all your money in one drilling prospect. The key to our success is we've been able to spread, to diversify, and put a partnership into many acquisitions. Each partnership has interests in no less than 10, and sometimes up to 20, different acquisitions."

Petro-Lewis inspects potential items for its warehouse by examining each prospect lease by lease. The company checks all engineering reports "to try to understand it and see what's really there." It's title people go to the court-houses and check all ownership records. A team of accountants looks at all the check stubs involved.

"This Conoco deal is one of the better buys of the decade," Isaacs said, "but in six weeks' time, we evaluated everything they had."

"If you don't do all this, to check for variances, you'll get hooked," he added. "It's buyer beware. We throw out three-fourths of what we're offered."

Since July 1970, Petro-Lewis has been offered a total of 3,723 possible acquisitions. The company gave a cursory look, with no bid, to 74 percent of them. It did an engineering review and made a bid for 19 percent, and ultimately, successfully acquired only 272 properties, or 7 percent.

Isaacs said the company tries to buy the Mercedes, not Chevrolets, of the oil field, because there is a better resale value.

## Sunset Commission takes look at RRC

AUSTIN — Austin attorney Richard Lowerre, on behalf of the Sierra Club and West Texas landowners, urged the Sunset Advisory Commission Thursday to transfer responsibility over underground injection wells totally to the Department of Water Resources.

Speaking to the SAC during its review of the Railroad Commission, Lowerre argued that the RRC is in a "conflict position" in attempting to regulate injection efforts associated with oil and gas production because the agency's principal duty is to promote development of such production.

Lowerre, who has represented the Southwest Soil and Water Protection Association in battles between its members with oil and gas interests, said transfer of authority to DWR "would

not cause major problems" for either agency.

He restated the arguments of West Texas farmers and ranchers that use of fresh water in some oilfield operations is wasteful, and that the RRC hasn't acted to protect freshwater sources from pollution from drilling and disposal operations.

The RRC, Lowerre said, has taken the position "that it lacks authority to stop the use of fresh water for enhanced or secondary recovery type injection operations," although the association has asked the RRC to require use of saltwater when saltwater is "reasonably available."

"Unless the commission or the Texas Department of Water Resources has the authority and directive to limit

injection of freshwater when saltwater is available," Lowerre said in a statement delivered to the SAC, "injection of freshwater in areas short of fresh water will continue."

"For example," he said, "in Gaines County, where the water table is dropping and farmers are finding that full costs for pumping of groundwaters for irrigation is getting very high, over a dozen operators are taking millions of gallons of freshwater for secondary recovery."

"That injected freshwater is lost forever," he said, "but salt water could be used with negligible added costs to the oil and gas operators."

"As in most cases," Lowerre added, "the injection facilities in Gaines County are designed to handle saltwater. It's simply cheaper to pump fresh water under existing law."

Lowerre also argued that the divided jurisdiction between the RRC and DWR is hampering efforts by Texas to receive delegation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to administer the Federal wastewater discharge permit.

Transferring of authority over all injection programs to DWR would eliminate the conflict that exists in the Railroad Commission, and make it possible for Texas to receive control from EPA, he said.

The SAC also heard from Midge Erskine, Midland, who complained that the Railroad Commission has not corrected "horrible contamination problems" with water pollution in the West Texas area.

If the RRC enforced its own regulations, there would not be such problems, she commented.

The SAC also received a resolution from Sterling County regarding saltwater pollution problems in that area.

## Amoco refinery does business as usual

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — The atmosphere at an Amoco Oil Co. refinery here is "business as usual" despite threats against the facility, a spokesman for the firm says.

The plant still is operating normally despite "a threat of unspecified nature," spokesman John Vesey said Thursday night.

"Amoco Oil Co.'s Texas City refinery has received a demand that terminated employees be reinstated in their jobs. Threats against Amoco facilities were made if Amoco did not comply," Vesey said.

"We do not have a bomb threat," he said.

The demand comes about a month after Gulf Oil Chemical Co.'s largest chemical plant was shut down for about five days by a threat to blow up the facility unless extortionists were

paid \$15 million.

Union official Billie Jones Jr. said there have been discharges but no layoffs at the Amoco facility, but declined to detail the "discharges."

"I know something about it (the threat)," said Jones, secretary-treasurer of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 4447. "But I won't comment any further. I just have nothing to say."

In Houston, Charles Craft, a spokesman for Amoco's parent company, Standard Oil of Indiana, refused to disclose when the demand was made, how many facilities were involved, or whether monetary demands were made or deadlines set.

Vesey said FBI agents were investigating the matter. FBI spokesman Ron Kettler declined comment.

Asked if the threat was a copy of a

highly publicized extortion-bomb plot against the Gulf plant near Baytown, 30 miles east of Houston, Craft responded, "I have no idea, but we are taking it seriously."

Amoco's 1,200-acre refinery was built in 1934 about 45 miles south of Houston. It employs 1,800 people and processes about 415,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

The plant is Amoco's largest and is the nation's third-largest refinery. Only Exxon's refineries in Baytown and in Baton Rouge, La., are bigger.

The five-day shutdown of the Gulf chemical plant cost the company an estimated \$5 million. Five bombs were found in the Gulf plant; one exploded while being disarmed and the other four were defused safely. Five Durango, Colo., residents have been charged in that extortion plot.

## DRILLING REPORT

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Delta Drilling Co. No. 1 David  
Fisher "C" No. 10 report.

Cotton Petroleum Corp. No. 1 T.F.  
Teague PD 13,200 location.

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Flag-Redford Oil Co. No. 1 University  
"B" PD 6,000 location.

Hillcrest Oil and Gas No. 1 T.F. 1-1-1  
10-15 PD 12,200. Total depth 9,100 feet,  
making a trip.

P.F. Petroleum Inc. No. 1 GAO PD  
6,000 location.

Woods Petroleum Corp. No. 1  
McCoy PD 11,500 location.

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Henry Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Shou-  
brook "B" PD 5,800 location.

C.F. Lawrence & Assoc. Inc. No. 2  
Trapper PD 1,000 "light."

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TXO Production Corp. No. 7 Cat-  
claw State "A" PD 3,000 "light."

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Powell PD 11,200 "light."

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TXO Production Corp. No. 1000  
contractor Lardis location.

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Goldsmith et al PD 8,200, no report.

A.G. Kasper No. 2 Lynch PD 11,200,  
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Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1370-D.C.W.  
Goldsmith et al PD 8,200, no report.

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Cities Service Co. No. 1 Averitt A  
PD 13,200, no report.

Callis Corp. No. 1 B.J. Foster "A"  
PD 8,200 contractor Lardis location.

# Bonilla says voting rights suits could be filed in Midland

By HALLYE JORDAN  
Staff Writer

In an attempt to provide fair representation for all people, voting rights lawsuits which were filed Thursday in Dawson and Howard counties on behalf of Mexican-Americans may be filed in Midland and Odessa, according



Ruben Bonilla

to Ruben Bonilla, general counsel for League of United Latin American Citizens.

And if the outcome of the cases is similar to others filed in the past, Mexican-Americans in the area will have a long overdue chance to be represented by an elected official of their choice, Bonilla, former LULAC national president, stated during a luncheon meeting of the PetroPlex News Association Thursday.

The suits, filed against the City of Big Spring, Big Spring Independent School District, Howard County Junior College District, City of Lamesa and Lamesa Independent School District, charge that continued use of at-large election schemes, by-place devices and racially polarized voting have kept minority candidates from winning seats on city councils, school boards or college boards of trustees.

FILED By Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, the suits are not the first ones to be brought against city and county voting procedures. According to William Velasquez, SVREP executive director, 36 previous suits have been filed in Texas — and all were won.

Velasquez said that while registration and participation of Mexican-American voters has increased dramatically over the last few years, the number of candidates seeking positions has remained stagnant.

"Dawson County is about 40 percent minority," Rolando Rios, SVREP legal director, told media representatives. "Its school board elects seven board members, its student body is over 50 percent minority, and yet there has

never been a minority on the school board. In the city of Lamesa, as far as we know, there has only been one minority elected. In Big Spring, you have approximately 25 percent of the population in minorities and there has never been a minority elected to any of these elected positions. And there are 21 defendants named in this case against Howard County.

"Our position is that it's not that people don't register to vote and turn out to vote, our position is that the at-large system makes it impossible for minorities to get elected," he continued. "It works very simply. Fifty-one percent of the voting population elects 100 percent of the elected officials. What that means is that if you don't have numerical majority of the population in terms of voting strength, you will not get your representatives elected."

IN 1966, THERE were 488,000 Mexican-Americans registered to vote in the Southwest, Velasquez noted. In 1982, the number had risen to 870,000. SVREP estimates indicate that by 1984, 1 million Mexican-Americans will be registered to vote, he said.

"But we still can't win," Velasquez said. "There is something wrong with the election scheme that makes it impossible for Mexicans to win."

"For years now, Hispanics have continued to develop impressive demographic data," Bonilla said. "Hispanics continue to make up a greater and greater proportion of the overall West Texas population. In spite of this phenomenal population growth, here in West Texas and across Texas, Hispanics, by and large, are still denied access to major governing bodies in all levels of government."

"We find that when there is ineffective, inadequate or no representation of Hispanics, that the resulting services to the Hispanic community also suffer," Bonilla continued. "At the city council level, we mean that city streets in Hispanic neighborhoods largely are unpaved, the lighting is poor, the crime element may be greater, services, sewer, water and electricity often are inferior."

"At the college level, when we find that there are no Hispanics on the board of trustees, they will find no effort to implement aggressive, affirmative action policies that will promote an increase in the recruitment and retention of either Hispanic students or Hispanic instructors and professors," Bonilla said. "The same can be true at the county level — of whatever municipality, of whatever county. Our effort here, in behalf of LULAC, is to lend the full strength and prestige and resources to this initiative."

BONILLA POINTED out that the local suits are not a first-time effort. Similar cases were filed in counties across the state, including Victoria County which resulted in the election of a Hispanic to a governing board for the first time. Other cases in South Texas have resulted in favor of SVREP.

and an increase in the level of representation for the Hispanic community, he added.

"We're simply stating to the officials at this level in the Howard and Dawson counties cases that we share a common interest in improving the sensitivity and responsiveness of government to all people — and that includes Hispanic Americans."

"We hope that they will not consider the law suit simply as an adversary proceeding but as an opportunity for them to break bread with us and to allow us to reach a meaningful conclusion of this litigation that will increase the level of representation for all Mexican-Americans," Bonilla stated.

According to Velasquez, the previous suits filed pertained to gerrymandering and malapportioning in the county votes. Recently, SVREP has begun the process of single-member districts for the city and for the school board, he said.

"Gerrymandering is atrocious," he said of studies made in South Texas. "We caught one county with 35 voters in one county commissioner precinct and the other one had 1,500. The law says you can't vary more than 10 percent. There are some counties right now that haven't redistricted since 1935. We won a case in May against a county that hadn't been redistricted since 1896," he said, adding with a laugh, "Those are easy to win."

WHENEVER A district is reapportioned so that minorities do elect their own representatives, such as in Victoria County, more minorities are elected, Rios said. The quality of the candidates, including education, articulation and improvement in conversing with issues also improves, Velasquez added.

"What has been happening in the past is that they've been alienated because everytime they run against somebody, they lose," Rios said. "It happened in Dawson County I know, where eight or nine minorities have run and they lose. Why run, spend money, put your name up and then lose?"

"We're hoping that elected officials realize that this is a democracy," he continued. "When you have a democracy, you have to have representation from all groups in society. Lamesa Independent School District is 52 percent minority and they've never had a minority on the school board. Those people are sensitive to the needs of minority students."

Bonilla said that if the suits are decided in favor of SVREP and LULAC, changes in Midland could be forthcoming.

"SPEAKING ON behalf of LULAC, possibly, if they establish favorable precedence in this case, whether by agreement or by court order, that results in some form of restructuring of the electoral system, then we would actually move to Midland and Odessa

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With photo by Bill Hunter

As Murray Fasken, right, and his wife Celeste watch, Dr. Jess Parrish, president of Midland College, unveils the plaque that officially renames the MC library the Murray Fasken Learning Resource Center. Fasken, senior chairman of the board of Midland

National Bank, was honored in a ceremony Thursday night. Fasken was a founding member of the board of trustees at Midland College and also served as president of the board from 1978 to 1980.

## Brezhnev's death no surprise

By HALLYE JORDAN  
Staff Writer

Impressions of past events were intermingled with future fears as a few area educators voiced their opinions Thursday concerning Russia's status following the death of leader Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Although the death of the 18-year Soviet Union leader did not surprise them, instructors in Midland, who were not aware that Yuro V. Andropov had been named today to succeed Brezhnev, did have varying views about the future governmental regime and the period of restlessness during which a successor would be chosen.

"I think it is going to create a situation that is tense because of the positioning among the upper echelon of Russia's government," Dennis Stratton, Midland High School social studies department chairman, said. "It's going to create a period of unrest. There is not a natural or peaceful transfer of power set up in the Soviet Union like there is in our election process," he explained.

According to Stratton, due to "the military pressure in the Soviet Union that is making itself known, the person

who has the military behind them will be chosen as the next leader of Russia."

"I think they will use the military to arouse people and gain sympathy," he said, citing possible weapons for incitement as fear of the American president and a nuclear war as well as the need for strong leadership.

Stratton then proved prophetic when he predicted that Andropov, the former KGB chief, could be Russia's next leader. "I think the KGB is scrutinized more by people in the outside world (than in Russia)," he said. "But he (Andropov) may take it. He may have the resources to do it because of his military connections and his civilian connections. It (the military connection) is much like it is in our country. He knows all the secrets; he knows where all the bodies are hidden, so to speak. But that arm of the government doesn't have the restraints that our government has — the checks and balances."

Dr. Will Morris, Midland College's chairman of the history department, referred to the near future as "a period of watchful waiting."

"I imagine it (the successor) will be a moderate, at least for awhile," he said.

"I think they have too much to lose by changing abruptly and I'm not really concerned."

James Bradford, Lee High School social studies department chairman, said he didn't have any one person in mind as a possible successor, but he predicted a battle for the post.

"When we have several strong people, struggles behind the scene take place and we'll know that struggle took place. Unless," he added, "some drastic leader emerges. But I haven't heard of anybody who's ready to go to war tomorrow."

All three instructors thought there might be a joint leadership, at least until a single leadership figure could be established, as was the situation following Stalin's death.

"It could be a collective leadership or maybe even a dual one," Morris said.

"But I'm more inclined to think that to have one overall leader would be better."

"I think all of our presidents have been able to work with him (Brezhnev) as far as working with Russian leaders go," Bradford said. "They've worked with him cautiously and they'll possibly do the same thing with his successor."

## MidTran rolls ahead with plans despite rumored cutbacks

By LANA CUNNINGHAM  
Staff Writer

As rumors float around that the federal government will be cutting back its subsidies to cities' transportation systems and letting them ride on their own four wheels, MidTran is rolling ahead with plans for the future — albeit with a few detours and potholes in the way.

MidTran, the city's public transportation system, is running in the midst of raising fares while coping with recession in other parts of the country. Director Jim Johnson has been on the road this week looking for a new bus manufacturer. The firm which had the contract for seven new buses went bankrupt about the time the new vehicles were to be delivered in mid-September.

It was a year ago that the city sought bids for the buses, and the contract was awarded in December to Microbus located in California. The vehicles — four for handicapped and all with diesel engines — were due in Midland Sept. 27 at a cost of \$286,994.

"I'd heard some rumors about the company but UMTA (Urban Mass Transportation Administration) said they had heard nothing," said Johnson, who came to Midland from San Diego, Calif., as director about a year ago.

HE WENT TO California in mid-August to check on the buses. Three were completed and the remaining four were in various stages of construction. "Everything looked great," Johnson said. "They (management) were all smiles and acted like nothing was wrong."

In September, when the buses were due in Midland, UMTA called and told Johnson the firm had gone bankrupt.

But the city hasn't lost any money, he said, explaining that the city still has funds for the buses and is working on a settlement with the company that held the performance bond on Microbus.

"The city requires anyone who submits a bid to put up a performance bond," he said. Under the Microbus bond, the holding company must pay \$50 per day per vehicle for each day they aren't delivered. "The bonding company is liable to us for \$350 per day for every day those vehicles are late."

As part of the contract, the bonding company has suggested other companies take over the contract and it is these places where Johnson and two members of the MidTran Commission have been.

"We'll put our heads together and come to a consensus and make a recommendation to the legal department," he said. "If we don't like any of the companies, the bonding company will have to find some more companies."

Under the contract, the specifications are detailed. "We have to make sure whoever manufactures these vehicles can cross every T and dot every I. It shouldn't be a substandard vehicle," he said.

PROGRESS IS being made on solving this problem of the nonexistent buses, he contended. "I think the bonding company has finally realized we're not a bunch of hay seeds from Texas and that we want the best for our money."

Johnson expects the problem to be resolved soon and that seven new buses will be on Midland's streets within six months.

Because these new vehicles haven't arrived to relieve the first buses that got MidTran rolling, Johnson is planning some face-lifting to help the system until the other buses can arrive.

"The problem we're having now is the fact that our fleet is three years old. For a gasoline engine that runs 12 hours a day, most are in excess of 120,000 miles. Some of the engines have been replaced. Others we're holding together with prayers and bubblegum, and the prayers come first," Johnson said light-heartedly.

The staff has been spending extra time to clean up the buses on Satur-

days, he noted.

"The next big job is repainting. I want to try and give the whole system a facelift. Any way you go is going to cost a few bucks. By doing it in-house, it will be cheaper and it will be an education for all of us. I think overall we can do an excellent job in repainting the buses," Johnson said.

HE SEES THE effort benefitting the staff by giving them a sense of pride. "I really enjoy getting everyone involved throughout the system. It makes you feel a part of the system."

In addition to shining up a better image before the public with the repainted buses, Johnson said the vehicles will have a better resale value.

Trying to get his foot in the door before everyone else, Johnson had applied with UMTA for a grant for fiscal year 1983, he said. But UMTA told him two months ago to hold off for awhile. "My opinion is they wanted to see the outcome of the election. We're in a holding pattern for 1983."

As with other city transportation systems across the country, MidTran is subsidized by the federal government. On operating expenses, the outlay is 50



percent. On capital expenditures, such as new buses or an office, the subsidy is 80 percent. The rest is made up by the state, 13 percent, and the city, 7 percent.

"I think we're in good shape for the next couple of years," Johnson said of federal funds. The cuts that have been mentioned have been directed toward metropolitan bus systems. For cities under 100,000 population, little mention has been made of reducing subsidies.

If that holds true, then Midland shouldn't have to worry. But, Johnson noted, Midland already has 82,000 people and is growing. And in a few years, the Tall City may fall into the higher category that receives less money.

DESPITE THE subsidizing, the Midland system still operates with a deficit. This week, State Sen. Hector Uribe proposed a one-cent sales tax that could be imposed by cities to make up for any loss in federal payments.

Johnson added that he has heard of a proposal to increase the gasoline tax to assist public transportation systems. "That type of tax would be beneficial to the transit system."

He theorized that by raising the gasoline tax more people might decide to ride buses, thus upping revenues.

Operating expenses for a bus system have gone up tremendously since MidTran was initiated, he noted. And bus fares haven't been increased for a year and a half. For that reason, at the last City Council meeting the proposal for higher fares was approved.

Starting Jan. 1, fares will be \$2 for door-to-door pickup, handicapped, 50 cents; subscription service one way, \$21; subscription service two way, \$35. Senior citizens with proper identification will continue to ride free. Flex-routes will remain at 75 cents each way.

Johnson hasn't heard any complaints from riders about the higher prices, he said. "One thing we have to be careful about is not to price ourselves out. We

don't want to make it too high that people can't afford it."

THE DECISION to hike prices didn't come easily, the director said. "We have grave concerns every time we have a fare increase. You spend a lot of nights doing your homework."

"I think it's the overall consensus of riders that our fares are comparable to our service: efficiency, consistency, involvement between the passengers and driver."

MidTran is operating 21 vehicles plus five buses for The First National Bank. Johnson noted that MidTran has contracted with the bank to drive the buses until 1985, and then the public bus system will have the first option on buying the vehicles.

The types of service provided by MidTran has changed over the three years, conforming to the public's needs. "The transit image changes constantly," said Johnson. "It used to be if you rode the bus to work every day, then you were poor. Then came park and ride and that was thought to be for the middle income people."

The director is considering adding Saturday service for the three Saturdays in December to aid shoppers. It was tried last year with some degree of success, he noted.

With changes over the years, Johnson said MidTran is operating almost at capacity now. "For what we do, we can't pick up a lot more people. One of the biggest problems is one vehicle has to do two or three different things."

As an example, he said a bus will operate on subscription in the early morning hours, flex-route and then go on a maid run to take maids home during mid-day. At 3 p.m., it is ready to go back into subscription service to take downtown workers home.

LOOKING AT THE number of passengers per mile, Johnson contended that MidTran is doing better than some other cities. "We're comparable to any system. San Antonio and Fort Worth average six people per hour and 24 miles per hour. Ours is about 12 people per hour. And after it snowed last winter, we were up to 18 people per hour."

To support his contention that ridership is increasing, Johnson pointed out that in October 1981, MidTran carried 19,425 passengers. Six months later in March 1982, the figure had risen to 22,335.

As ridership has increased, so has MidTran's budget. From \$702,000 last fiscal year, the money required to run the system has increased to \$936,000. Half of that, he noted, comes from the federal government.

But the system has been operating on a deficit of about \$22,000 per month, Johnson said, adding that is another reason for fare increases. He's hoping to reduce the deficit about 10 percent.

The attitude of Midlanders is that a transit system is needed, he said, "but it better be as efficient as possible."

Stating that it's easy to start a transit system, but it's a lot harder to reduce the deficit, Johnson said citizens here "are looking at how much it's going to cost and is the cost going down."

And because the fleet is old and new buses haven't arrived, maintenance costs are increasing.

Operating out of the two mobile buildings that were erected three years ago at the city garage, Johnson said the city is looking at a permanent site for MidTran. But the going is slow because of money — the combination of operating deficits and uncertainty about future federal funds.

"I'm stingy when it comes to spending taxpayers dollars," he remarked.

"If I had a couple of wishes it would be this: I'd wish for the wisdom to figure out this system to make it as efficient as possible and I'd have it make a profit."



Sandra Covin



Gail Wilson



Margarette Pape



Donna Lutker

## Midland nurses honored for Texas Nurses Week

Two registered nurses and two licensed vocational nurses were honored this week as part of Texas Nurses Week.

"Nursing: A Force for Texans' Health," is the theme of week, recognizing the role and contributions registered professional nurses and licensed vocational nurses make in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, schools and a multitude of other health care settings.

Gail Wilson, a registered nurse who is the patient coordinator for Hospice of Midland Inc., was recognized as community nurse of the year.

Sandra Covin, a licensed vocational nurse at Parkview Hospital, was named Parkview's nurse of the year.

Margarette Pape, a registered nurse

at Midland Memorial Hospital, received the honor of MMH's nurse of the year.

Donna Lutker, a licensed vocational nurse at MMH, was recognized as LVN of the year by the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association.

Gov. William P. Clements Jr. proclaimed Nov. 7 through 13 as Texas Nurses Week, stating that he observed that professional nurses provide better caring, comfort and compassion when they adhere to high practice standards and uphold the professional association's ethical code for nurses.

Texas governors have set aside a week every fall to recognize nurses since 1957 when the Texas Legislature designated the special week to be celebrated annually.

## Agency may accept aid

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — An Amarillo social service agency is considering accepting aid from a distribution network of Synanon, a controversial drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, despite rejections of donations by three other Panhandle charities.

The Salvation Army in Amarillo has not yet decided whether to accept food and other supplies from Synanon, a spokesman said Thursday.

The Salvation Army in Pampa and two other agencies in that Panhandle city turned down the support Wednesday.

"The Salvation Army is in no way affiliated with, neither does it endorse, the efforts of the Synanon distribution network in the City of Pampa," said members of the Salvation Army charities board in a prepared statement.

Salvation Army Capt. Francis Gary said the board took the action "because of the controversial nature of Synanon."

But the Salvation Army in Amarillo has not decided whether to accept donations from the Synanon distribution network, said Maj. R.E. Hall.

"I heard they (Pampa organizations) had really checked into the organization" before turning down Synanon contributions, Hall said.

He said he was given samples of items available through the distribution network by a Synanon representative, but that he would have to check with his divisional manager in Dallas before making a final decision.

The Marshall, Calif.-based Synanon began in the late 1950s as a drug and alcohol treatment program. It currently operates several communes and imposes strict rules for the behavior of its members.

The other Pampa charities rejecting Synanon aid were Meals on Wheels and the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, both partially funded by the United Way.

Shirley Kucifer, Meals on Wheels spokeswoman, said, "We don't know what the organization stands for."

Officials of the group's food distribution network, which opened Oct. 18, could not be reached for comment.



William Wallace

Services for William W. "Bill" Wallace Jr., 63, of 1012 Alpine were to be at 4 p.m. today at the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Leon Odom, of the Austin and Cuthbert Street Church of Christ, and Wade Gamblin officiating. Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Wallace died Wednesday afternoon in a Midland hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 4, 1919, in Tulsa, Okla. He grew up in Cisco. He graduated in 1942 from Texas A&M University with a degree in petroleum engineering. He married Noma Enid King April 4, 1942, in Cisco. He served in World War II in the Armored Division of the 4th Army and was honorably discharged as captain in 1946. He also was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

Since 1960, he has been an independent oil operator and producer in Midland. He was a servant of youth in the scouting program of the Buffalo Trail Council for 15 years as a scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow advisor, Explorer advisor recipient of the Silver Beaver Award in 1970 from the Buffalo Trail Council and a vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow, BSA. He served as elder in three area Churches of Christ over the last 30 years and at the time of his death was serving as an elder in the Austin and Cuthbert Street Church of Christ.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 15327, Austin TX 78761-5327.

Survivors include his wife of Midland; three sons, William Warren Wallace III of Midland, Jeffrey C. Wallace of Saratoga, Wyo., and John T. Wallace of Diboll; his mother, Mrs. W.W. Wallace Sr. of Cisco; and eight grandchildren.

## Alfred 'Al' King

Graveside services for Alfred "Al" King, 55, of 3203 W. Louisiana were to be at 2 p.m. today at Fairview Cemetery with David Piercy, pastor of Oaklawn Park Baptist Church, officiating, under the direction of the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

King died Wednesday afternoon in a Midland hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born March 1, 1927, in Edna. He grew up in Big Spring. He was in the U.S. Navy for two years and returned to Big Spring upon discharge. In 1947, he moved to Midland where he was employed by Piggly Wiggly. He later entered a partnership with Joe Truss at Al & Joe's Meat Market, which continued for the next 20 years. He was a member of the Oaklawn Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie P. King of Midland; a son, Al Kevin King of Midland; a daughter, Kamilla Ann Porter of Midland; three brothers, Earl King and Harold King, both of Big Spring, and Vernon King of Conroe; two sisters, Carmen Wilson of Denver City and Eunice Harris of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

## Corby L. Askew

Services for Corby L. Askew, 59, of 708 Dellwood were to be at 2 p.m. today at the chapel of the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Roy Carley, associate minister, officiating. Burial was to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Askew died Wednesday from injuries suffered in an automobile accident which occurred west of Monahans.

She was born June 20, 1923, in Bowie

County, where she was reared. She moved to Midland in 1970 from Big Lake, where she had resided since 1951. She was employed by the First National Bank of Midland for six years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Morris Askew of Midland; a son, Morris W. Askew of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Judy Aly and Pamela Hurst, both of Midland; a brother, Clearen Rogers of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; a sister, Virginia Parker of New Boston; and four grandchildren.

## Adrian Simpson

LAMESA — Services for Adrian Simpson, 69, of Lamesa were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Lamesa's Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Schockley, pastor, and Dennis Heard of Olton, officiating. Burial was to be in Hancock Cemetery directed by Branon Funeral Home.

Simpson died Wednesday at a Lamesa hospital after a sudden illness.

He was a longtime resident of Dawson County and a retired farmer. He married Josephine Houston Dec. 17, 1950, in Lamesa. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 909 and a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Elaine Robinson of Midland and Janeice Andrus of Levelland; and a grandchild.

## Man complains about pay TV

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A clergyman says Oregon's only subscription television service, ON-TV, isn't scrambling its signal enough to keep adult programming out of the homes of non-subscribers.

The Rev. Clinton Stetson, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Silverton, said a church member told him that he had picked up one of ON-TV's "hard R" movies in which oral sex, full genitalia and breast stimulation were clearly observable.

Stetson and 15 other clergymen recently wrote letters to local newspapers to complain.

## Man held in murder of Big Spring citizen

BIG SPRING — A 38-year-old man has been charged with murder and is being held on \$20,000 bond in connection with the Wednesday night stabbing death of a Big Spring man, according to Big Spring police.

Elias Reuben Brown, of 1405 Benton in Big Spring, was formally charged Thursday night after a police investigation into the death of Carlos "Charlie" Escobedo, 25, of 311 Eighth Ave. NW, Big Spring.

According to Lt. Alvin Jeffcoat, of the Big Spring detective division, an ambulance was dispatched to 505 Fourth Ave. NW at about 8:37 p.m. Wednesday and arrived to find Escobedo bleeding from an apparent stab wound. He was transported to Malone-Hogan Hospital and declared dead shortly after arrival by a hospital physician. Peace Justice Lewis Hefflin declared Escobedo dead at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday.

Jeffcoat said the two men had argued and then fought at the stabbing scene, across from a local tavern. He said Brown was taken into custody for questioning following the incident.

Municipal Court Judge Melvin Daratt set bond in the case.

## Don't box in large radiator

Heat cannot easily get into a room if the large radiator is all boxed in. Part of the heat it emits must come out through the top, by natural convection of the heated air into the room, says the Better Heating-Cooling Council.

## Port Royal renamed Annapolis

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## Money raised for transplant patient

BOSTON (AP) — Residents of Bridgewater lined up bake sales, a pancake breakfast, car washes and a road race today to raise money for an 11-month-old neighbor, liver transplant patient Jamie Fiske.

Gov. Edward King has declared today "Jamie Fiske Day" in Massachusetts in honor of the baby girl whose

plight received national attention. Jamie, who had suffered a fatal liver disease, is recuperating in Minneapolis after receiving a new liver from a Utah baby. Insurance covers most of the cost of the \$60,000 transplant, but there are other expenses, such as an \$8,000 bill to rent the jet that flew the donated liver to Minneapolis.

## Bonilla says suits may be filed here

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to implement the same change," Bonilla said.

SVREP conducts 30 to 40 campaigns for voter registration in the Permian Basin area, Velasquez noted.

"We have done our share in participating in both the explosive growth of registration and the explosive growth of participation in the American democratic process by Mexican-Americans," Velasquez said. "The problem is that we still can't win. And the reason we can't win is you've got racially polarized voting which means an awful

lot of ranchers aren't going to vote for Mexicans, no matter what happens. And you add up the several hundred thousand Mexican-Americans that live in this area, and they have no representation. Not only do they not have representation now, they never have had representation.

"It appears to us by evidence, that despite the large increase in registration, the large increase in participation, we're not going to have any representation in the future. And the problem is not that the Mexican-Americans don't want to vote or to register. That is not the case."

## Radio planes on display Saturday

Radio-controlled model airplanes will be on display from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall.

The exhibit is sponsored by the High Sky Radio Control Club. Although no planes are for sale, club members will be there to explain features to interested persons and the public is invited to visit the exhibit.

## Church sells cookbooks

Women of Trinity Presbyterian Church will be selling cookbooks Saturday at Dellwood Mall while the youth choir will be holding a bake sale.

Both groups will be selling their items from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## William victorious

In 1066, William the Conqueror led the Normans to victory over the Anglo-Saxons at the Battle of Hastings.

## Penn born 1644

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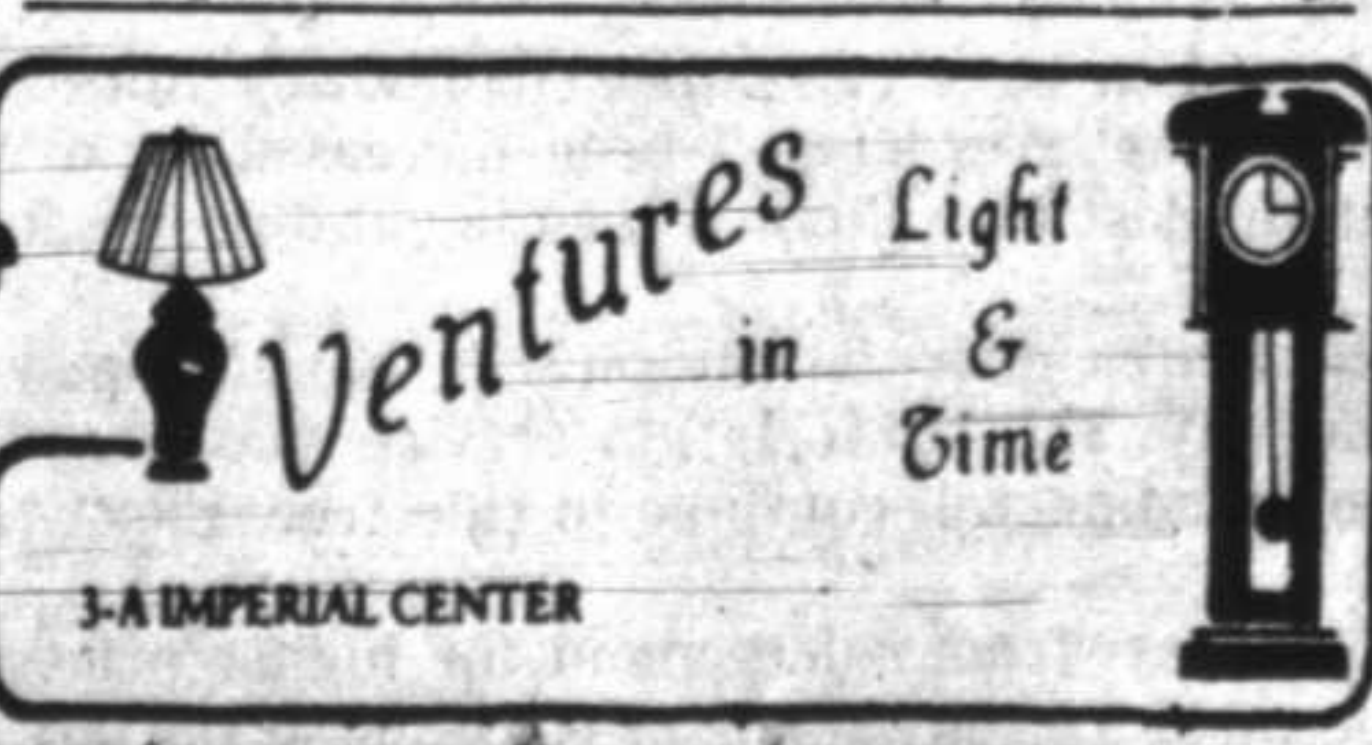
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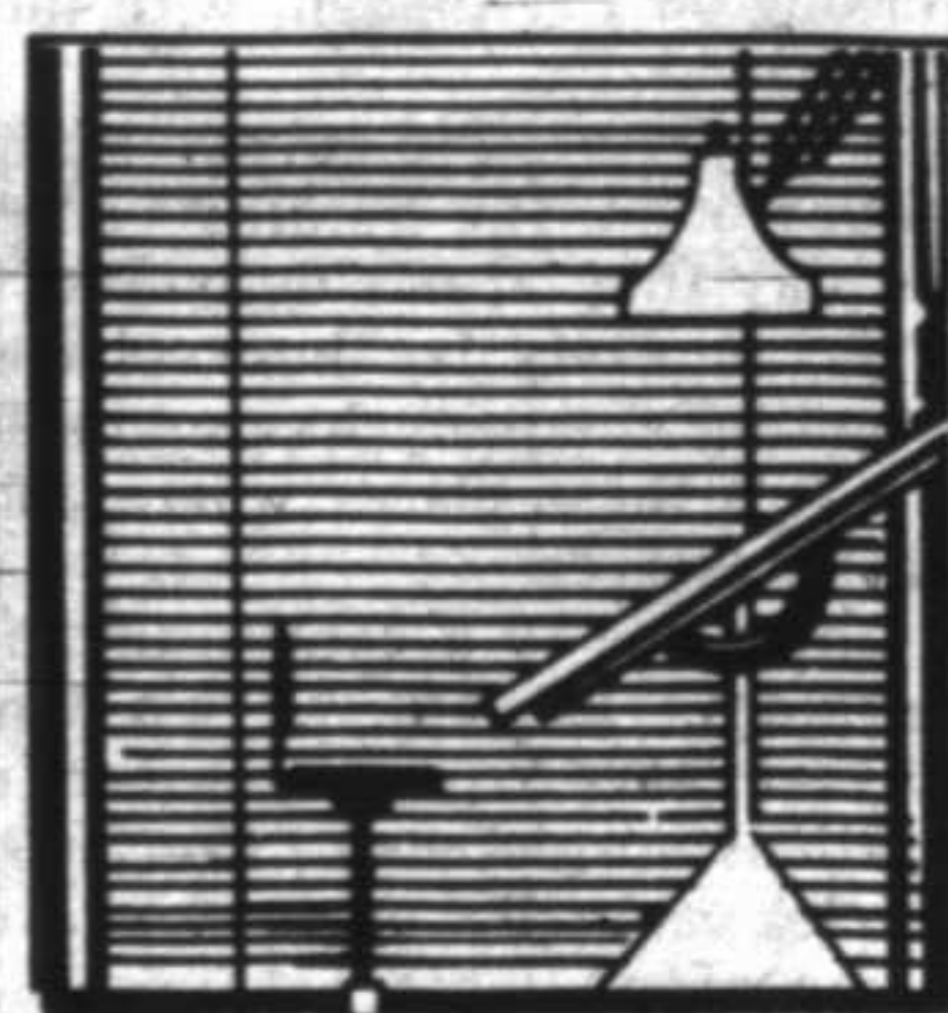


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