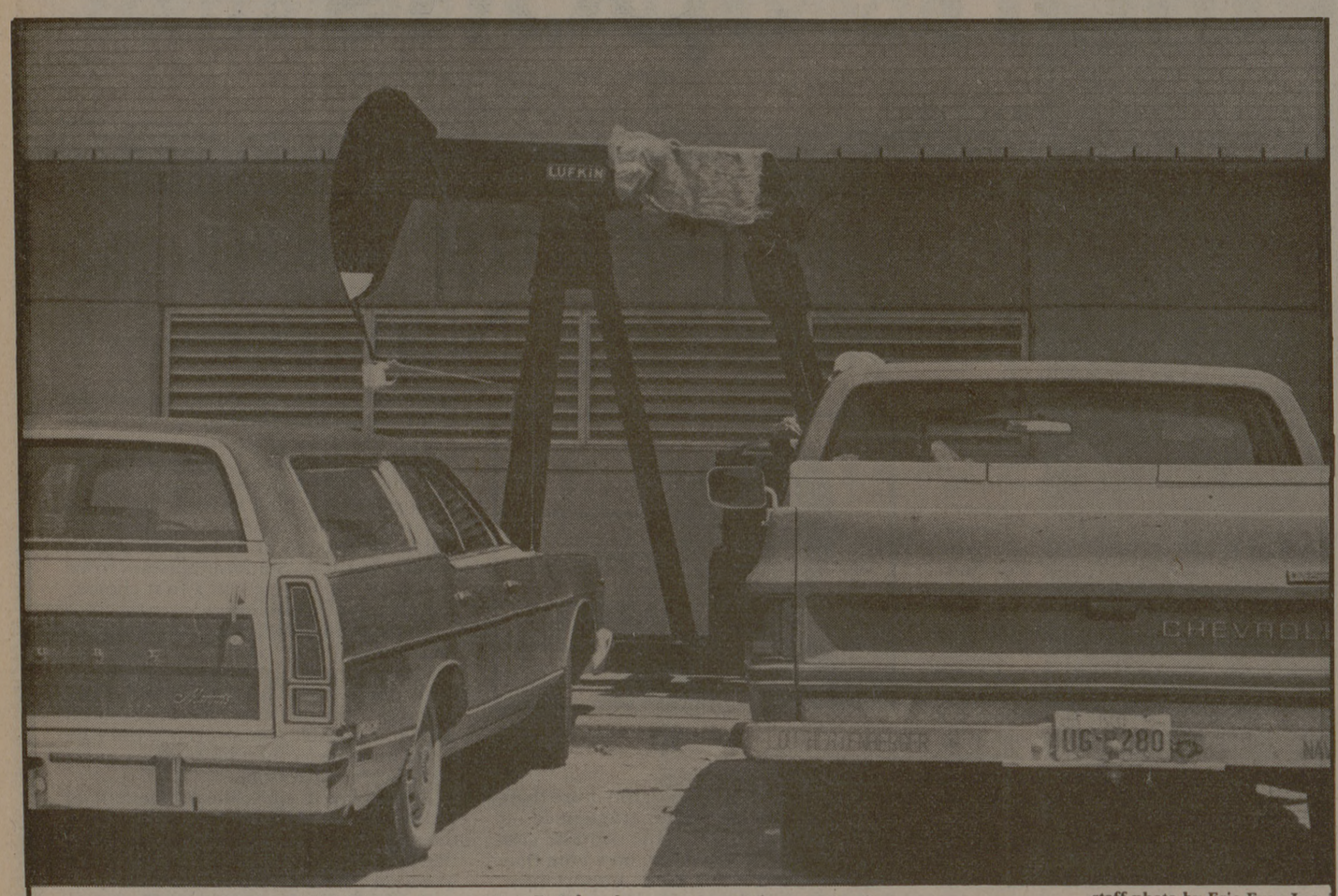

*Miniature derrick*

staff photo by Eric Evan Lee

**This small maroon and white oil derrick behind the Halbouty Geosciences Building Monday was not pumping oil but gave many a chance to see an oil derrick close up.**

# Community

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Other topics covered by Piwonka were billing dates (the dates differ for different sections of town), how to read an electrical meter, how to calculate an electrical bill, the power cost adjustment and the approximate costs of running different household appliances.

Among the literature she distributed was an extensive list of household appliances and how much they cost to run.

For example: an air conditioner costs an average of $26 a month, a refrigerator — $7 to $10 a month, a color television — $1 to $3, and a radio — less than $1.

Peggy Calliham, coordinator of the brown bag seminars, said that with the seminars, "the city hopes to open up lines of communication with its citizens and in a positive manner, try to approach any problems that can be solved."

Calliham said that other topics to be considered for later seminars are the upcoming city bond election, the viability of establishing a youth center and how to save on home energy costs.

# Supreme Court rules on international taxes

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court handed states a dollars-and-cents victory Monday, ruling they may tax part of the total worldwide income for multinational corporations doing business within the state.

The 5-3 ruling upheld a California law — similar to laws in 22 other states — that calls for taxation of that portion of the overall income of a corporation and its foreign subsidiaries attributable to the parent company's operations within state boundaries.

Writing for the court, Justice William Brennan said double taxation — as the corporations claim — is permissible, and rejected claims it invites retaliation by foreign nations against U.S. companies abroad.

Corporations had argued such taxation is unfair because they should not have to pay state taxes on income earned abroad by foreign subsidiaries. But the states maintain it prevents giant firms from avoiding taxes by shuffling profits among subsidiaries.

A total of 23 states have California's method of taxing multinational corporations, including Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, New Mexico, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

The National Governors' Association said numerous other hard-pressed states awaited the outcome to decide whether to enact such a corporate tax.

The Multistate Tax Commission estimates the prohibiting inclusion of foreign subsidiaries in such a tax formula would cost states at least $625 million a year.

The corporate double taxation argument found three votes in the Supreme Court. Writing for the dissenters, Justice Lewis Powell said California "imposes a tax that is flatly inconsistent with federal policy. It prevents the federal government from speaking with one voice in a field that should be left to the federal government.

# *Poland accuses Reagan of 'glaring' interference*

United Press International

WARSAW, Poland — Poland accused President Reagan of "glaring" interference in its internal affairs, charging that a speech he made to Polish-Americans was designed to increase tension, the official news agency said Saturday.

Charge d'affaires Herbert Wilgis was called to the foreign ministry Friday to receive the formal protest, the agency said. It was delivered a day after Reagan told cheering Polish Americans in Chicago that "no one could crush the spirit of the Polish people.

"I urge the Polish authorities to translate the restraint they showed during the papal visit into willingness to move toward reconciliation rather than confrontation with the Polish people," Reagan said.

PAP, the Polish news agency, said the speech was unworthy of a leader of a country maintaining diplomatic relations with Poland and constitutes another glaring example of interference in Polish internal affairs.

"In the opinion of the Polish government, that speech fully confirms that the intention of the present U.S. administration is to strive to keep up at all costs tension in Poland," PAP said.

The official protest charged Reagan's speech exploited internal tensions in Poland in order to justify United States arms policies.

# East-bloc leaders to meet

United Press International

MOSCOW — Leaders of the Warsaw Pact will gather in Moscow today for a summit meeting devoted to political and military issues, East European sources said Monday.

There was no official announcement, but Romanian leader Nocolae Ceaucescu was seen in a motorcade driving in from the airport, and Hungarian leader Janos Kadar was expected later in the day.

The gathering was expected to include Communist Party leaders and defense ministers of the East-bloc military alliance, along with Marshal Uiktor Kulikow, commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact, the sources said.

The leaders were expected to issue a statement endorsing the Soviet Union's position against the deployment of American rockets on the continent, which is scheduled to begin later this year.

Additionally, their declaration would give weight to Soviet President Yuri Andropov's statements at next month's meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The East-bloc leaders last met in Prague in January, when they issued a statement endorsing Soviet disarmament proposals including a mutual non-aggression pact with the West.

# DPS predicts 49 deaths on holiday

United Press International

AUSTIN — The Department of Public Safety predicted Monday that as many as 49 persons could die on Texas highways during the Fourth of July holiday.

Col. Jim Adams, director of the DPS, said the estimate was based on the anticipated volume of traffic and previous holiday deaths this year.

"Independence Day can bring more motorists to our streets and highways compared to a regular weekend," Adams said. "We are estimating fewer deaths than we had during the Fourth of July holiday last year because thus far this year we have experienced a decline in traffic fatalities."

Adams encouraged drivers to stay sober, slow down and use seat belts in order to icrease their chances for safe travel. He also said motorists who observe drunken drivers should report them to the nearest police agency.

Additional troopers will be utilized statewide on appropriate roads and highways in an effort to cut down on traffic fatalities, Adams said.

# Israeli spending up

United Press International

Tel Aviv, Israel — Israel is in the second year of war in Lebanon, doctors are in the fourth month of a strike, inflation pushes prices up half a percentage point a day — and one in four Israelis goes abroad for a vacation.

"It's a classic case of an economy supplying guns and butter," a Western economic analyst said. In the first five months of the year, Israelis bought 40,737 new cars, meaning one in 70 Israelis bought a new vehicle — at a cost of more than $10,000 each.

In all, there are 700,000 autos around the country. Almost two-thirds of households have a car, as many as those who own color televisions.

About 700,000 Israelis are going abroad this year, according to the Association of Travel Agents. They are expected to spend $198 billion during their travels, about half the annual U.S. economic and military aid package to the Jewish state.

The paradox of plenty amid a costly war and an economy showing no real growth is explained by an often overlooked statistic: Israel is the sixth year of Menachem Begin's brand of conservative rule.

After 29 years of Labor party rule, Begin's Likud party, rejecting socialist central planning, has put money in people's pockets and removed straints on spending it.

"I knew how it was here under Lee," said a veteran observer. "People were ashamed when they bought anything, thinking they were hurting the country.

"You couldn't buy dollars. You couldn't do anything. You needed permission for everything. It was gloomsville. People are now happy for the first time," he said.

The government provides hefty subsidies to purchasers of U.S. dollars and other foreign currencies. Adding to a recent International Monetary Fund report the real value of the Israeli Shekee should be 19 cents, instead of the current 20 cents.

Foreign minister Aridor has rejected criticism, mainly from the Labor party, of his economic policy, pointing out that Israel has managed to keep unemployment down to 5 percent.

But in recent reports, the IMF and Israel's central bank warned Israelis are living over their heads, and pointed to a series of disquieting figures, besides the 140 percent annual inflation which everyone seems to take in stride:

- A foreign debt of $27 billion, largest per capita debt in the world. Each person technically owes about $2,000.
- No real growth in gross national product for 1982 and a small 5 percent increase for 1983. The national economic boom has yet to catch up with the individual's boon.
- Israelis pour money into savings accounts guaranteeing interest above the inflation rate. There are even seven-day savings plans.
- Israelis sink thousands into the stock market, often called Israel's national roulette, where capital gains are not taxed.

# Tugboat crewman stabbed to death

United Press International

HOUSTON — A tugboat crewman from Alabama was stabbed to death during an argument with another Alabama crewman on an Exxon Co. USA dock Sunday, police said.

Police said Neil Krimhop, 25, of Mobile, Ala., was stabbed six times at Exxon Dock No. 2 about 1 a.m. Sunday and died about 3:30 a.m. at Hermann Hospital.

David Chaney, 27, of Warrior, Ala., was charged with murder and was held in the Harris County Jail in lieu of $10,000 bond.

Police said the two men had been drinking and were returning to their tugboat based in Baton Rouge, La., when they started arguing.

Police quoted Chaney as saying Krimhop tried to attack him with a pipe so he pulled a knife and stabbed him.


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