

Odessans to seek help from heaven

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ODESSA — The Odessa Chamber of Commerce president wants residents to seek divine help on Nov. 6 by having a day of prayer for their oil-rich, but troubled, Permian Basin community.

Art Lish, a real estate broker, said Odessa has had hard times. "We've been getting some bad publicity," he said.

"It's a good time to sit down and remember who's in charge."

That bad publicity includes having the highest murder rate in the country during 1982. The National Coalition to Ban Handguns said that Odessa's 29.8 homicides per 100,000 residents led the country last year.

"Odessa's a great place to live," Lish said. He added that, despite the crime statistics, he

would rather walk alone at night in Odessa than in Dallas or Houston.

He said that the Bible instructs people to humble themselves and repent. Lish said he thought the prayer day would just improve the situation.

Most ministers and residents have indicated they support the prayer day, he said. The Chamber of Commerce sent letters to church and synagogue leaders asking them to encourage each congregation to participate.

Another factor prompting the prayer day, Lish said, is hard economic times.

Odessa's economy is linked to the Permian Basin's dependence on the oil industry, which suffered drastically when oil prices

declined sharply in 1982.

Three Permian Basin banks, including one in Odessa, have been closed and reopened under different names this year, partially because of delinquent energy-related loans.

But Lish said there are some positive signs of economic improvement.

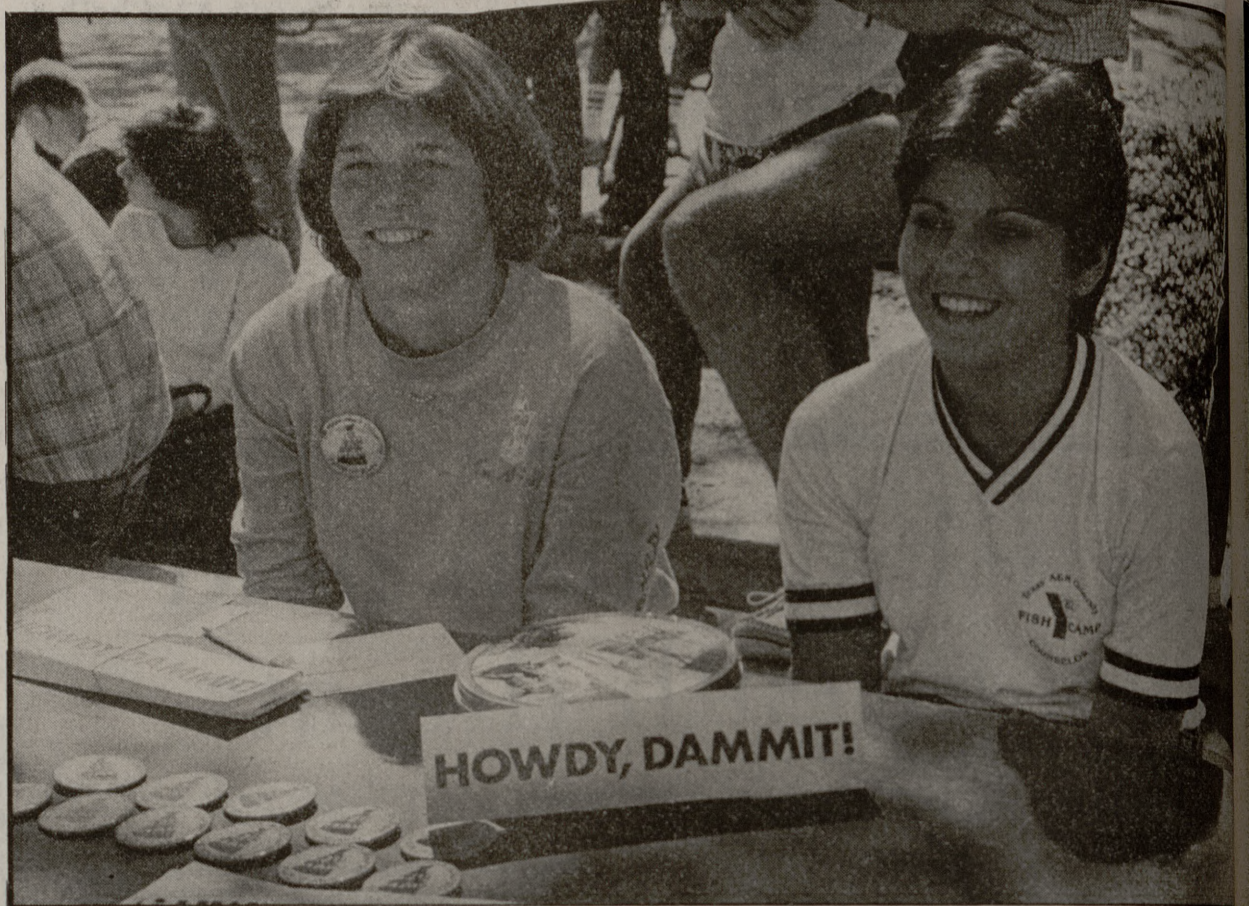
Odessa's unemployment rate of 9.6 percent in September was an increase from the August rate, but Frank Kasko, Odessa commission office manager, said the September jobless rate was lower than the record 10.3 percent rate set in June.

Lish said that congregations should pray for Odessa's current welfare as well as for its future.

An Odessa resident since 1967 and chamber president since June, Lish said the chamber is also trying to help Odessa through industrial development and beautification projects.

He added that he hoped the community prayer day would be continued by future chamber of commerce presidents or city officials.

"All the conversations we've had (about the prayer day) have been positive," Lish said.



Marcy Harlow, a freshman business major from Houston, left, and Bridget Bielamowicz, a junior secondary education major from Dallas,

spent Thursday afternoon in front of Rudder Tower selling buttons and bumper stickers to help raise money for the bonfire.

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USDA to help fund renovation projects

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SAN ANTONIO — The U.S. Department of Agriculture Thursday pledged \$250,000 to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and its program to stimulate commercial growth in rural business districts.

Fifteen Texas towns could benefit from the funds.

Frank W. Naylor Jr., under-secretary of agriculture, said the money will support the Trust's Main Street program through a cooperative agreement with the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Main Street program has

helped restore architectural beauty, commercial activity and tourist interest in the central business districts of dozens of small American towns, he said.

Texas towns in the Main Street program include, Eagle Pass, Hillsboro, Navasota, Plainview, Seguin, Gainesville, Georgetown, Kingsville, McKinney, Marshall, Brenham, Harlingen, Lufkin, Stamford and Waxahachie.

"Main Street is more than a fond image of the past," Naylor said. "It is a vision of the future as well, providing new jobs while preserving the heart and soul of rural America."

In the past three years Main Street projects attracted more than \$60 million in private investment helped initiate 355 new town business ventures in communities, he said.

The \$250,000 in USDA funds will help pay for training, grants and instructional materials for rural government and private investors seeking to adapt the Main Street program in hundreds more communities, Naylor said.

Current Main Street communities are in Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and



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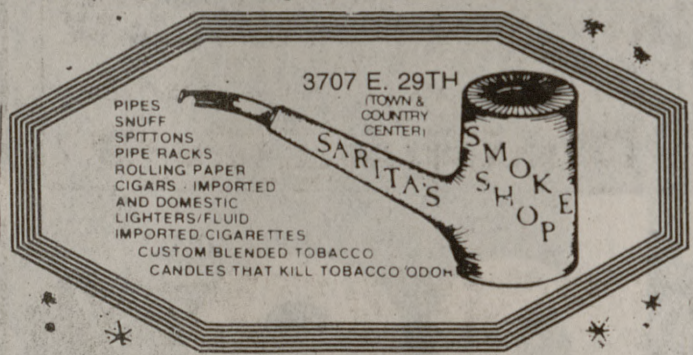
Sludge put in bayou, EPA claims in court

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SHREVEPORT — Representatives of a northwest Louisiana refinery accused of illegally

dumping waste-water into a bayou were working Thursday with the federal government to reach a settlement in the matter.

A complaint filed in court by the U.S. Justice Department and the Environmental Protection Agency claims Processing Co. dumped excessive amounts of grease, phenolic compounds and other substances into Bayou. The bayou empties into Lake.

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