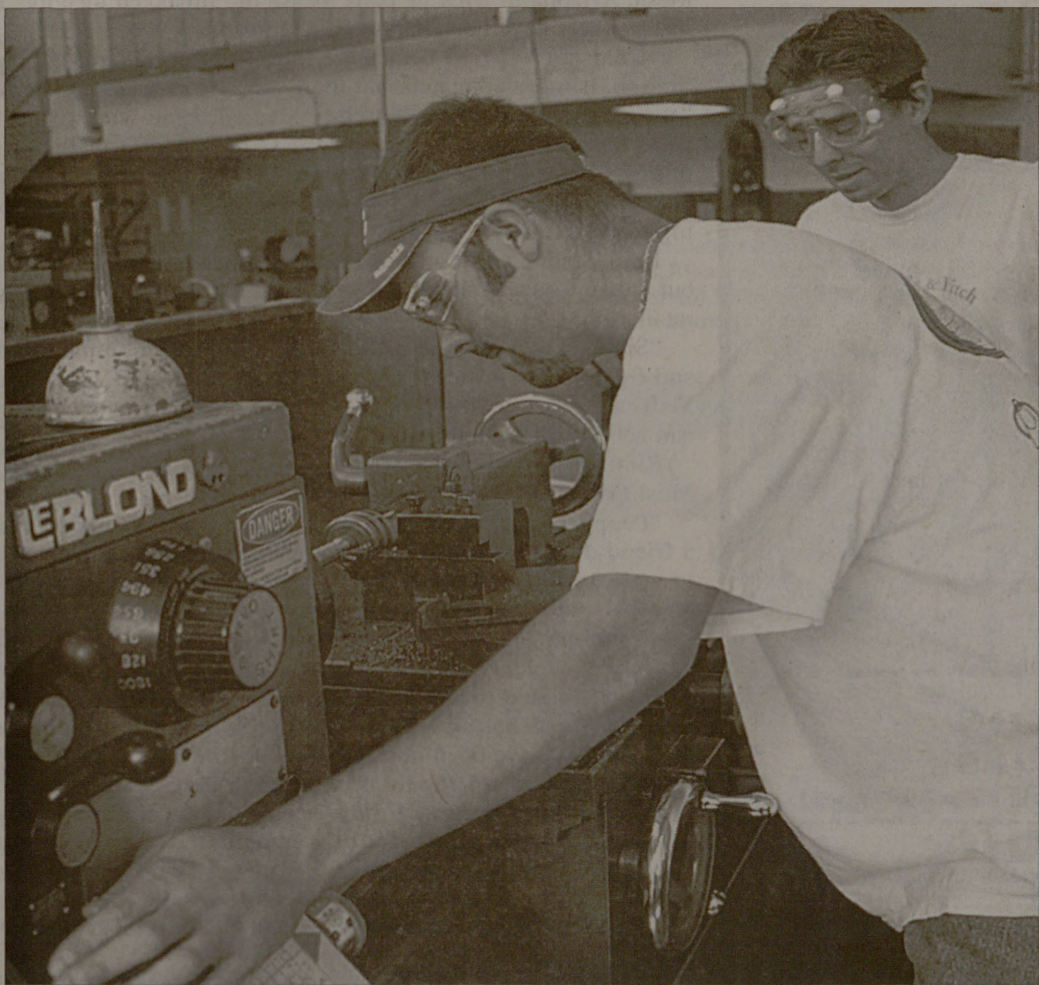


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#### Search continues at collapsed bridge, fifth victim identified

PORT ISABEL, Texas (AP) — Sonar is now being used to probe the bottom of the Laguna Madre as state police divers search for three people and two vehicles still missing since the Queen Isabella Causeway to South Padre Island collapsed from a barge collision. Five deaths have been confirmed so far from the weekend collapse, and five vehicles have been retrieved. A sixth, unoccupied, vehicle was visible but trapped in sunken chunks of roadway. One of the two vehicles retrieved Tuesday contained the body of 32-year-old Hector Martinez of Port Isabel, the fifth of the known victims, said Trooper Adrian Rivera, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman.

State troopers had earlier identified as victims Port Isabel Fire Chief Robert Harris, 46; Stvan Rivas, 22; Robin Leavell, 29; and Gaspar Hinojosa. "We're using the best available equipment that we have," said Coast Guard spokesman Patrick Culver. Coast Guard crews in boats and helicopters have panned the area to no avail, concentrating on the north where currents tend to flow. The search was to resume Wednesday morning. Culver, asked how far the vehicles could have drifted from the site, said, "In my experience anything is possible. They could be drifting both ways." The barge wreck closed the only bridge to the South Padre Island resort that has become a vacation destination for Texas residents as well as midwestern college students, "Winter Texans" from northern states and Mexican nationals.



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