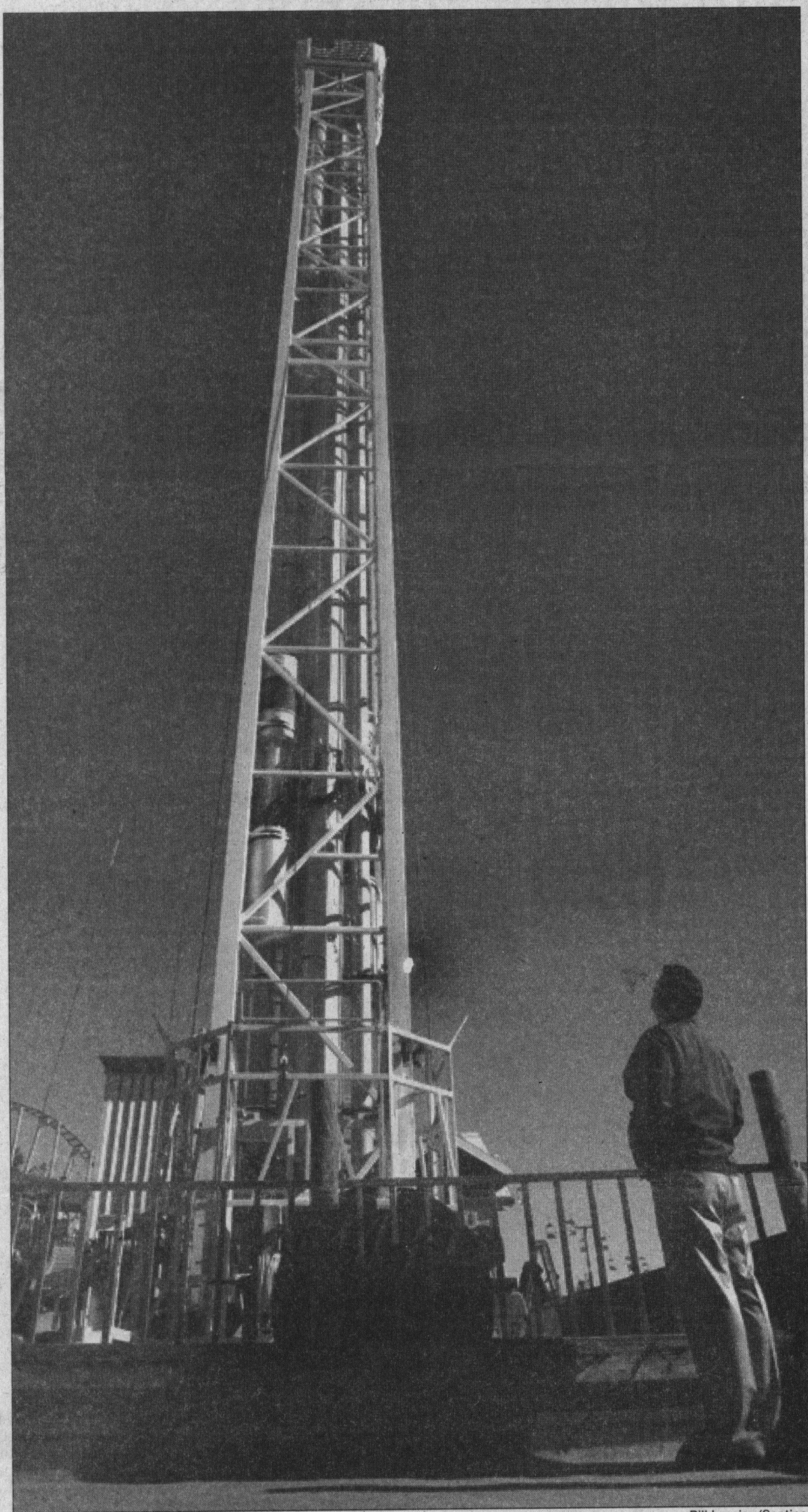


BEACH THRILLS



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A visitor to the Beach Boardwalk construction site for the amusement park's new ride cranes his neck for a view Wednesday. It's the first major ride to be introduced at the Boardwalk since 1992.

Double Shot comes to Boardwalk

SENTINEL STAFF REPORT

The Beach Boardwalk's latest thrill ride, Double Shot, has arrived at its beachfront home and will be ready for action by March 19, the amusement park's spring break kick-off celebration, said park spokesman Kris Reyes.

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The \$1.6 million ride is 125 feet high and designed to launch 12 passengers upward for a quick view before dropping them in a downward rush. The park's last major ride, The Hurricane, went up in 1992, Reyes

said, though other rides and improvements have come since. "It's a big deal for us and something we're really excited about," he said.

The park's next tallest ride is the famed Giant Dipper, at 70 feet, Reyes said.

The Double Shot drew some controversy from conservationists including a group called the Pelican Network, whose members worried it would harm birds and be an eyesore, but the project was approved by the City Council and the California Coastal Commission.