

Panel toughens 'windfall profits' tax bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A toughened "windfall profits" tax is on its way to the full House where anger over long gasoline lines and high fuel prices is expected to lead to prompt approval.

The beefed-up tax, which would cost oil companies about \$6 billion more over five years than President Carter's original plan, cleared the House Ways and Means Committee on a 20-16 vote Tuesday.

The bill is scheduled for House action next week. After clearing whatever hurdles it encounters in the House, the tax proposal is expected to face a stiff challenge when it goes to the Senate Finance Committee, which is headed by oil-state Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La.

In related developments: —Three congressional committees are considering legislation to promote development of synthetic fuels, such as oil extracted from coal, and other alternatives to foreign oil.

—Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn., chairman of a House energy subcommittee, said Tuesday home heating oil may be in such short supply in the Northeast this winter that people may have to leave their homes and go to public shelters to keep warm.

—Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal outlined to the Ways and Means Committee Tuesday the Carter administration's proposal to raise \$500 million a year by limiting the oil companies' use of the foreign tax credit. Liberals on the committee are expected to press for their own proposal to eliminate the foreign tax credit for oil companies altogether and thus raise an estimated \$2 billion a year.

The Ways and Means Committee's "windfall profits" tax bill would raise an estimated \$27.8 billion between 1980 and 1984, compared with \$21.8 billion under the president's bill.

The revised version would allow the oil companies to keep 17 cents of 23 cents of each dollar gained from oil price decontrol. Those pennies would total about \$13 billion in extra oil company profits through 1984.

The committee adopted the president's plan for a special energy trust fund, paid for by the "windfall" taxes, but put off until later a decision on what types of projects the fund will support.

Carter has recommended using the fund to help finance improved mass transit and development of alternative energy sources and to help pay for the fuel bills of low-income Americans.

The committee rejected most efforts Tuesday to tamper further with the proposed "windfall" tax. However, it voted to exempt from the tax revenues contributed by oil companies to state educational funds.

Committee members said that exemption would reduce the revenue raised by the tax by about \$700 million over five years. However, some congressional tax experts indicated they believe the figure might be closer to \$1 billion.

And by an 18-17 vote, the committee approved a so-called closed rule for floor action on the bill. A closed rule would bar floor amendments aimed at toughening or weakening the tax when it goes to the full House.

The "windfall" tax accompanies the president's action to slowly lift price controls on U.S.-produced crude oil, a process that began June 1 and will continue until mid-1981 when domestic oil prices will have reached world levels.

Under price controls, U.S. oil prices have been averaging about \$11 per 42-gallon barrel — compared with world prices averaging about \$18, including surcharges. The nation imports roughly half of the petroleum it uses.

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Boasting architectural lines noticeably out of step with those of businesses along Midland's West Wall Street, this structure is thought to be an old "carriage house" — but much of its known history dates back only to a relocation in 1923. (Staff Photo)

Old building 'tucked away'

Structure, its history 'hidden'

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Nestled away from busy streets in a commercial section of Midland is an odd-looking and yet elegant old building which motorists can see only if they're looking for it.

The two-story, cream-colored wooden structure trimmed with teal blue has the appearance of another time.

And apparently it is from an early period in the city's history, said Fred Hansler, who owns the building and lot at 2004 W. Wall St.

The house sits on the back of the West Midland lot, which also contains a business building fronting on Wall Street.

Hansler said he has been told the strange-looking building was a carriage house built in downtown Midland in the early 1900s, but he doesn't know the exact date of its construction or original location.

He said the structure may have been used to house carriages before cars became popular in West Texas.

The building was moved to its current spot and placed on a concrete foundation in 1923, he said. Bricks were molded into the ground in front of the door,

forming a kind of porch framed by an iron railing. In the building's functional heyday, the upstairs likely was used as living quarters by the person operating the carriage house, Hansler said.

Not long after the building was moved to Wall Street, sometime in the mid-1920s, it was used by some Catholic nuns as a residence, according to Hansler.

The nuns then were operating a hospital in Midland, he said.

Since that time, the "carriage house" has been used as a real estate office, artists' studio and storage room — with the upstairs section rented as a small apartment at various intervals.

The problem now, Hansler said, stems from the fact that he needs the space now occupied by the building for more parking. But if the house does have significant historical value, he said he would prefer moving it to another location instead of tearing it down.

Or it may be that someone would prefer restoring the building to its original design, noted Hansler.

Trying to unravel the building's history before 1928 has led him nowhere, he said.

Hansler, whose telephone number is 563-0159, indicated he would like to hear from anyone having firm knowledge about the building's history.

Demand for water studied by council

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Midland's water demands by 1990 will exceed the supply if no action is taken in the near future, the Midland City Council was advised Tuesday during a regular session in City Hall.

The meeting was 15 minutes late getting started so four members could show up, giving the council a quorum. Missing were Tom Sloan and Doris Howbert.

Dr. James Glasser with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., an engineering firm in Lubbock, said Midland's three water supplies have a current capacity of 37.5 million gallons per day.

This includes 13.5 mgd from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 5 mgd from McMillen Field west of the city and 19 mgd from the Paul Davis Well Field about 30 miles north of Midland.

For 1979, the projected peak load is 31 to 34 mgd; for 1985, the projected peak is 37 to 40 mgd, and in 1990, it will be 42 to 46 mgd, Glasser said.

"By 1990, the demand will exceed what now is available from the three water sources," he added.

The most feasible idea is to increase the amount from the Paul Davis field because "there are a number of undeveloped well sites," Glasser said.

The transmission line from that field into Midland is designed for a maximum of 27 mgd, but is now only pumping 19 mgd. With booster pumps and an auxiliary line, it could be increased to 37 mgd, he recommended.

The council approved recommendations made by John Lowe, director of public utilities.

These included employing Ed Reed and Associates to design five well

sites and five pumps for those wells; employ Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. to design and write the specifications for new system lines and construction of a booster pump halfway between the city and the Paul Davis field; replace antiquated control equipment, and install an interconnecting line between the Paul Davis and McMillen fields.

In other action, Magnatex Corp. cleared the final City Council hurdle with approval on second reading for its zone changes. The requests deal with a shopping center and housing development to be built on the southeast corner of FM 868 and Midkiff Road.

Moving the 911 emergency system

to the new Central Fire Station when it is completed was approved by the panel. That OK also included installation of a new emergency system in January.

Other action included approval of a contract with Nolen and Hemphill Architects to draw plans for a new Municipal Court Building.

The structure will be located on a vacant lot across the street from the current Public Safety Building and should have about 4,000 square feet of space.

Where the money will come from for the construction has not been decided by the council, but options include revenue bonds or a bond issue.

Parking fee at airport to buck pricing trend

Fees for the new two-story parking garage at Midland Regional Airport will be changed, but unlike most prices nowadays, they will go down.

Midland City Council Tuesday approved changes in the parking lot rates during a regular session in City Hall after Col. Wilson Banks, director of aviation, said the covered parking area is not being utilized because of its higher price.

Currently, charge for parking in the covered area is 50 cents per hour or \$5 per day. The council has lowered that to 30 cents for the first half hour, 20 cents for each additional half hour, up to \$4 per day.

The 30 cent half hour would be cheaper than the remaining parking areas and could be utilized by persons needing a place to stop for a short time.

The new uncovered area will carry a fee of 35 cents for the first hour and 15 cents each additional hour up to \$2 per day. The old lot west of the building will be reserved for long-term parking, with the charge to be \$1.50 per day.

"People have told me they won't use that covered parking area because of the high prices," Banks said in presenting his arguments to the council.

Even though the remodeling at Midland Regional Airport officially was dedicated Friday, more changes were approved by the council.

Another computer for the second toll both at the exit of the parking lot was approved for purchase. One al-

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Ambassador would suit Russians, analysts say

By HARRY DUNPHY

MOSCOW (AP) — Businessman Thomas J. Watson Jr., President Carter's reported choice to be the next U.S. ambassador to Moscow, would be just the kind of foreign envoy the Kremlin wants, Western diplomatic analysts say.

The Soviet leaders are uncomfortable with specialists who speak Russian and have some familiarity with the country and its government through previous assignments or training, Western envoys said. Watson, the former head of IBM, is neither a Russian-speaking expert on the Soviet Union nor a professional diplomat with years of experience at dealing with foreign governments.

The Russians prefer to conduct their negotiations through their ambassadors abroad rather than by talking with the envoys accredited to them. They want to keep foreign ambassadors at a distance because this enables them to maintain their secretive way of operating.

"If they allowed ambassadors to perform their duties as they do elsewhere, the Soviets would have to open up their society because we'd insist on access to the people who hold the real levers of power," one Western ambassador said.

As a result, many ambassadors find the Moscow assignment one of the most difficult and frustrating of their careers. Their work is limited to reporting what is in the official press, exchanging speculation with colleagues, opening trade exhibitions and giving and going to cocktail parties and dinners.

"I've been here nearly four years

and in that time I've had talks with (Foreign Minister Andrei A.) Gromyko once," a European ambassador complained. "The Soviet ambassador to my country has access to all levels of government."

Many ambassadors here believe their governments are wrong to accept the Soviet way of doing diplomatic business because there is a risk Moscow's ambassadors may misunderstand what they are told. But the Western governments go along in the interest of expediency.

The strategic arms limitation treaty Carter and President Leonid Brezhnev signed in Vienna Monday is a case in point. The final obstacles to the agreement were overcome during nearly 30 meetings starting last January between Secretary of State

Cyrus Vance and the Soviet ambassador in Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin.

Vance has said he decided he had a better chance to clear up these issues with Dobrynin, who has been a trusted conduit between Washington and Moscow since the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. But this diminished the role of the U.S. ambassador in Moscow, Malcolm Toon, and the position of his successor.

Toon, who is retiring this summer, is a career diplomat as every U.S. ambassador here has been for 27 years, since George Kennan in 1952. He speaks Russian, has been ambassador to two other Soviet Bloc countries and had two previous assignments in Moscow at a lower level.

Somoza's guard continues effort to drive rebels from Managua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Anastasio Somoza's national guard attacked Sandinista guerrillas in the slums of eastern Managua today in a drive to clear the rebels from the capital.

"It's going very well for us," said a high-ranking government source. "We expect to finish the operation in Managua today."

The sounds of rocket, machine-gun and mortar fire mixed with heavy explosions through the night. The government source said convoys of troop reinforcements left the infantry training school at intervals through the night.

Smoke rose from the barrios on the east side of the city, which the guerrillas had controlled for more than a week.

The rebels of the Sandinista National Liberation Front appeared to have left or been driven out of the western half of the city but were fighting from barricaded positions on the other side of Managua.

The rebels' clandestine Radio Sandino said an attack was imminent on Somoza's heavily fortified headquarters, known as the Bunker, inside the infantry training school. But reliable sources said some guerrillas were pulling out of the capital and possibly heading for Rivas, 30 miles north of

the Costa Rican border, which the Sandinistas have vowed to capture and make a capital for the provisional government they named last weekend.

The Sandinistas announced Tuesday night that their forces in the south resumed their attack near La Virgen, south of Rivas. But Maj. Pablo Emilio Salazar, the 35-year-old commander of Somoza's forces in the south, denied the rebel claim in a television appearance.

"We have stopped them at the Rio Pita," said Salazar. "We figure there are now 400 to 600 guerrillas there. We are planning a major offensive."

The Pita River is five miles north of the Costa Rican border.

A Sandinista spokesman in neighboring Costa Rica said there were 600 guerrillas at La Virgen "with the heaviest weapon we have. We have also moved up for the battle all the armored cars and other weapons taken from the national guard."

La Virgen, on Lake Nicaragua, is 12 miles from the border.

The Sandinista commander in the south, Eden Pastora, told a reporter the guerrillas had overrun several barrios in Rivas and were battling the national guard garrison there late

Tuesday.

There was no estimate of rebel casualties in the three weeks since the Sandinistas launched their second offensive in 10 months to try to end the 42-year rule of the Somoza family dictatorship. But reliable sources said 80 national guardsmen have been killed and 215 wounded, two of the guard's four Sherman tanks were disabled in Leon, and only five of its 10 rocket-firing Cessnas were still flying.

Foreign embassies continued to sponsor evacuation flights. More than 800 persons have left on U.S. Air Force C-130s. National guardsmen stopped a busload of Venezuelans and political refugees from the Venezuelan embassy and threatened to shoot them as Sandinistas, but the Venezuelan foreign minister arranged their release and departure from the country.

The Sandinistas control a number of cities in northwest Nicaragua, including Leon, the country's second largest, and in most of them have the national guard garrisons under siege. The government says no attempt will be made to recover those points until the rebels in Managua and the south have been defeated.

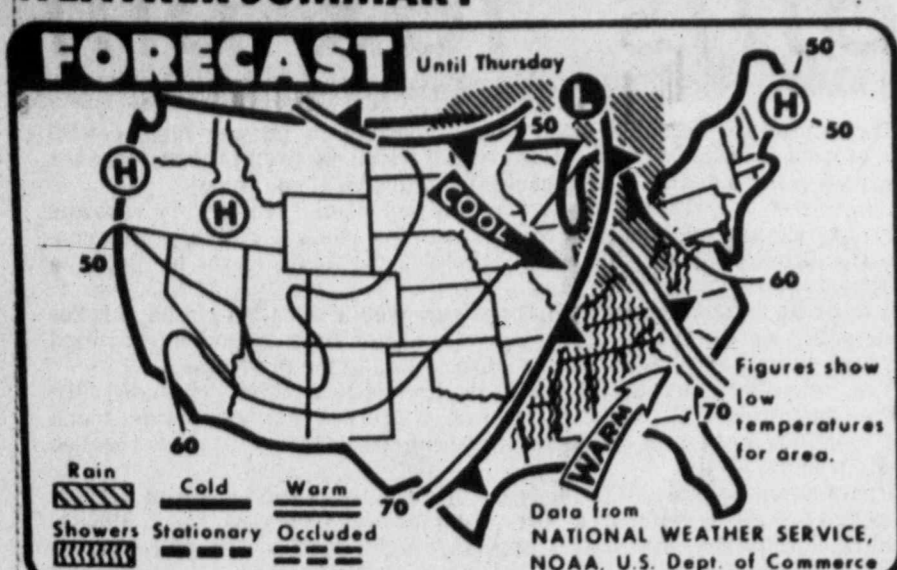
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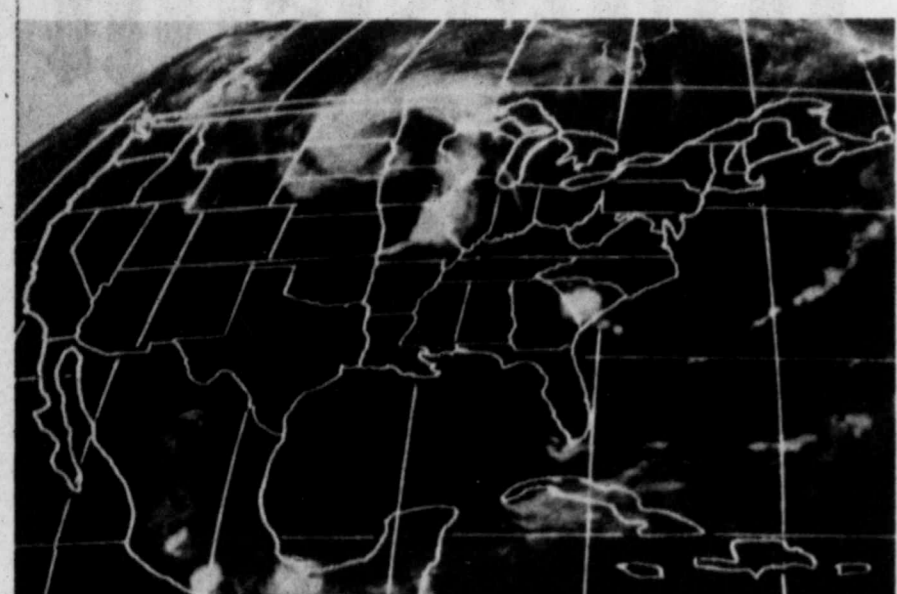
Weather
Partly cloudy Wednesday with the high reaching in the mid-90s. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Sunny skies with warm weather in most areas is expected in the western half of the nation through Thursday. Rain and showers are forecast from the central Gulf states to the Great Lakes.



Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a.m., shows clouds associated with a cold front stretching from Missouri northward through the upper Midwest.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for weather forecast, national weather service readings, local temperatures, and southwest temperatures.

Texas thermometer

Table listing temperatures for various Texas cities including Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, Midland, San Antonio, and Wichita Falls.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Generally fair through tonight. Warmers Panhandle. Partly cloudy to clear Thursday. Highs in the 80s except near 100 Big Bend valleys. Lows 54 to 75 except near 32 mountains.

Border states forecasts

Oklahoma: Fair to partly cloudy through Thursday with warm afternoons and mid nights. Highs 80 to 90. Lows upper 50s Panhandle to mid 70s east. Highs Thursday 90.

South Texas forecasts

South Texas: Considerable morning cloudiness over the Hill Country and south central, otherwise partly cloudy, warm and humid through Thursday with isolated showers near the coast. Highs mostly low and mid 80s north to near 100 along the Rio Grande. Lows mid 70s to near 90.

Senate hears cancer plight of uranium miners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mrs. John Taylor Howes remembers when her late husband would come home from work at the uranium mine at Marysville, Utah. His stepfather would be waiting at the door with a geiger counter, she recalled Tuesday at a Senate hearing, and John Taylor "would light up like a Christmas tree."

mentioned it to me." A former miner, George Val Snow of Salt Lake City, was asked whether his employer, or the government, or perhaps union officials had warned him. "They never mentioned it," he said.

government for failing to promote health precautions in the uranium industry, which was developed to provide the military and Atomic Energy Commission with material for atomic tests.

EPA criticized for role in water agreement

By RICHARD MASON Staff Writer The role of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a joint state of Texas-EPA agreement drew fire from oil industry officials Tuesday in Midland.



Members of the Minnesota National Guard go through an early morning jog outside the Koch oil refinery today in Pine Bend, Minn. The guard was called to duty Tuesday by the governor in an effort to get oil supplies moving again after independent truckers succeeded in slowing down trucks at refineries around the state.

Alabama trucker shot, killed as protest violence continues

By The Associated Press State trooper Lt. Roy Smith said authorities were searching for a late-model pickup truck. Last week a trucker's wife was critically wounded by a sniper while riding with her husband in Alabama.

President of Uganda resigns

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — President Yusefu Lule yielded to his political opponents today and resigned, throwing Uganda's provisional government into confusion two months after the ouster of dictator Idi Amin, according to an official announcement.

of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma have enforced over the years," he said. Dillard told the hearing panel, composed of officials from the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Department of Water Resources and the Railroad Commission, that state agencies should intervene between the oil industry and the EPA, with the state enforcing the regulations.

Council to lower parking fee

(Continued from Page 1A) ready is on order, Banks said. Additions to the terminal building for Braniff International's ticket booth and to the air cargo building for Braniff and Texas International finally got off the ground Tuesday during the meeting.

Fair, warm weather to greet start of summer

Summer will officially begin Thursday at 6:56 p.m., but there should be nothing special in the way of weather to celebrate the occasion. The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport predicts summer probably will get off to a lull start with fair skies and temperatures in the mid-90s.

Comprehensive health bill said too expensive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans don't want "womb-to-tomb" national health insurance coverage, says the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. And the nation cannot afford such comprehensive coverage, says Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., who is presiding over hearings on national health insurance legislation.

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Midland Chapter, Lubbock Christian College Associates officers for the coming club year are, seated from left, Mona Craig, president; Marcella Davis, secretary; Rhoni Standefer, first vice president, and

standing from left are Betty Griffin, historian; Mildred Howard, reporter; Wynola Washburn, treasurer; Bonnie Miller, third vice president, and Elaine Van Steenberg, second vice president.

Beth Griffith marries McGuire

COLOGNE, Germany—Beth Jeanne Griffith and John Howard McGuire, both of Cologne, recited wedding vows at 11 a.m. May 29 here. Officiating at the single ring ceremony was N. Wellems. A reception was held in a country house in Saal, Germany. The house is over 200 years old. Following a wedding trip to Ghent, Belgium, the couple will reside in Cologne. The bride is a performer of classic and avant-garde opera and is presently engaged by Mauricio Kagel for performances of his pieces in Paris. She received a BA degree from St. Marys of Notre Dame, Ind. and did graduate study at Southern Methodist University, North Texas State University, Wayne State University, and at music conservatories in Munich and Cologne. The bridegroom is a composer of both classic and computer music. He received a BA degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles and an MA in composition from the University of California at Berkeley.



Mrs. John Howard McGuire

HOROSCOPE

By CARROLL RIGHTER Thursday, June 21. GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are now likely to feel impelled to spend more money than you can afford but it would be wise not to do so. Follow the advice of one who understands finances very well. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be more practical and stop spending money foolishly or you will regret it later. Show more consideration for others. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take steps to improve your appearance before attending an important social event later in the day. Be poised. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Consult an expert in your line of endeavor before going ahead with a plan you have in mind. Know where you are headed. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can come to a better understanding with family members at this time. Don't neglect to pay your bills on time. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to use orthodox methods if you want to get ahead faster in the business world. Take no risk with securities. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may want to engage in new interests now but make sure you study them well. A new friend can be helpful to you now. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Fine day for contacting good friends and good things can result. Know exactly where you stand with an associate. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't try to resist ideas of associates with fixed ideas, but cater to them for best results. Take it easy tonight. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A good day to study a new project you have in mind. Listen to what a fellow worker has to say and gain the benefits. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try not to spend too much money where pleasure is concerned at this time. Show more affection for your mate. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study conditions not to your liking at home and do whatever you can to improve them. Take needed health treatments. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get busy at regular routines early in the day for best results. Use extreme care in motion and avoid possible mishap.

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DEAR ABBY Ruptured disco

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: The house is finally quiet. My husband and two teenagers are in bed, but I am so upset I can't sleep.

Our marriage has been so wonderful, plus we are blessed with two healthy children who have always been well-behaved.

We were an exceptionally happy family until about a year ago. So what's the problem? LOUD MUSIC!

Abby, why must music be played so loud today? The only answer we get from our children is, "Because."

The words exchanged between my husband and son tonight were terrible. My husband asked our son politely to please turn down the stereo. Our son ignored him, so his father turned the stereo off and announced that neither of the children would be allowed to play music again until they agreed to keep the volume at a level that was comfortable for us.

I've never seen my husband so angry. The kids are mad and I'm upset.

Do other parents have this problem? And how do they handle it? — AM-FM

DEAR AM: Yes, many parents have that problem. And they handle it the same way your husband handled it — by exploding and then finally laying down the law.

The upsetting scene could have been avoided had you laid down the law as soon as the kids started playing music at a volume that was disturbing to you.

Loud music is "in" but the price one pays for constantly assaulting his eardrums with loud sounds is impaired hearing.

DEAR ABBY: My son has a lot of friends, and lately they have been getting married one after the other. Here is my gripe. He has to lay out \$48 every time he rents one of those fancy tuxedos the bridegroom has picked out for him to wear to the wedding.

I think if the bridegroom wants his attendants to wear tuxes, he should pick up the tab for the rental. What is your opinion? — PINE BLUFF, ARK., MOM

DEAR MOM: It would be nice if the bridegroom could afford it, but most cannot, so it's customary for each attendant to pay for the rental of his own tuxedo.

DEAR ABBY: I'm expecting my first child in four months. All the beauty of pregnancy and motherhood are slowly being destroyed by the horror stories of other women.

Ladies I hardly know have told me how the doctor had to break the baby's arm for delivery, cords choking babies during delivery, etc. And as though that weren't bad enough, I've been

hearing how "dangerous" hospitals are. (Unclean mistakes made in the lab and pharmacy.) It's all so frightening.

These stories are entirely unsolicited and very unnerving. Abby, how can I stop these horror stories? — FIRST TIMER

DEAR FIRST: You can't stop them from being STARTED, but you can stop them from being FINISHED by saying, "Thanks, but I'd rather not hear it."

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DEATHS



Herschel Murff

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Services for Herschel Murff, 62, 707 Dellwood St., were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park directed by Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Murff died Friday in Laredo. He was born April 16, 1917, in Ennis. He moved to California at an early age. He began working for Superior Oil Company in 1937.

He married Irene Heneise June 28, 1937, in Yuma, Ariz.

He was senior production superintendent with Superior Oil Company. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lynn Herschel Murff of Plano; his mother, Mina Herschel Murff of Bakersfield, Calif.; a sister, Barbara Rieken of Bakersfield, and a grandchild.

Active pallbearers were to be J.A. Bobbitt, A.B. Taylor, Floyd Woods, Charley Nelson, Larry Hamilton and J.C. Speer.

Honorary pallbearers were to be employees and ex-employees of Superior Oil Company.

Annie B. Melton

Graveside services for Annie Bert Melton, 96, 405 W. Broadway St. were to be at 10 a.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Ray Riddle of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Mrs. Melton died Monday in a nursing home.

She was born Sept. 30, 1882, in Cuero and was reared there. She was married to T. June Melton Sr. April 8, 1906, in Fort Worth. He died Oct. 20, 1952.

Mrs. Melton moved to Midland in 1974 from Fort Worth, where she had resided more than 30 years. Prior to that, she had lived in Fort Smith, Ark.

She attended Draughan's Business College in Fort Worth. She was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cuero. She was a member of the May Isham Keith chapter of the Fort Worth Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include a son, Dr. T. June Melton Jr. of Midland; a sister, Mrs. John A. Martin of Midland, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Enemencia Diaz

Services for Enemencia S. Diaz, 85, of Ozona will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church here with burial in Lima Cemetery directed by Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday in a Crockett County nursing home.

Mrs. Diaz was born Oct. 31, 1893, in Mexico.

Survivors include three daughters, Josefa Perez, Anita Fierro and Palaela Leal, all of Ozona; two sons, Bekie Diaz of Ozona and Teodoro Diaz of Nashville, N.C.; 31 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Air Force officials decline to discuss Higgs charges

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Air Force authorities have not specified what charges Staff Sgt. Wilmer W. Higgs Jr. — declared legally dead after disappearing 18 months ago — might face following his surrender to Lackland Air Force base officials.

"Higgs just walked up and turned himself in" Monday to his squadron commander at Lackland Air Force Base, where he had been a marksmanship instructor before vanishing New Year's Eve 1977, a base spokesman said.

Officials declined to say what charges the 33-year-old serviceman might face. However, the spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said servicemen who turn themselves in after being absent without official leave usually face only AWOL charges, instead of more serious desertion charges.

Higgs was reclassified a deserter earlier this month after FBI agents reopened the investigation into his disappearance.

Higgs vanished from his part-time job at a northside San Antonio service station and police feared he had been the victim of a robbery-abduction. The Air Force declared him legally dead and paid his wife military death benefits.

Mrs. J.P. Curry

BIG SPRING — Services for Mrs. J.P. Curry, 50, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Hope, Ark.

Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery there.

Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. tonight in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring.

Mrs. Curry died Sunday in Big Spring.

She was born Lillie Barrett Feb. 11, 1929, in Texarkana. She was a resident of Big Spring for 25 years and was a retired civil service employee. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse P. Curry Sr.

Survivors include a son, Jesse Curry Jr. of Big Spring; a brother, Emmett Barrett of Texarkana; three sisters, Mrs. C.D. Cawthorn of Texarkana, Mrs. F.A. Johnson of Fauke, Ark., and Glenda Beardon of Hope, Ark.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mamie W. Jones

SAN SABA — Services for Mamie W. Jones, 81, of Lometa, mother of Vernon Jones of Ozona, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Lometa Methodist Church here. Burial was to be in Lometa Cemetery directed by Howell-Doran Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones died Tuesday in a San Saba hospital.

She was born Dec. 17, 1897. She was married to Steve T. Jones April 4, 1919, in Goldthwaite. He died Jan. 28, 1951. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Jones lived in Lampasas County most of her life.

Other survivors include two sons, two daughters, a sister, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Gilbert Carter

BIG SPRING — Gilbert Wayne Carter, 82, of Midland died Tuesday in a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with the Rev. Neil Easter of the First Assembly of God Church in Midland and the Rev. David Pohl of Ropesville officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Carter was born Oct. 6, 1896, in Scotts Hill, Tenn. He was married to Bertha Lerah Jacobs June 14, 1925, in Taylor County.

He was a resident of Pyote from 1947 to 1955 where he worked for the Pyote Air Force Base before moving to Big Spring, where he was employed by the Veteran's Administration Hospital until his retirement in 1965. He moved to Midland in 1976.

Carter was a member of the Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church in Big Spring. He belonged to International Order of Foresters Lodge No. 117 in Big Spring. A veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include four sons, George W. McKinney of Wichita Falls, Harry J. McKinney and William G. Carter, both of Big Spring, and Joe B. Carter of Midland; a daughter, Mavis Glass of Big Spring; a brother, Alton Boyd Carter of Tuscola; three sisters, Eula Allen of Lawn, Bessie Walden of Abilene and Tempa Newby of Houston, 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Manuel Cuellar

Manuel Cuellar Jr., 29, of Midland died Tuesday in an Odessa Hospital.

Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. today in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Cuellar was born Nov. 16, 1949, in Big Spring. He moved from Knott to Midland in 1967. He was employed as a truck driver.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Cuellar Sr. of Midland; a son, Danny Cuellar of Odessa; three brothers, Maximo Cuellar, Louis Cuellar and Jesus Cuellar, all of Midland, and three sisters, Rosa Zapata, Linda Sandoval and Janie Barcala, all of Midland.

Panel must rule as to kidnap

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A three-judge federal panel, asked to reinstate abduction charges against a South Texas prosecutor, must determine if an alleged scheme to lure an intended murder victim into Mexico violated kidnapping statutes.

U.S. District Judge Robert O'Connor had dismissed abduction and perjury indictments returned a year ago against suspended Hidalgo County District Attorney Oscar McNinn and Patricia Parada, 23.

The government appealed that ruling to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where attorneys argued their cases Tuesday.

Trial starts today in obscenity case

ODESSA — The first of three persons recently charged with the exhibition of obscene material was scheduled for jury trial at 9 a.m. today in Ector County Court.

Joseph Allen Mathis, 26, of Odessa, owner of the Art Flick Theater at 6311 Andrews Highway here, was arrested with two others in a raid by the Ector County Sheriff's office May 11.

Deputies allegedly confiscated the films, "Debbie Does Dallas" and "Deep Throat," during the raid.

The other two persons arrested and charged were Laura Lucille Walker, 25, and Marie Mathis, 29, both of Odessa.

The offense with which the trio is charged is a Class B misdemeanor.

McNinn and Parada were accused of plotting to have Miss Parada's former husband, Noel Villanueva, decoyed across the border and killed by a Mexican policeman. The justice department contends it intervened and stopped the alleged plot before it could be carried out.

O'Connor, in his decision to dismiss the indictments, ruled no kidnapping occurred on United States soil. And he ruled the perjury indictments resulted from entrapment and unfair treatment of the pair by investigators.

"It is our contention that all you have to do is inveigle or decoy a victim across an interstate or international border for the purposes of holding him for the crime to have been committed," argued Assistant U.S. Attorney John Potter of Houston.

"The statute reads 'for ransom, reward or otherwise,' and murder is certainly otherwise."

"If there is no question these people are guilty, why were they charged under these statutes?" asked Judge Peter T. Fay.

"Couldn't you have charged him with a violation of civil rights? If nothing else, conspiracy to deprive him of his civil rights by killing him?"

Potter, interviewed after the hearing, said he hoped to lodge civil rights complaints against the pair if the appeals court upholds the dismissal.

Frank Maloney of Austin, representing McNinn and Miss Parada, said federal laws had not been violated. Villanueva willingly agreed to meet Miss Parada in Mexico and

planned to use his own car to do so, he said.

That he was supposed to be arrested and killed by a Mexican policeman after crossing the border was not part of the case, he said.

"Your proposition is two-fold then. The holding has to come before the transportation, and the holding has to occur in this country," Judge Fay commented.

"All evidence shows that the holding did not take place in this country," said Maloney.

"He was going to be held in Mexico," said Fay.

"He was going to be killed," Maloney said.

"He was going to be held in Mexico, wasn't he? Then killed?" Fay asked.

"I don't think you can have a holding in Mexico and say there's been a kidnapping in the United States."

ODESSA — A 25-year-old mother of two was listed as missing today after disappearing from a 7-Eleven store where she worked Wednesday morning.

Darlene Ruth Flickinger was reported missing after a customer found the 7-Eleven store at 13th and West County Road, where Ms. Flickinger is a clerk, deserted about 3:30 a.m. Wednesday.

There were no signs of a struggle or foul play, according to Odessa Police Lt. Ken Jones.

Maloney said.

Judge Alvin Rubin then interjected, "The question is whether 'hold' means 'hold in the United States.'"

That question and the matter of whether McNinn and Miss Parada had been tricked into perjuring themselves was taken under advisement by the three-judge panel, which gave no indication of when it might rule.

Earthquake recorded in Los Angeles area

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — An earthquake rolled through the Los Angeles metropolitan area, but there were no reports of any damage or injuries, authorities said today.

The tremor registered 3.0 on the Richter scale at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and was centered three miles east of Culver City.

The woman's purse, cigarettes and lighter were found undisturbed, and all money in the store was accounted for, he said.

The woman is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, 107 pounds, brown hair and hazel eyes. She was wearing a 7-Eleven smock, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

Her description was broadcast throughout the region, Jones said, and for today, all units were "just on the lookout."

He said more extensive searches might be conducted later.

Advertisement for Skillern's featuring various products like Anacin, Pepto-Bismol, Mennen Speed Stick, Ponds Cream, Kodak cameras, calculators, pens, umbrellas, Gillette Trac II, Colgate, Tylenol, Geritol, Polident, Scope, and Alberto V05.

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West Texas areas draw explorers

Operators have announced locations for West Texas wildcat operations, a discovery has been completed in McCulloch County and West Texas and New Mexico areas have reported new field wells and new field area projects.

ANDREWS WILDCAT

Bettis, Boyle & Stovall of Graham spotted location for a 5,000-foot wildcat in Andrews County, 17 miles southeast of Andrews.

The prospector is No. 1 Fasken, 1,787 feet from south and 1,850 feet from east lines of section 2, block 40, T-1-N, T&P survey. It is one and one-half miles southwest of the Mabec (Clear Fork field, and one and seven-eighths miles southeast of the Serio (Grayburg) pool.

CROCKETT PROJECTS

William Perlman of Houston announced locations for a pair of 8,000-foot wildcat in Crockett County, 25 miles southwest of Ozona.

His No. 2-12 General Crude and others is 3,677 feet from south and 650 feet from east lines of section 12, block NN, GC&SF survey and 5/8 mile north of No. 1-12 General Crude and others which is bottomed at 7,250 feet waiting on a completion unit.

Perlman No. 3-8 General Crude and others will be drilled one location northwest of No. 2-8 General Crude and others and 1,843 feet from south and 1,843 feet from west lines of section 8, block NN, GC&SF survey. No. 2-8, a scheduled 8,000-foot wildcat.

The new tests are 3.5 miles southwest of the Ozona (Canyon gas) pay and one and seven-eighths miles southwest of the American (Wolfcamp gas) field.

RUNNELS TESTER

Big Country Exploration, Inc., of Abilene No. 1 B. J. Gulley is a new 4,700-foot wildcat in Runnels County, four miles northeast of Winters.

The operator staked location 1,200 feet from north and 9,577 feet from west lines of T. J. Hardeman survey No. 267, abstract 234.

Elevation at ground level is 1,971 feet. The drillsite is 3/4 mile northwest of the only well in the Red Flat, North-east (Gardner) field. It is separated from that well by a depleted Gardner producer.

WARD OILER

Gulf Oil Corp. No. 1-B J. B. Tubb Estate, a former gas well in the Sand Hills, West (Devonian) field of Ward County, has been reclassified as an oil producer, making it the third Devonian oiler in the multipay field.

It is three and one-eighth miles north of one of the field's Devonian oilers and was completed for a 24-hour flowing potential of 10 barrels of 33.4-gravity oil and seven barrels of water, through a 26/64-inch choke. The gas-oil ratio is 10,000-1.

The completion was through perforations from 6,324 to 6,336 feet. Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 24, block B-20, psi survey and nine miles northeast of Grandfalls.

MCCULLOCH STRIKE

Adams & Kelly of Midland No. 1 Lohn Co-op Gin has been completed as a Strawn gas discovery in McCulloch County, 10 miles north of Brady.

The field opener flowed for a calculated absolute open flow of 2 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 906 to 908 feet and from 916 to 918 feet. The pay was fractured with 10,000 gallons.

Total depth is 1,014 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 1,000 feet. The well is 150 feet from south and 510.8 feet from west lines of L. Caillonette survey No. 1057, abstract 192.

The strike is 1,650 feet northeast of Strawn gas production in the north-west extension area of the Hall multipay field, but separated from it by the depleted discovery well of the Big Chief field and by a 969-foot dry hole.

YOAKUM FIELD TESTS

Amoco Production Co. announced locations for No. 7 A. J. Davis and No. 8 A. J. Davis in the one-well Brahaney (Devonian) pool of Yoakum County, four miles southwest of Plains.

The No. 7 A. J. Davis is one location west of the discovery well and 1,650 feet from south and 350 feet from east lines of section 514, block D, John H. Gibson survey.

The No. 8 A. J. Davis is one location southwest of the discovery well and 467 feet from south and 552 feet from east lines of section 514, block D, John H. Gibson survey.

It was reported earlier, in error, that the operator is Getty Oil Co. Each of the new tests will be drilled on an 11,500-foot contract.

TERRELL WELL

Mobil Oil Corp. No. 6 Banner Estate is a new well in the Brown-Bassett (Ellenburger gas) field of Terrell County, 29 miles northeast of Dryden.

The operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 13,642,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 13,705 to 14,611 feet after 106,000 gallons of acid were used to stimulate the pay.

Mobil plans to dual complete the well from the Strawn or Devonian

zones. Location is 532 feet from north and 1,379 feet from west lines of section 331, TW&NG survey.

Total depth is 14,800 feet and the plugged back depth is 14,675 feet. Operator set 5.5-inch casing at 14,799 feet.

MIDLAND PROJECT

John L. Cox of Midland staked his No. 1-C Curtis Erwin 16 miles east of Midland in the Midland County portion of the Spraberry Trend Area field.

Scheduled on an 8,600-foot contract, it is 990 feet from north and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 46, block 36, T-1-S, T&P survey.

UPTON SAND TESTS

Joy Petroleum Corp. of Midland staked a 7,600-foot project in the Flat Rock (Spraberry) field, and Wayman W. Buchanan of Midland staked a 9,200-foot test in the Spraberry Trend Area field, both in Upton County.

Joy Petroleum will dig No. 1-28 University 1/2 mile northeast of production in the Flat Rock pool and 2,198 feet from north and 1,763 feet from east lines of section 28, block 3, University Lands survey. It is seven miles east of Rankin.

Buchanan No. 1 Cowden and others will be drilled 1.5 miles west of production in the Spraberry Trend Area field, 19 miles north of Rankin.

Surrounded by depleted producers, it is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 44, block 39, T-5-S, T&P survey.

TERRY LOCATION

Mewbourne Oil Co. of Midland No. 1 Sawyer is a new project in the Stetex (Cisco reef) field of Terry County, seven miles south of Brownfield.

The field has two active producers and No. 1 Sawyer is one location east of one of them. It also is one location west of a depleted Cisco reef well. Scheduled for an 11,000-foot bottom, it is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 121, block T, D&W survey.

LEA DRILLSITES

Ther new field operations have been reported in Lea County, N.M.

Hondo Drilling Co. of Midland No. 1 Hondo has been spotted as a 12,200-foot project in an undesignated Morrow area three miles southwest of Lovington.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 19-16S-36E.

Another undesignated Morrow area, this one 12 miles northwest of Lovington, drew a 13,500-foot operation.

It is Petroleum Development Corp. of Albuquerque, N.M., No. 1 Morton-Solid State Unit.

The location is 2,160 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of section 4-15S-34E.

Moran Exploration, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Gann will be drilled to 13,800 feet to test the Devonian in the Caudill (Devonian and Permian-Pennsylvanian) field of Lea County, three miles south of Hillburn City.

Location is 860 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of section 9-15S-36E. The pool has one Devonian well.

KING STEPOUT

Taubert, Steed, Gun & Meddeers of Wichita Falls announced location for a 3/4-mile northwest stepout to the five-well Big "S" (Strawn oil) pool of King County, 14 miles southeast of Guthrie.

The project is No. 8 S. B. Burnett Estate, 1,635 feet from south and 690 feet from west lines of section 48, A. L. Jay survey, abstract 1184.

It is contracted to 6,000 feet.

CROCKETT WILDCAT

S&R Petroleum Corp. of Odessa staked a 1,500-foot wildcat 10 miles northeast of Iraan in Crockett County.

It is No. 1 Bouscaren, 5 miles northeast of the Yates field and 660 feet from north and 2,173 feet from east lines of section 39, block HH, GC&SF survey.

The location was reported earlier, but the well number and fee name were omitted.

DAWSON FIELD TESTS

Coquina Oil Corp. of Midland announced location for a project in the Gin, North (8,000) pool in Dawson County.

It is No. 5 Huddleston, 660 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 1, block 2, D. L. Cunningham survey and four miles west of Lamesa.

It is contracted to 8,500 feet.

NOLAN TEST

Hanson Corp. and Masten Oil Corp. of Midland No. 1 Stirl is a new test in the three-well Hollins (Pennsylvanian sand) pool of Nolan County, four miles northwest of Sweetwater.

It is 467 feet from north and 669 feet from east lines of section 31, block 22, T&P survey and slated to drill to 5,800 feet.

IRION STEPOUT

Getty Oil Co. No. 3-D Winterbotham is a new test 1/2 mile north of the Dove Creek (Canyon D gas) field of Irion County, 8 miles southeast of Mertzton. It is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 27, block 21, H&TC survey and will drill to 6,700 feet.

Clements makes rules

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Here in brief are the gasoline purchase restrictions laid down Tuesday by Gov. Bill Clements for Harris, Dallas and Tarrant counties (Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth), effective next Monday:

— Gasoline will be dispensed into vehicles with license plate numbers the last digit of which is an even number and, if only letters are on the plates, the last letter which is the first half of the alphabet (A to M) only on even days of the month. Gasoline will be dispensed into vehicles with licenses which end in odd numbers or, where there are only letters, those which have N to Z plates on odd days of the month.

— The minimum purchase price for any single transaction of gasoline is to be \$6 unless the total tank capacity of a vehicle is 10 gallons or less.

— The maximum purchase for any single transaction will be 20 gallons.

— Filling of auxiliary containers in excess of two gallons will be prohibited.

— Emergency, out-of-state and identifiable commercial vehicles may purchase gasoline any day of the week.

— Supply and type of gasoline available should be prominently displayed through some flag system.

Rationing plan starts Monday

By GARTH JONES

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Motorists in Houston and the Dallas-Fort Worth area will have to look at their license plates Monday to see if they can buy gasoline.

Gov. Bill Clements declared Tuesday the state would try odd-even gasoline purchase restrictions in Harris, Dallas and Tarrant counties in an effort to ease long lines at service stations.

He said the restriction might be applied to other cities later.

The Republican governor also called on Texans to raise their air conditioner thermostats to 76 degrees, instead of the 80 suggested by President Carter, and to abide by the 55-mile-per-hour speed law. He also asked for more car pooling.

"Let's make this a 'No-Tie Summer,'" Clements said in an official proclamation, taking off his coat and tie while it was read at a news conference.

"None of these gas restriction actions will bring additional supplies," Clements said, "but the regulations are needed to preserve good order and make the limited supplies available in an optimum way."

Houston and the Dallas-Fort Worth area have 38 percent of the state's vehicles, Clements said.

"I have considered this fact carefully and am doing what I feel is the minimum required at this time," he said, adding that he expected the restrictions to last at least until September.

"It is my intention to remove these mandatory rules as soon as the situation eases. Conversely, should the situation worsen, I will not hesitate to develop further restrictions."

The odd-even plan would let cars with a license plate number ending in an even number, or a last letter from A to M, to purchase gasoline on even-number calendar days. Licenses ending in odd numbers, or letters from N to Z, could get gasoline on odd days of the month.

Other features of the plan for the three counties, effective June 25, would:

— Set the minimum purchase amount at \$6, unless a vehicle's tank held less than 10 gallons.

— Set the maximum purchase at 20 gallons, including any boats pulled on trailers.

— Limit filling of any auxiliary containers to two gallons.

— Give emergency, out-of-state and "identifiable commercial vehicles" the right to purchase fuel on any day.

— Require stations to prominently display flags indicating the supply and type of gasoline available.

Clements said he was ready to assist local governments in expanding traffic signal timing programs, long-range mass transit programs and "to develop appropriate local plans to help deal with these spot shortages" in gasoline.

The governor said that strict enforcement of the 55 mph speed limit could realize a five percent fuel saving in addition to keeping down the traffic death toll. He admitted he had to rely on the "enthusiasm" of highway troopers to issue more speeding tickets, instead of hiring more troopers.

Clements and Ed Vetter, the governor's chief energy advisor, said they would rely mostly on public opinion in the enforcement of the gasoline restrictions.

Connecticut, New York start gasoline rationing

By PETER MACKLER

Gasoline rationing came to New York and Connecticut today and was set for midnight in New Jersey as officials in other states dealt with the eastern swing of the Gas Crisis of 1979 with minimum gas purchases.

Rhode Island hoped minimum gasoline purchases — \$5 for small cars, \$7 for large models — would discourage "topping off." Massachusetts energy director Joseph Fitzpatrick said minimums were likely in that state as well.

But officials were to make a final decision today whether to go ahead with plans for "odd-even" rationing in Maryland, Washington D.C., and northern Virginia, where minimum sales requirements have failed to shorten lines at pumps. They have said they will begin rationing at midnight unless the situation improves.

"I think people have finally adjusted to the fact that this is a gasoline crisis," said Kathy Godzik, spokeswoman for the Automobile Club of Maryland. "It used to be a crunch; now it's a crisis."

Other states like Pennsylvania and Georgia held off on any measures but kept an eye on gasoline supplies and the success of rationing elsewhere.

The odd-even rationing system — which alternates days on which gas can be bought between motorists with odd- and even-numbered license plates — began at 12:01 a.m. in the New York City area, where gas prices were over \$1 a gallon in many places.

The plan, announced by Gov. Hugh Carey on Monday, also includes a minimum-purchase requirement, limits sales to drivers with half a tank or less, and requires some stations to stay open on weekends.

Many service station operators were not happy at the scheme, which Carey said would be extended to other parts of the state if needed.

"If the governor thinks we're going to stand around like a bunch of corner cops looking at license plates and gas gauges, he's got something else coming," said Russell Murway, president of the 1,200-member Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association.

"We have more regulations than we care to handle," Murway said. "We can't tolerate any more violence at the pumps. The answer is more gas."

Gov. Ella Grasso began odd-even rationing in her state today after New York and New Jersey announced their programs. She said the state faced a 20 percent shortfall in gas.

Judge rules for oil firms in price case

HOUSTON (AP) — The Department of Energy's interpretation of a price-control regulation that led it to charge several oil companies with overpricing their petroleum products has been invalidated by a federal judge.

In a ruling issued June 8 in Dallas, U.S. District Judge H.O. Woodward struck down the interpretation and told the DOE to refrain from making any future reinterpretations, Exxon Co. USA said Tuesday.

Although Exxon's announcement made no reference to any overcharge figures, company spokesmen who asked that they not be identified said the interpretation had a "substantial impact" on the oil industry.

Woodward's ruling was the result of a suit filed against the DOE by Exxon, Shell Oil Co., General Crude Oil Co., Coastal States Gas Corp., Coastal States Marketing Inc., and Union Petroleum Corp.

The court also ruled illegal the DOE's attempts to enforce the interpretation without giving the companies an opportunity for public hearings or comment, Exxon said.

The oil company said the dispute involved DOE's interpretation of the method petroleum refiners, resellers, and retailers should use to decide base prices for virtually all petroleum products.

Exxon said the DOE issued the interpretation in March 1977, four years after the original regulation became effective.

The company said DOE's interpretation prohibited oil refiners and marketers from using the prices of products sold under contracts with escalator clauses as the basis for setting base prices despite "clear language in the regulations permitting them to do so."

The suit filed in August 1977 by the oil companies asked for the authority to set base prices as the law allowed.

Exxon said Woodward issued the ruling after the DOE filed on April 13 an admission of error and a motion to dismiss the suit, saying the interpretation conflicted with the intention of the regulations. O.L. Luper, an Exxon senior vice president, said the Woodward ruling is another vindication of Exxon's position that "many of DOE's overcharge accusations and enforcement actions are unwarranted."

supplies this month and "there was no community that was comfortable."

"It seems to me there was absolutely no way to avoid this," Mrs. Grasso said in announcing the rationing plan Tuesday.

While all of New Jersey goes on the odd-even system at midnight, its Garden State Parkway was already rationing gasoline at pumps, the first spot in the East to do so.

Rationing was slated to begin Monday in Texas' three most populous counties.

In California, which began odd-even rationing May 9, state officials said Tuesday the program had helped ease panic and cut down lines of gas-hungry motorists.

"What I think odd-even did ... was make people realize they had to change some habits," said Stephanie Bradford, spokeswoman for the state Energy Commission. "They are driving less. They aren't buying as much gasoline."

Elsewhere, Montana's Gov. Thomas Judge asked his state's newspapers to carry the hours service

stations are open. Florida officials looked for ways to keep people from buying unneeded gasoline — possibly with rules against topping off.

Officials in Massachusetts and the Washington, D.C., area complained they weren't getting their allocation of gasoline promised by the federal government.

In some areas, particularly Indiana, by blockades at fuel depots set up striking independent truckers aggravated gasoline problems.

And gasoline retailers threatened to strike June 28 to protest federal pricing policies and owner-operators of taxicabs in New York City said they'd stay off the job this weekend to protest gas allocations.

Details of odd-even gasoline rationing vary from state to state, but, generally speaking, motorists whose license plates end in odd numbers — 1,3,5,7,9 — can buy gasoline on odd days. Those with plates ending in even numbers — 0,2,4,6,8 — are allowed to purchase on even days. Rules about plates composed entirely of letters vary from area to area.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY

Blal No. 1-4 University, drilling 8,315 feet in line and shale.

Blal No. 1-5 State, plugged back depth 5,470 feet, pumped 15 barrels of oil and 177 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations from 5,438 to 5,442 feet.

BORDEN COUNTY

Natomas North America No. 1 McKnight, id 8,300 feet, circulated and conditioned hole, no logs.

North American Royalties No. 1 Clayton, drilling 7,438 feet in shale.

CHAVES COUNTY

Depco, Inc. No. 1 Exxon-Federal, id 9,500 feet, open well up 20 minutes with 1 barrel of condensate, spray of water, open to 1/4-inch choke with gas rate of 300,000 cubic feet, through perforations from 8,286 to 8,290.

Cubic, Inc. No. 1 Broder, id 9,395 feet, acidized perforations from 9,016 to 9,024 feet with 3,000 gallons, flowed through stack pack 20 minutes, recovered 60 barrels of oil and 24 barrels of water with gas rate of 150,000 cubic feet.

Depco, Inc. No. 1 El Paso-Federal, id 7,192 feet, tripping.

Flag Redford Oil Co. No. 6 Amoco-Federal, drilling 3,702 feet.

COKE COUNTY

Pearson-Sibert Oil Co. No. 103 Frank Pearson Reef Unit, drilling 4,972 feet in shale, set 8 1/2-inch casing at 3,984 feet.

Pearson-Sibert Oil Co. No. 212 Frank Pearson Reef Unit, id 8,399 feet, no gauges, through perforations from 8,040 to 8,042 feet.

CRANE COUNTY

Resources Investment No. 1 Eppenauer, id 3,800 feet, plugged back depth 2,148 feet, waiting on cement.

Gulf No. 127 Waddell, drilling 3,901 feet in dolomite and anhydrite.

Exxon No. 183 Tubb, id 5,950 feet, set 4 1/2-inch casing at total depth, Tubb perforations from 4,120 to 4,164 feet, initial potential pumped 11 barrels of oil per day and 8 barrels of water in 24 hours, gravity and gas-oil ratio not reported.

Bass Enterprises No. 19 Moss, drilling 5,385 feet.

DAWSON COUNTY

Anadarko Production No. 1-27 Clyde Barton, drilling 8,363 feet.

NRM Petroleum No. 1 Broyles, id 9,266 feet, plugged and abandoned.

EDDY COUNTY

Edy Enterprises No. 72 Big Eddy, drilling 11,823 feet.

Monsanto No. 1 Apex State, drilling 12,800 feet in line and shale.

Cities Service No. 1 A Villa, id 12,300 feet in line, shale and sand, circulated.

Exxon No. 1-4W New Mexico State, drilling 9,348 feet.

Gulf No. 2-2R Eddy State, drilling 12,212 feet in line and shale.

Gulf No. 1-D Eddy Federal, id 3,777 feet in anhydrite, logging.

J. C. Barnes Oil Co. No. 2 Little Square, id 12,720 feet, acidized perforations from 12,840 to 12,860 feet with 1,500 gallons, swabbing.

J. C. Barnes Oil Co. No. 4 Big Chief, drilling 5,926 feet in sand and shale.

GAINES COUNTY

J. C. Barnes Oil Co. No. 1 A Sam Jenkins, id 8,800 feet, released rig.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

Belco Petroleum No. 4 Edwards, id 3,300 feet, set 8 1/2-inch casing at total depth, waiting on cement.

Getty No. 1 McDowell Estate, drilling 5,155 feet.

John L. Cox No. 4-B Irma Wrapp, drilling 6,000 feet.

Ike Lovelady No. 1 Schwartz, drilling 4,074 feet.

HOWARD COUNTY

Merala, Inc. No. 39-2 Kilpatrick, drilling 3,426 feet in salt and anhydrite.

IRION COUNTY

Belco Petroleum No. 2-113 Sugg, id 9,120 feet, preparing to perforate and drill 2,816 feet.

Union Texas No. 2-45 Skelly-Sugg, id 7,000 feet, pumped 65 barrels of oil and 3 barrels of water in 24 hours, through perforations from 7,120 to 7,210 feet.

KENT COUNTY

Agar & Agar No. 1 Linda, id 6,220 feet, 4 1/2-inch casing set at 6,220 feet, perforated

