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"When people wave at me or invite me into their homes, it makes everything much more tolerable."
— Cross-country biker Peter Damien Wannemacher

Flight attendant 'bike in the saddle'

By NANCY LORD
Lifestyle Writer

"You can tell the smiling biker by the bugs among his teeth," quipped Peter Damien Wannemacher, who breezed through Midland Thursday while biking across the country.

He was in Midland to spend the night and have minor repairs done on his bike before heading east to continue his journey today.

Peter began his trek earlier this year in San Francisco. His destination is Hollywood, Fla., near Fort Lauderdale.

Originally from Orange, N.J., Peter has traveled around the world as a flight attendant with PanAm airlines. He lived in London before taking a six month leave of absence from the airline to bike across America. He said that he felt he ought to tour his own country since he has seen the rest of the world.

He plans one diversion from his trip. He will stop in Azle, northeast of Fort Worth, to meet his fiancée, Arlene D'Allaire. They plan to fly to Hawaii to be married.

After a brief honeymoon, Wannemacher will fly back to Dallas to continue his cross-country trek. Arlene, who also is a flight attendant with PanAm, will then fly to Florida to await his arrival.

Peter pointed out that he didn't have any special equipment or prior extensive biking experience before he began. Nor did he train for the task before he began — he just took off.

He said he got tired of so many people telling him he wouldn't make it. So, early in the trip, when asked where he was headed, he said he was just going up the road.

Now when people ask about his destination, he said he's not apprehensive about telling the truth. He figures he's made it this far, so he will make it the rest of the way.

"People have been the best part of the trip," he said. "There have been so many friendly people along the way."

Many people have invited him into their homes to spend the night. He carries a tent in which he sleeps most of the time, however.

His other supplies include two pairs of socks, a pair of shoes, a pair of riding shorts, two bottles of water, some food, tools, head and tail lamps, an extra tire and tube for his bike, a harmonica and reading material.

California is the prettiest state he has seen on his journey so far, he said. He also remembered that California had more state parks in which he could spend the night along the way.

"You see things that you never see in a car," he said.

Among the difficulties he has experienced along the way include broken spokes, flat tires, fog and a "sore rear end."

He said he often wishes he had never started the trip and sometimes would like to just call the whole thing off. But "when people wave at me or invite me into their homes, it makes everything much more tolerable."

"You get the exhilarating feeling of being completely on your own," he said of biking cross-country.

His trip will have to be completed by May 1, when his leave of absence ends. He said he has mixed feelings about completing the journey, in that he likes his work, but also enjoys the independent feeling he has while biking.

When asked if he had any advice for those who are thinking of biking across the country, he said, "Just do it. Don't be discouraged by people who say you can't make it."

'Balancing act' questioned

Critics fear stability of 'safety net'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capitol Hill critics of President Reagan's economic proposals are questioning whether the administration can really balance the budget by 1984 without new spending reductions that would cut the so-called "safety net" from beneath the poor.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan admitted Thursday that the dilemma of identifying some \$31 billion in cuts beyond those proposed Wednesday by the president is a "time bomb" that will be left for Budget Director David Stockman.

The administration acknowledges in its own projections that additional cuts of that magnitude will be necessary in the next three years if its goal of balancing the budget by 1984 is to be met.

What neither Stockman nor anyone else has spelled out is where those cuts will be made.

And what the skeptics are saying is that the only places left are some of the programs the president has pledged will go untouched.

Meanwhile, Regan and Stockman

were going back before congressional committees today to continue their lobbying for quick action on those parts of the Reagan plan already outlined.

During their appearances Thursday, the two Cabinet-level salesmen encountered the most pointed questioning over Reagan's proposal to reduce personal income tax rates over three years, starting July 1. The move is estimated to be worth \$1,456 to a middle-income family of four between July 1 and 1984.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, told Stockman Thursday he would support many of the proposed \$41 billion worth of federal spending cuts, but he ridiculed Reagan's proposal for personal income tax reductions.

"You're fueling inflation faster than I can cut spending," Hollings said.

Democrats, and some Republicans, argue that the income tax cuts will benefit wealthier taxpayers more than others and that the reductions

will not be translated into savings and investments as the administration predicts.

Pressed repeatedly Thursday for evidence on which he based his assumption that the income tax cuts would have the intended effect, Regan replied that the administration was not making "a forecast in the conventional sense" but presenting an "economic scenario."

That scenario, he said, is "based on an internally consistent set of policies which, if enacted, will produce an economic climate in which people's expectations and behavior will change."

Given the skepticism about the Reagan tax proposals, Republican leaders in the House fear a possible Democratic move to simply scrap the president's proposal for personal income tax cuts and substitute a plan of their own.

House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois acknowledged "there's no question that they (the Democratic majority in the House) have the votes" to put Reagan's plan

"off on a side rail and institute their own tax cut bill."

Because of the lead time built into the federal budget process, projections of needs are made several years ahead of the time the money will be appropriated and the administration predicts it will need \$30.7 billion in cuts beyond what it already has outlined. So far, those additional cuts have not been identified.

A former Carter administration official, who insisted that he not be quoted by name, said of Reagan's plan: "It is a risky proposal in the sense that it is asking Congress to slash taxes all the way up to 1984 and to take on faith that the administration will be able to identify (another) \$31 billion in savings."

Regan was asked Thursday to identify the specific cuts for the House Budget Committee. While declaring that "I hate to leave time bombs," Regan replied that it would be left to Stockman to detail how the additional reductions would be made.

Space shuttle proves its power

By HOWARD BENEDICT
Associated Press Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Columbia, the flagship of the fleet of American space shuttles, passed a successful and spectacular firing of its three powerful engines today and apparently proved that at long last it is ready to carry astronauts into orbit.

That first orbital flight could come as early as April 7, barring any more problems in a project that is already more than two years behind schedule.

The final verdict on Columbia's space worthiness must await thorough analysis of today's test. But preliminary indications from the launch control center was that Columbia had cleared the biggest hurdle yet on its way to changing the way America operates in space.

"It looks like we've had a very successful firing of Columbia's three main engines," Hugh Harris, the control-center spokesman, reported seven minutes after the 20-second test.

Among the happiest observers here were the two astronauts who are to take Columbia up on the first mission, John Young and Bob Crippen. They watched the test from the top of the control center, three miles from the launch pad.

When the practice countdown reached zero at 8:45 a.m. EST, the three engines at the base of the delta-winged spaceship flashed to life, spewing torrents of almost invisible flame, steam and smoke over the launch pad and sending a thunder-clap rolling across the scrub and palmetto of the Kennedy Space Center here.

"All engines are up and running,"

the control center announced.

The power plant — the world's most sophisticated rocket machine — generated 1.1 million pounds of thrust for 20 seconds, just as planned, while the 122-foot tall Columbia, its two solid-fuel boosters and a giant fuel tank remained locked firmly on the pad, held there by eight three-foot-long hardened steel bolts.

On an actual launch, explosive charges would sever the bolts to release the spacecraft, and the solid-fueled boosters would ignite to help it into orbit.

The test marked the first time in the U.S. manned space program that engines have been fired on the launch pad during a countdown practice. In the earlier Mercury, Gemini and Apollo projects, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration gained that experience by launching the capsules unmanned before com-

mitting astronauts to fly them.

But the shuttle is designed to return to earth on land instead of splashing down on water and officials said it would be difficult to send it aloft unmanned.

The practice duplicated all aspects of a real countdown except for the entry of the astronauts into the cockpit and was the first time that all shuttle systems had been tested as a unit. The firing had been postponed three times this week, by technical, weather and procedure troubles. Minor problems delayed today's ignition another hour.

During the final hours of the count, 526,000 gallons of fuel were pumped into Columbia's tanks.

Launch director George Page said before the test that a success would

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Perot's Iran rescue plan rejected

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Millionaire H. Ross Perot, who masterminded the escape of two of his employees from an Iranian prison, concocted a scheme at the request of U.S. officials for rescuing the American hostages, but it was rejected at Pentagon meetings, a Fort Worth television station says.

KXAS-TV also reported Thursday that electronics-laced gifts and football game videotapes from Dallas Cowboys' Coach Tom Landry figured in another abandoned rescue plot, and said a Texas airman died in a helicopter crash during a practice exercise for a rescue mission.

The copyright story was based on a joint investigation by KXAS and NBC News. An NBC spokesman said the network would broadcast the report on "NBC Nightly News" today.

The practice session in which Airman Jay Schatte, 22, died last July 18 near Monticello, Utah, was training for a mission intended as a follow-up to the aborted raid April 25, that left eight airmen dead and two burned aircraft on an Iranian desert, KXAS reported.

Army spokesman Sgt. Phil Hale denied at the time that the crash was related to a second rescue attempt and told Schatte's parents the accident occurred during routine training.

But armed, uniformed men surrounded the crash site and kept observers at bay. And Schatte's father said he suspected his son was in training for another rescue mission.

"I sort of knew," John Schatte told The Associated Press, adding his son also had trained for the first mission. "I had an idea it was going on when he was out here (visiting in Fort Worth)."

A month after the crash, the idea for a second rescue mission, a plan so secret that former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie did not know of it, was scrapped, the station said.

Hopes of rescue were further dashed because planners could not pinpoint the exact location of the hostages, despite efforts to plant sophisticated electronic locating gadgets on the hostages, the station reported.

U.S. officials were not available Thursday night for comment on the

report. But several high-level Pentagon sources told the AP they recalled no exercises being held in preparation for a second raid.

KXAS said Landry became an unknowing accomplice by sending videotapes of Cowboy games to the hostages.

But before they were shipped to Iran, the tapes were encoded with special electronic signals that could turn television sets into secret locator beacons, the station said. Thus each time the tapes were played, they would transmit information to U.S. agents in Iran.

While the tapes could have been tracked by a homing device, U.S. agents had no way of knowing who was watching them, the station reported.

Informed of the station's report, Landry said: "That's news to me. The only thing I wanted to do was give them a chance to see some football films."

Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown confirmed Perot's attendance at top-secret Pentagon meetings.



H. Ross Perot

One killed, one injured in accident

A Midland man died and an Odessa man was critically injured in a two-vehicle accident 14 miles west of Garden City Thursday night.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Garden City Justice of the Peace J.E. Wooten was 30-year-old Roger Gilbert Graham of 1300 Cottonflat Road, Space 9.

Graham was a passenger in a 1980 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Cleo Knight, 41, of Odessa. Knight was still undergoing surgery at 7 a.m. this morning in Midland Memorial Hospital. He suffered head and internal injuries.

The Department of Public Safety said the accident occurred at 9:45 p.m. Thursday when Graham's westbound pickup swerved across the center line on Texas 158 and was struck broadside by an eastbound tractor-trailer rig driven by Jerry Ray Parker, no age listed, of San Angelo. Parker was not injured.

Graham's body was taken to New-nie W. Ellis Funeral Home, where services are pending.

Parkview joins MMH in opposing application

By SUE FAHLGREN
Staff Writer

Parkview Hospital has joined the opposition to Medical Center Hospital's application for a new cancer machine in Odessa, Midland County Hospital District directors learned Thursday when board president Ed Magruder read a letter from Parkview administrator Steve Wallach.

"Parkview Hospital and its management stand behind Midland Memorial and the district in opposition to the granting of this certificate of need," Magruder read in the letter from Wallach. "We do not feel this duplication is warranted," he continued.

The Texas Health Facilities Commission will review Odessa's application for a 6MEV linear accelerator to replace a cobalt radiation machine Wednesday and Thursday in Austin.

Opposition to the application from Midland Memorial Hospital and Midlanders falls centers around financial reasons. Since the 6MEV linear accelerator will be used in some 80 percent of the cases done at the soon-to-be

opened Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center, the opposition feels the Odessa machine would pull patients from this facility and cause Midland taxpayers to subsidize the Allison Center.

In other board news, the directors approved the purchase of some calibration equipment for the Allison Center and some other hospital equipment totaling \$34,528.50.

The waterphantom (\$15,100) and the thermoluminescent dosimeter system (\$7,800) will be used to calibrate the 6MEV linear accelerator scheduled to be installed in the Allison Center in early March. Other equipment approved for purchase include a gastroscope (\$6,900) and a dictation and transcription machine (\$4,728.50).

Texas Tech University President Lauro F. Cavazos will meet with Midland County Medical Board officials and hospital officials on Monday, Magruder announced. The university's School of Medicine is planning a residency program for family practitioners.

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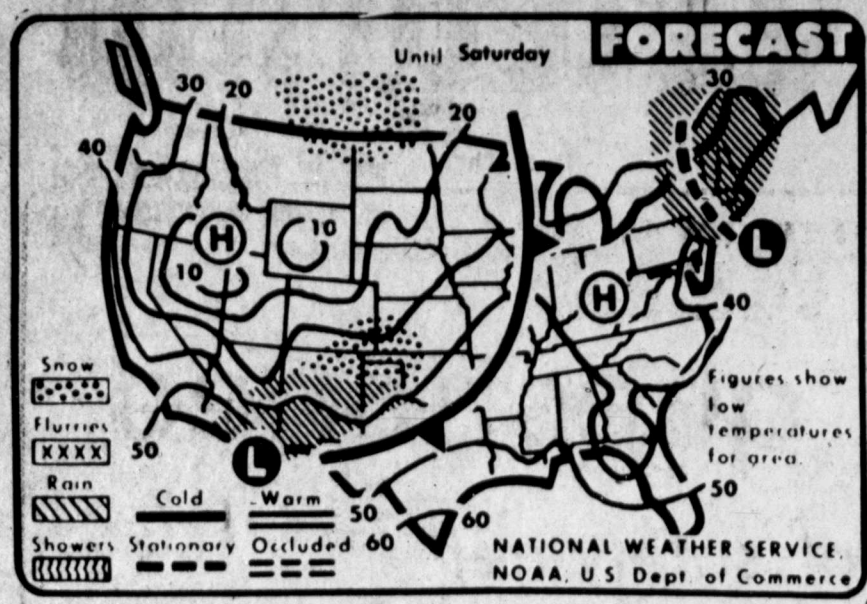
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Sunny skies and temperatures ranging from mild to warm are expected in the forecast period for most of the nation. Rain is forecast in the Northeast. Rain is forecast for the Southwest changing to snow in the southern Plains. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

Table with 2 columns: WEATHER FORECAST and LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Includes data for various times of day and locations like Abilene, Amarillo, and Lubbock.

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Extended forecast

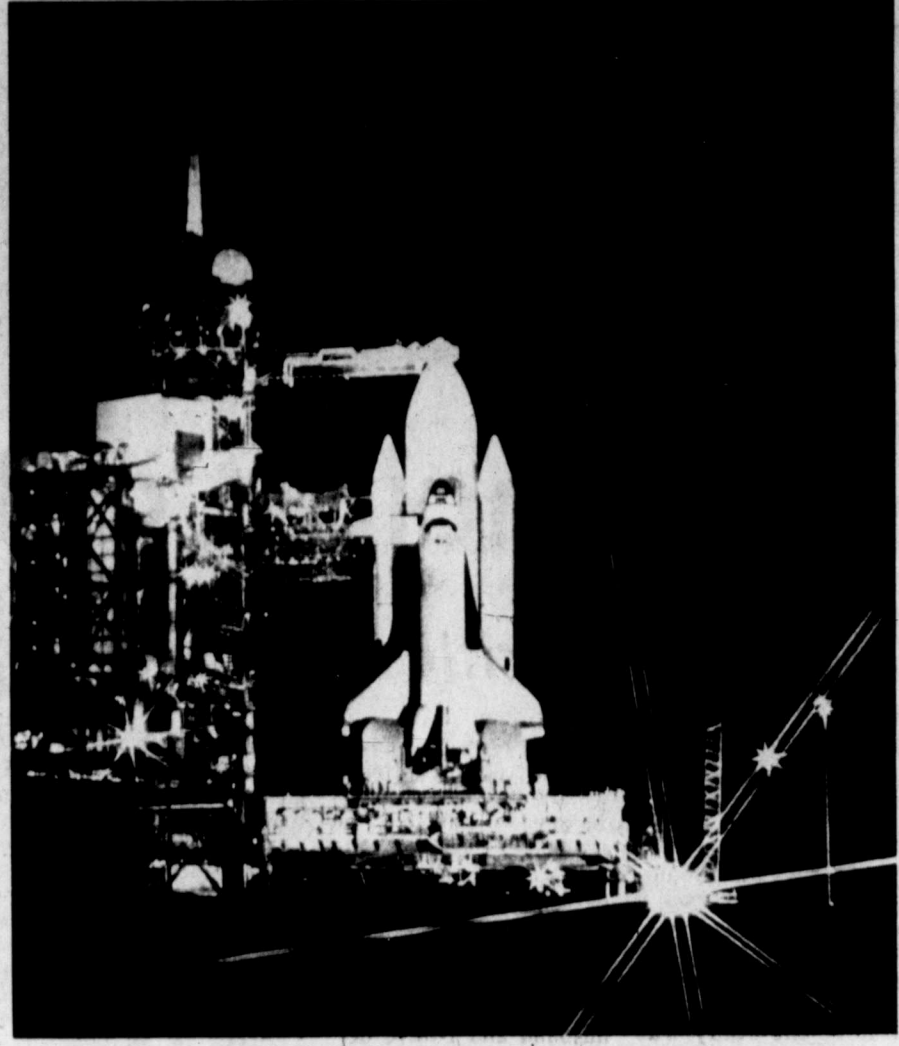
West Texas: Partly cloudy and continued cold most sections Sunday. Fair with a warming trend Monday through Tuesday. High Sunday upper 40s north to mid 60s Big Bend. High Monday 50s north to near 70 Big Bend.

Cold front will blow in tonight

Midland's early summer will come to an end Saturday as a cold front is expected to blow through late tonight, dropping temperatures by almost 20 degrees.

Texas temperatures

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Pop. Lists temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Amarillo, and Austin.



The space shuttle Columbia sits on pad 39-A late Thursday night with the clock still counting for test firing early today. The space shuttle, which is two years behind schedule, is supposed to be launched in early April with a two man crew. (AP Laserphoto)

Shuttle Columbia proves its power

(Continued from Page 1A) clear the way for launching Columbia on a 54-hour orbital trip on April 7. Before today's firing, Young and Crippen said they were prepared for that mission. "We're ready to go," said Young, a veteran of four previous space flights, including a walk on the moon.

Parkview joins MMH's position

(Continued from Page 1A) However, Roy Campbell, president of the hospital's board of trustees, said the trustees "feel that we need to get additional information on just what the program will be" before making any recommendations to the directors on accepting the program.

The directors further approved the building change orders for Area Builders for the revocation of the physical and occupational therapy areas and the relocation of the dental clinic to the Mast Clinic. Director Pat Estes commented the dental clinic's relocation, sponsored by the Junior League, "saved the building program about \$150,000" by not including it in the basement renovations.

efficiency recommendations at the hospital, said he thought the study has done the hospital some good. "The biggest benefit is it stimulated some thinking," he told the board Thursday. Although not all the recommendations were what Campbell said were good, the recommendations "had people coming up with other ideas."

Weatherwise, 1980 was bad year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The drought that continues to plague parts of the United States was the major factor in a "very bad" weather year in 1980 during which the government recorded more than 1,400 deaths and damage exceeding \$20 billion.

water levels dropped dangerously low. The report also chronicles more subtle human effects of the heat wave: irritability and depression, changed clothing styles and feelings of despair and doubt on the part of farmers concerned about their future.

property damage. —Thirty-two people were killed May 9 when a ship struck the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay during a blinding rain squall. —There were five deaths and 200 injuries June 3 when tornadoes hit Grand Island, Neb. Damage was estimated at \$250 million.

Jury finds Richard Cornett innocent of murder charge

By ED TODD Staff Writer Richard Reni Cornett, a 26-year-old welder charged with murdering his sister-in-law and wounding his wife last June 30 in a family feud, was set free early Thursday night by a six-man, six-woman 238th State District Court jury.

Slight quake shakes Utah County residents

PROVO, Utah (AP) — An earthquake measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale shook many Utah County residents out of their sleep early today, officials said. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

Jury recommends death for Weatherford mechanic

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — A state district court jury has recommended death by injection as punishment for a Weatherford mechanic convicted in the slaying of a Fort Worth teen-ager. David Gardner, 26, was convicted Tuesday of capital murder in the Aug. 26 kidnapping and murder of Kandi Kae Reynolds, 15. The jury then set punishment for Gardner Thursday.

Woman hospitalized after traffic mishap

A Midland woman remained hospitalized this morning as a result of a traffic accident on East Industrial Avenue late Thursday afternoon. Listed in satisfactory condition at Midland Memorial Hospital was Leona Collins, 39, of 407 N. Loraine.

Officers checking vandalism reports

Two vandalism complaints, with damage in excess of \$1,400, topped the list of police investigations during the past 24 hours. The first incident occurred shortly before 1 a.m. today when an alarm went off at Carter Furniture, 501 E. Illinois Ave. Arriving officers found that a beer bottle had been

Police Roundup

thrown through a window of the establishment, causing \$900 in damage. Just prior to that, several windows were discovered broken at Midland Freshman School, Gist and Main streets. Damage was estimated at \$540.

BIRTHS

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Feb. 18, 1981 Mr. and Mrs. Frederico Duran, 2108 W. Brunson Ave., a boy.

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HOME DELIVERY

Table with 2 columns: Mail Rates in Texas and Mail Rates Outside Texas. Lists subscription rates for different periods and locations.

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'Bunk' DePrang

Services for O.L. "Bunk" DePrang, 57, of 3216 Fannin, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Tuesday evening in a Houston hospital following an illness.

DePrang was born March 19, 1923, in Coleman County. He spent his early life in Novice, Texas, where he graduated from high school. He moved to Gilmer where he was in the automotive business. He moved in 1947 to Midland, where he worked in the automotive business. He had owned and operated Bunk's Body Shop since 1958. DePrang was a member of Kewview Baptist Church and the Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Lou DePrang of Midland; two daughters, Diane Hurst and DeLinda McConnell, both of Midland; five brothers, Bill DePrang of Coleman, Hayse DePrang of Midland, Herman DePrang and Weldon DePrang, both of Weatherford, and Garland DePrang of Olton; two sisters, Doris Garvin of Brownwood and Hazel Barmore of Pecos; a grandchild and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials be directed to the Allison Permian Basin Cancer Therapy Center at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Andrea Torres

ODESSA — Andrea Portillo Torres, 73, of Odessa, sister of Kika Suniga of Midland, died Tuesday in an Odessa hospital.

Rosary was recited Wednesday at the home. Services were Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial in Rosehill Cemetery.

Mrs. Torres was born Nov. 3, 1907, in Grandfalls. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She moved to Odessa seven months ago from Presidio.

Other survivors include her husband, three sons, five daughters, a sister, five brothers, 36 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Hayley Parker

Hayley Ann Parker, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parker of 3326 Fannin in Midland, died Wednesday in a Lubbock hospital.

Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. O.A. McBrayer officiating. Services are under the direction of Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 15, 1981, in Midland.

Other survivors include a brother, Mathew Steven Parker of Midland; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Becker of Midland and Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Parker of Belton; great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Will Vickrey of Mexico and Mrs. T.W. Parker of Mexia; several aunts and cousins.

Sextuplets reported doing well

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Sextuplets were born to a 17-year-old girl with a plastic hip joint, one of the babies was delivered 23 days after the first five, and all are alive, two South African newspapers reported today. They said four boys and a girl were born Oct. 15 and that a second girl was delivered Nov. 7 because the mother's uterus was twisted for a time.

The papers also said one of the babies was treated by an orthopedic surgeon for a hip problem and another infant was treated for a heart defect, but did not elaborate.

The English-language Rand Daily Mail and the Afrikaans-language Beeld newspapers said the reason the births were not announced at the time was that the father was still married to another woman.

They said the mother, Chairmain Peterson, has a plastic hip joint as a result of a childhood bout with polio. They said she had not taken fertility drugs.

The papers said the father was Frank Craig, a well-known 41-year-old fisherman.

Gladys Rosser

Services for Gladys Rosser, 64, of 202 S. Tyler St., will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ, 200 N. Tyler St., with the Rev. C.S. Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, directed by Roscoe V. Jackson Mortuary.

She died Tuesday at her home of natural causes.

Mrs. Rosser was born March 6, 1916, in Gilmer. She had been a resident of Midland since 1945.

Survivors include a daughter, Gay Nell Price; two brothers, Jack Rosser and Dempsey Rosser, both of Midland; and three grandchildren.

Bessie Brothers

LAMESA — Bessie Williams Brothers, 85, died Thursday in a Lamesa hospital after a sudden illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Lamesa with Dr. C.H. Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Bramon Funeral Home.

The former Bessie Welch, she was married to Doc Williams June 15, 1911, in Rock Springs. He preceded her in death in December, 1930. She was married to C.C. Brothers Aug. 30, 1941 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death in 1955. She moved to Dawson County from Rock Springs in 1924. She was a life-long member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include six sons, D.M. Williams of Midland, Maurice Williams of Lamesa, Cedric Williams of Memphis, Tenn., Trellis Williams of Marysville, Calif., Keith Williams of Oregon and Landis Williams of Woodlake, Calif.; a daughter Molete Kemp of Lamesa; three stepsons, Victor Brothers of Jal, N.M., Darwin Brothers of Terrell and Curtis Brothers of Lamesa; three stepdaughters, Esma Therwanger of Sulphur Springs, Ruby Lee of El Paso and Velva Folkner of Lamesa; two sisters, Eva Lacy and Thelma McCurdy, both of Camp Wood; 28 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Johnny Kalisek

Johnny Kalisek, 54, of 4626 Leisure, died Thursday in a Midland hospital.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel. Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Kalisek was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Texas. He moved to Midland in 1957 from Aztec, N.M., where he had lived for three years. Prior to that he had lived in Midland for several years. At the time of his death he was assistant drilling superintendent for Tri-Service Drilling Company. He was with the company for 17 years. Prior to that he had worked as a driller in oil fields at various locations. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Kalisek of Midland; three sons, Johnny Kalisek, Anthony Kalisek and Phillip Kalisek, all of Midland; two daughters, Beverly Bollinger of Midland and Kathryn Wakefield of Stephenville; a brother, Abel Kalisek of Corpus Christi; and six grandchildren.

Abbie Clark Ward

STANTON — Graveside services for Abbie Clark Ward, 88, of Stanton, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Ward died Wednesday in a Stanton

nursing home following a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 1, 1892, in Corsicana, and moved to Stanton in 1926 from Dallas County. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Bessie Lee Anderson, who died Nov. 26, 1973. They were married Jan. 7, 1917, at Lemings. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include a son, Elvin Ward of Stanton; a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Brown of Beaumont; and seven grandchildren.



Harold P. Steck

Services for Harold Porter Steck, 71, prominent insurance agency consultant, civic and church leader and a Midland resident since 1953, will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Rev. O.A. McBrayer officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park, with Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Steck had been associated with Fi-

delity Union Life Insurance Co. for 42 years.

He died Wednesday night in his home at 2603 Country Club Drive. He had been in declining health for some time and had undergone surgery last month.

Steck was born Aug. 9, 1909, at Greeley, Colo. He was graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Law. He later joined the U.S. Border Patrol, advancing to the position of senior patrol inspector, stationed at Big Spring.

He resigned from the Border Patrol to join the Fidelity Union sales organization on Feb. 1, 1939, opening offices at Big Spring. He served as a director of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, president of the Association of Life Underwriters and commander of Howard Post 355 of the American Legion. He also served as a vice president of the Big Spring Centennial Celebration.

He served as 1st lieutenant of Infantry in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving 18 months in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Officers Reserve Association at the time of his death.

Following his release from military service, he rejoined Fidelity as West Texas district manager. He moved to Midland when the firm's office building was completed here in 1953.

He served as president of the Midland-Odessa Agents and Managers Association in 1956-57, and in 1963 was named Life Underwriter of the Year by the Midland Association of Life Underwriters. He had been the recipient of every honor offered by his company.

Steck resigned as West Texas manager in 1961 to re-enter the field of personal underwriting, at which time he was named senior consultant for Fidelity Union, the title he held at the time of his death. He had been awarded the National Quality Award offered by the National Association of Life Underwriters numerous times in

the intervening years.

He was a former member of the Board of Stewards of St. Luke's Methodist Church and formerly served as a member of its finance and building committee.

He was a long-time member of the Midland Downtown Lions Club, serving as its president in 1967-68 and serving in various district posts.

The Downtown Lions Club honored him with a special "Harold Steck Day" last June. He had been a Lion since 1945 when he joined the club in Big Spring.

Steck also was an Objectives for Midland conferee in the late 1960s, and a former director of the Permian Basin Planned Parenthood Association.

He held memberships in the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau and Texas and National Associations of Life Underwriters.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Steck; a sister, Phyllis Noland of St. Charles, Mo.; a brother, Ronald Steck of Findlay, Ohio; a nephew and three nieces.

Pallbearers will be David E. Holster, Lester Van Pelt Jr., Victor M. Horn, Bobby Trimble, Dr. Norman Gould, W.H. "Bill" Collyns and Ervin C. Philpy, all of Midland, and Don A. Noland, a nephew, of St. Peters, Mo.

Honorary pallbearers will be all members of the Downtown Lions Club, Forrest Vaughan, Marion Taylor and Ray Gwyn, all of Midland; Dr. Carl Marcum of Kaufman; Dr. P.W. Malone and C.C. Jones of Big Spring; John Temple of El Paso; N.A. Seelye of Rapid City, S.D.; Paul Friggins of Boulder, Colo.; and E.D. Benton of Garland.

The family has asked that memorials be directed to the Lions Club Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville, or to a favorite charity.

Cuban raiders surrender

MIAMI (AP) — The Cuban "raiders" who stormed Ecuador's embassy in Cuba earlier this month have handed over their weapons to the Ecuadorian ambassador, freeing him and two other hostages, Havana Radio reported today.

The hostages were released Thursday night, according to a broadcast monitored in Miami.

The broadcast said the hostages left the embassy grounds after the assailants gave their weapons to Ambassador Jorge Perez Concha.

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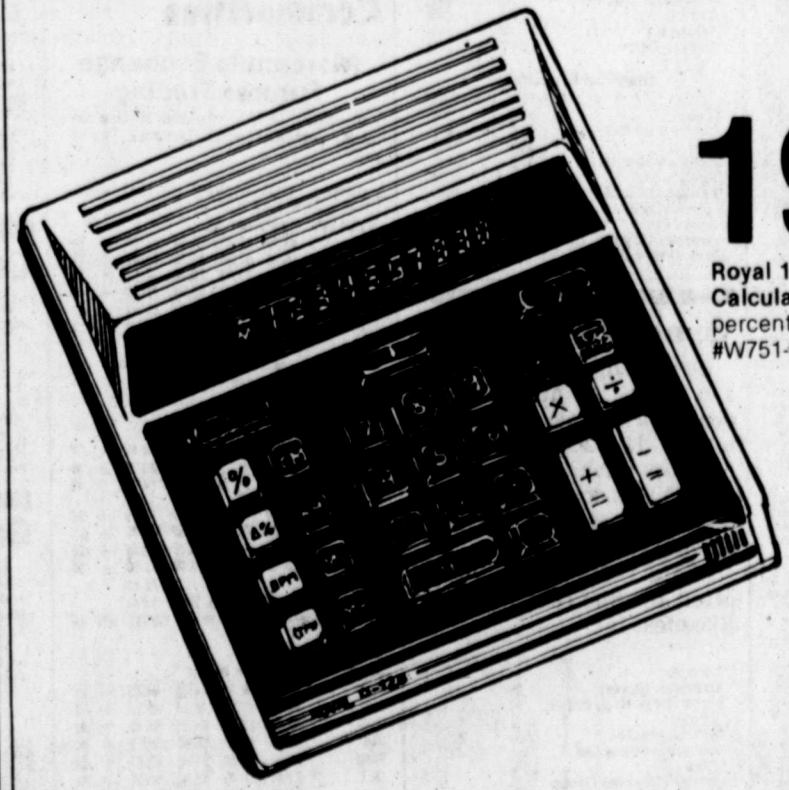
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Reagan junks rules on automobiles

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration has decided to junk a government plan that would have forced Americans to stop driving their cars one or more days a week during severe energy shortages.

Other parts of the plan would have allowed the government to shorten work weeks to four days, lower speed limits below 55 mph, impose odd-even gasoline purchase rules, and require businesses to provide vanpools during periods of energy emergencies declared by the president.

The new administration also announced it was delaying — perhaps permanently — final regulations that would have required mandatory energy efficiency standards for home appliances such as refrigerators and clothes dryers.

The actions were announced Wednesday, one day after President Reagan ended mandatory thermostat settings for 2.8 million nonresidential buildings. The Reagan administration has made no secret of its dislike for mandatory government conservation rules.

The Energy Department said the moves were "consistent with the administration's current view that most of these measures, if implemented, would not be very effective and would cause considerable inconvenience."

The Carter administration had spent months drafting the conservation proposals to meet requirements of the Emergency Energy Conservation Act, passed by Congress in October 1979.

One of the principal authors of the law, Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn., said Wednesday he would oppose abandoning the gasoline conservation proposals.

"This exposes the administration as being extremely foolish about our national security. The belief that somehow the oil companies and the marketplace will take care of us during a severe shortfall is astounding,"

Moffett said.

The most controversial element of the Carter program would have allowed the government to ban use of cars for one, two or three days a week, depending on the severity of the gasoline shortage. The plan would require that stickers be displayed on cars to indicate which days they could not be driven.

The Energy Department said of the hundreds of comments received on the plans various rules, "many individuals and business representatives expressed concern that several emergency conservation measures would interfere excessively in their lives and would impose costs far in excess of their benefits."

The department said it would seek comments from the public on whether any measures to cut demand could be implemented during emergencies without being "counterproductive."

The appliance rules were also required under the 1979 law. The department drafted energy-use standards for eight household appliances which were supposed to go into effect last month. The standards required such things as more insulation in refrigerators and intermittent rather than continuous pilot lights in water heaters and furnaces.

However, the Reagan administration said it would not issue the appliance standards pending a review of whether they were really needed.

Energy Department officials said the action was being taken under a section of the law that provides that no standard be set that "would not result in significant conservation of energy or would not be technologically or economically justified."

Appliance manufacturers have complained about the proposals, saying they would raise the price of a refrigerator-freezer by \$37.50. The Energy Department under former President Carter disputed those figures, saying the increased costs for refrigerators would be only \$10, which a consumer would recoup in savings on his electric bills the first year.

Discoveries, field producers reported in Basin counties

Gulf Oil Corp. has completed No. 2 L. W. Zeek and others to reopen Pennsylvanian production in the Worsham-Bayer multipay field of Reeves County, 15 miles northwest of Coynosa.

On 24-hour potential test it flowed 16 barrels of 38.6-gravity oil and 13 barrels of water, through a 1/2-inch choke and perforations from 9,913 to 11,487 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 5,812-1.

Total depth is 12,900 feet, 5-inch casing is set at 12,850 feet and plugged back depth is 11,629 feet.

The pay was acidized with 7,000 gallons and fractured with 12,000 gallons.

Location is 1,190 feet from north and 990 feet from west lines of section 14, block C-4, psi survey.

FISHER STRIKE
Foree Co. of Dallas has recompleted No. 2 Baptist Foundation as a Strawn reef gas discovery in Fisher County, two miles west of Royston.

It finished for a calculated absolute open flow potential of 1,045,000 cubic feet of gas per day, natural, through perforations at 5,268-5,272 feet.

The Strawn reef was topped at 5,228 feet. Elevation is not available.

A re-entry project, the well is 1,165 feet from north and 330 feet from east lines of section 40, Baströop County School Land survey.

It originally was drilled by Ab-Tex Production Co. as No. 1 Hardin Simmons University and abandoned in 1964 at 5,610 feet.

MARTIN WELL
Saxon Operating Co. of Midland No. 3 Knox is a new well in the Breedlove, East (Spraberry) field of Martin County, six miles south of Patricia.

Operator reported a 24-hour pumping potential of 100 barrels of 39-gravity oil and 105 barrels of water, through perforations from 7,771 to 9,302 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 780-1, and the pay was acidized with 4,000 gallons and fractured with 186,000 gallons.

Total depth is 9,450 feet, 4 1/2-inch casing is set on bottom and hole is plugged back to 9,417 feet.

Location is 4,026 feet from north and 825 feet from east lines of league 253, Ward County School Land survey.

PECOS PRODUCERS
J. V. Atkinson of Midland No. 1 W. H. Freeman is a new well in the Wodlaw (Queen) field of Pecos County, seven miles southwest of Girvin.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 70 barrels of 29-gravity oil and no water, through perforations from 973 to 1,228 feet after 1,000 gallons of acid.

The gas-oil ratio is 1,200-1. Total depth is 1,269 feet, 4 1/2-inch casing is set at 1,390 feet and hole is plugged back to 1,250 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 122, block 11, H&GN survey.

EXXON CORP. reported potential tests on two wells in the Fort Stockton (lower Yates) field of Pecos County, 7.5 miles north of Fort Stockton.

The No. 720 Fort Stockton Unit finished for a 24-hour flowing potential of 89 barrels of 36.2-gravity oil and 10 barrels of water, through an 18/64-inch choke and perforations from 3,016 to 3,223 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 11,360-1.

The pay was acidized with 2,300 gallons and fractured with 34,000 gallons.

Total depth is 3,350 feet, 4 1/2-inch pipe is set on bottom.

Well site is 2,340 feet from south and 2,223 feet from west lines of section 17, block 119, GC&SF survey.

EXXON No. 1318 Fort Stockton Unit finished for a daily flowing potential of 56 barrels of 36.2-gravity oil and 245 barrels of water, through a 22/64-inch choke and perforations from 3,006 to 3,219 feet. The pay was acidized with 2,635 gallons and fractured with 34,000 gallons.

The gas-oil ratio is 12,018-1. Total depth is 3,400 feet, 4 1/2-inch pipe is set on bottom.

Location is 1,207 feet from north and 1,433 feet from east lines of section 3, block 114, GC&SF survey.

ANDREWS COMPLETION
ARCO Oil & Gas Co., Midland, No. 91 Emma Cowden is a new well in the Emma (Grayburg) field of Andrews County, 15 miles south of Andrews.

The operator reported a 24-hour flowing potential of 104 barrels of 32.4-gravity oil and 36 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 522-1.

Completion was through a 24/64-inch choke and perforations from 4,159 to 4,191 feet.

Total depth is 4,500 feet, 5 1/2-inch

pipe is set on bottom and hole is plugged back to 4,477 feet.

Location is 1,180 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 2, block 44, T-2-N, T&P survey.

DAWSON OILER
MGF Oil Corp. of Midland No. 1 Dean is a new well in the Felken, South (Spraberry) field of Dawson County, 13 miles northeast of Lamesa.

It completed for a daily pumping potential of 22 barrels of 41-gravity oil and eight barrels of water, through perforations from 6,513 to 6,564 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 2,500-1.

Total depth is 7,500 feet and plugged back depth is 6,600 feet.

Well site is 660 feet from south and 860 feet from west lines of section 28, block 1, J. Poltevent survey, abstract 752.

HOWARD POTENTIAL
Flag-Redfern Oil Co. of Midland No. 2 Myers is a new producer in the Buzzard Draw (Fusselman) field of Howard County, 12 miles northwest of Big Spring.

It finished for a daily pumping potential of 34 barrels of 45-gravity oil and 78 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio too small to measure.

The final was through perforations from 10,362 to 10,365 feet.

Total depth is 10,365 feet. Location is 2,153 feet from north and 2,111 feet from east lines of section 8, block 33, T-2-N, T&P survey.

MIDLAND WELL
Parker & Parsley, Inc., No. 1 Buchanan "G" has been completed in the Spraberry Trend Area Field of Midland County, 12 miles southeast of Midland.

Bottomed in the Wolfcamp at 9,150 feet, it finished for a daily pumping potential of 58 barrels of 40-gravity oil, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,400-1.

Completion was through perforations from 7,311 to 9,046 feet.

Location is 1,115 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 37, T-2-S, S. T. Dawson survey No. 1.

TOM GREEN AREA
Leonard Bryans of Dallas (formerly SUXEN Energy Corp.) No. 2 W. L. Kellermeier has been completed as the seventh well in the R.L.G. (lower Canyon) field of Tom Green County, two miles southwest of Miles.

It completed for daily flow of 85 barrels of 44-gravity oil and 50 barrels of water, through an 18/64-inch choke and perforations from 4,089 to 4,109 feet after 1,200 gallons of mud acid and 15,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

The gas-oil ratio is 2,894-1. The well, one location west of other Canyon production, is 467 feet from south and 1,667 feet from west lines of

section 83, T&NO survey.

Scheduled as a wildcat, it was drilled to 4,917 feet and 4 1/2-inch casing was set at 4,897 feet.

STERLING COUNTY
Texaco No. 1 E. B. Cope "B" is a new well in the Conger, Southwest (Pennsylvanian) field of Sterling County, 17 miles southwest of Sterling City.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 324 barrels of 48-gravity oil and 62 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 2,345-1.

Completion was through a 19/64-inch choke and perforations from 7,860 to 8,206 feet after 6,000 gallons of acid and 66,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

Location is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 1, block 2, EL&RR survey.

ECTOR OILERS
Amoco Production Co. No. 3 David Fasken "BG" is a new well in the Fasken, South (Atoka) field of Ector County, eight miles northeast of Odessa.

The fourth well in the field, it finished for a daily pumping potential of 18 barrels of 41.6-gravity oil and five barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 278-1.

Completion was through perforations from 10,252 to 10,502 feet after 12,000 gallons of acid and 100,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

The well, one location southeast of other Atoka production, is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 35, block 41, T-1-N, G&MMB&A survey.

THE Circle Bar, East (Wichita-Albany) field of Ector County gained its second well with completion of Viking Energy Corp. of Odessa No. 1 Fasken, 11 miles north of Odessa.

Completion was through perforations from 7,680 to 7,900 feet after 7,750 gallons of acid and 40,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

The project had been reported earlier as being plugged and abandoned at 8,130 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 32, block 41, T-1-N, G&MMB&A survey.

YOAKUM WELL
Energy Reserves Group, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Henard, former San Andres well in the Branahay field of Yoakum County, has been completed in the Read (Wolfcamp) field.

The well, five miles west of Plains, finished for a daily pumping potential of 46 barrels of 39.6-gravity oil and 11 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 700-1.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 394, block D, J. H. Gibson survey.

Lawrence finals Crockett discovery

C. F. Lawrence & Associates, Inc., of Midland No. 2 Black Oak (amended from No. 2 Live Oak) has been completed as an unidentified oil discovery 30 miles west of Ozona in Crockett County.

The strike, 5/8 mile south of the four-well Hoover field, finished for a 24-hour pumping potential of 14 barrels of 30-gravity oil, through perforations from 1,918 to 1,950 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid and 10,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

The Yates was topped at 820 feet, the Queen at 1,150 feet, the Grayburg at 1,480 feet and the San Andres at 1,786 feet.

Total depth is 1,988 feet, 4 1/2-inch casing is set on bottom and plugged back depth is 1,965 feet.

Location is 660 feet from northwest and northeast lines of section 7, Jose Bunigas survey, abstract 1032.

BIG WARD WELL
Texaco Inc. No. 2 State of Texas "FW" is a new well in the War-Wink, South (Wolfcamp) field of Ward County, seven miles northwest of Pyote.

It finished for a daily flowing potential of 713 barrels of 39.5-gravity oil and 57 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 972-1.

Completion was through a 26/64-inch choke and perforations from 11,184 to 11,878 feet after a 14,000-gallon acid treatment.

Total depth is 12,075 feet, 5-inch liner is set at 12,075 feet and plugged back depth is 11,915 feet.

Location is 933 feet from north and 1,320 feet from west lines of section 14, block 18, University Lands survey.

MITCHELL PRODUCER
Sun Oil Co. No. 1 J. O. Dockrey Jr. is a new well in the Jamesson, North (Odom) field of Mitchell County, four miles north of Silver.

It potential on the pump for five

barrels of 47-gravity oil and 211 barrels of water, with a gas-oil ratio of 1,000-1.

Completion was through perforations from 6,916 to 6,922 feet after 1,000 gallons of acid.

Total depth is 7,342 feet, 5 1/2-inch casing is set on bottom and plugged back depth is 7,300 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from north and 3,135 feet from east lines of section 228, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

WINKLER COUNTY
Amoco Production Co. No. 52 Sealy-Smith "A" is a new well in the Monahans, East (lower Pennsylvanian) pool of Winkler County, 12 miles east of Wink.

It finished for a daily pumping potential of 20 barrels of 42-gravity oil and three barrels of water, through perforations from 8,355 to 9,058 feet after a 29,000-gallon acid treatment.

The gas-oil ratio is 5,340-1. Total depth is 9,250 feet, 5 1/2-inch pipe is set at 9,247 feet and plugged back depth is 9,175 feet.

Location is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 48, block A, G&MMB&A survey.

FISHER PRODUCERS
Robert L. McCamey of Fort Worth No. 2 Don Smith is a new well in the Alkali Creek, Southwest (Flippin) field of Fisher County, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Sylvester.

The ninth well in the field, it finished for a daily pumping potential of 99 barrels of 40-gravity oil, no water, through perforations from 3,390 to 3,421 feet. Completion was natural.

Total depth is 3,533 feet, 4 1/2-inch pipe is set at 3,500 feet.

Location is 7,481 feet from south and 1,800 feet from west lines of G. W. Lawrence survey No. 330, abstract 279.

TOM GREEN WELLS
Guy A. Swartz of San Angelo No. 2 Winterbothan is a new well in the Dove Creek, East (Clear For 1975 oil) pool of Tom Green County, 110 miles west of Christoval.

It completed on the pump for four barrels of 39-gravity oil and 12 barrels of water, through perforations from 860 to 862 feet.

Well site is 330 feet from south and 400 feet from west lines of section 25-21s-H&TC survey.

TERRELL OPERATING Co. of Hamlin No.

1 Robert S. Ford "A" has been potential in the Noodle, Northwest (4100 Canyon) field of Fisher County, seven miles southeast of Sylvester.

Operator reported a daily flowing potential of 70 barrels of 40-gravity oil and 12 barrels of water, with gas-oil ratio of 1,200-1.

Completion was through a 16/64-inch choke and perforations from 4,149 to 4,274 feet after 1,500 gallons of acid and 35,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Location is 2,477 feet from south and 371 feet from west lines of section 2, block K, T&P survey.

Another new well in Fisher County is D. D. Feldman Oil & Gas of Abilene No. 1 L. Callan.

It completed as the second Strawn well in the Heather multipay field seven miles southwest of Rotan.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 60 barrels of 41-gravity oil and five barrels of water, through perforations from 6,205 to 6,240 feet after 2,000 gallons of acid and 40,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

Drilled as a wildcat, the project is bottomed at 6,440 feet and 4 1/2-inch casing is set at 6,300 feet. The plugged back depth is 6,254 feet.

Well site is one location southeast of the other Strawn well and 1,650 feet from south and 2,310 feet from east lines of section 3, block 3, H&TC survey.

GUY A. SWARTZ of San Angelo No. 2 Winterbothan is a new well in the Dove Creek, East (Clear For 1975 oil) pool of Tom Green County, 110 miles west of Christoval.

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Well site is 330 feet from south and 400 feet from west lines of section 25-21s-H&TC survey.

Official says tax suspension needed

By LEE JONES

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Suspending the state's nickel-a-gallon motor fuels tax on gasoline is essential for the birth of a Texas alcohol industry, the House Ways and Means Committee was told Wednesday.

Without the tax exemption, gasoline cannot compete for a share of the fuels market that would make alcohol production worthwhile, said Bovina farmer Ralph Roming.

He spoke in favor of a bill by Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, suspending the tax until 1990, then phasing it back in at a rate of a penny a year.

The committee sent the bill to a subcommittee for more study, and a similar action was taken by the Senate Finance Committee on the companion Senate bill.

Gasohol is a blend of 90 percent unleaded gasoline and 10 percent ethyl alcohol. It reportedly raises the octane rating of gasoline and stretches the available supply.

Kubiak said if the Legislature

doesn't grant the exemption this year, alcohol producers will build their plants in neighboring states that do have exemptions.

"If we are going to get into alcohol production, we have got to pass this measure this session. If we don't, Texas might as well forget about it. ... Unless we pass this thing this time, we are going to kill it (the potential Texas gasohol industry) because these people are going to go somewhere else," Kubiak said.

Roming said a farmers' group called Hereford Agrifuels is waiting for legislative action to determine where it will build a 35 million-gallon-a-year alcohol plant.

"If we get the exemption, we will build in Hereford. If not, we will build in Texico, N.M., where there is a 6 1/2-cent exemption," he said.

Kenneth Johnson, head of Central Texas Grain Producers Cooperative, which is contemplating an alcohol plant in Hutto, echoed Roming's view.

"A tax exemption would be the greatest single encouragement we

could get. It helps where we need it most, in the marketplace, by making gasohol more attractive to consumers, who already are buying all the gasohol on the market," Johnson said.

Gov. Bill Clements has designated gasohol tax exemption legislation as an emergency, entitling it to expedited floor action if it gets out of committee.

Congress has suspended the four cents per gallon federal motor fuels tax on gasohol.

Corn and grain sorghum are the primary feed stock for alcohol plants, but other plants also could be used, said Ray Prewett, assistant state agriculture commissioner.

He said 100 pounds of corn will yield 33 pounds of protein and 3.8 gallons of alcohol.

"The national security is at stake, and money is at stake," Prewett said.

Kubiak said there would be no revenue loss to Texas for two years because it will take that long to put the first gasohol plant into production.

Its up to Welfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary James Edwards says it's up to the government's welfare department, not its Energy Department, to help poor people facing skyrocketing fuel bills.

Edwards said Wednesday that while "this administration is certainly deeply concerned about the poor and needy, ... in the long term, the responsibility of this Department of Energy should not fall in the area of

delivery of social services."

He told the House Energy subcommittee on fossil and synthetic fuels that the Reagan administration can best serve the poor by controlling the economy, not oil prices.

But his answers drew an angry response from liberal Democrats on the panel, who claimed it illustrated a callous attitude on the part of the administration toward the poor and needy.

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El Salvador to get more aid

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, determined to make El Salvador a test of its strongly anti-communist foreign policy, is planning a big boost in economic and military aid to the civilian-military junta running the Central American country.

At the same time, the administration is urging the West European allies to support the U.S. position that the Soviets and Cubans are helping leftist guerrilla forces against the junta.

A State Department statement Wednesday emphasizing the U.S. commitment to "peaceful and democratic change in El Salvador" was designed to go beyond a reaffirmation of

American support for human rights.

It was intended also to make it easier for skeptical West Europeans — who want to be on good terms with Moscow — to back the administration's tough line by affirming that U.S. officials are committed to an evenhanded approach in El Salvador.

Allied leaders would be less likely to accept U.S. representations of Soviet influence if they believed the United States' main interest in El Salvador was having a regime subservient to Washington.

French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet may make a statement during a visit to Washington next week condemning communist intervention in El Salvador.

Sources who asked not to be identified said he

was impressed with evidence of Soviet and Cuban involvement delivered to Paris by Assistant Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

And yet, in his talks with President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., the French minister is expected to advise putting the emphasis in U.S. aid on programs that encourage social reform.

Administration officials said there was no doubt Congress would be asked to boost aid above the current level of \$73 million, which includes \$10 million in military support.

But the hike in economic assistance, one official said in an interview, could be anything from \$20 million to \$100 million over two years.

An American study group is in El Salvador

now making an assessment of the country's problems. Apart from the economic setbacks related to the civil strife, the Central American country has suffered a major failure in its coffee crops.

Sometime next week, the Reagan administration will issue a "white paper" in Haig's name attempting to document the U.S. case against the Soviets and Cubans for providing weapons and other support to Salavadoran leftists.

In El Salvador, the ruling junta and U.S. Embassy sources denied accusations by leftist leaders Thursday that 100 U.S. military advisers are in the country masterminding a counter-insurgency plan.

U.S. Embassy sources said there are 18 U.S. advisers in the country,

13 assisting pilot training for six helicopters given to El Salvador in January and five advising on "protection for the harvest."

"None are combat advisers, none leave the capital, none have ever accompanied a military patrol into the combat zone and none has ferried troops to a combat zone on a helicopter," said the embassy source, who asked not to be identified.

Ruling junta President Jose Napoleon Duarte also strongly denied the left's allegations.

"El Salvador rejects and repudiates any kind of intervention," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We are seeking Salvadoran solutions for Salvadoran problems."

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Donovan meets AFL-CIO

BAL HARBOUR, Fla. (AP) — While defending President Reagan's budget cut proposals, Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan is insisting he will do everything in his power to head off a full-scale confrontation between organized labor and the new administration.

Donovan, who was to appear before the 35-member policy-making board today, attended a luncheon Thursday sponsored by the International Longshoremen's Association and the AFL-CIO's Building Trades Council.

He declared that the administration's program "is as honest an attempt as possible to share the little pain" resulting from budget cutting.

Kirkland and the executive council went on record in opposition to the Reagan plan earlier in the day, saying it "fails

with their rank-and-file union members. Kirkland quickly retorted that the processes by which the AFL-CIO decides its policy may be more democratic than those in the administration.

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to meet the essential test of fairness and equity." Kirkland announced plans for the labor federation to join forces with a host of civil rights groups and other organizations to lobby against the budget reductions on Capitol Hill.

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Asked to comment on Reagan's statement about labor leaders occasionally failing to reflect the feeling of the membership, he replied: "That's a broad indictment. Since I don't know their exact position, I can't say. All I know is that I come from the rank-and-file area and I know they have viewed this as fair ... and that makes me optimistic."

A high-ranking AFL-CIO official, declining to be named publicly, said he wasn't surprised by Donovan's comments. "They're going to be very polite to us. They don't want a confrontation," he said.

In refusing to support Reagan, the AFL-CIO leadership said it agrees that inflation must be stemmed, "but we cannot agree with the mea-

sures the president outlined to achieve that goal."

"His proposals require more sacrifice from those who have little 'o' give more to those who already have much," the executive council said in its resolution.

The federation said that instead of a proposed 10 percent cut in individual tax rates July 1, which it claims favors those in heavier brackets, the government should enact a refundable individual tax of 20 percent of Social Security taxes.

It also said that broad-scale investment tax breaks for business is the wrong approach and should be replaced by tax cuts targeted to industries most in need of new investment capital.

Ford lost more than Chrysler

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. has reported the largest full-year loss in American corporate history — far outstripping even a record loss reported by Chrysler Corp. — but analysts say Ford is in no danger of falling into Chrysler's deep financial rut.

Ford says it fully expects to recover from the \$1.55 billion loss reported for 1980, but warns that

its success may be in the government's hands.

"Much depends on ... the U.S. government's ability to reduce inflation without bringing on massive unemployment," Ford said.

The No. 2 automaker on Thursday reported that its 1980 loss amounted to \$12.83 per share. Of that, \$316 million, or \$2.63 per share, came in the fourth quarter.

In 1979, Ford earned \$1.2 billion, or \$9.75 per share, with a fourth-quarter loss of \$41 million, 35 cents per share.

"What Ford now needs most is what American needs most — a strong and confident economy," Ford Chairman Philip Caldwell and President Donald Petersen said in a statement.

Encouraged by the Reagan administration's vigorous economic plans, they said they intend to "offer the administration our strong support."

Until Thursday, Chrysler Corp.'s 1979 loss of \$1.1 billion had been the largest ever reported by a U.S.-based corporation.

But the No. 3 automaker is expected to plunge even deeper into the red when it officially reports 1980 results next week. Its loss has been

estimated at \$1.77 billion. It has been forced to seek government loan guarantees to bail itself out.

The giant General Motors Corp., largest of the Big Three automakers, reported a \$763 million loss for 1980, its first loss since 1921, and a fourth-quarter profit of \$62 million.

American Motors Corp. was expected to announce its 1980 results later today.

Losses by the Big Three are expected to exceed \$4 billion for 1980.

Harvey Heinbach, an automotive industry analyst with Merrill Lynch, said that despite the massive loss, Ford was in a much better position than Chrysler.

"Ford has good, strong overseas operations that will prevent them from becoming another Chrysler," he said.

"Ford is a low-cost producer in Europe and will make money in the long run."

Former company chief executive Henry Ford II, in Brazil to visit a plant operated by a subsidiary, warned the U.S. auto industry faces "an economic Pearl Harbor" and needs help to meet Japanese competition.

Arvid Jouppi of John Muir & Co. said: "Ford may operate at a profit in the June quarter, which will ease the short term considerably. But they have got to have financing at some point and they are interdicted by high interest rates. It is not a comfortable situation."

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