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Precarious position

Talking to reporters through a fence surrounding the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort

Madison is Kenneth Ray Sheffey. Sheffey, serving a life term for murder, told reporters

he didn't want to hurt anyone but "I'm willing to die today." See story, Page 11C.

Reagan calls bargaining sacred right

CHICAGO (AP) — President Reagan vowed today not to fight inflation at the expense of workers' "sacred right" to collective bargaining and said his firing of striking air traffic controllers was consistent with the traditional position of organized labor.

In a speech prepared for the AFL-CIO's Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Reagan also said labor opponents of his economic package "may not fully understand what we are trying to do" and that the financial community is wrongly blaming the program for the slumping stock market.

In a bid for peace with rank-and-file unionists, the president said: "I can guarantee you that this administration will not fight inflation by attacking the sacred right of American workers to negotiate their wages."

Today's appearance, following a month-long California vacation, was Reagan's first before a labor group since last month's firing of almost 12,000 air controllers and the administration's attempt to strip the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization of its bargaining authority. The carpenters union supports the controllers.

Reagan said he even led the Screen Actors Guild in its first major strike but insisted that government workers do not enjoy the same right to walk off the job.

Noting that the air controllers as federal employees were prohibited from striking, Reagan said: "We cannot as citizens pick and choose laws we will or will not obey."

He said organized labor always had opposed allowing public employees to strike.

"They were the first to point out the difference between public and private employment: that government could not close up shop, that government workers were employed by the people and the people could not give any group the right to coerce the people's elected representatives," he said.

Reagan said he has been disappointed by the reaction of organized labor and Wall Street to his budget and tax cuts.

The AFL-CIO has been in the vanguard of protest over the administration's economic policies and is planning a huge demonstration in the Washington on Sept. 19.

"One of my only regrets is that some in organized labor who opposed the recovery program may not fully understand what we are trying to do or that our program is designed to improve the well-being of all the people," Reagan said.

As for Wall Street, he said: "A short time ago they said that the big surge in the stock market was due to their optimism about our economic package. That was before it was passed. Then it was passed after a lot of work."

"Now there has been a slump and they say it's because the program is not working," he added. "Well, it isn't. It doesn't start until Oct. 1."

At a reception for Illinois Republicans on Wednesday, Reagan warned the Soviet Union to accept legitimate arms reduction or enter into "an arms race they can't win."

The United States will continue to urge the Soviets "to sit down with us in a program of realistic strategic arms reduction," Reagan said.

"But it will be the first time that we have ever sat down on our side of the table and let them know that there's a new chip on the table," Reagan said. "And that chip is: There will be legitimate arms reduction, verifiable arms reduction, or they will be in an arms race which they can't win."

Asked later, during a brief photo session with Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne, whether he was threatening Moscow with an arms race if it didn't agree to his terms, Reagan replied, "No, I just think it's one of the things that's been missing in the negotiations so far."

But Reagan said he couldn't be specific about what he meant by "verifiable arms reduction," explaining that he didn't know whether on-site inspection of missile silos would be required or whether the United States "has the technology to do it in other ways."

"But...if that's what's required, then I think that's what should be done," he said.

Speedy gas decontrol urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan must move soon to seek a speedup in decontrol of natural gas prices or he will lose the opportunity, Energy Secretary James Edwards says.

"We have a political window we can slip into between now and Jan. 1. If we don't do it then, it is going to make it more difficult because we will be heading toward the congressional elections next year," Edwards said.

President Reagan has been studying ever since he took office whether to venture into the sticky political issue of accelerating the decontrol of natural gas prices — a move critics have charged could increase homeowners' bills by as much as 63 percent.

Reagan's Cabinet Council on Natural Resources recommended last month a three-year speedup and the

lifting of controls on all natural gas on Jan. 1, 1985. Under current law, about 50 percent of gas supplies will remain under controls in 1985.

However, the president deferred making a decision, saying he wanted to confer with congressional leaders. The chairmen of the House and Senate committees that would deal with decontrol have said they do not want to take up the issue this year.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Commerce and Energy Committee, has said "deregulation will take place over my dead body."

But Edwards expressed confidence in an interview Wednesday that doubting members of Congress can be persuaded to increase gas prices.

"It is in the best interest of the country to get the government out of

the marketplace and let the market work," Edwards said. "When you convince the people on the Hill that the political fallout is not going to be bad, then I think they will come along."

The proposal recommended to Reagan would increase natural gas prices each month over the next three years by 1-36th of the difference between the price of gas now under control and the much higher price of an equivalent amount of oil.

Edwards said such a process would correct the problem in the current law, which was intended to bring natural gas up to the price level of oil but which assumed oil would be selling for \$15 a barrel in 1985. Crude oil currently sells for about \$35 a barrel.

Critics have predicted that homeowners' bills would go up 63 percent and that 3.4 million jobs would be lost over the next four years in industries dependent on natural gas if the administration is successful in speeding up decontrol.

Edwards said DOE studies don't predict impacts anywhere near that great. In a report released Friday, the department projected increases of 30 percent in the first year of accelerated decontrol but said gas prices would actually be 10 percent lower in 1985.

That would occur, the report said, because higher prices now would stimulate increased production and larger supplies of natural gas would work to moderate future price increases.

Reports concentrate on oil, expenditures

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — New U.S. intelligence information shows that Soviet oil production is booming but that growing military expenditures are a drag on the rest of Russia's economy.

At the same time, according to congressional testimony released Wednesday, the Chinese are lagging in oil production but are putting civilian needs ahead of military spending.

The testimony was given by officials of the Defense Intelligence Agency at a July 8 closed session of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee's international trade subcommittee.

The DIA officials said the Soviet leadership "has apparently opted for further growth in military strength as the standard of living of the population stagnates and even declines in some areas."

They said "continued growth in energy production is one of the few bright prospects in the Soviet economic future."

The intelligence officials said Soviet oil production is expected to continue to experience slow growth until about 1985 and then level off. The Soviet Union has an estimated 80 billion to 85 billion barrels of accessible oil reserves, compared with an estimate of 75 billion barrels made in 1977, they said.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., the subcommittee chairman, said, "The Soviet Union is not running out of oil, contrary to earlier predictions from within the intelligence community."

Testifying for the intelligence agency were its deputy director, Maj. Gen. Richard X. Larkin, and its vice director for foreign intelligence, Edward M. Collins.

They said China's oil industry "is antiquated, poorly managed, and presently incapable of increasing production to levels necessary to support demands at home and export contracts."

Any significant improvement is probably five to 10 years away, they said in a statement submitted to the committee.

The officials said Chinese leaders "have recognized there are no easy solutions to their (economic) problems and that the civilian sectors have precedence over the military."

"It can be expected that, given the limited resources and competing demands throughout the Chinese economy, military modernization will be a long and slow process," the statement said.

The defense officials said the Soviets spent \$175 billion on military activities last year, compared with \$115 billion spent by the United States. They said less than 1 percent of the Soviet spending was due to increased costs brought about by the Red Army intervention in Afghanistan.

They said figures available to them indicated that military spending might increase as much as 10 percent each year for the next five years while spending on factories, machinery and equipment was increasing less than 20 percent for the entire period.

"Other indicators of Soviet intentions also show that a continued upward trend in military spending is likely," they added. "The high priority Soviet leaders place on military power has resulted in continued increases in expansion of military production facilities even as economic growth has slowed."

Young neighbor convicted of rape

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Midland housewife, who claimed she was raped a year ago under threat of death and mutilation by a 17-year-old neighbor who apparently had learned about sex in "dirty films," convinced a Midland jury of her version of the alleged offense.

The five-woman, seven-man jury deliberated only 70 minutes Wednesday afternoon in the 218th State District Courtroom before finding Walter Ray Webb, now 18, guilty of aggravated rape on the night of Aug. 22-23, 1980.

The jury today was to assess punishment, which could range from five years to 99 years or life in prison.

The blond-haired victim testified in the two-day trial before Judge Vann Culp that Webb had enticed her out of her mobile home west of Midland shortly after 10 p.m. Aug. 22.

"I felt uncomfortable," she said, "because something wasn't right. He

was acting funny...suspicious" and was "stumbling" around.

The woman said that she fell down at the driveway to Webb's house, and began screaming.

"I FELL DOWN," she said under examination by Assistant District Attorney David Joers. "I made a break-away from him...He was choking me...He told me he was going to kill me if I didn't stop screaming. So I stopped."

The woman, who said she thought she was pregnant at the time, said Webb led her to a field near his horse pen, and while the dogs were barking, told her to remove her clothes. She did.

The woman, who appeared unruffled and detached on the witness stand, said Webb loosened his britches.

The woman testified that Webb then attempted to rape her.

"He tried, tried, tried and got angry because he could not penetrate. He was upset because he couldn't."

She said the assailant told her to try several techniques to help him.

"THE DOGS had been barking the whole time," she testified, while several women from the Midland Rape Crisis Center sat silently and attentively in the courtroom spectators' gallery.

After laboring for a hour or so, the assailant was able to get a partial penetration, she said.

All the while, Webb was holding a folding knife at her throat and side, the victim said, and even threatened to cut off one of her breasts if she didn't cooperate.

The woman said she did the man's bidding and even invited him to bring beer over to her house when her husband wasn't at home.

"I told him that my husband was too old (31) to have sex."

The woman, who suffered multiple abrasions and scratches, said the night-time incident lasted two or three hours until they went in her trailer house about 2 a.m., while her

husband was still at work.

Once in the trailer, the woman said that her assailant effected sexual intercourse and that she feigned an orgasm.

"Why did you pretend to have an orgasm?" prosecutor Joers asked.

"Because he told me I had better. He had been watching dirty films, and he knew what it was all about, and I had better."

THE VICTIM said that she told the man "everything was fine" and that "he could come back when he wanted to, and I wouldn't report it."

After Webb had left about 5 1/2 hours after he had first assaulted her, the woman said she went to her husband's boss' house. In turn, Midland County deputy sheriffs were summoned to investigate the offense.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney Bob Freeman, the woman denied that she cried rape

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Polish Politburo, newspaper attack Solidarity's stand

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The Polish Politburo and a major Soviet newspaper attacked Solidarity on the eve of Soviet military maneuvers along Poland's northeastern border.

The Politburo, the 15-member policy-making branch of the Communist Party, criticized the independent union in a report read Wednesday to a meeting of the party's 200-member Central Committee.

The report, delivered by alternate Politburo member Jan Glowczyk, charged that the independent labor federation's campaign for worker self-management was "an instrument in the (union's) fight for economic power and ultimate political power."

"Anarchic trends" demanding "absolute autonomy for self-government...negate the role of the state and central planning," Glowczyk charged.

He accused "the anti-socialist opposition" of "conducting a ruthless, sophisticated fight intended to disintegrate the socialist system in our country by bringing about the destruction of our economy."

Glowczyk and other speakers lashed out at "street demonstrations and protest marches and strikes, set in motion by demagogic slogans." Speaker after speaker urged the party leaders to bring the union under control.

Trud, the Soviet labor newspaper, echoed the power-grabbing charges, claiming extremists in Solidarity were working "with the imperialist circles" to ruin the Polish economy, bring down the communist regime and seize power.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa in a nationally televised speech Tuesday night denied the union was trying to take over the government.

INSIDE TODAY

The meat of the issue

Agriculture Secretary John Block, pictured, is commended by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen for his actions in impounding meat from an Australian packing plant. See this and other agriculture news on Page 11A.



Weather

Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain tonight, Friday. Details on Page 2A.

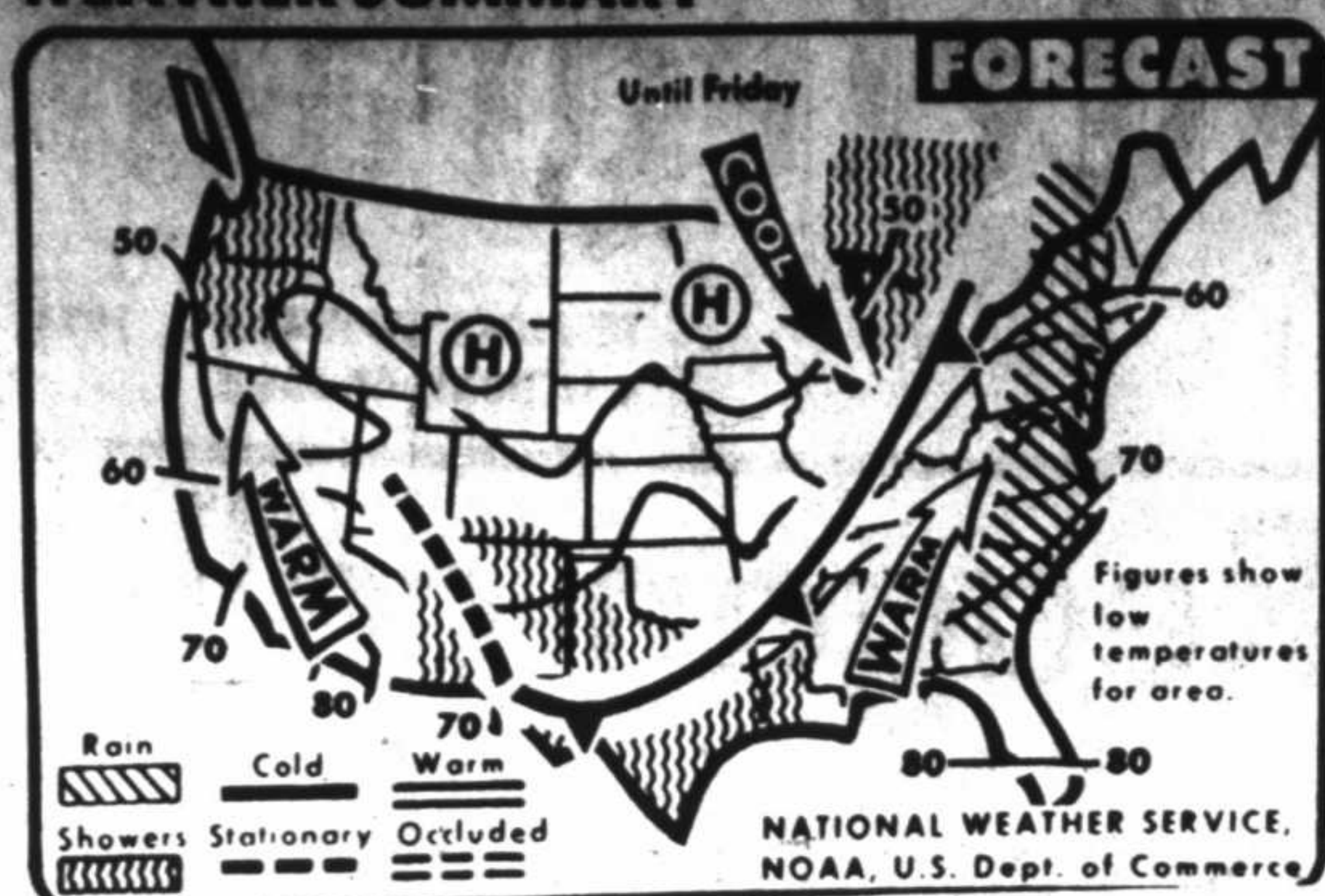
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WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers are expected for most of the country today. Cool weather is forecast for the Great Lakes area.

Midland statistics

WEATHER FORECAST	
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms tonight and Friday. Not as warm Friday. Low tonight mid-60s, high Friday low 80s. Easterly winds 10-15 mph through Friday. Chance of rain 20 per cent tonight and Friday.	
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS	
Yesterday's High	91 degrees
Overnight Low	67 degrees
Summit today	8-11 p.m.
Summit tomorrow	7-28 a.m.
Precipitation	0.00 inches
Last 24 hours	0.00 inches
This month to date	10.34 inches
1981 to date	10.34 inches
LOCAL TEMPERATURES	
6 a.m.	70
7 a.m.	70
8 a.m.	69
9 a.m.	69
10 a.m.	70
11 a.m.	71
noon	71
1 p.m.	72
2 p.m.	73
3 p.m.	74
4 p.m.	75
5 p.m.	76
6 a.m.	77

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES

Abilene	72
Albino	72
Alpine	72
Amarillo	72
El Paso	72
Fort Worth	72
Houston	72
Lubbock	72
Marfa	72
Odessa	72
Wichita Falls	72

Texas temperatures

Abilene	72
Albino	72
Alpine	72
Amarillo	72
El Paso	72
Fort Worth	72
Houston	72
Lubbock	72
Marfa	72
Odessa	72
Wichita Falls	72

Cooler temperatures expected

Slightly cooler temperatures are expected to continue through Friday, as the high should reach only the low 90s, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

The high Wednesday reached only 91 — mild compared to the record 103 degree mark for the date set in 1937. The low of 67, meanwhile, failed to challenge the record of 55 set in 1974. A chance of precipitation also is in the weather service forecast, with a probability of 20 per cent existing tonight and Friday. With a trace of rainfall recorded Wednesday by the NWS, the yearly total stands at 10.34 inches.

Winds should be easterly at 10-15

Midland widow files suit

The widow of a Midland County man who was fatally injured when he was struck by a pickup truck last June 21 has filed a \$3 million wrongful death suit in Midland's 142nd State District Court against an Odessa company.

The suit, filed by Judy Lynn Shields on behalf of herself and her two children, Christopher Lynn, 14, and Amber Leanne, 2, seeks \$3,037,980 from Memco Machine & Supply Co. Inc.

In the petition, Mrs. Shields alleges that her 31-year-old husband, Thomas E. Shields, died as a result of being struck by the pickup truck being driven by Ricki Glenn Money, an employee of Memco, in the pre-dawn hours of June 21. The petition claims negligence on the part of Money.

Shields allegedly was standing on

Citizens offer \$10,000 reward

ODESSA — Ector County citizens have offered a \$10,000 reward for information concerning the stabbing death of Carmen Melinda Croan, 18, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

Mrs. Croan's nude body, which had suffered approximately 12 stab

Morrow appointed to commission

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements on Wednesday named William C. Morrow of Midland to the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

Morrow, 46, is senior vice president

Bell Petroleum may sell securities

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The State Securities Board has granted an application by Bell Petroleum Services, Inc. of Midland to sell \$3.9 million in securities in

Texas forecasts

West Texas — Partly cloudy through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms southeast through Friday and over Panhandle tonight, spreading over remainder of West Texas by Friday. Highs lower 80s north to mid 90s south to near 100 Big Bend. Lows upper 60s north and mountains to near 70 south. Friday: Highs mid 70s north to upper 80s south and upper 90s south west.

North Texas — Flash flood watch in effect today southeast. Considerable cloudiness with rain and thunderstorms south and east today. Partly cloudy and warm north and west today. Partly cloudy tonight with scattered showers and thunderstorms over area tonight. Considerable cloudiness with showers and thunderstorms increasing Friday. Highs 80s to 90s. Lows 60s to 70s.

South Texas — Flash flood watch for most of South Central Texas today. Thunderstorms and heavy rain likely central today. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms elsewhere today. Continued cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms to night and Friday. Highs 80s and 90s. Lows 70s.

Port Arthur to Brownsville — South and southeast winds near 15 knots through Friday. Seas 4 to 6 feet. Winds and seas higher near scattered thunderstorms.

Border states forecast

Oklahoma — Clear to partly cloudy through Friday. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms north west today, most sections tonight and southeast Friday. Highs 80s to 90s. Lows upper 60s Panhandle to low 70s southeast. Highs Friday 80s to 90s.

New Mexico — Variable cloudiness north today with isolated thunderstorms. Mostly fair central and south today with scattered showers. Increasing cloudiness north tonight with scattered showers. Fair south. Partly cloudy and cooler Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs 70s mountains, 80s and 90s elsewhere. Lows 40s mountains, 50s and 60s elsewhere. Highs Friday 80s and 90s. Lows 60s and 70s.

Louisiana — Scattered thunderstorms occasionally heavy northwest today, less numerous tonight and increasing Friday. Highs 80s and 90s. Lows 60s and 70s.

Extended forecast

West Texas — Partly cloudy and mild Saturday, becoming mostly fair with a warming trend Sunday and Monday. Highs in the 70s north to 80s south except 90s Big Bend. Lows in the 60s north to 70s south. Sunday: Highs 80s and 90s. Lows 70s and 80s.

North Texas — Partly cloudy with warm afternoons and mild nights. Highest temperatures in the 80s. Lows in the 60s.

South Texas — A slight chance of mainly afternoon and early evening showers, and thunderstorms. Otherwise partly cloudy with afternoon highs in the 80s and 90s. Overnight lows in the 60s and 70s.

Young neighbor convicted of rape

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because, in Freeman's words, "You were afraid of what your husband would do to you."

Freeman noted that the woman, who testified that Webb had threatened to cut off her breast and kill her and dump her body in a pool of water, had omitted those allegations in a statement given to Sheriff's Investigator Sgt. Tommy Jones on Aug. 23 and in a 50-plus-page deposition given to Freeman last Jan. 30.

THE VICTIM said she was "upset and nervous" in recounting the rape and had neglected to mention those threats by Webb.

Under cross-examination by Freeman, the woman said that she had

told Webb that she was "sexually abused and raped" by her brothers when she was a child.

"It was more or less passed down from sister to sister," she said.

The victim also testified that she had told the reticent, Western-attired Webb, who opted not to testify in his own defense, that she had "her boy friends" and that her husband had "his girls friends."

Freeman asked the victim if she remembered flirting with Webb sometime earlier.

"Do you remember licking your lips and winking at him?"

"No," she answered.

"Did you ever giggle or laugh (during the alleged rape)?" the defense attorney asked.

"I don't think so."

IN CLOSING arguments before the jury, co-prosecutor Jim Rex noted the difficulty of the victim "to get up and tell this humiliating story before...12 strangers."

In his summation, Freeman re-emphasized some inconsistencies in the victim's account of the rape and dismissed her abrasions and superficial cuts as a by-product of making love in a field.

"I think people do things in areas like that," he said, "and maybe they do get scratched up."

Freeman suggested that the victim was a "phony" and that she had altered the story to convict her neighbor of rape.

In alluding to the victim's story inconsistencies, Freeman quoted a

saying by Abraham Lincoln: "No body's got a good enough memory to be a successful liar."

Co-defense counsel John Hyde suggested that the victim had "invented" the rape story to help convict the defendant.

"She wanted to do what she could to see that that young man's life is ruined," Hyde said.

"She's lonely. She feels neglected by her husband," Hyde said. "The alleged rape" was not a matter of force and coercion. He said the victim's account "doesn't compute, doesn't make sense."

In countering the defense's charges of story versions of the rape, prosecutor Joers reflected that the woman "didn't sit there and take notes the whole time."

Republicans tell Reagan to limit military increases

By CLIFF HAAS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of House Republicans is telling President Reagan that he must scale down military spending increases now, a year sooner than planned, to retain public support for his economic program.

In a letter made public Wednesday, GOP lawmakers representing Northeast and Midwest districts said a reduction in 1982 defense spending "is

necessary for our overall economic program to succeed and for maintaining the support of the American taxpayer."

White House officials said earlier this week that Reagan will cut \$20 billion to \$30 billion from his defense budget for 1983 and 1984 in the drive to balance the budget.

The House Republicans, however, suggested cuts of 10 percent in the proposed \$226 billion in defense budget authority for 1982.

Deputy White House press secre-

tary Larry Speakes said Wednesday that Reagan will receive, probably on Thursday, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger's recommendations on where to cut the defense budget in fiscal 1983 and 1984.

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One as the president flew from Los Angeles to Chicago, Speakes said the report would be preliminary and that Reagan would meet next week with Weinberger and budget director David A. Stockman on that topic.

In Honolulu, Weinberger told re-

porters no decisions had been made by the administration on defense reductions and predicted, "There won't be any defense cuts."

Five GOP legislators signed the letter to Reagan, but aides said they expected others to endorse it.

Reagan needed the near-unanimous support of outnumbered Republicans to win earlier tax and budget victories in the House and significant GOP defections in future budget battles could lead to defeat for the president.



Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert

Only minor injuries were reported in this two-car accident at the intersection of Wadley and Midland Drive about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Released following emergency treatment at Midland Memorial Hospital were 27-year-old Janet Larremore of 2001 Stony and 18-year-old Linda Chalcraft of 1713 Preston, drivers of the vehicles involved. Also treated and released was 6-year-old Mendi Larremore.

Redistricting begins today

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It's back to the maps and computers today as five top state officials try to come up with boundary lines for the 150 House and 31 Senate districts.

The Legislature thought it took care of the politically bloody redistricting task during this year's regular session. Those maps went out the window thanks to a Gov. Bill Clements' veto of the Senate plan and a court rejection of the House plan.

That leaves it up to the all-Democratic Legislative Redistricting Board, which was scheduled to go to work in the Capitol today.

"Hopefully, it won't take the full 60 days, but it will take a good deal of time," Speaker Bill Clayton said Wednesday.

Clements vetoed the Senate plan, complaining that it did not guarantee the election of a minority Senator from Dallas County. The plan he rejected would have paired only two senators, Dallas County Republicans Dee Travis and John Leedom.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, also a board member, has said the Senate plan was fair and constitutional. However, at the board's organizational meeting on Sunday, Hobby steered clear of saying the board would simply approve the plan that Clements rejected.

Two fleeing suspects arrested

Two suspects were arrested as they attempted to flee the scene of a house burglary Wednesday afternoon.

According to police this morning, a 20-year-old man and his 21-year-old accomplice were surprised in the act of burglarizing a car parked in a garage at 3207 Sinclair Ave. about 3:45 p.m. Officers captured the men following a foot chase.

A \$95 garage door opener, which allegedly had been taken from the car, was recovered in some nearby bushes. The suspects were expected to be formally charged later today.

In other police activity during the past 24 hours, Alton Anderwald of 1207 W. Texas Ave. said someone entered his unlocked home Wednesday morning and took numerous items, including a CB radio, sterling silverware, guns and assorted jewelry. No dollar value was placed on the items.

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Police Roundup

gained thieves a television set, stereo equipment, a watch and \$30 in change. Ernie Chuter of 4217 Siesta said the items were worth more than \$1,000. Entry was gained by prying open the front door of the house.

In a late-breaking report this morning, police were investigating a major burglary at the Union Oil of California Co., 500 N. Marlenfeld. No details were available by press time.

BIRTHS

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wayne Right, 3213 W. Ohio Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Carrasco Sanchez, 1512 S. Marshall St., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Porfirio T. Gonzalez, Route 3 Box 395, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Mark Edwards, Route 7 Box 489 Davis Road, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henry Ziegler, 4516 Wilshire Drive, a boy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Don McWilliams, 4607 W. Cuthbert Ave., a girl.

Berinda Jewell Lee, 804 S. 1 St., a

boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ysidro Morales Rodriguez Jr., 403 N. Marshall St., a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Robert Manning Jr., 4605 W. Cuthbert Ave., a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brintnall Holmes, 4501 Crenshaw, a boy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter James Petronella, County Road 132 East, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard William Ambrose, 2900 W. Illinois Ave., No. 4, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wiley Bryant, 1902 Morrison, Big Spring, a girl.

2 convicted in area paroled

AUSTIN — Two persons convicted of crimes in the Midland area have been paroled by Gov. Bill Clements on the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. Meanwhile, another person convicted in the Midland area had his parole revoked.

Ynacio Taveras-Lopez, convicted of theft over \$200 in Ector County Jan. 28, 1981, was paroled to Midland County after serving and earning one year and seven months of a two-year sentence.

Construction may begin soon on bond-funded apartments

By LANA CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Construction on two apartment complexes being funded through the Midland Housing Finance Corporation's Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue bond program could begin within two months, according to an official with that corporation's board.

Fred Kester, a member of the board and secretary of the City of Midland Housing Authority, told the latter panel on Wednesday that paperwork and the bond sale was almost complete on the two complexes.

One should close the deal this month, and the other in early October, he said.

Under this program, applications have been approved for six apartment complexes to be constructed with lower-interest money. However, the applicant must find a buyer for the tax-exempt bonds.

Kester said two other applicants have almost completed the paperwork and the last two are still working on their financial package.

The Midland corporation had set a top limit of 1,650 apartments units that would be allowed under the program. The six applications will bring 1,644 new units to the city.

Kester said two more applications are on hold until a housing feasibility study is completed. If the results show a need for more apartments, the other two applications could stand a chance to be approved.

Outlook for the Single Family Mortgage Revenue bond program under the Midland County Housing Finance Corporation isn't as bright, according to Kester. Some problems have cropped up and may keep the program from going into effect. He said that the bond counsel, Mark Tessier in New Orleans, La., has reported on

Charles Ray Smith, convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Midland County May 11, 1978, was paroled to Harris County after serving and earning six years and six months of a seven-year sentence.

Cecil Ray Moore, convicted of burglary in Ector County in 1976, had his parole revoked because of a new conviction. Moore, who is serving a 10-year sentence, had been on parole since June 29, 1979.

The city is hoping to locate the additional units of elderly housing near Hillcrest Manor, a 100-unit complex for elderly and handicapped persons.

In going over the bills and budget, Abbott noted that the budget is pegged at \$86,000 with the income expected to be \$91,000. Bulk of the budget is utility and maintenance costs.

some restrictions that will make it difficult for the program, and one involves getting investors to buy the bonds.

"The bond counsel is trying. He's got his neck stuck out for this," said Gene Abbott, chairman of the Housing Authority.

Prospects of adding more units to Hillcrest Manor also are still up in the air, the board reported. Kester said the city had listed 50 more units as the goal next year but "negotiations are still being worked out between the City Council and HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development)."

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DEATHS

Buster Latham

ANDREWS — Services for Buster Latham, 70, of Andrews, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Second Baptist Church here with burial at Andrews Cemetery.

He died Tuesday in an Andrews hospital.

Latham was born Oct. 4, 1910, in Bomarton. He married Leone Crouch Feb. 24, 1933, in Walters, Okla.

He moved to Andrews 21 years ago from Goree and worked as a park attendant for Andrews county. He was a member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Charles Latham of Wichita, Kan., and Dusty Latham of Elk City, Okla.; three daughters, Myrna Murdock of Andrews, Mrs. Buster Styles of Holiday and Mrs. Carl Rogers of Fort Stockton; nine sisters, Mrs. Edgar Higginbotham and Mrs. Charlie Holman, both of Spur, Eula Pollard of Bowie, Rita Mae Strickland and Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler, both of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Rudell Olden, Betty Lois Guymes and Mrs. Benny Parker, all of Seymour, and Mrs. Julius Kaspark of Snyder; two brothers, Adis Latham and Jimmy Aubrey Latham, both of Seymour; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Margaret E. Hull

SAN ANGELO — Services for Margaret E. Hull, 74, 1619 Roosevelt, mother of Ronald E. Hull of Midland, will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Lawnhaven Cemetery here with Charles Beal officiating. Arrangements were handled by Johnson's Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday in her home. Mrs. Hull was born Feb. 27, 1907, in Sidney, Iowa. She had lived in San Angelo for 21 years.

Other survivors include her husband, three daughters, a son, a sister, three brothers, 22 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Claude Weathers

PECOS — Services for Claude F. Weathers, 87, father of Joyce Floyd of Midland, were to be at 4 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery here, directed by Pecos Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday in a Pecos nursing home.

Weathers was born Oct. 5, 1893. He was a cowboy.

Other survivors include a sister, a brother and two grandchildren.

Actress Ann Harding dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Ann Harding, whose aristocratic portrayals spanned a 30-year stage, film and television career, has died after an illness of several months, a family spokesman said.

No services were planned for Miss Harding, 79, who died Tuesday at her Sherman Oaks home, the spokesman said.

Born in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on Aug. 17, 1902, she was the daughter of Gen. George C. Gately. She later changed her name from Anna Gately to Ann Harding when she went to New York City to take up acting after studying briefly at Bryn Mawr.

She worked as a clerk in an insurance company while moonlighting as a reader for the Famous Players-Lasky film company. Her first role was as the star of Susan Glaspell's play, "Inheritors."

Miss Harding achieved acclaim from that performance and was offered three Broadway roles, but she thought she needed more training and chose stock theater in Rhode Island, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Two years after her first New York appearance, she got a major role in "Tarnish," which ran for 248 performances. She also had a supporting role to Katherine Cornell in "The Green Hat."

She jumped to a starring role in Broadway's "Strange Fruit," then to "Thoroughbred," "A Woman Disputed" and "The Trial of Henry Dugan." Other stage roles included Shaw's "Candida" in London and "Goodbye My Fancy" on Broadway.

She made her film debut in 1929 in "Paris Bound," and played in many films afterwards.



Maya Ying Li, 21, a Yale University student from Athens, Ohio, is the architect

of the proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be erected in Washington, D.C.

Vietnam War Memorial begun

WASHINGTON (AP) — Survey stakes for the Vietnam War memorial are in place on the Mall, but the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund still needs about \$5 million to erect the monument to 57,962 Vietnam casualties.

Surveyors placed the stakes Wednesday and linked them with a pair of 200-foot-long orange ribbons extending in a V-formation toward the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Project director Robert W. Doubek said about \$2 million has been raised and that fund officials hope to complete financing through direct mail appeals, nationwide radiothons and corporate donations.

Doubek said that if the drive goes as planned, ground for the low, black granite-faced monument will be broken next February, with dedication ceremonies on Veterans Day the following November.

Designed by Maya Ying Li, a 21-year-old Yale architecture student, the monument's face will contain the names of all Americans killed in Vietnam or still listed as missing. Doubek said the engraving alone could cost \$1 million.

School plans to finance defense

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Federal and state authorities are investigating whether the local school board can pay legal defense costs for several employees indicted in an alleged scheme to defraud the federal government of school lunch funds.

"The matter has been brought to my attention and I am considering whether this constitutes a federal violation or not," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Eddie Medrano.

'Runner's high' may be due to natural pain killer

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — People who run a lot get more than exercise — sometimes they also get high. Now, doctors say, they may have found the cause of this drug-like euphoria.

The source of the elation, well-known among joggers as "runner's high," may be a natural pain killer that shows up in the blood in unusually high amounts with regular exercise, researchers say.

The findings are still speculative, but they support the idea that daily running can be addictive. Runners complain of feeling out of sorts if they miss a day of exercise, and they actually may be experiencing withdrawal symptoms, according to the researchers.

These naturally produced chemicals, called endorphins, are similar to narcotics. The brain and the pituitary gland release them and among other

things, they help the body control pain.

The new study was conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital and published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The doctors measured endorphins in seven women volunteers who did not exercise regularly. For eight weeks, they worked out an hour a day. Over this time, they built up the level of their exertion as they ran, did exercises and rode stationary bicycles.

The researchers took blood samples from the women before they started exercising and again after one hour. Levels of endorphins rose substantially each time they worked out. But the increases were most dramatic after the women had gotten into regular training.

After two months of these workouts, their endorphin levels jumped 145 percent following an hour of exercise. Then the amounts gradually returned to normal.

"The basic speculation we have to make is that our

measurement of blood is an index of something that is happening in the brain," said Dr. Daniel B. Carr, one of the researchers. "That's a very big leap, because in many ways, the brain is insulated from the blood."

If these chemicals are accumulating in the brain, he said, "it may explain in part why people don't seem to notice injuries during strenuous exercise. It might explain why people's mood improves if they do strenuous exercise regularly or they feel badly if they are used to exercise and have to stop."

Joggers frequently speak of this "high" say they feel unsettled if they don't get their daily "fix" of exercise.

"A lot of runners report it," said Dr. Lyle Michell, head of the sports medicine division at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. "It apparently comes after running 50 to 60 minutes and doing it consistently. It's a feeling of well-being and euphoria."

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Better service, please!

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. has been accumulating its share of critics lately, the most recent addition being the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber directors have complained of the telephone company's poor service to businesses, particularly noting delays in getting phone problems corrected. The biggest problem, chamber officials noted, appears to stem from the fact that there is no telephone company management complement located in the Tall City. Directors urge the phone company to locate a full set of management people here.

We couldn't agree more that Bell's telephone service to Midland leaves a lot to be desired or that dealing with the company sometimes leaves one feeling as though no one at the company really cares about complaints. After all, phone service problems sometimes drag on for months — even after repair workers have supposedly alleviated the problems.

In all fairness, though, some of the telephone company's shortcomings can be overlooked because all businesses in Midland — including The Reporter-Telegram — suffer from them; those problems are inherent in any community experiencing Midland's rapid growth.

Likewise, we recognize that Bell has taken steps aimed at expanding service in the Midland-Odessa area: increases in original budgets set for Midland from \$10 million to \$26 million over the next

18 months and from \$6 million to \$22 million for Odessa over the next two years. But those figures do not diminish our feeling that higher level management should operate in this area. They only substantiate it.

One of the irritating aspects of Southwestern Bell's poor service to Midland customers is the fact the company last June filed a request for a rate hike of \$394 million — and yet little, if any, improvement in the company's local service is being experienced by Midland residents. One reason given earlier by Bell for the location of management personnel elsewhere was to be able to keep costs, and thus rate increases, down.

The problem is by no means limited to businesses; it's likely every telephone user in Midland has experienced problems at one time or another. We don't expect all the problems to be alleviated from now on; that's too much to ask of any company. What we do expect is adequate improvement.

One way to improve would be for Southwestern Bell to assign a FULL set of management personnel to its Midland office. That way local business people and residents could have a local contact when problems occur.

A progressive city like Midland just deserves better telephone service. And what's happening in the Midland-Odessa Petroplex, growth-wise, would seem to justify whatever is required in order for Bell to provide that.

A setback suffered

Deregulation of the thrift and banking industry suffered a setback recently in Washington when a federal judge blocked the federal government's first major step toward deregulation of interest rates.

The suit was brought by the United States League of Savings and Loan Associations. The judge ruled illegal the government's plan to eliminate the interest rate ceiling on savings certificates with maturities of four years or more. He said congressional approval should have been obtained for eliminating the advantage of one-quarter percentage point that thrift institutions have been allowed to have over commercial banks in the interest rates they pay on savings deposits.

The setback is unfortunate. Deregulation is bound to come.

The attempt to keep ceilings on interest rates that banks and savings institutions may pay for de-

posits can only buy time for the troubled savings and loans. It will not correct their problems, which are caused primarily by the ceilings and the attempt to shelter these institutions from the effects of the free market.

Money will continue to move out of the banks and savings institutions as long as they fail to pay competitive interest rates. With interest rates now close to record highs in this country, it is impossible to retain deposits at artificially low rates of interest.

Leaders in the industry should be helping to make deregulation work, and to expedite the process, instead of trying to delay it.

BIBLE VERSE

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Dan. 12:2



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ray Donovan's claim has a familiar ring

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Ray Donovan's recent claim that he lacks the legal authority to seek removal of Roy Williams as Teamsters Union president has a familiar ring. It is disturbingly reminiscent of the Labor Department's action — or, more precisely, inaction — in a similar case six years ago.



Jack Anderson

That one involved a corrupt union, Laborers International, with links to organized crime. The union's Southeast Florida District Council president, Bernard G. Rubin, was convicted in October 1975 of embezzling \$400,000 in union funds. While he was appealing his conviction, he held onto his six union positions.

This troubled the Justice Department, which wanted to monitor the disbursement of union trust funds and sought help from the Labor Department. But Labor declined to go along, citing its "lack of authority."

It wasn't until October 1977 that Rubin was finally removed from his union posts — after the Justice Department developed evidence that he had embezzled another \$2 million in the two years he had been left in control of the trust funds, with the Labor Department's blessing.

The only authority that the Department of Labor would have needed was a court order, which was what the Department of Justice was seeking when the Department of Labor withdrew its support, a Justice Department document noted in 1978.

It is axiomatic that federal agencies wind up as captives of the interests and institutions they are supposed to be regulating, and staff members of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations have noted this discouraging pattern in the Labor Department. In its report on the department's handling of the Teamsters Central States Pension Fund, the subcommittee investigators cite the "historical institutional incapability of the Department of

Labor in dealing with labor racketeering."

The department's attitude cost Laborers Union members dearly in 1975. Records examined by my associate Tony Capaccio show that at the time the Labor Department ducked its responsibilities regarding Rubin, he was working closely with underworld leaders to bleed the union through a mobster-run insurance company.

Rubin's role in the scheme was to throw union insurance business to the Farmers National Life Insurance Co., a small Florida company controlled by the Mob. Such Mafia luminaries as Anthony "Joe Batters" Accardo of Chicago, Santo Trafficante of Florida and Raymond Patriarca of New England took their allotted slices of the kickback pie provided by Laborers Union insurance premiums.

These were paid to Farmers National and another company allegedly purchased for the Mob in June 1976 — the National American Life Insurance Co. of Louisiana.

The mobsters' front man in both insurance companies was Joseph Hauser, a veteran con artist who later turned government witness and helped convict New Orleans mafioso Carlos Marcello a few weeks ago.

At one point in 1975, Trafficante met with Rubin and Hauser and complained that Farmers National's role had to be expanded since his share of the kickbacks up to that time had amounted to "peanuts."

When Hauser bought National American Life at the mobsters' behest, incidentally, the paperwork was handled by former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and his law firm. Kleindienst insists that he thought Hauser was "a reputable businessman." He said he "absolutely, positively" did not realize the purchase was part of an elaborate Mob plot to milk the Laborers Union.

Footnote: The parallel between Rubin in 1975 and Williams in 1981 is not exact, of course. The Teamsters president has merely been indicted, not convicted, on corruption charges. But Ray Donovan's claim that he has no authority to seek Williams' ouster is specious at best.

WATCH ON WASTE: As reported

here earlier, the State Department's reluctance to throw anything away has left the Passport Office with at least 140 million passport-related documents in its files. Not only does this cost the taxpayers a bundle in storage costs each year, but now it turns out there's another problem: Because of the sheer bulk of the files, it's difficult for employees to locate individual documents when they're asked to. In 1979, for example, there were 34,000 requests for old passport records; retrieving them cost the department about \$87,000.

Foggy Bottom officials are trying to figure out a way to lick both problems — the cost of storage and the difficulty of finding anything. The process, of course, will be time-consuming and expensive.

The Agriculture Department's national finance center in New Orleans handles the accounting, budgetary, payroll and other personnel functions. As might be expected, the bulk of the work is automated. But a few years ago, department officials decided to install a new payroll-personnel computer system — and with good reason: A General Accounting Office audit concluded that the present computers were "obsolete, high-risk and inefficient." (What kind of risk was involved, the GAO investigators did not vouchsafe.) The new system was supposed to be ready to go by December 1979. But the usual delays forced a deadline revision: The new computers won't be ready until July 1983. And the cost overruns may exceed \$3.3 million, the GAO estimates, while Agriculture's 100,000-plus employees' payroll chores are still being handled by the substandard computers.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 3, the 246th day of 1981. There are 119 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Sept. 3, 1939, Britain and France declared war on Germany.

On this date: In 1791, the French Constitution was approved by the National Assembly, making France a constitutional monarchy.

In 1943, allied forces invaded Italy in World War II.

In 1962, the Katanga government accepted U.N. Secretary-General U Thant's plan for Congolese reunification.

In 1969, North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh died.

Ten years ago: An agreement on the future of Berlin was signed by representatives of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

Five years ago: The U.S. spacecraft, Viking II, made a successful landing on the surface of Mars.

One year ago: Polish coal miners began returning to work, signaling the apparent end of a two-month wave of strikes in that communist nation.

Today's birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma is 60. Actress Valerie Perrine is 38.

Thought for Today: Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run. — Mark Twain, U.S. writer (1835-1910).

LETTERS

Marxist puppets seeking power

To The Editor:

Classic Marxists' propaganda would well fit Arthur Sullivan's letter of September 16, 1981: unsubstantiated charges cover Marxist terrorist activity by association with Christianity, to make it acceptable, blame capitalism, and above all fault U.S. foreign policy.

The situation in El Salvador is complex, but to better understand one must first know the recent history of this small nation, realizing that neither side in the struggle has a lock on right and wrong. A case in point would be the counter-terrorist right wing death squad that are every bit as vicious as the Marxist terrorist. Both are deplorable.

Since 1932, El Salvador has had more than 30 governments, thus it is readily apparent that there is little traditional political stability in their culture. The current junta is headed by Jose Napoleon Duarte, one of the most devout Catholic lay people in Central America. Duarte was elected president of El Salvador in 1972, was overthrown, imprisoned, tortured and finally exiled, returning to power in 1979 in the overthrow of the oppressive Romero government. Duarte has made it clear that he favors neither left nor right and has clearly stated that he prefers a political solution to a military one.

He has proposed free elections in March 1982, has enacted a land reform program that expropriated all estates of more than 1200 acres and sub-divided this acreage into smaller tracts for the people. Banks have been nationalized with 20 of the shares going to employees and 25 percent made available to the public. All of these decisions, which the leftists had formerly called for, were bitterly denounced when brought to completion by Duarte. This action clearly exposes the real intent of the Frente Democratica Revolucionario front group and their Marxist masters. Their care is not solutions, but power.

J. Murphy Horton
Midland

Difficult decision

To The Editor:

I would like the following letter published in your "Letters to the Editor" column:

Dear Mayor Akins:

On behalf of the board, staff and clients of the Casa de Amigos, we would like to thank you and the city councilmen for your decision to include new housing construction for the elderly, handicapped and families in the city's recent application for CDBG funds.

We realize that this decision was a very difficult one because of philosophical concerns, but considering the practical situation we are facing now in Midland, we are pleased you made the decision you did.

It takes all kinds of folks to help make a city go, and at this unique time in Midland's history, we feel that your decision will be a beneficial one for all our citizens, but especially for the ones who will live in this housing.

Mary Hinkle
Casa de Amigos
Midland

Demand action

To The Editor:

The U.S. Department of the Interior is not telling the truth about oil discoveries on Alaska's North Slope.

Charges have been made that there are at least two other huge oil fields on the Alaskan North Slope besides the Prudhoe Bay discovery, but the Interior Department denied the charge.

Recently Atlantic-Richfield Co. says that there is an oil field just west of Prudhoe Bay called Kuparuk River — which is equal in size to Prudhoe Bay. This announcement contradicts the Interior Department's claim that there are no other oil fields in that area.

It's high time we let our representatives know what is going on. We need to strongly encourage them to develop the oil fields mentioned. We shouldn't be continually misled by our government into thinking that we are in an energy crisis. It's up to you; it's your country. Phone or write your representatives now and demand action.

R. Neumann
Tyler

GEORGE F. WILL

Shovels — and water — won West, remain its lifeblood

DENVER, Colo. — Seen from the air, the West seems virtually empty. But the perfect circles of dazzling green, like cut emeralds in sand, produced by huge circular irrigation sprinklers, suggest how much emptier the West would be but for irrigation. Parts of the West, urban and rural, including the High Plains, may be, in a sense, overpopulated, considering the problem of organizing sufficient water.



George F. Will

In a fascinating new book, "A River No More," Philip Fradkin explains that the Colorado River, which is "the Nile of America" in its role as "unifying source of life in the West," is at the core of a "complex plumbing system" that sustains an "oasis civilization" that will wither if (actually, he says when) shortages come.

The Nile extends 4,000 miles and has an annual flow four times that of the Colorado, which extends just 1,700 miles and has a flow equivalent to that of the Delaware. But even more than the Nile, the Colorado is a prodigy of life-giving.

It has the warmest water, highest evaporation rate, and biggest silt and

salinity ("hardness" — the accumulation of dissolved minerals) problem of any American river. The salinity increases 17-fold between the headwaters in Colorado and Wyoming and the Mexican border.

For 20 years, not a drop of the Colorado has reached the river's natural outlet in the Gulf of California. Similarly, the Gila River, which used to join the Colorado at Yuma, Arizona, now falls short by about half of its former 600-mile length.

The river that sustains the West sustains, above all else, the artifact at the center of American civilization: the hamburger. Ask not for whom the river toils. It toils for cattle.

In the upper Colorado basin, 60 percent of the land is federally owned; in the lower basin, 52 percent. In Nevada (86 percent), federal holdings are twice the size of New York. In California, they are eight times the size of Massachusetts. In Utah, they are the size of Florida. And nearly 250 million of the 350 million federal acres — an area larger than the Atlantic seaboard states — are administered for grazing.

Since 1950, irrigated acreage in the High Plains has septupled as the region, responding to postwar America's ravenousness regarding red meat, has become the principal supplier of feed grains and feedlot cattle. Livestock feed is raised on 88 percent of the 1.6 million irrigated acres in the upper basin. Of 99 million acres in

the lower basin, 82 million are rangeland or pasture.

In 1975, irrigated agriculture — principally alfalfa — consumed 7.5 million acre-feet of water in the Colorado River basin. Evaporation took 2.3 million and industrial uses (including power plants and mining) took just 630,000. Newsweek reports that if you count (and you should) the water that irrigated the grain that was fed to the steer, the steak on your plate may have required 3,500 gallons of water. The water needed to produce a 1,000-pound steer would float a destroyer.

Out here, where a bumper sticker says "Support Beef — Run Over a Chicken," cattlemen face hard times. Prices, and concern about health hazards from fatty red meat, are causing consumers to consume more chicken, pork and fish. Since the peak year of 1976, beef consumption has fallen from 95.7 to 78.3 pounds per person annually.

Conservative ideology and Western regional loyalties are in entertaining tension in the Reagan administration, so it is unlikely that beef will be made less competitive by the government imposing the principle of "full-cost recovery" on water users.

Nine of the 11 Western states have population densities much lower than Maine, the least dense state east of the Mississippi. But for the first time in 50 years, most of the West's population growth is happening out-

side California. It is happening within the Colorado River basin, and most of the West's population now is directly dependent on that river.

As Fradkin says, the West was not won by the six-gun but by shovels — shovels that moved dirt so that water could be moved. The federal government, much reviled in the West, has been skillfully milked by the West for the reclamation projects on which the region has depended.

As Bernard DeVoto once wrote, the attitude toward the federal government has been "get out and give us more money." But there are limits — and they may be near — to what even well-funded ingenuity can do to multiply the usefulness of scarce water.

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the small society



Oilmen to sink 10 wildcats in the Basin

Texas oilmen plan ten new wildcat wells for the Permian Basin region.

CROCKETT WILDCAT

Harrison Interest Ltd., Houston, will drill the No. 26 University Lands 8-33, a 10,000-foot wildcat in Crockett County, 21 miles west of Ozona.

Location is 660 feet from the south, and west line of section 8, block 33, University Lands survey.

FISHER PAIR

Stroube Exploration Inc., Abilene, will drill two 5,200-foot wildcats, the numbers 6A and 7A Fields, six miles southwest of Noodle.

The stake for 6A is set 3,175 feet from the south, and 1,700 feet from the west line of section 1, block K, T&PRR survey. The 7A location is 2,575 feet from the south, and 2,750 feet from the west line of the same section.

The 6A drillsite is 1/4 mile northeast of the Texaco No. 1 Fields, abandoned July 6, 1954 at 5,712 feet; and 3/8 mile northwest of the Fletcher No. 1 Fileds, drilled to 4,295 feet and abandoned April 12, 1957.

The 7A site is 1/2 mile northwest of

Cullihan's No. 1 Wagstaff, Abandoned December 31, 1951 at 5,039 feet; and 1/4 mile north-northeast of Fletcher's Fileds 1.

GAINES 'CAT

Holly Energy Inc., Dallas, will drill the wildcat No. 1 Foster to 9,700 feet, 9 miles southeast of Seminole.

The drillsite is 1 3/4 miles east-northeast of the Bass No. 1 Cain, abandoned May 7, 1963 at 9,500 feet.

The location is 660 feet from the south and west lines of trace 5, league 306, Dawson County School Land survey.

GARZA VENTURES

Supron Energy, Dallas, will sink a 8,140-foot wildcat, the No. 2 Koonsman, 9 miles southwest of Justiceburg.

The drillsite is 3/5 mile southeast of Southern Union Production's No. 1 Koonsman, an 8,305-footer abandoned October 24, 1956.

The stake is set 1,980 feet from the south and west lines of section 5, block 2, T&NORR survey.

John H. Hendrix Corp., Midland,

plans to drill the No. 1 J.H. Herd, an 8,710-foot wildcat, 8 miles south-southeast of Post.

The drillsite is 1,500 feet from the south and 1,127 feet from the west line of section 15, block 2, T&NO survey.

This one will be sunk 2/3 of a mile south-southwest of the Southern Union Production No. 1 herd, abandoned September 23, 1974 at 8,685 feet.

NOLAN PROSPECT

Sentry Exploration Co., Lubbock, will sink the No. 1 Pior, a 6,300-foot wildcat, 5 miles southeast of Sweetwater.

The drillsite is 1/2 mile west of Frazier's No. 1 Pior, a 6,666-foot hole (Ellenburger at 6,218) abandoned May 10, 1964.

The location is 660 feet from the north, and 2,310 feet from the west line of section 83, block 21, T&PRR survey.

RUNNELS GAMBLE

H&S Production Inc., Bridgeport, will drill the 5,200-foot wildcat No. 1 Bishop, in extreme north-central Runnels County, 2 1/2 miles south-west of Bradshaw.

It's staked 1,000 feet from the south,

and 660 feet from the east line of section 12, G.W. Whellock survey, number 243, abstract 1,051.

The drillsite is 1/4 mile northwest of the B.C. Morrison well, the No. 1 Larkin (?), a 4,698-footer abandoned April 18, 1957.

SCURRY SEARCHER

Terra-Resources Inc., Houston, will take a chance on the wildcat No. 2 L. Williams, an 8,000-foot well to be drilled 9 miles southwest of Ira.

It will be located 3/5 of a mile southeast of the H.H. Allen et al No. 1 T.P. Allen, abandoned July 25, 1950 at 7,805 feet.

The stake is 660 feet from the north, and 1,980 feet from the west line of section 73, block 20, Havaca Navigation Co. survey.

WINKLER WILDCAT

Hillin Production Co., Odessa, will sink the 11,700-foot wildcat No. 1 Ambergly 10, 14 1/2 miles southeast of Kermit.

The site is 1 3/5 miles northwest of the Tidewater No. 1 Vest, an 11,552-foot well abandoned No. 15, 1955.

The location is 1,980 feet from the north and west lines of section 10, block B-9, PSL survey.

Nugent sees possible natural gas shortages

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent said today that Texans may run short of natural gas this winter but out-of-state users probably will have plenty of Texas gas.

"Whether or not we have curtailments depends on how cold the weather is," he told a news conference.

Nugent says he has been told by industry experts that "if there is a normal winter we may have curtailments. If it is a hard winter, we will have curtailments."

Nugent said curtailments would be caused by "tight market supplies... We will be producing less gas in 1981 than in 1980 despite the greatest exploration boom the state has ever seen."

He said that because of federal laws and policies Texas gas sold interstate is more plentiful, and many times cheaper, than gas sold within the state.

Nugent warned that by 1985 there is "the looming spectre of Texans living in the midst of rich gas fields, unable to get adequate supplies and paying artificially bloated prices for the privilege of doing without."

Nugent urged that Congress change federal law which guarantees privileged prices to interstate buyers and also guarantees privileged access to interstate buyers.

DRILLING REPORT

WILDCATS

ANDREWS COUNTY

Cities Service No. 315 North Dollar-

hide Unit, total depth 8,100 feet, ran

2,000 feet of 8 5/8 casing.

Amoco Corp. No. 1 David Fasken;

total depth 11,774 feet, plugged back

11,686 feet, flowing and testing.

Andover Oil Co. No. 1 University 1

131-37, drilling at 9,000 feet, shale and

lime.

Andover Oil Co. No. 1 University

131-36, drilling at 8,194 feet, shale and

lime.

BORDEN COUNTY

Getty Oil No. 1 Clayton Ranch;

flowing.

COKE COUNTY

Cities Service No. 1 McCabe "A";

total depth 11,774 feet, plugged back

6,442 feet, ran 3,519 feet of 5 1/2 cas-

ing.

DAWSON COUNTY

Cities Service No. 1410 South Welch

Unit, total depth 1,155 feet red bed,

waiting on repairs.

ECTOR COUNTY

Cities Service No. 445 Rhodes Cow-

den Unit, total depth 4,377 feet,

plugged back 4,280 feet, ran 4,006 feet

of 7 inch casing.

Amoco Production No. 1 David

Fasken "B", total depth 10,900 feet,

plugged back 10,470 feet, waiting on

pumping equipment.

EDDY COUNTY

Mayhew Energy Corp. No. 89 Bel-

more, updated on September 1.

Cities Service No. 1 Federal 2, total

depth 10,440 feet, plugged back 9,610

feet, ran 10,100 feet of 5 1/2 casing.

Cities Service No. 1 Government

"A", total depth 11,273 feet, ran 11,273

feet of 5 1/2 casing, laying down drill

pipe.

Getty Oil No. 1-11 Salt Draw, drill-

ing at 1,180 feet.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 State IT, total

depth 11,623, plugged back 12,345 feet,

preparing to circulate mud.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Federal Commis-

sion AD, total depth 12,140 feet,

rigged for cracked collar.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 State J.B. Com-

mission, total depth 13,060 feet,

plugged back 12,345 feet, preparing to

log.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Lattin Unit,

total depth 8,400 feet, plugged back

7,240 feet, swabbing, testing swab

logs, 22 barrels of water in 27 hours.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 State CD, drill-

ing at 7,555 feet and shale.

Getty Oil No. 1 Malaga Harwood,

drilling with cable tool at 180 feet.

GARZA

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Post Montgom-

ery Estate, drilling at 4,429 feet.

L.R. French Jr. No. 3-A Double

Mountains, drilling at 5,905 feet, wolf-

camp.

GAINES COUNTY

Cities Service No. 1212 West Semino-

le Unit, total depth 5,200 feet,

plugged back 5,155 feet, ran 5,200 feet

of 5 1/2 casing, testing.

Tomlinson Oil Co. No. 1 Moore,

updated on August 23, drilling at 4,065

feet.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

Adams Exploration Co. No. 1

Grigby, total depth 8,400, waiting on

completion unit.

David Oil Co. No. 1 Lois Blalock,

flowing at 1,000 MCF per day, up 2000

feet on August 28, drilling at 12,040

feet, produced 400 barrels of 80%

condensate in 22 hours.

HOWARD COUNTY

Conoco No. 1 TXL "32", total

depth 3,821 feet, drilling in the clear-

fork.

KENT COUNTY

Energy Reserves Group No. 1-A

Sweet, drilling at 3,155 feet, shale and

lime.

LEA COUNTY

Getty Oil No. 1 Federal "15",

treated perforation, swabbing.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 State FR, total

depth 12,000, plugged back 11,500 feet,

flowing and testing.

Amoco Prod. No. 1-9 State IS, total

depth 5,500, plugged back 2700 feet,

testing, pumped 6 barrels of oil and 674

barrels of water in 27 hours.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Perro Grande

Unit, total depth 15,935 feet, circulating

at 5,285 feet.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Federal CH,

drilling at 4,006 feet, anhydrite.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 El Alto Grande,

updated on August 28, drilling at 57

feet with a cable tool.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 State H.S., total

depth 13,745 feet, plugged back 13,094

WILDCATS

feet, shut in.

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Federal AF

commission, total depth 12,820 feet,

plugged back 9,415 feet.

Getty Oil No. 1-32 Tri-State well;

total depth 15,777 feet, swabbing.

Getty Oil No. 2 State AP, drilling at

7,528 feet.

Getty Oil No. 1-28 Getty-State; total

depth 16,225 feet, perforated, flowing.

Getty Oil No. 1 Billberry 4 Federal

Commission; drilling at 8,500 feet.

Mesa Petroleum Company No. 1

Jackson Unit, total depth 14,361 feet,

drilling at 45 minutes per foot.

LOVING COUNTY

Amoco Prod. No. 1 Bowditch Estate;

total depth 14,719 feet, circulating.

GLW Corp. No. 1 Sharp Nose;

drilling at 4,100 feet, anhydrite and

dolomite.

Getty Oil No. 1 Wilder 36-76; total

depth 22,000 feet, perforated, set pack-

er, ran in hole with completion tub-

ing.

Getty Oil Co. No. 25-76 #1 Madden;

drilling at 16,353 feet.

LOVING COUNTY

Getty Oil Co. No. 25-76 Madera,

drilling at 13,026 feet, testing.

Getty Oil Co. No. 1 Lindeman 7-38;

total depth 17,190, ran and set 5 inch

line to 17,000 feet, waiting on com-

pletion.

Getty Oil Co. No. 2 Tom Lineberry;

total depth 15,900 feet, circulating and

conditioning.

Getty Oil Co. No. 12-26-1 Glen

Brumson, finished running tubing,

testing tubing, set packer, pulling out

of hole.

American Quasar Petroleum No. 1

Vest, drilling at 17,618 feet, condition-

ing hole for logs.

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Joe B.

Rieger, drilling at 5,900 feet.

MIDLAND COUNTY

Dorchester Exploration No. 1

Bradford G-26, total depth 12,377 feet,

tripped for cracked collar.

MITCHELL COUNTY

Amoco Production Co. No. 1 Sule

Snyder Rankin, total depth, 8,650 feet,

plugged back 8,400 feet, prepped

to swab.

PECOS COUNTY

GLW Corp. No. 1 Satana, shut in

waiting on plug back work.

John L. Cox No. 1 Yeager, drilling

at 5,385 feet.

Estorff Producing Corp. No. 14-1

Estorff, drilling at 5,385 feet.

Getty Oil Co. No. 1 P.T. Hudgins,

total depth 16,324 feet, perforated and

set packer.

Getty Oil Co. No. 1 Manzanilla "17",

total depth 13,240 feet, set retainer,

mix and pumped spacers, plugged and

cemented, pulled out of retainers,

waiting on completion, tested squeeze,

drilled retainers, set cement and cir-

culation.

VAL VERDE COUNTY

Cities Service No. 1 Oberkhanz,

total depth is 8,407 feet in sand and

shale, ran 9 3/8 inch casing at 5,141

feet.

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Five discoveries finalized in Texas, N.M.

Ike Lovelady has found new oil in Sutton County. An abandoned Lea County, New Mexico well has been re-entered and finalized as a Strawn gas discovery.

SUTTON DISCOVERY

Ike Lovelady Inc., Midland, has completed the No. 5 West as a Strawn oil discovery, in Sutton County, 20 miles southeast of Sonora.

The well flowed 162 barrels of 33.8 gravity oil per day through a 32/64-inch choke and perforations between 4,163 to 4,181 feet.

