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#### The Courtied Racqueteer

Is there love after 40? Or at least, for that matter? Such are the questions Midland tennis buffs face every week. Sunday's West Texas Life "investigates" a popular Tall City pastime.

#### Grown Up Doll Lover

Whatever happened to the little girl whose greatest joy was feeding her Raggedy Ann or dressing her Barbie doll? She grew up, that's what, but her love for dolls remains. Sunday's Lifestyle section has the story.

#### She Left a Rich Legend

A little old lady in rags once became famous for pulling a red wagon along the streets of McCamey. Her name was Pansy Carpenter. She lived in poverty, but left a rich legend. Staff columnist Ed Todd writes about her in Sunday's edition.

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A group of Midland High School students today protest a recent school board plan that will see Midland High School expanded with another gymnasium to the west of the present building. The students said they are upset about losing parking

spaces. Sophomore Diane Taylor and senior Mike Mobbs hold the protest sign for passers-by to see this morning before school. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

## Five convictions in area tax cases severe blows to protest movement

By LINDA HILL  
Staff Writer

The conviction of an Midland man on income tax charges in federal court in Midland Thursday dealt the last of a series of severe blows to the "tax protest" movement here during the past two weeks.

Midlander Richard L. Enloe was convicted on one count of supplying a false Form W-4 and one count of failure to supply required information to the IRS.

Enloe was the fifth person convicted in a two-week period by government prosecutors, including an assistant U.S. attorney and two Department of Justice criminal tax lawyers from Washington.

The jury in the Enloe case was out

about four hours, much longer than in any of the other cases, causing speculation they might have "hung."

After the court's charge to the jury, a woman juror had asked for instruction about a point the defense had raised concerning what constitutes an "allowance" on a Form W-4.

Wood had declined to elaborate on his charge.

In another blow to the tax movement, Vance Cawthon of Midland received word Thursday that his appeal to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on a similar conviction had been unsuccessful.

Cawthon was convicted in February 1978 and sentenced to a year in prison on each of three charges, with two of the sentences to run concurrently.

He had testified last week in the trial of his father, Billy D. Cawthon, who was convicted on similar charges.

VANCE CAWTHON SAID Thursday he was "disturbed" by the news about the rejection and would see about appealing his case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A number of area tax protesters had attended all the trials during the past two weeks, and some of them served as defense witnesses, saying they do not consider income tax laws constitutional or valid.

The series of trials began with a defendant who wanted an Odessa woman, who claims to be a lawyer but

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## Hospital board ponders its promises to voters

By SUSAN TOTH  
Staff Writer

Midland County Hospital District directors spent most of their meeting Thursday debating exactly what voters had been promised when the district was created last year.

The answer to the question eventually could determine whether taxes or room rates would be raised to compensate for bad debts.

The directors also officially called the election for three places on the board and let bids for a new computer system for Midland Memorial Hospital.

The discussion of election promises came up after the board approved the transfer of \$150,000 of tax money to hospital operating accounts and wrote off some \$141,000 in bad debts. Director Michael Burleson questioned the use of tax money to fund "operational deficits" when private hospitals can pay off debts, operate and return a profit to stockholders "without charging significantly higher rates."

Burleson, a physician, is a stockholder in a private hospital in Midland. "The people were asked to pay for brick and mortar and indigent care. The people who use the hospital should pay for the operating deficits," Burleson said.

About \$36,000 of the \$141,000 write-

off for the month was for indigent care.

"When you ask the taxpayers to pay for operating deficits, you lose a lot of incentive for operating efficiency. I'm not saying that's happening here, but I'm afraid of the concept," said Burleson.

Director L. Decker Dawson, however, remembered promises to the electorate differently.

"It is our philosophy that sick people in the hospital not have to pay for the bad debts they had nothing to do with. We promised the people they would pay only for the operation of the hospital."

While the question revolved around raising taxes or room rates, neither step necessarily will take place soon, Dawson pointed out.

"The hospital is in very healthy financial shape," Dawson said. A total of \$200,000 in tax money has been transferred for hospital use during the first five months of the district's operation. Some \$600,000 was budgeted for the year to fund the bad debt and indigent care, so the hospital is operating under the budgeted amount, Administrator Wayne Ulrich said.

One reason the hospital operates in the red at all is its having to fund depreciation each month, Ulrich

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## Chinese planes hit near Haiphong port

By DAVID TERRY

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — In an escalation of the week-old war, Chinese warplanes striking deep into Vietnam pounded targets near the port of Haiphong, where Soviet ships were unloading missiles and radar equipment for their Vietnamese allies, Thai intelligence sources said today.

Japanese reports said, meanwhile, that a third Vietnamese provincial capital, Ha Giang, may have fallen to the invaders, and that the Vietnamese defenders of Lang Son, a strategic crossroads town on the eastern front, apparently were under siege by Chinese ground troops.

Farther east, closer to the South China Sea coast, outnumbered Viet-

namese infantrymen were fighting fiercely today to keep three Chinese divisions from cutting off a highway and outflanking the Vietnamese forces around Lang Son.

The Japanese Embassy in Hanoi reported to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo that Chinese troops may have captured Ha Giang, capital of the central province of Ha Tuyen, Japan's Kyodo news service reported. The city is about 12 miles south of the Chinese border.

The invaders earlier this week captured Cao Bang, capital of the central province of Cao Bang, and Lao Cai, capital of Hoang Lien Son province in the west.

Kyodo quoted ministry officials as saying Chinese troops also were believed to have besieged Lang Son, a

provincial cital 80 miles north of Hanoi and 12 miles south of the border, and a key staging area for the Vietnamese defense.

If true, the report may mean that the Chinese routed Vietnamese artillery and infantry that had taken a stand in the hills just south of the village of Dong Dang, seven miles farther north from Lang Son.

Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov, in a speech today in Moscow, denounced China's "dangerous provocations ... against neighboring sovereign states" and said Peking is trying "to plunge the world into a war."

Meanwhile, Chinese aircraft struck an area northwest of Haiphong on Thursday, shortly after the Soviets ships began their deliveries.

## It's business as usual for U.S. with Chinese

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite its avowed opposition to China's invasion of Vietnam, the Carter administration is continuing business as usual with Peking.

Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal was leaving today for Peking on a journey aimed at expanding U.S.-Chinese trade.

Canceling or postponing the Blumenthal visit was never seriously considered as a means of rebuking the Chinese, according to State Department officials.

In New York, the administration is calling for a United Nations Security Council meeting on the wars raging in Indochina, but is being careful to insist that the council consider both the Chinese invasion of Vietnam and Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia, which the Chinese say prompted them to act.

In Washington, President Carter insisted to reporters Thursday that his administration has used "all of our influence" to stop the fighting in Indochina.

The symbolic impact of Blumenthal's visit is not likely to be lost in Moscow. Last summer, the administration postponed several high-level visits to the Soviet Union to show its displeasure with Soviet trials of dissidents and the arrest of two U.S. newsmen.

The Soviets have accused the administration of collusion with the Chinese in the invasion of Vietnam and will get a chance to air that view at the United Nations debate.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke told reporters Thursday the American goal in the U.N. debate will be to demonstrate an

international consensus in favor of withdrawal by both Vietnam and China. "We view the two as related," Holbrooke said.

U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, however, indicated that many U.N. members are leary of the American approach.

The majority, he said, "wants China to withdraw. There is a fear that to conduct a meeting and to link it with Vietnam's withdrawal from Cambodia ... gives international sanction to China staying in Vietnam until Vietnam withdraws from Cambodia."

Carter repeated the administration's determination not to become more directly involved in the Indochinese conflicts, at least as long as the Soviets also stay out.

## Midlander, Estes indicted

Billie Sol cited  
for fraud plots

DALLAS (AP) — More indictments have been returned against paroled West Texas con man Billie Sol Estes, this time charging that he plotted to bilk investors, operate businesses in violation of his parole and conceal assets to avoid paying income taxes.

On Thursday, a federal grand jury returned four lengthy indictments against Estes; two former associates, Raymond K. Horton and M.L. Copenhaver, and his long-time secretary, Sue Goolsby.

Estes' attorney, G. Brockett Irwin of Longview, said his client would plead innocent at his arraignment March 1.

He was convicted in 1963 of building a fortune on mortgage loans using non-existent fertilizer tanks as collateral. A similar scheme involving the financing of non-existent oilfield steam cleaners was involved in Thursday's indictments.

Thursday's indictments detail a plot to defraud four leasing companies of more than \$589,000 by financing 38 bogus steam cleaners and using a dummy corporation to sell them to another phony company. According to the indictment, the selling and purchasing companies existed only on paper — created by Estes, Horton and Copenhaver.

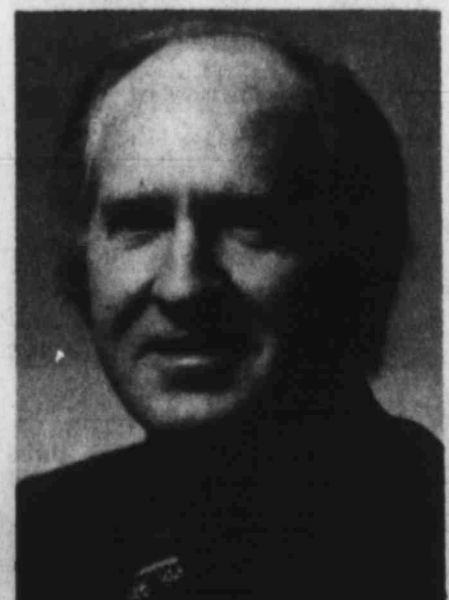
Another indictment naming only Estes and Horton alleges that the two ran firms in Horton's name that actually belonged to Estes, who, according to his parole, has been barred from self-employment or promotional activities. That indictment also charges Estes with conspiring to defraud the government of income taxes owed for 1959-1962, 1971 and 1977.

A separate indictment says Estes reported a net income of \$11,200 on 1975 income tax forms when he ac-

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Billie Sol Estes. His lawyer says he'll plead innocent.



Ray K. Horton. He's charged with defrauding leasing companies.

Jury also cites  
Oil man Horton

By LINDA HILL  
Staff Writer

Allegations that Midland oil man Ray K. Horton was involved in a scheme to defraud leasing companies of hundreds of thousands of dollars have resurfaced — this time in a federal indictment that links Billie Sol Estes to the alleged plot.

Horton already is under indictment on a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with allegations concerning purchase of 41 acres of land in Houston in 1973.

That indictment charges Horton with bilking a mortgage company of several hundred thousand dollars.

An indictment returned Thursday charges Horton and Estes, along with M.L. Copenhaver, now of Houston, plotted to defraud four leasing companies of more than \$589,000 by financing 38 bogus steam cleaners supposedly manufactured by one phony company and sold to another.

Another indictment charges Horton and Estes ran firms in Horton's name that actually belonged to Estes, in violation of Estes' parole conditions.

The allegations concerning the steam cleaners originally surfaced in August 1977, when the state attorney general's office got a temporary injunction which outlined the alleged scheme and ordered Horton not to engage in deceptive trade practices. Essentially, the attorney general's office maintained Horton had violated the Deceptive Trade Practices Act in the transactions because "in truth and in fact, no complete and working steam cleaners were manufactured, shipped or received" by the defendants.

In February 1978, Horton and the attorney general's office agreed to

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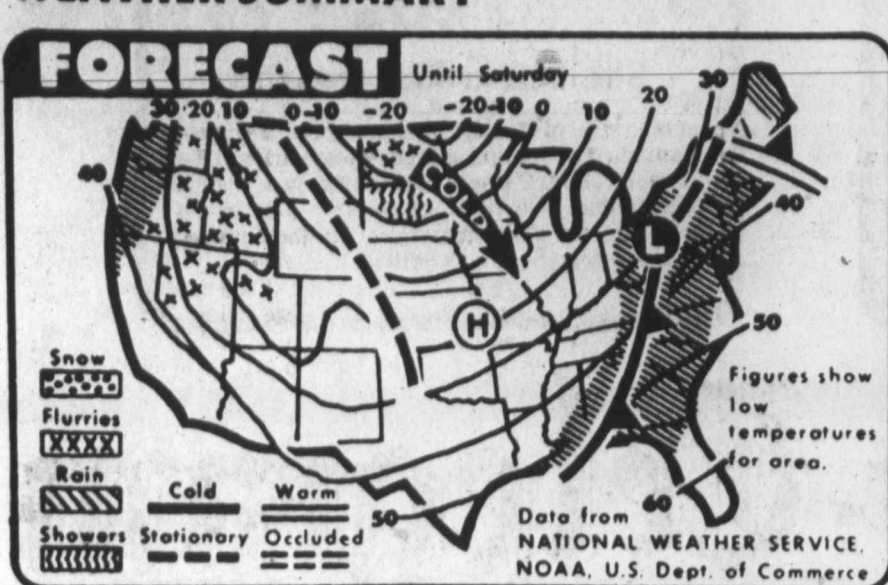
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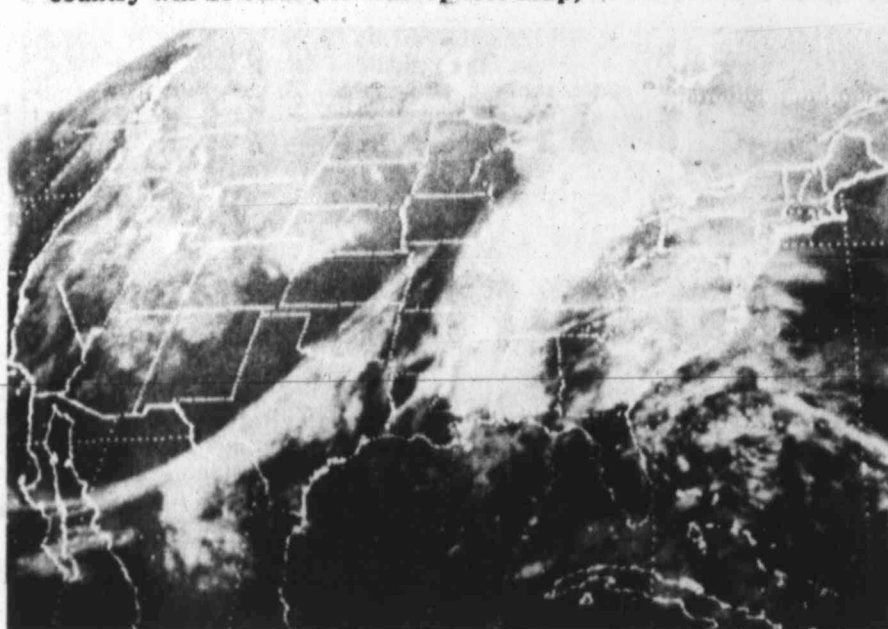
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## WEATHER SUMMARY



Rain is expected in the forecast period until Saturday morning for most of the East. Rain is forecast for the northern Pacific coast. Snow flurries are expected for the northern and central Rockies. Mild weather is forecast for the East but most of the country will be cold. (AP Laserphoto Map)



Today's satellite cloud picture shows a thick band of clouds from Lake Superior to Alabama. Thinner clouds cover the balance of the East and Rockies westward. A band of high thin clouds extend from northern Missouri to southwestern Texas. (AP Laserphoto)

## Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Partly cloudy and continued mild through Saturday. High Saturday in the mid-60s. Low tonight in the mid-40s. Winds westerly and southwesterly at 5 to 10 mph tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS: Yesterday's High: 47 degrees. Overnight Low: 35 degrees. Sunset today: 6:42 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:22 a.m. Precipitation: 0 inches. 1st 24 hours: 0.28 inch. This month to date: 0.42 inch.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES: Noon Yesterday: 45. Midland: 32. 1 p.m.: 45. 2 a.m.: 31. 3 a.m.: 35. 4 a.m.: 38. 5 a.m.: 40. 6 a.m.: 42. 7 a.m.: 44. 8 a.m.: 46. 9 a.m.: 48. 10 a.m.: 50. 11 a.m.: 52. Noon Today: 55.

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES: H L. Abilene: 79 47. Amarillo: 75 43. Austin: 75 43. Dallas: 75 43. Fort Worth: 75 43. Houston: 75 43. Lubbock: 75 43. Marfa: 75 43. Midland: 75 43. Odessa: 75 43. Pecos: 75 43. San Angelo: 75 43. Wichita Falls: 75 43.

The record high temperature reading for a Feb. 23 is 87 degrees in 1977. The record low for a Feb. 23 is 14 degrees in 1966.

## Border states forecasts

By The Associated Press

Oklahoma — Fair to partly cloudy and colder through Saturday. Highs near 60 and lows in the 40s. Winds low to mid 20s. Highs Saturday in the 40s.

New Mexico — Variable cloudiness north with increasing chance for snow northwest and south central today partly cloudy south. Moderate winds from the north. Partly cloudy later tonight and Saturday. Moderately windy again Saturday afternoon. Highs 30 to 40 mountains mostly 45 to 60 lower elevations. Lows 10 to 20 mountains 20 to 35 lower elevations.

Louisiana — Flash flood watch in effect for inland areas today. Periods of rain and occasionally heavy thunderstorms likely today and tonight, ending over most of the state Saturday. Highs mainly in the 70s. Lows upper 40s northwest to near 60 along the coast. Highs Saturday near 60 north to near 70 southeast.

## Extended forecasts

Sunday Through Tuesday

West Texas — A warming trend over the area the first of the week. A chance of showers Thursday Tuesday. Highs 60 to 70 north to 70 south by Tuesday. Lows 20 to 30 south on Sunday warming into the 30s north to 40s south by Tuesday.

## Lee High School teacher files

## candidacy for board spot

A special education teacher at Lee High School has created the first contested race in the Midland Independent School District election April 7.

Joyce Sherrod filed this morning for the Place 7 spot on the board currently held by Ann Page.

Mrs. Sherrod, who has 17 years teaching experience, has resigned her teaching position effective next year to pursue other career goals.

Her goal is "quality education for all students with parents, teachers and the community working in partnership," she said in a prepared statement.

She said she favors further study and time before a decision is made on the plan to consolidate the city's two high schools.

"I feel this proposal has needlessly split the community and would not necessarily increase educational opportunities," she said.

"An underlying problem is the board's lack of communication with the community, who has the right not only to know what decisions are being made, but to provide input before action is taken."

Mrs. Sherrod, who said she feels her experience will help balance the board, has taught for the past 13 years in Midland schools in every grade level. In addition to all-level special education certification, she holds a master's degree in language and

## The weather elsewhere

By The Associated Press

Friday

Albany: 42 22. Albuquerque: 42 22. Amarillo: 42 22. Anchorage: 42 22. Asheville: 42 22. Atlanta: 42 22. Baltimore: 42 22. Birmingham: 42 22. Boston: 42 22. Brownsville: 42 22. Buffalo: 42 22. Butte: 42 22. Charlotte: 42 22. Chicago: 42 22. Cincinnati: 42 22. Cleveland: 42 22. Columbia: 42 22. Dallas: 42 22. Denver: 42 22. Des Moines: 42 22. Detroit: 42 22. Duluth: 42 22. Fairbanks: 42 22. Hartford: 42 22. Helena: 42 22. Honolulu: 42 22. Houston: 42 22. Indianapolis: 42 22. Jackson: 42 22. Jacksonville: 42 22. Kansas City: 42 22. Las Vegas: 42 22. Little Rock: 42 22. Los Angeles: 42 22. Louisville: 42 22. Memphis: 42 22. Miami: 42 22. Milwaukee: 42 22. Minneapolis: 42 22. Mobile: 42 22. Nashville: 42 22. New Orleans: 42 22. New York: 42 22. Norfolk: 42 22. Oklahoma City: 42 22. Omaha: 42 22. Orlando: 42 22. Philadelphia: 42 22. Phoenix: 42 22. Portland: 42 22. Raleigh: 42 22. Reno: 42 22. Richmond: 42 22. Salt Lake City: 42 22. San Antonio: 42 22. San Diego: 42 22. San Francisco: 42 22. Seattle: 42 22. Spokane: 42 22. St. Louis: 42 22. St. Paul: 42 22. Tampa: 42 22. Tulsa: 42 22. Washington: 42 22. Wichita: 42 22.

HI-Previous day's high. LO-This morning's low. PRE-Precipitation for 24 hours ending 7 a.m. EST today. SKY-Sky conditions outlook for tomorrow.

## Texas thermometer

By The Associated Press

High Low Pcp. Abilene: 79 47 .00. Alice: 75 43 .00. Alpine: 75 43 .00. Amarillo: 75 43 .00. Austin: 75 43 .00. Beaumont: 75 43 .00. Brownsville: 75 43 .00. Dallas: 75 43 .00. El Paso: 75 43 .00. Fort Worth: 75 43 .00. Houston: 75 43 .00. Lubbock: 75 43 .00. Marfa: 75 43 .00. Midland: 75 43 .00. Odessa: 75 43 .00. Pecos: 75 43 .00. San Angelo: 75 43 .00. San Antonio: 75 43 .00. San Diego: 75 43 .00. San Francisco: 75 43 .00. Seattle: 75 43 .00. Spokane: 75 43 .00. St. Louis: 75 43 .00. St. Paul: 75 43 .00. Tampa: 75 43 .00. Tulsa: 75 43 .00. Washington: 75 43 .00. Wichita: 75 43 .00.

## Six arrested

## in bar melee

Five men were in City Jail early today and a sixth man was out on bond following an early morning disturbance in a Midland bar.

Several police officers were called to the aid of the first two lawmen, who arrived at Phase One, 200 N. Lee St., shortly after 12:16 a.m. today, in response to a report a man inside the bar had a gun, officials said.

James E. Turner, 24, of 508 S. Carver St. was out \$55 bond today after being charged with disorderly conduct by language, according to reports.

Other Midland men who were still in City Jail early today included a 23-year-old arrested for alleged aggravated assault and disorderly conduct by language, an 18-year-old arrested for alleged disorderly conduct by fighting, a 29-year-old and a 24-year-old arrested for allegedly refusing to comply with a lawful order, and a 44-year-old arrested for allegedly unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed premises, according to police reports.

When officers arrived on the scene, police said, an employee and several persons leaving the nightclub told them a man wearing a white shirt standing next to the pool tables had a gun.

Police said there were several men near the man who reportedly had the gun and that those men were arguing with him.

When officers reached the man, they could see a gun in his hand and he was waving it at officers, according to police reports.

At this point, police said, the officers pulled their weapons on the man, ordering him to drop the gun. The man reportedly stuck out the gun and an officer grabbed the weapon away from him. The man was handcuffed and placed under arrest, said police.

However, according to reports, while two officers were taking the arrested man outside, they momentarily were detained by several people who tried to block the door with a football machine.

Officers then pushed the machine out of the way and escorted the man to jail, reports indicated.



Photo released Thursday by the official Chinese news agency Hsinhua is said to show Chinese militiamen from the region near the Vietnamese

border who have formed a stretcher brigade to aid Chinese troops engaged in the fighting across the border in Vietnam. (AP Laserphoto)

## Tax protesters dealt severe blows

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has no law degree or certification, to represent him.

Wood ordered Rita Duke not to participate in the trial or advise her "client," Byron F. Patterson.

## Students pass resolution at ORU

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Student leaders at Oral Roberts University have passed a resolution calling for removal of all student activity funds from a bank adjacent to the ORU campus, citing a service charge hike for student checking accounts.

The student house of representatives, including 50 to 60 students, passed the resolution unanimously asking that student activity funds be withdrawn from United Bank.

The student senate passed a similar resolution 11-8 with three abstentions. ORU's administration would have to approve such action concerning the \$30 per semester activity fee paid by ORU's 3,500 students.

United Bank is headed by William R. Nash, executive committee chairman of the ORU Board of Regents.

Student leaders said the bank had hiked its service charge to \$8 on checking accounts of \$99 or less, charged on a six-week cycle.

Student government leaders took the action as a protest of the increased rates, spokesmen said.

The resolution called in part for "severing of relations with United Bank in response to student opinion."

One student senator said many students had moved their accounts to banks at Jenks, about three miles away from the campus.

## Hospital board sets date for election of directors

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## Local man also cited

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and signed a permanent injunction in which Horton was ordered to pay more than \$600,000 restitution and not to engage in deceptive trade practices.

Horton also was ordered to pay \$4,000 to the state in civil penalties under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

At the time the temporary injunction was filed, an assistant attorney general said the allegations also involved Estes and that the allegations against Estes were "similar" to those against Horton and Frank J. Fuell of Midland.

Also in August 1977, Jack Bryant, Estes' attorney, told The Reporter-Telegram Estes was employed by a division of Growth Energy Inc., one of the companies named in the injunction, with Fuell listed as president.

Bryant said Estes did consulting work for the company. "They used his brains," Bryant said at the time.

Horton, however, denied any connection with Estes, other than having given Estes a job in a firm he formerly owned when Estes was released from prison.

"Everytime anyone starts a new investigation of Billie Sol, they start investigating me — just because I only tried to help the man after he was released from prison," Horton said in 1977.

In still another legal action, one of the companies named in the state action, Growth Energy Inc., which Horton controlled, was the subject of a lengthy bankruptcy proceeding in federal court.

Horton could not be reached this morning for comment.

## Billie Sol Estes indicted by jury

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tually earned more than \$45,000.

The fourth indictment alleges that Estes and Ms. Goolsby forged the signature of Billy D. Pyron on a power of attorney agreement and numerous lease agreement guarantees that later were used to obtain a van, two electric cash registers and insurance on those items.

Pyron, a Tyler businessman, has testified he did not sign any of the documents.

## Haig warns of Turkey's turmoil

WASHINGTON (AP) — The retiring commander of U.S. military forces in Europe says economic turmoil in Turkey could have "grave consequences" for the Western world.

Gen. Alexander Haig warned that "only vigorous American leadership can assure the extraordinary multinational assistance effort required to deal with Turkey's economic distress."

Haig's comments were contained in prepared testimony given Thursday before a closed meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The text was later released.

Haig, who is retiring from the military, said "the economic plight of Turkey has deepened, portending grave consequences for the Western world if left unattended."

"Turkey's economic difficulties eclipse all other regional problems (of NATO's southeastern flank) in urgency and magnitude," Haig said.

He noted that Turkey has suffered from an inflation rate of 60 percent for the last two years and has a foreign debt of \$15 billion.

## Midland weather leveling off now

Like a sloop on smooth waters and gingerly carried a strong breeze, the weather in Midland has leveled off and is on a steady course...for the time being.

The weather is on mild bearings for Saturday, as the temperature under partly cloudy skies should peak in the mid-60s.

Nighttime temperature is expected to drop into the mid-30s.

The fare has been mild days and cool nights for most of the week in the Midland area. Thursday's high, for instance, was 67 degrees. The overnight low was 35.

The high was 20 degrees off the record high of 67 degrees for a Feb. 22 set in 1977. The record low for a Feb. 23 is 14 degrees set in 1966.

Westerly and southwesterly winds at 10 to 15 mph today are expected to diminish to 5 to 10 mph by tonight.

Rainfall so far this year is .42 inch. The normal through February is 1.15 inches.

Sunset today will be at 6:42 p.m. Sunrise Saturday will be at 7:22 a.m.

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Jupiter and two of its satellites, Io, left, and Europa as photographed by Voyager 1 from

a distance of just 12.4 million miles from the gigantic planet. (AP Laserphoto)

## Voyager gives Earthmen pictures of colossal Jupiter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Voyager 1 spacecraft has entered the realm of Jupiter and its swarm of moons, giving Earth its most detailed look ever at the colossal planet.

Scientists said Thursday that Voyager was about 7.6 million miles from Jupiter, second only to the Sun in its dominance of the solar system, and closing at about 600,000 miles a day.

On March 5, the spacecraft, laden with cameras and instruments, will soar to within 173,000 miles of the 89,000-mile diameter planet.

Everything about Jupiter is oversized. Bigger than all the other planets combined, in comparison to

Earth it looks like a grapefruit next to a child's marble.

Scientists believe Jupiter, with its brightly-colored stripes and giant red spot, is a turbulent mixture of liquids and gases around a small solid core.

Project scientists told the National Aeronautics and Space Administration briefing that nine of 10 scientific instruments on the 1,820-pound craft are working well.

Robert Parks, project manager, said there was a potential problem with the earth receiving stations. Antennas in California, Spain and Australia bring in the spacecraft signals.

In a test last month, scientists found that water from a rainstorm absorbed most of the frequency used by the prime spacecraft transmitter. If this happened during key transmission times, some valuable information could be lost, scientists said.

Another potential trouble area is the powerful radiation field surrounding Jupiter. In 1973 and 1974, two U.S. Pioneer spacecraft, the first to visit the planet, were almost disabled by surprisingly intense radiation trapped in Jupiter's powerful magnetic field.

Parks said Voyager is better designed to survive such radiation, but he added that no one knows if the radiation is even more intense five years later.

Voyager 1, launched from earth 18 months ago, will swing past Jupiter four months ahead of an identical sister ship, Voyager 2. With the gravity of Jupiter working as a kind of sling, the two craft will use the momentum of going around the planet to propel them on toward Saturn.

### Pot smuggling bill approved

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A bill making it easier to prosecute marijuana smuggling cases along the Rio Grande has won final House approval.

The bill would enable prosecutors to obtain seek indictments in a county adjacent to the one where a smuggler was arrested as long as it was in the same judicial district.

Sponsors say many smuggling cases occur in counties whose populations are so sparse that it is hard to get people to serve on grand juries. As a result, they say, marijuana smuggling cases often go to multi-county federal grand juries.

The bill returns to the Senate for approval of a House amendment that requires a defendant's consent to prosecution in another county. A defendant who did not consent would be prosecuted by the U.S. Department of Justice in federal court.

## New hikes hassle Carter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharp new increases in consumer prices, particularly beef and veal, are giving the Carter administration a new case of economic indigestion.

Some government officials said they expected the Consumer Price Index for January, due out later today, would show a startling 1 percent increase from December prices — perhaps even more.

A 1 percent monthly increase would translate to a 12 percent annual increase, but most analysts do not expect it to be that high over the course of a full year.

Most, but not all, of the latest increase is attributed to the soaring cost of beef, which is in short supply.

The National Cattleman's Association said retail beef prices jumped at least 5 percent in January because of severe winter weather, increased costs and the de-

cline in beef production. Average retail prices of choice-grade beef rose to a record \$2.06 a pound in January, up 6.6 percent from \$1.94 a pound in December. A year ago comparable prices averaged about \$1.60 a pound.

The government's producer price report for January, released earlier, showed wholesale prices of all products rising 1.3 percent. Although beef showed the biggest increase, the gains were widespread, including steel, automobiles, tobacco and gasoline.

Alfred Kahn, chief of the Carter administration's anti-inflation program, called these increases "clearly troublesome."

Besides the new price reports, the administration is faced with a suit by the AFL-CIO against President Carter's 4-month-old anti-inflation wage and price guidelines.

AFL-CIO President George Meany said in Bal Harbour, Fla., Thursday that the labor federation would go to court to have the standards declared illegal.

Meany has maintained that it is easier to enforce the 7 percent limit against wages than it is to enforce price standards, which are more complicated.

The program is described as voluntary but Meany said it is really mandatory because of sanctions threatened against companies that don't comply. And there are no laws now on the books permitting mandatory standards, he said.

The administration is counting on the guidelines to hold inflation to 7.4 percent this year. However, Data Resources Inc., a private economic consulting firm, has raised its estimate for the year from 8 percent to 9 percent.

And Federal Reserve Chairman G. William Miller told the Senate Budget Committee Thursday it would be difficult to imagine that inflation in 1979 will be significantly lower than the 9 percent recorded last year.

On the other hand, he said, "there is little evidence at present that the economy is threatened with an actual contraction of activity," meaning a recession.

Many private economists are predicting a recession at the end of the year as the administration tries to fight inflation.

A Commerce Department report Thursday showed that the gross national product — output of goods and services — grew at an annual rate of 6.4 percent in the fourth quarter, up from the 2.6 percent rate in the third quarter.

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EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — For the second time in less than two weeks, Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. has refused to call out National Guardsmen after violence marred a strike by Imperial Valley farm workers.

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## Treasury Bonds

NEW YORK (AP)—Closing Over-the-Counter U.S. Treasury Bonds for Thursday.

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## Thrift is not paying off for small saver

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP)—Thrift has been so esteemed by society that there exists hardly a person who cannot recall an adage to honor it less quickly than they can catch a penny from their pocket.

Those maxims need not be repeated — just their message, that God and thrift are synonymous, and that great blessings are bestowed on those who save their pennies. Everyone knows they grew into dollars.

The child's penny savings bank became Americana. And there exist even today great savings institutions that were founded on the nickels and dimes of workers. No coin was too small. Didn't pennies become dollars?

They did, but they usually don't anymore. If you put \$1 into a savings account last year, inflation left you with 97 cents worth of purchasing power.

Ben Franklin might have been right when he said, "A penny saved is a penny clear." It wasn't so last year. Had the dollar been spent, it might have purchased more. In postponing buying, the saver wasted.

The reason: Passbook savings at savings banks and savings and loans institutions, called thrift institutions, earned 5.25 percent last year, and they pay the same this year too. Consumer price inflation was 9 percent.

It is true that savers could have earned more than 8 percent had they agreed to leave funds on deposit for years. And more than 9 percent if they had \$10,000 to tie up for six months. But those are special cases.

The fact is that thrift, which helped supply the capital that built America, has not been paying off for many Americans, the small saver especially. Even U.S. Savings Bonds cost them dearly last year.

Adding to the losses, and to their sense of outrage, is the equally destructive practice of taxing the illusion of profit. There were no profits; inflation took them. But savers still paid taxes on interest.

Now the Carter administration is considering a change in banking regulations that might lead to some improvement. The biggest change would be to bend or break Regulation Q, little known but all-powerful.

"Q" is a Federal Reserve Board regulation setting the interest that commercial banks may pay on savings deposits. It has its equivalent at the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which regulates savings institutions.

Interest rates on savings, therefore, are not free to float to the skies, as they are on the commercial deposits made by corporations. They are set, arbitrarily. And they haven't changed since 1973.

But the marketplace has. Inflation has accelerated, and now seems likely to remain at levels once believed intolerable. And the longer it remains at those rates, the more will small savings evaporate.

There is a reason, of course, for attempting to keep consumer rates low, and it appears perfectly logical. If thrift institutions were free to compete by offering high interest on savings, for example, wouldn't they be compelled also to charge more for the money they lend?

No question, they would. And among those higher rates would be those for home mortgages. If home ownership were discouraged, it is generally felt, damage to the economy would be intolerable.

But damage to savers has also become intolerable, and the Treasury Department therefore has released proposed changes on which it agrees "there is substantial disagreement."

Among the proposals is one to permit interest rates to fluctuate on savings certificates of less than four years maturity, and eliminate them on those of more than four years.

In addition, the minimum denomination on those six-month savings certificates, now paying more than 10 percent, would be lowered from \$10,000 to \$5,000. That change would take place two years hence.

If the proposals are agreed on, will they help the smaller saver? Yes, but not too soon. The thrifty, whose savings for a rainy day help finance the country, have been out in the rain a long time.

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## Marines concerned about guardian role

WASHINGTON (AP)—The over-running of the U.S. embassy in Iran last week has raised concerns in the Marine Corps about its role as guardian of U.S. diplomatic missions.

The Iranian arrest of a wounded Marine guard, Sgt. Kenneth Kraus of Lansdale, Pa., at a civilian hospital sharpened those concerns even though Kraus was released under U.S. pressure.

Saying the proper role of the Marine security guard is a touchy and difficult issue, a veteran Marine officer said, "We are concerned about it."

Marine sources, speaking anonymously, indicated they are disturbed because the 19 guards at the Tehran embassy were only lightly armed despite an atmosphere of spreading chaos and hostility to Americans in Iran.

One source noted that the Marine guard detachments, totaling about 1,100 specially trained non-commissioned officers, are subject to rules laid down by more than 100 civilian ambassadors, "each of whom has his own ideas" about the security of their embassies.

"We have no choice in the matter," this source said.

Marine officers said the uncertainties of the security guard missions "have been bothering us for a long time."

One of the uncertainties they mentioned is whether the Marine guard is intended to discourage attacks on embassies or consulates.

"If we let this kind of thing happen, where is the deterrent value of the security guard?" questioned a Marine officer.

Another officer said the Marine security detachments "hang out on a limb."

As the situation in Iran deteriorated earlier this month, Ambassador William Sullivan reportedly asked for Marine reinforcements to stand by at a base near Iran in case they were needed in Tehran.

But a reinforced platoon of 69 Marines sent from Camp Lejeune, N.C., never got closer than the Azores because of what the Carter administration called premature disclosure of plans to stage the small force in Turkey.

It is unclear what Sullivan would have permitted the Marine reinforcements to do if they had joined the regular guard detachment.

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# Killer says he invented demons



David Berkowitz, the Son of Sam killer who terrorized New York City, smiles during an interview at Attica Prison today with reporters from The Associated Press and two newspapers. He said he killed six persons and wounded seven because of some "unknown urge to kill," but said he made up earlier stories that he was driven by demons, talking dogs and "Satanic henchmen." (AP Laserphoto)

ATTICA, N.Y. (AP) — For months he stalked a terrified city as the Son of Sam, the .44-caliber killer, eager to satisfy the bloodthirsty desires of his demanding demons and talking dogs.

Now, 1½ years after the last of his brutal attacks in which he killed six persons and wounded seven, a calm, coherent, smiling and polite David Berkowitz says he made it all up.

"I've let people step on me just once too often and now I've had enough. It's time for the truth to come out — not a story about demons, talking dogs and legions of Satan's henchmen," Berkowitz said Thursday in his first prison interview. He said it was also his last interview.

He said the demon story was invented by his "wild imagination so as to find some form of justification for my criminal acts against society."

Berkowitz said he has no substitute reason for the killings, but he added that he no longer has the urge to kill. "Whatever it is has left me. I've mellowed," he said.

Berkowitz said he granted the 66-minute interview to The Associated Press, The New York Times and Newsday after reading — with displeasure — an AP story concerning a book-movie deal about his life being put together by McGraw-Hill Inc.

The 25-year-old curly-haired killer — inmate number 78-A-1976 — said he wanted people to know the truth behind his claim he was commanded to kill by demons who spoke to him through a neighbor's dog. He said people might be discouraged from buying the book or watching the movie once they learned he had lied.

The interview in a small meeting room on the grounds of the New York State Correctional Facility at Attica was casual. Hands were shaken and a microphone was clipped to Berkowitz's gray corduroy shirt to record his remarks, then the confessed killer explained to the reporters why he had called the meeting.

Berkowitz said the book deal sounded as though "greedy vultures" — including his former lawyers and a court-appointed conservator who arranged the publishing pact — were out to make money at the expense of the families of his victims.

Under state law, profits from such books go to the victims of a crime, after expenses paid to lawyers and publishing agents. It is these expenses which Berkowitz says he is disturbed about.

Berkowitz said he wrote McGraw-Hill to protest the proposed book, saying: "I cannot stop you from publishing your 'Hollywood' book filled with all the outrageousness and absurdity that usually goes with mass killer and supernatural stories. However, I will tell you right now that I will do everything in my power to see that your multimillion dollar venture becomes a flop."

McGraw-Hill officials said they had not yet received the letter but noted that their contract was with author Lawrence Sanders, not Berkowitz.

With that said, Berkowitz spent the rest of the session posing for photographs, joking about his prison job as a porter and discussing a variety of topics. When it was over, he asked the reporters to send copies of their stories to him.

Berkowitz, who is segregated from other prisoners at Attica, said he misses only two things from the outside world: "One is visiting my family, playing with my nieces and things. And the other is driving my car. Those are the only two things I miss."

Sentenced to serve 315 years, Berkowitz will be 54 when he becomes eligible for parole. He says his only future plans are to study yoga and astral projection and "just exist until the Angel of Death greets me."

## Indiana man pleads innocent in road grader death incident

CHICAGO (AP) — An Indiana man pleaded innocent Thursday to a charge of reckless homicide in the death of a Chicago man who was killed when his car was crushed by a road grader.

Thomas Blair, 46, of Cedar Lake, Ind., came to Chicago to join the city's snow removal crews during a late January blizzard. Police say Blair drove a road grader Jan. 24 that crushed a car in which 45-year-old James Holman was a passenger.

Blair is also charged with driving while intoxicated, negligent driving and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

Police said Blair rammed his grader into 34 parked and moving cars on the South Side. The incident followed a 12-hour shift clearing city streets, authorities said.

Blair was pursued onto an expressway by owners of some of the damaged vehicles, police said, and subsequently rammed the road grader into a refuse truck.

Police said the road grader then backed up

and ran over a car, fatally injuring Holman.

Blair entered his plea before Circuit Court Judge Richard J. Fitzgerald, and a hearing was scheduled for March 1. Blair is being held in Cook County jail.

## State officials just scratching surface on trail of radium

DENVER (AP) — State health officials warn they have just scratched the surface in efforts to trace a potentially deadly trail of radium, produced in Colorado during the early 1900s and buried there and in other states at long-forgotten radioactive dump sites.

The department's investigation was broadened Thursday to include the western slope of the Rocky Mountains, the Chicago metropolitan area and several towns in Pennsylvania, said Paul Smith, regional director of radiation programs for the Environmental Protection Agency.

"The machinery is just getting into action," said Smith. "We have done considerable more literature research and alerted other areas potentially involved."

State health department investigators are also examining water tables under all 14 of the dump sites found so far in Denver and Boulder, Colo., and are trying to track down private drinking-water wells near those dumps, said Jim Montgomery, chief of the health department's radiation control section.

In addition, the department has suggested surveying both banks of the South Platte River west of Denver, into which the city's booming radium industry apparently dumped large amounts of radium between 1915 and 1927, Montgomery said.

Hundreds of tons of Colorado uranium, from which radium is produced, were shipped to a site in Chicago, which has still not been pinpointed, and to Cannonsburg and Lansdowne, Pa., during a period from 1915 to 1920.

In Colorado, there has so far been no public danger of exposure to high levels of gamma radiation, which has been associated with leukemia, said Dr. Stan Ferguson, director of the Health Department's epidemiological and disease control division.

But Ferguson said experts are completely in the dark on the effects of small doses of gamma rays and other radiation. "There are just no data that address that concern," he said.

Examinations of five employees of the Robinson Brick and Tile Co. indicated no ingested or inhaled gamma-ray contamination, said Ferguson.

It was the discovery last week of a radioactive dump under the Robinson plant that spurred the intensive health department investigation of a list of possible dumps that Montgomery said now includes more than 40 sites across the nation. Sixteen sites were eliminated as radiation sources.

Montgomery said his agency's plans include monitoring gamma rays at all confirmed sites for the next 30 days to pinpoint their strength and monitoring alpha particles produced by radon, a gas created by the molecular decomposition of radium.

In the heyday of the radium-processing industry in the early 1900s, the element was not considered hazardous. It was thought to be a medical panacea and was incorporated into a variety of products, including hypodermic needles and liquid medicines.

The National Radium Institute built a radium mill at what is now the Robinson site on a federal contract inspired by the fear that World War I would create a worldwide radium shortage, Montgomery said.

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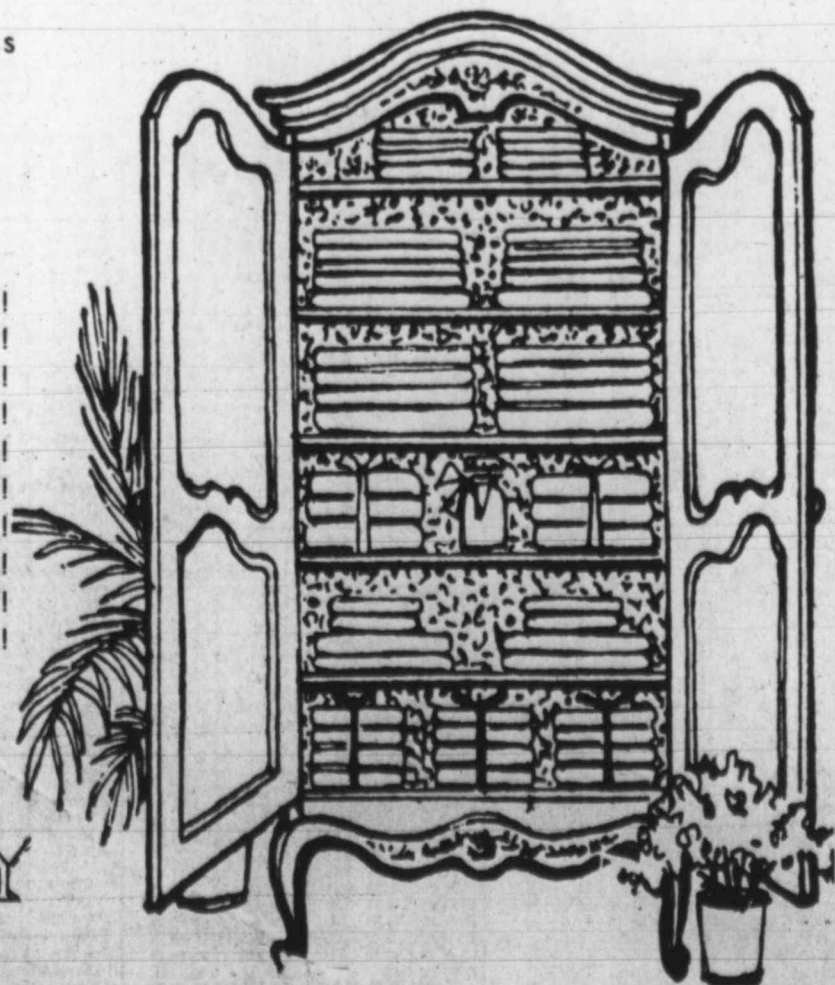
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## SECTION C

## Wolfcamp strike reports potential

A lower Wolfcamp oil discovery has been completed in Schleicher County, three miles north of Eldorado.

The strike, Regal Development, Inc., No. 3-A T. K. Jones Heirs, was finished for a 24-hour flowing potential of 726 barrels of 36-gravity oil and now water, through an 18/64-inch choke. The gas-oil ratio is 508-1.

The potential test was taken on the pay zone opposite perforations from 3,744 to 3,771 feet after a 1,000-gallon acid treatment.

The discovery is 5/8 mile northwest of Canyon gas production in the Eldorado field and three miles northwest of Wolfcamp production in the same pool.

The location is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 30, block LL, GC&SF survey.

The total depth is 6,250 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 4,148 feet. The plugged back depth is 4,106 feet.

Operator called the top of the upper Wolfcamp lime at 2,875 feet on ground elevation of 2,330.2 feet.

Other tops include the pay, at 3,744 feet; the Permo-Pennsylvanian shale at 4,747 feet; the Canyon "C" sand at 5,174 feet, and a lignite marker at 6,167 feet.

**COKE AMENDMENT**  
Fisher-Webb, Inc., of Abilene has amended a scheduled Pennsylvanian sand oil project in the Arledge (Pennsylvanian sand and Odom lime oil) pool to make it a wildcard.

The project is No. 1-C Gartman, 12 miles northwest of Robert Lee in Coke County.

It started out on a 5,400-foot contract. It now will be drilled to 7,000 feet.

Location is 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 308, block 1-A, H&TC survey.

**CRANE WELL**  
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 118 M. B. McKnight has been completed as a new well in the Running W, North (Holt) field of Crane County, 23 miles northwest of Crane.

It finished for a daily pumping potential of 70 barrels of 37.1-gravity oil and 27 barrels of water, through perforations from 3,864 to 4,000 feet.

The gas-oil ratio is 786-1. Stimulation, if any, was not reported.

Total depth is 4,035 feet. Location is 100 feet from north and 467 feet from east lines of section 9, block B-21, psi survey.

**CROCKETT WELL**  
Odessa Natural Corp. No. 1-4 Odessa and others, a project one and one-quarter miles south of the Ingham (Devonian gas) pool of Crockett County, 25 miles west of Ozona, has been completed from the Devonian.

Staked as a wildcard to 9,500 feet, it drilled to 9,050 feet and completed for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 2,050,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through Devonian perforations from 8,232 to 8,304 feet. No fluid was produced with the gas.

Operator set 5.5-inch casing at 8,442 feet and plugged back to 8,411 feet.

The pay section was acidized with 2,000 gallons.

Wellsite is 990 feet from south and 7,500 feet from east lines of section 4, block FFF, GC&SF survey, abstract 5502.

**CROSBY OILER**  
J. C. Stelzer of Post No. 1 M. T. Heinrich has been completed in the Ridge, South (Clear Fork) field of Crosby County, four miles south of Caprock.

The well was drilled 500 feet from north and 860 feet from west lines of section 16, block C-44, psi survey.

It is 1/2 mile north of other production in the field.

The well finished on the pump for 21 barrels of 24-gravity oil and 159 barrels of water per day, through perforations from 3,790 to 3,876 feet. The gas-oil ratio is too small to measure.

Total depth is 4,030 feet and 5.5-inch casing is set on bottom.

The pay section was fractured with 20,000 gallons.

Location is 2,173 feet from north and 467 feet from west lines of section 6, block 1, K. Aycock survey.

**DAWSON PRODUCER**  
Texaco Inc. No. 2 T. C. Martin has become the seventh well in the Gin (Spraberry) pool of Dawson County, five miles southwest of Lamesa.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 41 barrels of 37-gravity oil and 26 barrels of water, through perforations from 8,001 to 8,024 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 2,439-1.

The pay was acidized with 1,000 gallons and fractured with 20,000 gallons.

Hole was drilled to 8,070 feet and plugged back to 8,056 feet. Five and one-half-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

Wellsite is 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 17, block 36, T-S-N, T&P survey.

**GARZA WELL**  
Viking Energy Corp. of Odessa No. 2 Lott has been completed one location east of the re-opener and only other producer in the Teas, North (Ellenburger) field of Garza County, eight miles south of Post.

The well finished on the pump for 145 barrels of 39-gravity oil per day, from Ellenburger open hole at 8,624 feet, where 5.5-inch casing is set, and total depth of 8,636 feet.

The gas-oil ratio is 90-1. The pay section was acidized with 250 gallons.

Location is 3,536 feet from south and 467 feet from east lines of section 31, block 1, G. E. Lockhart survey.

**GAINES ACTIVITY**  
A new field area project and a new field well have been reported in Gaines County.

Shell Oil Co., operating from Midland, has staked location for a 5/8-mile northwest stepout to the discovery well of the one-well Maxey (Silurian) field.

It is four miles south of Seagraves and 1,980 feet from north and 1,300 feet from east lines of section 112, block G, WTRR survey.

Contract depth is 13,530 feet. The field discovery is Shell No. 1 Texas Commerce Bank which was completed in 1978.

The stepout is Shell No. 2 Texas Commerce Bank.

The new well is Belco Petroleum, Inc., of Midland No. 4-2 Southeast Seminole San Andres Unit, two miles southeast of Seminole in the Seminole, Southeast (San Andres) field.

The operator reported a 24-hour pumping potential of 33 barrels of 29.5-gravity oil and 35 barrels of water, through perforations from 5,276 to 5,294 feet after a 4,500-gallon acid treatment.

The gas-oil ratio is 1,364-1. Total depth is 5,485 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

The well was drilled 500 feet from north and 860 feet from west lines of section 16, block C-44, psi survey.

It is 1/2 mile north of other production in the field.



Robert J. Womack

## Womack heads show

ODESSA — Robert J. Womack, regional manager for Texas Pacific Oil Co. in Midland, Thursday night was elected president of the 1980 Permian Basin Oil Show.

He succeeds another Midlander, Lawrence H. Byrd, production manager here for Exxon Co., U.S.A. who was president of the 1978 biennial show.

Other new officers elected at the board of directors meeting held in the Odessa Country Club include Eddie Durrett of Odessa, with Durrett & Associates, vice president; Frank Ratcliff, with Hughes Tool Co. in Midland, vice president; Gene Clark, with Phillips Petroleum Co. in Odessa, vice president, and Lewis Gray of Odessa, with A-I Construction Co., Inc., secretary-treasurer.

Jay Alvey of Odessa, a vice president of the First National Bank of Odessa, was re-elected executive director of the show.

Durrett and Ratcliff served as vice presidents, as did Womack, of the 1978 show.

A native of Colorado City, Womack began his oil industry career in 1953 as a logging engineer for Lane-Wells Co. He then became production engineer in 1955 in Midland for the Hanley Co.

Womack became district engineer in 1961 for Texas Pacific in Midland and in 1962 was transferred to Dallas as director of Purchasing. He moved up to assistant production manager in Dallas the next year, and in 1966 became operations superintendent there.

The new oil show president was promoted to district superintendent of the Abilene District in 1967 and moved up to district manager of the Midland district in 1969.

He is a past member of the board of directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of the American Petroleum Institute Permian Area Advisory Committee, a member of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association and serves on the Public Affairs Committee, Regulatory Practices Committee and the Environmental Affairs Subcommittee.

Womack also is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers of AIME, the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

He is a registered professional engineer in Texas.

Womack earned his B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech University in 1953.

**DOE updates ration system**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department announced Thursday it is updating the basis of its allocation system in case gasoline shortages develop from the loss of Iranian oil production.

The department did not predict shortages, but said there was a "serious possibility that gasoline supplies will in general be inadequate to meet total demand and supplies will have to be allocated."

The department's action involves possible limits on the amounts of gasoline made available by refiners and distributors to service stations, but will not entail gasoline rationing at the pump.

The department said some refiners have indicated they might soon have to allocate gasoline instead of selling distributors all they want. This would allow a buildup of large inventories for the summer driving season.

The order, issued Thursday, activated a limited portion of the department's standby allocation plans.

**Gaines unit approved**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An application of Knox Industries Inc., Midland, to operate two oil fields in Gaines County as a unit and to start a secondary recovery program has been approved, the Texas Railroad Commission said Thursday.

The order calls for the unitization of the Robertson and Robertson, North (Clear Fork 7100) fields, for an expected recovery of an additional 680,000 barrels of oil as a result of water-flooding. Leases in the unit have produced nearly 1.3 million barrels of oil to date.

## Monsanto completes Devonian discovery

Monsanto Co., operating from Midland, has completed a Devonian gas discovery in Ward County, and wildcat operations have been announced in Reeves, Pecos, Coke and Stonewall counties.

Monsanto completed its No. 1-17-6 University as the Devonian gas strike in Ward County.

It is one location west of the Ellenburger gas discovery in the two-well Rogers (Ellenburger) field and 5.5 miles north of Pyote.

From the Devonian perforations at 12,954-12,706 feet, it completed for a calculated, absolute open flow of 3,700,000 cubic feet of gas per day, with a gas-liquid ratio of 30,800-1.

The gravity of the liquid is 50.1 degrees.

Total depth is 19,550 feet and seven and three-quarter-inch casing is set at 14,529 feet. The plugged back depth is 14,380 feet.

The pay section was acidized with 5,000 gallons.

The discovery is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 6, block 17, University Lands survey.

**REEVES WILDCAT**  
Forest Oil Co., operating from Midland, spotted location for a 4,600-foot wildcat in Reeves County, nine miles southwest of Orla.

The prospector is No. 1-A State, 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 20, block 57, T-3, T&P survey.

The drillsite is one and three-quarters miles northeast of gas production in the Marsh, South (Delaware) field.

**PECOS EXPLORER**  
General Crude Oil Co., operating from Snyder, announced location for a 7,900-foot wildcat in Pecos County, 6 miles east of Bakersfield.

The project is No. 1 White & Baker, 850 feet from north and west lines of section 89, block 194, GC&SF survey and one location south of oil production in the Walker field.

The wildcat will test for gas production.

**STONEWALL AREA**  
Coronado Minerals Co. of Houston No. 1 Baptist Foundation has been staked as a 6,200-foot wildcat in Stonewall County, 10 miles northeast of Aspermont.

The prospector is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 1, block G, Dool survey. It is one and three-quarters miles northeast of the Willford Creek (Tannehill oil) pool and separated from it by two Tannehill failures.

**COKE WILDCAT**  
Natamos North America, Inc., of Houston No. 1 Higgins is a 1,100-foot wildcat in Coke County, 12 miles southwest of Robert Lee.

The drillsite is one location west of a 6,541-foot dry hole and 2,620 feet from north and 567 feet from east lines of section 76, block Z, EL&RR survey, abstract 1686. The ground elevation is 2,301 feet.

There is no nearby production.

**PECOS WELL**  
Hunt Energy Corp. of Midland No. 2-214 McDonald State is a new well in the Putnam (Wolfcamp) field of Pecos County, eight miles south of Girvin.

Operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 9,400,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 4,652 to 4,875 feet. The pay was acidized with 3,000 gallons.

Total depth is 5,146 feet and the plugged back depth is 5,104 feet.

Location is 467 feet from north and east lines of section 124, block 11, H&GN survey.

**PECOS RE-ENTRY**  
Hytech Energy Corp. of Midland announced plans to drill a directional hole in a temporarily abandoned project in the Gomez (Ellenburger) field of Pecos County, four miles east of Fort Stockton.

Originally drilled to 23,200 feet by Hunt Energy, the project is No. 1 Sabine, with a surface location of 2,000 feet from south and 3,650 feet from west lines of section 8, block 2, Fort Stockton Irrigation Lands survey.

The bottom hole location will be 7,003 feet from south and 1,400 feet from west lines of the section. The directional hole will be bottomed at 23,000 feet.

**GLASSCOCK WELLS**  
R. K. Petroleum Corp. of Midland No. 2 Leonard is a new well in the Calvin (Dean) field of Glasscock County.

The operator reported a daily flowing potential of 50 barrels of 39.5-gravity oil and 35 barrels of water, through a 1/4-inch choke and perforations from 8,205 to 8,391 feet after 2,000 gallons of acid and 100,000 gallons of fracture solution.

The gas-oil ratio is 920-1. Total depth is 8,750 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented on bottom.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 24, block 37, T-S-S, T&P survey.

field of Glasscock County, eight miles east of Midkiff.

The operator reported a 24-hour pumping potential of 10 barrels of 39-gravity oil, through perforations from 6,306 to 6,320 feet. The gas-oil ratio is 18,200-1, and the pay was acidized with 7,500 gallons.

Total depth is 7,682 feet and 5.5-inch casing is set at 7,682 feet. The plugged back depth is 6,800 feet.

**SENATE again okays funds**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Senate has approved a \$581,682 emergency appropriation to the Texas Railroad Commission for the second time.

Senators unanimously accepted a conference committee report Thursday on the appropriation, which the commission says it needs to administer the federal Natural Gas Policy Act.

The Senate earlier approved the funds, but the appropriation went to a conference committee when the House cut the money to \$245,509.

**Foreign gas prices climb**

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Oil company sources say gasoline prices will reach a record \$2.45 a gallon here soon. That's three times the average U.S. price of 70 cents per gallon.

In Paris, gasoline already costs \$2.50 a gallon for premium.

Esso Switzerland announced Thursday a nine-cent-a-gallon increase effective Friday and other brands were expected to follow.

In Frankfurt, West Germany the price is \$1.84 a gallon. In London a gallon costs \$1.33 and in Moscow \$1.13.

In Canada gasoline costs about 76 cents a gallon.

**DRILLING REPORT**

**ANDREWS COUNTY**  
Florida Gas Exploration No. 1-A University, drilling 12,300 feet in dolomite and shale.

**CHAVES COUNTY**  
Dopey No. 1 Amoco-State, drilling 9,807 feet.

**CRANE COUNTY**  
Gulf Oil No. 1084 Waddell, drilling 8,200 feet, plugged 6,000 feet, installed blow out preventer, pulled out of hole with tubing, shut down overnight.

Gulf Oil No. 118 McKnight, drilling 4,630 feet, plugged 4,630 feet, set 5/2-inch casing at 14, initial potential pumped 70 barrels of oil and 27 barrels of water in 24 hours, perforations from 3,864 to 4,000 feet, gravity 37.1, gas-oil ratio 786-1.

Southland Royalty No. 5 Eudaly, drilling 5,923 feet, drilled out cement retainer, cleaned out to 5,923 feet, shut down overnight.

Southland Royalty No. 1-11 Gulf-Eddwards, drilling 6,300 feet in lime and sand.

**CROCKETT COUNTY**  
Gulf Oil No. 13-F University, drilling 2,625 feet.

Southland Royalty No. 1-36 Todd, drilling 1,500 feet, waiting on completion unit.

Southland Royalty No. 4-47 Todd, drilling 1,637 feet, waiting on tank battery and heating.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-44 Ingham, drilling 780 feet.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-47 Ingham, drilling 4,634 feet, moving out rig, moving in pulling unit.

International Oil and Gas No. 1-47 Ingham, drilling 10,542 feet, swabbed 60 barrels acid water with no show of gas, perforated from 10,330 to 10,348 feet.

Champion Petroleum No. 1-5-T Todd, drilling 1,360 feet in sand and shale.

**WILSON COUNTY**  
Rial Oil No. 1 Green, drilling 6,500 feet in lime and shale.

**EDDY COUNTY**  
Southland Royalty No. 1-14 State, drilling 11,670 feet, shut in.

Southland Royalty No. 1-34 State, drilling 11,600 feet, moving in and rigging up completion unit.

Southland Royalty No. 1-A Parkway State, drilling 8,000 feet in lime.

Southland Royalty No. 1-23-A State, drilling 216 feet, set 1 1/2-inch casing at total depth, waiting on cement.

Gulf Oil No. 2-H Harry, drilling 9,500 feet in lime and shale.

Gulf Oil No. 1 Marguardt-Federal, drilling 11,670 feet, moving off rig.

Delta Drilling No. 1 Carrasco, drilling 12,850 feet.

Enoch Enterprises No. 66 Big Eddy Unit, drilling 12,004 feet, finished fishing, now preparing to set packer and run casing.

Bass Enterprises No. 66 Big Eddy Unit, drilling 12,000 feet, logging.

Texas Oil & Gas No. 1 Shugart-State, drilling 12,000 feet, acidized perforations from 11,700 to 11,903 feet with 5,000 gallons, swabbed and recovered 6 barrels load water and now flowing on 18/64-inch choke making 6,000 mcf gas per day.

**FLYOY COUNTY**  
Exxon No. 1 Bundy-Federal, drilling 9,835 feet.

**GAINES COUNTY**  
Estoril No. 1 Smith, drilling 5,100 feet, swabbed 18 hours and recovered 62 barrels oil, preparing to swab down and put on production.

Guffy No. 1 R. Jameson, drilling 5,518 feet, ran pump and rods.

Guffy No. 2 R. Jameson, drilling 5,530 feet, moving in completion unit.

**IRION COUNTY**  
Resources Investment No. 1-18 Cox, drilling 9,000 feet, recovering load, through perforations from 7,000 to 7,500 feet.

**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY**  
Texas Pacific No. 1 Weinacht Estate, drilling 2,900 feet.

**LEA COUNTY**  
Adobe No. 1 Hannah, drilling 12,825 feet in lime and shale, circulating and conditioning mud.

Guffy No. 1-10 Cinta Roja, drilling 14,000 feet, running logs.

Guffy No. 1-29-2 State, drilling 14,230 feet.

Atlantic Richfield Co. 1 Langley-Greer, drilling 16,302 feet, preparing to log.

Union Oil No. 1-16 Pipeline State, drilling 8,907 feet in lime, shale and sand.

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Herbert L. Pearce of Midland, left, and Robert Pomroy of Odessa, center, and Ray McCorkle, also of Odessa, are principals in the newly-formed Air Machinery Co., Inc., in Odessa.

## New company opens facility on Interstate 20

Herbert L. Pearce of Midland has announced the opening of a newly-formed company to sell, rent, and service industrial air equipment throughout West Texas and southeast New Mexico.

Offices, warehouse, and repair facilities are located at 2111 W. Interstate 20, Odessa.

Pearce is president of the company.

Called Air Machinery Co., Inc., the firm offers LeRoi/Dresser portable and stationary air compressors, air

tools, and crawler drill rigs; Dynapac vibratory earth compactors; and a full line of sand-blast equipment. Other new equipment lines are expected to be announced soon.

# Disco in America: An \$8 billion crazy business

By ALEXANDER AUERBACH  
The Los Angeles Times

Disco. Once the chic entertainment of European trendsetters, Hollywood celebrities and New York gays. Pounding sensual music and extravagant costumes, all hidden behind the guarded doors of private clubs.

Many of those discotheques are still around, but disco has changed. America has popularized, merchandised, sanitized and even franchised disco.

Nebraska farmers go to discos after a hard day on the tractor. Sears, Roebuck and Co. and J.C. Penney sell disco gear. A "Disco Olympics" will jam 40,000 bodies into the New Orleans Superdome on Memorial Day, and entrepreneurs are negotiating to open a disco at the other Olympics, in Moscow.

By one estimate — which may be inaccurate, since statistics are scarce — there are about 20,000 discos in the United States, from the exclusive Stu-

dio 54 in New York and Moody's in Santa Monica, Calif., to a small Chinese restaurant in Washington, D.C., that has an old phonograph and a scrawled sign in the window, "Disco On Saturday."

This new industry is built around a peppy, dance-oriented style of music that stresses a brightly orchestrated, high-stepping beat. Lyrics and melodies tend to be repetitive, even mechanical, so as not to distract from the dance.

**THE POPULARITY OF** disco, brought to the attention of Middle America by the film and soundtrack album of "Saturday Night Fever," has not deflated the eccentricity of its devotees.

Disco Sally, the 78-year-old New Yorker who says she has about three good years left and wants to end them dancing, has challenged Washington's Disco Granny to a dance contest. Granny, 81, makes the rounds of Tramp's and other posh D.C. clubs, not the Chinese restaurant.

Film stars still pop into Fred Segal's in West Hollywood for a \$60 pair of skintight Spandex pants in hot pink, or a see-through silk blouse, stopping to dab on some glittery body makeup at the cosmetics counter.

Other companies do a booming business in shoes that have flashing, battery-operated lights in their acrylic heels, or illuminated dance floors for the home.

But an industry cannot survive on just the chic and the bizarre, and disco has become an industry. By the same unscientific estimates that led to the count of 20,000 discos, the total amount that Americans are spending in energetic release under flashing lights is about \$8 billion a year.

that is, turning it into a hit — is a finely calculated business. Tom Hayden, at 25 a veteran record promoter who heads his own promotion company, says "hot records usually start off in gay discos," so it is to the deejays at those discos that new records are sent first.

Usually they are sent to the deejays' homes, because many discos don't open until 6 p.m. or later, and some are only open four days a week.

"The straight market seems reluctant to dance to a hot new record, preferring to wait until they have heard it on the radio or in the club a few times and are familiar with it. Gays are open to new sounds," Hayden said.

Depending on the size of the club, which might include a dining room and bar as well as a ballroom, the investment is from \$200,000 to \$750,000, Westbrook said. (Clubs have opened for much less, and some are rumored to have cost in the millions.)

The Disco Works is taking a slightly different route. A subsidiary of Accurate Sound International of Redwood City, Calif., a supplier of recording studio equipment, The Disco Works provides expertise for a fee but doesn't put its name on the disco.

**RONALD M. NEWDOLL**, president of Accurate Sound, says a typical disco has about \$50,000 worth of equipment split about equally between sound gear and special lighting.

The deejay operates two turntables, plus a tape player, and controls the sound with devices known as mixers, equalizers, limiters and expanders. A "boom box" reinforces low-frequency sounds to build the pounding disco beat.

Two sets of amplifiers usually are required, one for low frequencies, the other for the rest of the sound spectrum, with power output of 200 to 500 watts. Four large speaker units complete the typical layout, Newdollar said.

Lighting equipment includes floodlights, spotlights, revolving mirror balls, colored filters, strobes and even low-powered lasers (which require special licensing in some cities). Microcomputers sometimes are used to control the lighting systems.

For another \$3,000 or so, The Disco Works even supplies the club operator with the deejay, records, a programmed list based on popularity, and help in advertising and promotion.

**OTHERS ARE JUST** as eager to offer help for a fee. Michael O'Harrow.

## Texan dies after suicide attempt

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)** — A 33-year-old Fort Worth, Texas, man on trial for murder was found in his isolation cell at the Santa Barbara County Jail on Thursday following an apparent drug-related suicide attempt, and he died four hours later at a nearby hospital, authorities said.

39, who runs Tramp's in Washington, D.C., has consulted with a number of clubs at a rate reported to be \$500 a day and has sold 1,000 copies of his disco operator's manual at \$75 per copy.

However, opening a disco is not an automatic route to fortune. Joe Hanna, co-owner of Pal Joey's, a Palm Springs restaurant and disco, says "a disco by itself can be very short-lived."

"Most people don't go out dancing until 8 or 9 at night, and in California you have to close at 2 a.m. If you serve liquor. So you have to make it all in those few hours." Pal Joey's operates as a regular restaurant until 10 p.m., when tables are pulled off the dance floor and the deejay goes to work.

Palm Springs Calif., has a large population of senior citizens, and Hanna says that many of those on the dance floor at closing time are more than old enough to be John Travolta's parents.

Other disco operators say that, except for the most exclusive clubs, the age span of their clientele is extremely broad. They think that helps to explain the broad success of disco, and it is some insurance that it won't fade away.

**"DISCO IS FOR ALL** age groups," Billboard's Wardlow said. "Rock wasn't. Disco is mainly for the 18-to-35 group, but there are teen discos, even kiddie discos with soft drinks, and senior citizen discos. The music hasn't divided parents and children, as previous popular music did."

At one extreme, Lawrence Welk has recorded disco tunes, and his accordion player, Myron Floren released an album, "Disco Polka," for those who like to boogie to "I Want a Girl Like the Girl..."



Actor Jon Voight and singer Diana Ross tear up the dance floor with a little disco dancing recently at the popular Studio 54 in New York, the most popular and well-known disco in America. (AP Laserphoto)

## A&P-Borden milk deal not antitrust violation

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the A&P supermarket chain did not violate federal antitrust law in a 1965 agreement on milk sales with Borden, Inc.

The court's decision, reached by a 7-1 vote, appeared to give big-volume buyers broad, new leeway in their attempts to drive down the prices they pay.

The ruling overturned a Federal Trade Commission victory won in a federal appeals court, and releases A&P from possible FTC sanctions.

In writing for the court, Justice Potter Stewart said the lower court's finding that A&P had violated a section of the Robinson-Patman Act by receiving unlawful price discrimination was wrong.

Stewart's opinion said a buyer cannot be guilty of violating the Robinson-Patman antitrust law when the seller's price offer was made to meet competition.

Any inducement short of misrepresentation that the buyer makes to gain such a price is legal as long as the seller can raise a legitimate meeting-competition defense, Thursday's decision said.

A&P and Borden entered into an agreement 14 years ago under which Borden supplied A&P with milk bearing the A&P label for some 200 Chicago-area stores in Illinois and Indiana.

The agreement resulted from A&P's effort to save money by switching from the sale of "brand label" milk to its own "private label."

A&P asked Borden to submit a price offer for supplying the milk, and initially was told by Borden that the

switch could save A&P \$410,000 a year in dairy product costs.

A&P was not satisfied with the offer, and solicited offers from other dairies. A Borden competitor, Bowman Dairy, submitted a bid it said would save A&P \$737,000 in annual dairy product costs.

Borden was contacted by an A&P buyer and told that its bid was "not even in the ballpark." Not wanting to lose A&P's sizeable account, Borden submitted a second bid — one estimated to save A&P \$820,000 a year.

A&P accepted that bid. The FTC filed a complaint against A&P in 1971. The complaint charged the supermarket chain with violating Robinson-Patman by inducing and receiving price discriminations and with violating other laws.

Eventually, however, all charges but the Robinson-Patman violation allegation were dropped.

Justice Thurgood Marshall voted to uphold the ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that A&P had violated the law. Justice John Paul Stevens did not participate in deciding the case.

## Town rejects grant because of 'strings'

**STAFFORD, Texas (AP)** — The Stafford City Council has decided the strings attached to a federal grant would cost more than the grant.

The council turned down Wednesday a \$2,800 street sign replacement grant.

"This is a classic example of getting a little bit from the federal government and ending up spending more than you get," Mayor Leonard Scarcella said.

**THE NUMBERS ARE** rough because the industry is so young. Billboard magazine, a record industry trade paper, this year switched its annual "Disco Forum" convention and trade show to a semi-annual schedule to keep up with the explosive growth.

Bill Wardlow, who runs the conventions and covers disco for Billboard, says the \$8 billion is his estimate, and that is only for the admissions, food and beverage sale in discos. Clothing, records, sound and lighting equipment sales are all additional sources of revenue. Disco accounts for 10 percent to 20 percent of total record sales, which last year were close to \$4 billion, Wardlow said. But he thinks it's just a beginning.

"Only a few large radio stations have a disco format, although more are switching over from rock or other formats all the time," he says. As they do, more listeners will buy disco albums or \$3.98, 12-inch singles. "About 40 percent of Billboard's Hot 100 (list of best-selling records) is disco now," he said. "In a year it will be 60 percent."

Record sales are a good indication of disco's popularity, because main disco hits have sold 100,000 to 250,000 copies without receiving airplay. Disc jockeys in discos played the tunes, usually without announcing the titles, but fans found out the names and artists and bought them, often with no other promotion.

**"BREAKING" A DISCO** record —

In New York, Los Angeles and a few other cities, there are a relative handful of discos that are regarded as gay clubs, although most have some straight clientele as well.

To preserve the sexual orientation of the club, some gay discos screen customers at the door.

**IF TOO MANY HETEROSEXUAL** couples show up, door attendants may turn away all women wearing open-toed shoes, claiming that the footwear would be dangerous if a dancer dropped a beverage glass. Since disco fashion calls for open-toed shoes, that effectively screens out all mixed couples.

But most disco-goers need not fear that kind of inspection. Most discos are open to anyone willing to pay the cover charge, if there is one, or to buy a drink. And that's a lot of discos: if your neighborhood has a McDonald's, chances are it has a disco, too, or soon will have one.

Several companies are setting up franchises to tap the expanding market. A firm called 2001 Clubs of America, in Bridgeville, Pa., will turn a willing partner into a disco club operator for a fee of \$35,000 plus 6 percent of the gross.

So far they've built almost two dozen, according to Parris Westbrook, an officer of the company. Half are in large cities like Atlanta and Pittsburgh, with the remainder in places like Meadville, Pa., and Jamestown, N.Y.

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