

Candidate says will sell wells if elected

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Land commissioner candidate Pete Snelson says his ownership of oil and gas wells in which the state has an interest would not prejudice him in his duties, but he will divest himself of the wells if he is elected.

In one of several political reports from around the state, Garry Mauro, one of Snelson's opponents in the Democratic primary, said Snelson's ownership of the properties raised a potential conflict of interest.

"While this is simply not true," Snelson said in a Capitol news conference Monday, "the word 'potential' means what people want it to mean."

Snelson said Six-S, an oil company he owns with his six brothers, has one stripper well that is on land leased from the state. Snelson said the company has interests in another dozen wells in which the state has a royalty interest.

He would sell all of the properties, Snelson said, just to remove any doubt that his decisions as land commissioner would result in personal gain.

Snelson also lashed out at Mauro's proposal to use \$200 million in severance tax revenues each year to fund construction at colleges outside the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems.

According to Snelson, Mauro's proposal would automatically mean the loss of \$50 million annually to the dedicated fund used for partial funding of public elementary and secondary schools.

Another \$150 million normally going to the state's general fund also would be lost, Snelson said.

"It is obvious to me that this Mauro proposal reflects a lack of knowledge about the legislative process and the laws of our state," Snelson said, "and in gen-

eral shows great immaturity on the part of its proponent."

In other political news, Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Fort Worth, endorsed former Hondo Mayor Woodrow Glasscock for land commissioner in the Republican primary.

Glasscock, a businessman and rancher, has served three terms as Hondo mayor and previously was a city councilman.

Bob Armstrong, a Democratic candidate for governor, accused Gov. Bill Clements and the Army Corps of Engineers of advocating a plan that would damage the shrimping industry in Nueces Bay.

Armstrong said Clements and the Corps propose to dump dredge spoil on 1,300 acres of Nueces Bay.

Armstrong said dumping the material in the bay is not necessary and that doing so would destroy \$19 million of the annual shrimping production.

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By Scott McCullar

Jail clerk misreads sentence

Rapist accidentally released

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DALLAS — Police across the state searched Tuesday for a rapist who was released 59 years shy of serving his 60-year prison term because a county jail clerk thought he had been sentenced to just 60 days.

Antonio Ray Massey, 23, of Dallas should be considered very dangerous, Dallas County

sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell said Monday.

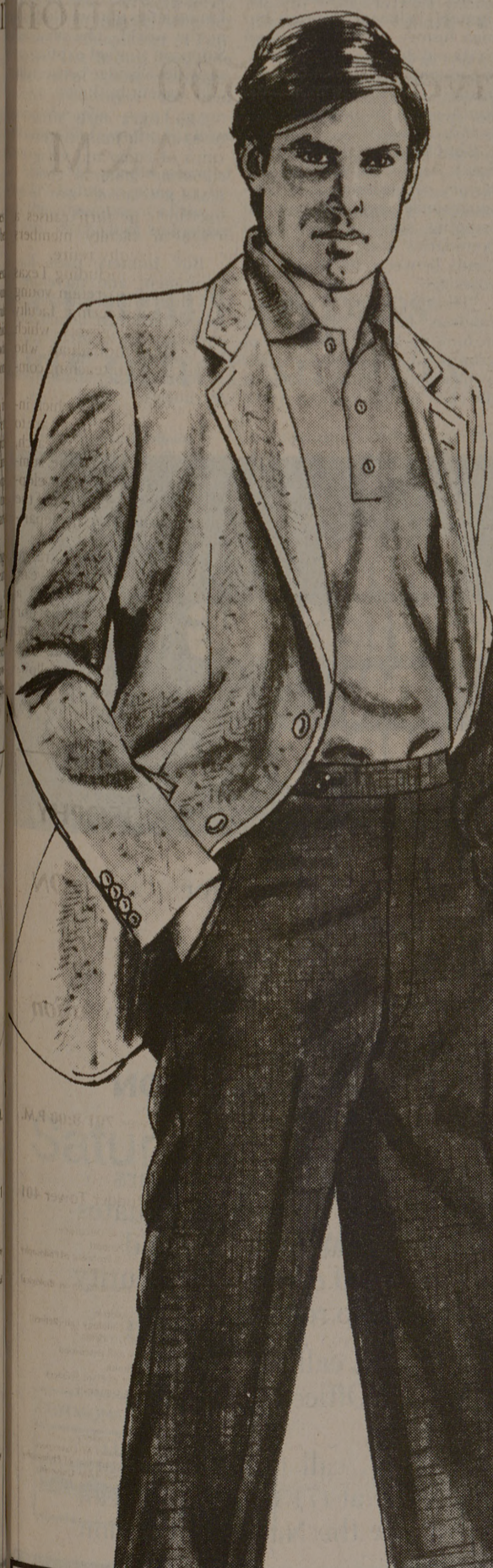
Massey was arrested in October and charged with aggravated rape and aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. He was convicted on the rape charge last Thursday in 291st Criminal District Court and sentenced to 60 years. The robbery charge was dropped.

Ewell said as Massey's paperwork was being processed Friday by a clerk in the downtown jail, the clerk misread his sentence as 60 days and posted him clear of all charges because of his time already served. He was released Friday evening.

The error was discovered Monday when the judge who had sentenced Massey was told

Massey's name no longer appeared on the computerized list of jail inmates, and he called the jail to inquire, Ewell said.

Ewell said authorities had no knowledge of Massey's whereabouts. The prisoner was described as being 5-feet-9 and 190 pounds, with a scar on his left forearm.



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