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Candidate: Commission needs to make changes

By Todd Riemenschneider Staff Writer

The Texas Railroad Commission eds to have a 180-degree turn om its current status and learn to an in its policy making, Jerry J. angdon, a Midland democratic ndidate for railroad commisner, said Tuesday.

"What we've been seeing for the seven years are 'wait-and-see' ulatory policies that just don't cut Langdon said at a press confere in the College Station Ramada n. "We should't wait for a crisis to elop, because crisis-motivated ulation is ill-conceived.'

Texas is the largest producer of tural gas in the United States, ngdon said, so it can and should ve an effect on national energy

"I believe we don't have a national energy policy because we don't even

have a state energy policy," he said. Langdon, 36, said the railroad commission should maintain a surplus of natural gas through its regulatory policies.

He believes that the surplus would guarantee the state's domestic needs and have a stabilizing affect on the market. Langdon said maintaining natural gas reserves will help the industry, and as the amount of drilling increases, so will the amount of natural gas found. "Historically, the railroad com-

mission regulated oil prices by allocating any surpluses equally to all producers, which had the effect of stabilizing oil prices for almost 50 years," Langdon said. "The commission, by utilizing similar procedures, could regulate the natural gas indus-try to develop surpluses of natural

gas and to increase stability in pri-

Langdon said a much of the nation's natural gas comes from just a few states, but the states that do not produce natural gas control the energy policy for the nation.

We cannot allow the interests of consumption to outweigh the inter-ests of production," Langdon said. "Without incentives for production, consumption can't occur. Our addic-tion to foreign oil and lack of a national energy policy has left our industry suffering." Langdon said he is confident in

the strength of a healthy petroleum industry in Texas.

"A healthy petroleum industry will strengthen our economy and is essential to putting back to work some, if not all, of the 200,000 Texans who have lost their jobs," he said.



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Civil suit served to former minister as he tries to flee

ing Walker Railey of trying to mur-der his wife was served to the former Methodist minister as he and a woman romantically linked to him tried to flee, the *Dallas Times* Herald reported Tuesday

windshield wipers of a car as Railey and Lucy Papillon, a Dallas psychol-ogist, sped away from a Northern California resort Monday.

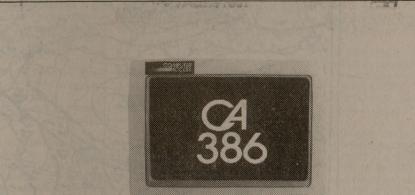
The parents of Railey's wife, Mar-'Peggy" Railey, filed the lawgaret suit Feb. 2, accusing their son-in-law of the attempted strangulation. The cumstances.

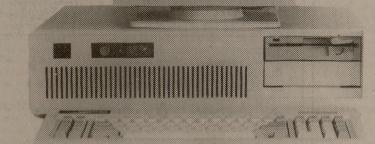
suit seeks unspecified damages.

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