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Rumbles of war drown out bids for peace

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With the approach of the U.N. deadline for Iraq to release Kuwait suddenly measured in hours, bids for peace were drowned out today by rumbles of war.

As the clock ticked toward a deadline today of midnight EST for Iraq to withdraw from the emirate or face possible attack, the mood in Washington was grim and the message one of resolve.

President Bush was briefed early today by his intelligence and national security advisers. Late Monday, he signed the congressional resolution, passed over the weekend, authorizing him to use military force to drive Saddam Hussein from Kuwait.

Members of the U.N. Security Council met into the early hours today and heard a sobering summary of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's failed peace mission to Baghdad. Diplomats described the report as "somber" and "tragic."

The council was expected to discuss an 11th-hour French peace plan today, which would guarantee that Iraq would not be attacked and calls for a U.N. peacekeeping force. But the offer of a Middle East peace conference, so Saddam would not fully lose face, was unacceptable to the Americans.

"We don't believe it's the appropriate time or the appropriate circumstances to present such a statement, certainly with the linkage that's involved in the text," U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering told reporters.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said he would not visit Baghdad to promote the French peace initiative, a spokesman said. Dumas had said he would make a special trip to the Iraqi capital if it

would be useful in encouraging Saddam to withdraw from Kuwait.

Italy and Germany expressed support for the French plan, and Belgium proposed that Perez de Cuellar appoint a mediator to lay the groundwork for a Middle East peace conference.

In Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis staged government-organized demonstrations, expressing defiance in the face of the deadline.

"We will die for you, Saddam!" yelled women carrying AK-47 rifles. Others in Arab robes danced with pitchforks and swords as symbols of the Iraqi president's vow that any war would become a popular war in Iraq.

Iraq's air force commander was quoted today as saying pilots trained for suicide missions were ready for the "mother of battles."

Al-Thawra, newspaper of Iraq's ruling Baath party, said in a front-page editorial today that Kuwait is under Iraq and "will remain so forever."

"It is (President) Bush who wanted the war," said the army daily, Al-Qadisiya. "But let him know that the furnace of hell will be open to the Americans and to their allies when they come."

Saddam has sought to link resolution of the crisis to the Palestinians' quest for an independent state in Israel-occupied lands.

In London, 28 Iraqi diplomats ordered to leave Britain flew out of Heathrow airport with their families today. Some in the 75-member party chanted "Long live Saddam!" and other slogans as they were escorted to a Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Amman, Jordan.

War preparations and protests intensified as the deadline loomed.

In the region, people fearing an Iraqi chemical attack sealed their homes. Turks streamed away from

the Iraqi frontier, and the last flights out of the region before today's midnight EST deadline left with few empty seats.

Security alerts were posted at airports throughout the world and extraordinary precautions taken from the Middle East to the United States, which ordered all non-essential diplomats out of the Middle East.

"No blood for oil" was chanted at anti-war protests across the United States, including one by 5,000 people in front of the White House.

In Israel — which Saddam has warned is a primary target for attack — up to 20,000 Jews prayed at Jerusalem's Western Wall holy site.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Iraq will be "on borrowed time" at the strike of midnight, when the U.N. has ordered Iraq to end its 5-month-old occupation of Kuwait or face the likelihood of an attack by the U.S.-led multinational coalition arrayed against it.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Monday that U.S. troop strength in the region had reached 410,000, just 40,000 short of the goal.

In all, more than 630,000 soldiers from 28 nations are arrayed against Iraq's estimated 510,000 fighters in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

Superior U.S. air and sea power in the theater of war was further strengthened Monday when the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt took up position in the Red Sea.

There are now six U.S. carriers in the region — each carrying about 60 attack jets — and part of the largest armada since World War II.

Turkey said Monday that Washington will double its number of warplanes in the nation to 96 to help defend the only NATO member on Iraq's border.

Some Pentagon and administra-



(AP Laserphoto)

On the eve of the United Nations-imposed deadline for using force against Iraq, Alrnan 1st Class Reginald Horton of Chicago, Ill., sits awaiting deployment at a Saudi Arabian air base after arriving today with his unit, the 31st Services Squadron from Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.

tion officials have privately predicted that Bush would wait for several days after the deadline to give Saddam an opportunity to boast he defied the deadline.

But Fitzwater on Monday said "everyone has to assume that military action could occur at any point" after midnight EST, which is 8 a.m. in Kuwait.

Military officials have suggested a night strike is preferred because of

the West's more sophisticated aircraft and night-vision technology.

At the United Nations, Perez de Cuellar gave a 15-minute report on his Sunday meeting with Saddam, who he said offered no hint of compromise. Diplomats described the report as "somber" and "tragic."

The French also circulated their plan, which would guarantee that Iraq would not be attacked and calls

for a U.N. peacekeeping force.

But the offer of a Middle East peace conference so Saddam would not fully lose face was unacceptable to the Americans.

On Monday, the European Community decided against launching its own last-ditch mission to Baghdad to avert war and the Bush administration rejected a plan Yemen announced Monday that suggested a Middle East conference.

Ann Richards to become Texas' new governor today

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN (AP) — Celebration mixed with concern today as Democrat Ann Richards was poised to become Texas' new governor on the day the nation was bracing itself for a possible Persian Gulf war.

Richards was to be sworn in at noon, after leading an expected several thousand participants in a "people's march" through downtown Austin to the Capitol steps.

She began the day with a prayer service at Camp Mabry, headquarters of the Texas National Guard.

"While our prayers are always for world peace, this service — as well as the services throughout the United States and the world — take on special significance at this crucial time," said Maj. Gen. William C. Wilson, Texas adjutant general.

"Thank you God for our soldiers, the families making great sacrifices. Thank you for our soliders who are putting the line on the line," added the Rev. S.M. Wright of Dallas, one of several clergymen delivering prayers.

A spokesman for Richards, Chuck McDonald, said inaugural organizers were well aware of the possibility of war as they made preparations. "The American men and women in the Persian Gulf are going to be remembered throughout the day," he said.

Richards, 57, and Lt. Gov.-elect Bob Bullock, 61, were to take their oaths of office from Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips. She's the first woman to become governor since Miriam "Ma" Ferguson was sworn in on Jan. 17, 1933.

Event organizers said the possibility of a Middle Eastern war could change plans.

Yellow ribbons were added Monday to the red-white-and-blue inaugural banners which spanned the street leading to the Capitol.

Richards planned to begin her day with a special prayer service to remember troops in the Middle East. That 8 a.m. service was to be held at Camp Mabry, headquarters of the Texas National Guard.

"The governor-elect wants to send a message to all troops over-

Five Pampans to attend

Five Pampa Democrats are among those who are gathering in Austin in preparation for Gov.-elect Ann Richards' inauguration Tuesday.

Gray County Democratic Chairman John Warner said Monday he planned to fly down to Austin to join four other Pampans who left Sunday for inaugural events.

Flying down Sunday were Zetha Dougherty, president of the Tri County Democrat Club; Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene and his wife, Kathleen; and Judy Warner, who served as county coordinator for Ann Richards' campaign.

John Warner said the Pampa delegation will be participating this morning in the march to the state Capitol Building, followed by a lunch on the Capitol grounds. At 2 p.m., Richards was scheduled to talk with Texas school children.

Tonight the Pampa group will be attending the Bluebonnet Ball, one of four inaugural balls scheduled.

"I feel very good" about having

Richards serve as governor, Warner said.

He noted that Richards has been "the most effective state treasurer in state history," and he expects that same quality of administration will be pursued by Richards as governor.

Warner said Richards' successor in the state treasurer's office, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, had said she was impressed with the efficiency in the office under Richards' terms. He said local Gray County Treasurer Scott Hahn, a Republican, had mentioned that the state treasurer's office under Richards had been very well run.

Warner said he feels Richards will be "not just the governor of the Democrats, but of all of Texas."

"I think she will work for all of us," he added.

He said Richards' number one priority is education, adding that he thinks she will work to find a funding system that will be fair to all districts while remaining within the constitutional guidelines being set by state courts.

seas and their loved ones that they are ever present on our minds and we are praying for their peaceful return," said Cathy Bonner, who chaired the Inaugural Committee.

McDonald said contingency plans were ready should war erupt.

"It's going to be impossible to cancel all of the events. But if war does break out, it will dramatically change the tone of those events," he said.

The theme of the inaugural ceremonies was emblazoned Monday on a two-story-high red banner hanging on the building housing the inauguration gift shop. It read: "The people of Texas are back."

The celebrations started early. Texas Democrats held a two-hour "victory party" Monday night to celebrate recapturing the Governor's Mansion after four years of GOP control. Later in the evening, more than 1,000 performers took part in the "Texas Our Texas" gala.

An unusual highlight was to be



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Members of the Pampa Desert Shield Support Group join hands in prayer Monday evening at 2808 Rosewood, the residence of Gary and Edna Smith, whose son-in-law Steve Thurman is presently serving in Saudi Arabia. While the group met Monday night, several area churches are also planning prayer vigils for local soldiers and events in the Mid-East tonight.

Prayer service set tonight for crisis in Persian Gulf

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, 525 N. Gray, is sponsoring an area-wide interdenominational prayer service concerning the Persian Gulf crisis at 7 p.m. tonight.

The Rev. John Judson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, secretary of the Pampa Ministerial Alliance, said a number of churches around the area will be attending the event.

"We planned this at the last minute, but we were hoping against hope that things would have turned out better at the last minute in the Middle East," Judson said.

He termed the prayer service a **banning together of Christians in Pampa with those around the**

world who are praying for a peaceful resolution.

"We will pray for our soldiers and sailors, all our people in the Armed Forces, for peace, for our government, for whatever aspect those involved happen to be concerned about in this crisis."

Judson also said, "Whether those attending want to pray for President Bush or Saddam Hussein, we hope our prayers will join with others around the world and a miracle will happen and peace will break out."

"We've got folks from a bunch of different churches coming," he added. "The evening will take the form of a service, with hymns, individual prayer and a time of spoken and silent prayers from anyone present."

Judson said he believes that whether or not war results from

Iraq's occupation of Kuwait, people must continue to pray through the situation.

"Prayer works," Judson said. "I can't explain why or how. I don't pretend to understand the mind of God. But He commanded us to pray. And when we do, things happen."

Judson said the service is open to anyone and will last approximately one hour.

Some members of First Assembly of God plan to fast today and the church sanctuary will remain open all day for those who wish to come in and pray, church officials said.

"A lot of our members will be fasting (today)," said Pastor Herb Peak of First Assembly of God. "We will have the sanctuary open all day for people to come and pray about this issue."

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Services tomorrow

SIMMONS, Walter Oscar - 2 p.m., Memorial Park Chapel, Amarillo.
SPAUGH, Pearl Maria - 10 a.m., Central Christian Church, Waco.

Obituaries

WALTER OSCAR SIMMONS

AMARILLO - Walter Oscar Simmons, 81, brother of a McLean resident, died Monday, Jan. 14, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Park Chapel of Memories with Bishop Gerald Wells, Bishop Leonard Parsons and Patriarch John Cosper, all of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Simmons was born in Purcell, Okla. He married Oleta McIntosh in 1931 at Hollis, Okla. He was a farmer and had owned a farm southwest of McLean. He became a home builder, retiring in 1983. He moved to Amarillo in 1959 from Pampa. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Amarillo Senior Citizens Association.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Jimmy Wayne Simmons of Amarillo; a daughter, Dolores Darlene Simmons of Amarillo; a brother, Claude Simmons of McLean; a sister, Vera Allred of Chickasha, Okla.; and a grandson, Brandon Wayne Simmons of Amarillo.

LAWRENCE HUBERT

SHAMROCK - Lawrence Hubert, 104, died Friday, Jan. 11, 1991. Services are pending with Richardson Funeral Home.

Mr. Hubert was born Dec. 25, 1886, in Washington County, near Brenham. He moved to Shamrock in 1962 from Abilene. He had worked as a yardman for the State Capitol in Austin. He was a construction worker on Route 66 from Shamrock to Texola. He also worked 25 years at the Sajo Motor Co. in Abilene. He enjoyed playing baseball. He married Bertha in 1908.

Survivors include five nieces and nephews.
DALE SNELGROOES
PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - Dale Snelgrooes, 94, formerly of rural Wheeler and relative of area residents, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 1991, at Pauls Valley. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pauls Valley.

Mrs. Snelgrooes lived south of Wheeler, Texas for a number of years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Will Snelgrooes in 1960, and two sons, Don Ray Snelgrooes in 1959 and Henry Snelgrooes in 1990.

Survivors include one daughter, Retha Gordan of Pauls Valley, four sons, Thad Snelgrooes and Tommy Snelgrooes, both of Pauls Valley, Truman Snelgrooes of California and Cecil Snelgrooes of Wheeler, Texas; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Steve Snelgrooes of Pampa, Texas; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Williams, also of Pampa, Texas.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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5:26 p.m. - Children reportedly started a small fire in a vacant house at 421 N. Faulkner. Three units and six firefighters responded. No damage was reported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa					
Wheat	2.20				
Milo	3.80				
Com.	4.00				
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation					
Ky. Cent. Life	5 7/8	NC	Mapco	40 1/2	dn 1/2
Serico	4 1/8	NC	Marx	8	up 1/8
Occidental	18	up 3/8	McDonald's	26 7/8	up 1/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation					
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Pre-inaugural gala features 1,000 Texas performers of all varieties

By SUSAN HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards' wish to showcase native talent came true in a Texas-style pre-inaugural gala that featured more than 1,000 homegrown performers of all varieties, from mariachi bands to opera singers to country superstars.

Monday night's 11/2-hour performance celebrated today's inauguration of Richards and Lt. Gov.-elect Bob Bullock.

Richards said the gala was only a preview of what she will do as governor to promote Texas' entertainment industry.

"I want the world and I want the United States to know that Texas has incredible talent," she said. "I asked if we could do anything for the inaugural that would really please me, it would feature Texas talent and a couple of Tennessee volunteers."

The two Tennessee natives — headliner Dolly Parton and co-host Cybill Shepherd — were favorites of the enthusiastic crowd.

"Now, none of my exes live in Texas, and I'm from Tennessee, so you may be wondering what am I

doing here," Shepherd said. "Well, as most Texas history students know, there were a lot of volunteers from Tennessee at the Battle of the Alamo. So here I am," she said, letting out a yell and lifting her long black dress to show off black-and-white cowboy boots.

Parton, a Grammy award-winning country singer, songwriter and actress, was backed by the Grammy award-winning Austin-based band Asleep at the Wheel as she sang "9 to 5," the theme song from the movie of the same name.

Then, she mentioned her role in the movie "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

"Now, thanks to Ann Richards, the women of Texas might get to be known as something better," she quipped.

Parton also earned laughs with a jibe at Richards' GOP opponent, Clayton Williams.

"I also know that Ann Richards has always supported mental health. I understand that she's even more sure that that's the thing to be doing after running with Clayton Williams," Parton said, adding: "Sorry about that, Clayton, wherever you are."

Country stars Willie Nelson and

Kris Kristofferson performed one song each, with Nelson singing his signature "On the Road Again," while Kristofferson sang "Me and Bobby McGee."

Jerry Jeff Walker led the audience in a singalong version of a standard, touting Texas' economic recovery as he sang, "It's time to come home to the Armadillo."

Nelson earned some ribbing from Kristofferson and co-host Cybill Shepherd for his troubles with the Internal Revenue Service, which has seized much of his property to ensure payment on \$16.7 million of back taxes the agency says he owes.

After the show, Nelson said he didn't mind the jokes. "I'm glad somebody's having fun with it," he said.

Besides the country performers, the band Little Joe y la Familia sang a Spanish love song; and San Antonio's Ballet de Folklorico de Navarro filled the stage with the clap of heels and the whirl of white, blue, magenta, orange and purple skirts.

"An Inaugural Tuna," was performed by Joe Sears and Jaston Williams of "Greater Tuna" fame. The Austin comedy group

Esther's Follies earned a standing ovation from Richards when they sang a song featuring the verse: "Keep the Texas state secure, high and wide-as my coiffure" as a giant can of hairspray appeared on stage — a teasing reference to Richards' signature bouffant hairdo.

The last performance of the night was a 350-voice choir led by Broadway vocal arranger Chapman Roberts. The choir sang Roberts' gospel, rhythm and blues arrangement "The American Fanfare," which included songs such as "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America." Then, the audience and Richards joined in singing "Texas, Our Texas."

No alcohol was served at the bash, which was telecast across the state on the Home Sports Entertainment network and by several local cable stations in various Texas cities.

Before the festivities, some paid \$10 to be photographed posing with life-sized cutouts of Richards wearing a pink suit.

"It is a little larger than life. But, you know, that's Ann," said Paul Bardagjy of Austin, who was selling the photographs.



Texas Gov.-elect Ann Richards waves as she attends the pre-inaugural gala "Texas, Our Texas" Monday night in Austin.

Base security



SRA Fred Dixon, a MP at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio checks I.D. cards at the main gate. Security has been tightened on the base because of the threat of war in the Mid-East.

Gib Lewis disagrees with published reports of possible felony offenses

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis, indicted on two misdemeanor ethics charges, said he broke no laws and disagreed with published reports that an investigation of him includes allegations of possible felony offenses.

"I feel certain I have not broken any law whatsoever, felony or misdemeanor," Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said Monday.

Lewis said of the reported felony allegations, "From what I understand, nobody in the grand jury and from the DA's office had made those statements ... My understanding (is) they're not doing that."

Assistant District Attorney Mike Lynch said he was correctly quoted in the Austin American-Statesman as confirming that additional allegations against Lewis "include conduct that could amount to a felony."

Lynch heads the Public Integrity Unit leading the investigation.

The American-Statesman, quoting unidentified sources close to the investigation, reported that the felony allegations involve state laws concerning bribery and improper influence.

The Houston Post also reported that sources said allegations against Lewis include felony offenses under laws dealing with bribery and public corruption.

The Travis County grand jury that handed up the two misdemeanor indictments has a term that extends until March. District

Attorney Ronnie Earle has said it is looking at a number of lawmakers and lobbyists.

Lewis has said he is innocent of the misdemeanor charges of failing to report a gift from a San Antonio law firm and of failing to disclose his interest in a business for which the law firm allegedly paid some property taxes.

The speaker questioned the handling of the investigation.

"It's very disturbing to me ... that somebody would take a personal vendetta, which apparently this thing has turned into towards me, to try to find something that they can build a case on," he said.

"When you know you haven't done anything illegal, immoral or unethical, you wonder where someone is coming from with some charges that are really what I consider very insignificant," Lewis said.

The speaker stopped short of directly accusing Earle of a vendetta.

"If he feels he has a job to do, that's fine. I'm just quoting what some people say, that there appears to be a vendetta. I don't know ... I've always liked Ronnie Earle, to tell you the truth," he said.

The district attorney's office had no comment, Lynch said.

Tornado injures 11 in southeast Texas

COLUMBUS (AP) — Nearly a dozen people were injured when a rare January tornado touched down near this Southeast Texas town, tossing vehicles off the highway, destroying five mobile homes and knocking down power lines.

The twister was one of several that struck Monday evening as severe thunderstorms raced through Southeast and South Central Texas.

Some of those injured were in a Columbus mobile home park where four trailers were destroyed, said Texas Department of Public Safety communications operator Betty Martin. Another mobile home in the area was demolished and the garage of a home was blown away.

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said

several people also were temporarily trapped inside a mini-mart store damaged by the tornado.

"No one is trapped anymore. They did get into the mobile home park and everyone who had been there is accounted for. So we don't have anyone missing and no fatalities," Cox said.

An employee at Columbus Community Hospital said 11 people arrived at their emergency room for treatment.

Five were treated and released and six were hospitalized, said the employee, who declined to give her name. None of the injuries were life-threatening, but the woman would not give any other details about the patients' conditions.

Several vehicles also were blown off Interstate 10, and westbound traffic had to be diverted to another highway because of an overturned 18-wheel truck, Cox said.

The tornado hit an unincorporated area just south of the Columbus city limit and one mile south of Interstate 10, Cox said. It touched down about 6:18 p.m.

Electricity was knocked out in Columbus, but it was later restored, he said. Columbus is a town of about 3,800 some 55 miles west of Houston.

"We didn't hear a thing. Isn't that strange?" said Jackie Williford, who manages the Dairy Queen in Columbus. "It just went black here."

Mid-East expert says U.S. would win war

AUSTIN (AP) — The United States would win a war with Iraq but the victory would result in Arabs detesting this country, says a University of Texas scholar who returned from the Middle East on Sunday.

"We will be hated by the Arabs, which won't make it any easier to repair the real problems in the Middle East," Dr. Clement Moore Henry, a Middle East specialist, told medics at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Henry, a government professor at UT-Austin, said Monday. "Many do not realize the catastrophic consequences of going to war. I hope there's some sanity left."

He also said it is difficult for the United States to be seen as an even-handed player in the Middle East "because we've drifted into such a pro-Israel state mind of mind."

Sarpalius drafting resolution condemning Soviet actions

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, D-Texas, is drafting a resolution that would condemn Soviet actions in Lithuania.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev return his Nobel peace prize, said Sarpalius.

The Sarpalius family history goes back to the Baltic state, he said.

The resolution does not ask for military aid to Lithuania, he told reporters Sunday.

The Texan helped Lithuania's president draft the country's constitution, after free elections last year.

Sarpalius predicted the Lithuanian crisis will lead to civil war in the Soviet Union.

The resolution would call for energy assistance and supplies to Lithuania, if the Soviet Union does not back out. It would also suggest

Meanwhile, Gorbachev said Monday a local military commander decided to use force in the breakaway republic of Lithuania. An assault by Soviet troops Sunday claimed 14 lives.

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Opinion

A gun-control bill won't end violence

As the 102nd Congress revs up in Washington, near the top of the agenda is a national gun-control bill that would curb American's Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms: It would extend the federal bureaucracy's control over every person trying to defend his own home. The so-called "Brady bill" would impose a seven-day waiting period on handgun purchases.

Of course, criminals and the mentally ill would ignore this waiting period, just as they ignore the waiting periods already imposed by many states by purchasing weapons on the black market. This bill would only affect law-abiding citizens who want to protect their families. It would also be a foot in the door for even more restrictive gun-control laws.

Most of all, the federal legislation would not likely reduce the murder rate.

Last year 483 people were murdered in Washington, DC, and 2,200 in New York City. Both were new records. Yet both cities have strict laws that ban handgun ownership for virtually everyone except police, and include mandatory jail sentences for most offenders.

In contrast, North Dakota had only four murders in 1989 (the last year tallied). Yet its population, according to the 1990 census figures released last month, is 641,364, compared to 609,909 for Washington, D.C. In other words, with about the same population, North Dakota had 1 percent of the murders of Washington. Why the discrepancy?

First, North Dakota has virtually no gun control. According to a Cato Institute study by David B. Kopel, "Gun control does not reduce crime; gun ownership does. Gun control insists that citizens rely on the authorities. Gun owners know better than to put their lives and liberty in the hands of 911 and the police. The advocates of gun control believe that government agents are more trustworthy than ordinary citizens. The authors of the Second Amendment believed just the opposite."

A second factor is crime. North Dakota does not suffer Washington's overall crime problem, in particular the city's heavy trade in illegal drugs. The high homicide rates of Washington, D.C., and other big cities result largely from drug turf wars. Gangs fight each other, shooting up the streets and innocent people. Police, instead of aiding citizens in the protection of lives and property, are diverted to fight a "war" on drugs. If drugs were decriminalized, our nation's drug problem could be treated as the medical and moral problem it is, not as a criminal problem. Gangs would no longer have drug turfs to fight over. Violence would decrease.

Since gun control finds few advocates in the Texas Panhandle, our congressmen should fight vigorously against the "Brady bill." The constitutional right of our citizens to keep and bear arms to defend their homes and families must not be abridged.

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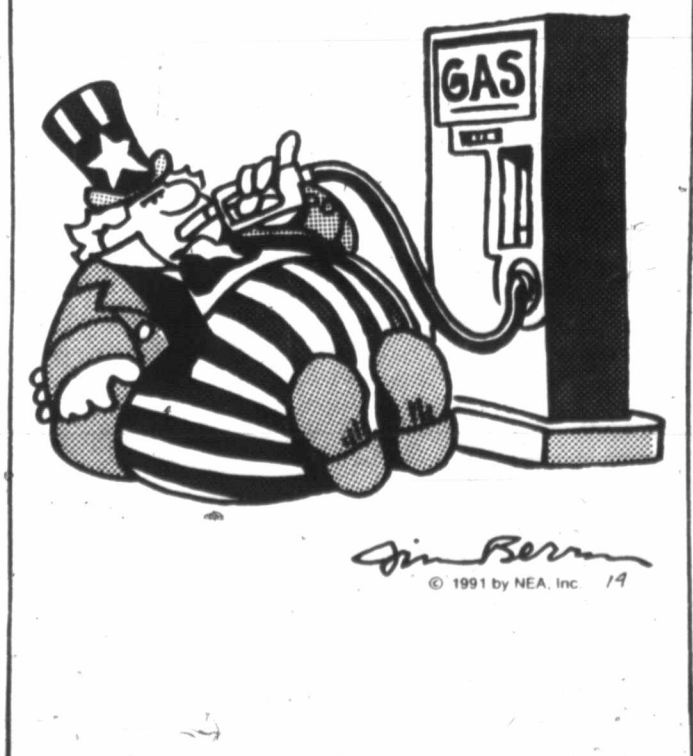
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War brings a late revulsion

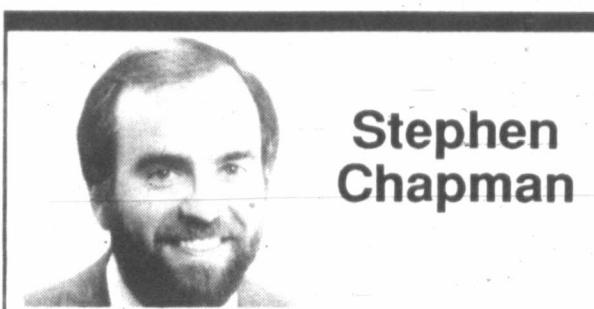
In 1961, President Kennedy told the world that his people would "bear any burden, pay any price, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." In the Vietnam War, Americans got the first bill for that extravagant pledge and replied: Oh, no, we won't.

The U.S. intervention in Vietnam, which was supposed to prove our resolve in combating foreign dangers, no matter how distant or insignificant, ended up proving just the opposite: Americans weren't willing to squander lives without an urgent reason. The war also came close to destroying the post-1945 consensus behind an expansive U.S. role in world affairs.

What Vietnam started, a war against Iraq is likely to finish. Win, lose or tie — it doesn't really matter. Americans, who haven't been confronted with the horrors of a major war in nearly two decades, will get a bitter reminder if we attack Iraq. Thousands will die, thousands more will be maimed — and millions will ask what for. Even a victory won't be enough to prevent the popular revulsion that will follow.

Historically, Americans have been reluctant to endorse war. They entered World War I only after Germany began attacking U.S. ships in the Atlantic, despite our official neutrality. Victory came, but it didn't satisfy. Disgusted by the behavior of their allies in the postwar settlement, Americans said good riddance to the rest of the world, retreating into political and economic isolation.

Even Hitler and Mussolini weren't enough to lure them out. Americans opposed entering World War II until Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor gave them no choice. When the war ended, it took the unprecedented threat posed by the Soviet Union to keep them from again retrenching.



Stephen Chapman

Vietnam revived the American allergy to foreign intervention, one that persists, to this day. Ronald Reagan, for all his muscular rhetoric, couldn't command support for helping the Nicaraguan Contras — though the amount of money was trivial and the risk of direct U.S. involvement almost nil. He resorted only to the briefest and easiest uses of force, against Libya and Grenada, because they were the only kind Americans would accept.

President Bush is probably right when he says that, unlike Vietnam, a Persian Gulf war won't be protracted and inconclusive. His mistake is failing to notice that, like Vietnam, it will be a costly war in a remote place against a minor power, for purposes that are neither clear nor important to our security.

When Americans count their heavy losses afterwards, they will realize that once again they have been led into needless death and suffering by an administration wedded to an overreaching policy. They are bound to react by repudiating both the administration and the policy.

One likely result is that George Bush's presidential memoirs will arrive in the bookstores by the end of 1994. Another is that it will be a long time before Americans are sent into war for anything but the most powerful reasons — a worthy achievement, but

one that could be reached by far cheaper methods.

Others are not so appealing. Ted Galen Carpenter, a foreign policy analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute, notes that the showdown with Iraq interrupted a sober debate over America's responsibilities in the world, which had begun with the end of the Cold War. If American blood is spilled, he predicts, the debate may never really resume.

Why not? Because Americans will react with grief and anger, not calm reason — just as they did after Vietnam. A Persian Gulf war will be a second — and probably final — lesson that foreign entanglements are simply too risky to tolerate.

Instead of an orderly transition to a less ambitious foreign policy, a Persian Gulf conflict is likely to spur a headlong U.S. retreat, abandoning sound obligations as well as unsound ones. The U.S. commitment to Europe's security will be weakened. Our military presence in Japan will be cut back. Our ties with Israel will fray.

Americans may also be seduced by anti-foreign sentiment, as they were after the unhappy experience of World War I. Protectionism is already on the rise, and a war that kills thousands of Americans while somehow sparing the Japanese and Germans can only give it a strong boost. Immigration, particularly from Arab countries, may evoke growing resentment.

Like Lyndon Johnson, George Bush has acted in pursuit of a policy he thinks crucial to the peace of the world. But whether his policy succeeds or fails in the Persian Gulf, it will probably fail where it counts most — in the opinions of the American public. He will then discover the truth of what someone said: A cat that sits on a hot stove won't ever again sit on a hot stove, but it also won't ever sit on a cold one.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, January 15th, the 15th day of 1991. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:

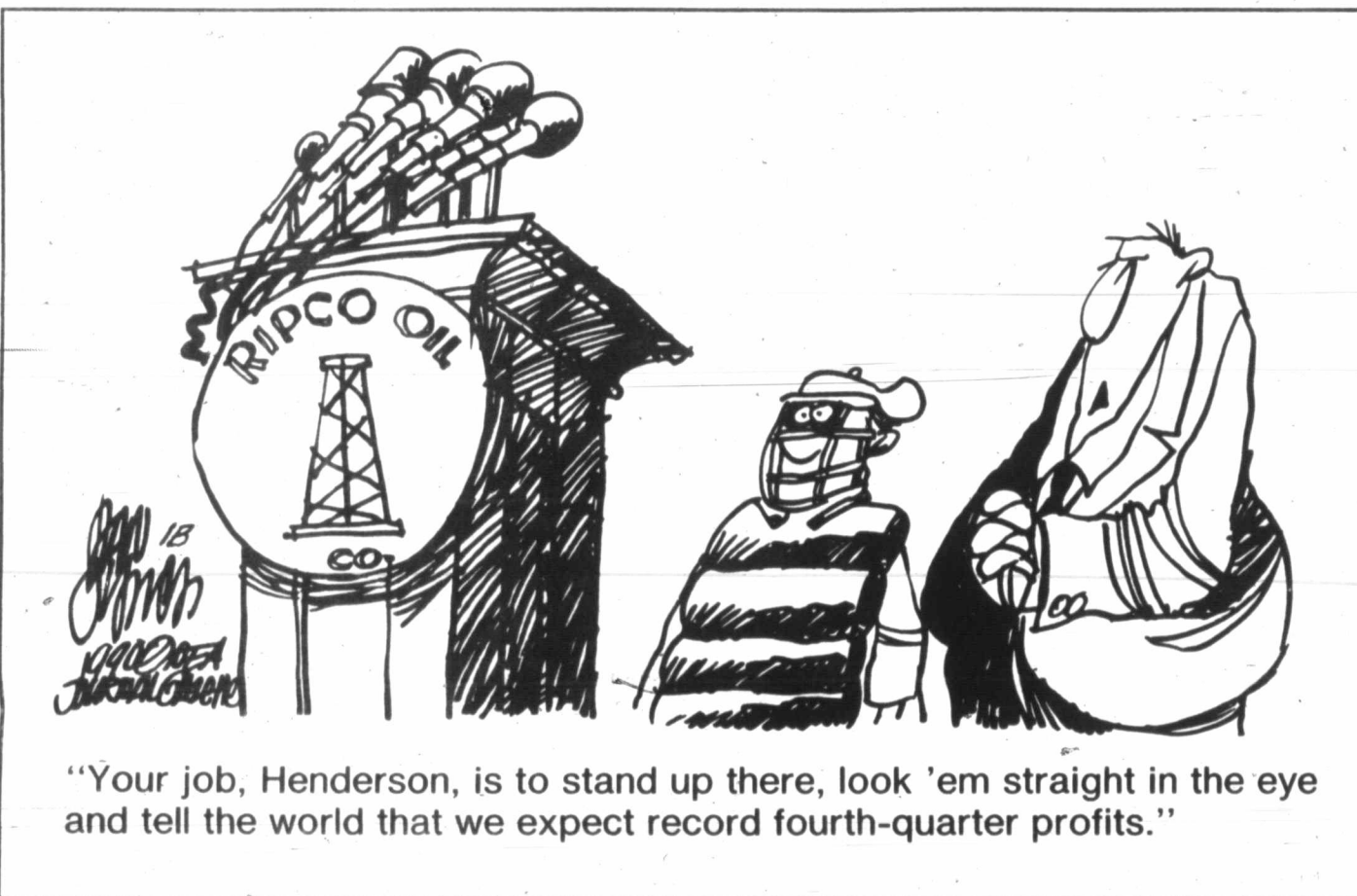
In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt to shoot President Ford in San Francisco.

In 1987, entertainer Ray Bolger, perhaps best known for his role as the Scarecrow in the 1939 MGM musical *The Wizard of Oz*, died in Los Angeles at age 83.



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Where there's a will and all

My attorney, Marvin (Loophole) Slackerman, phoned the other day and said he thought we ought to sit down and go over my will.

He said it was something everybody should do with his or her attorney from time to time.

What he didn't say was, "Besides, I need to meet with you with my meter running so I can pick up some extra cash for the holidays."

But who am I to question how our legal system works? I'm still wondering if Perry Mason got that fat eating too many blueberry torts.

I also admit talking about my will gives me the creeps. I was pretty certain I was immortal until I turned 35.

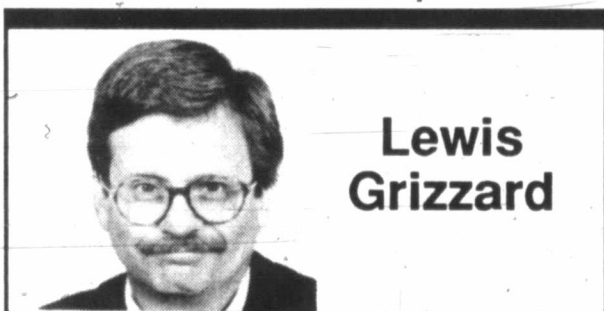
When I got to 40, I began having my doubts about the immortal thing, but I still believed I could live to be 120.

I'd just eat a lot of yogurt like those Russians in the yogurt commercials who are probably lucky now if they can get their hands on an occasional box of instant oatmeal in the midst of the Soviet food shortage.

But I went ahead and did a will anyway, and, now at 44, my attorney was suggesting I update it.

"You still haven't selected someone to get your dog," said lawyer Slackerman.

"How about Niles Farnsworth?" I said. "He hates dogs."



Lewis Grizzard

"Why would you want to leave your dog to somebody who hates dogs?"

"Because Niles Farnsworth owes me a hundred bucks," I explained, "and if I tell him I'm leaving him my dog, he might say, 'Here's the hundred bucks I owe you. Leave that mutt to somebody else.'"

"What other valuables do you have that aren't mentioned in your will?" Loophole asked.

"There's my jukebox with 'Waltz Across Texas' by Ernest Tubb on it."

"Who would you like to have that?"

"My cousin Willard."

"He likes Ernest Tubb?"

"No."

"They why would you leave him your jukebox?"

"Because he gave me a rap album for Christmas last year, and I want to get even."

"What about your wine collection?"

"You mean the three half-gallons left over from the office Christmas party two years ago? Know any wines?"

"My former stockbroker."

"Anything happens to me, give it to him."

"And how about your furniture? You have some lovely pieces."

"You appreciate naugahyde, too. How nice. Know anybody in serious need of furniture?"

"A guy I represented recently in a divorce trial. He got wiped out and is sleeping at the bus station."

"I know the feeling," I said. "The furniture goes to him."

"Speaking of all that," said my attorney, "you don't make any mention of your ex-wives in your will. Do you want to keep it that way?"

"No," I answered. "I'll mention them. Say, 'To my ex-wives — 'Hi there, girls.'"

"I guess that about does it," said my attorney.

I did feel my affairs were in a better order after my meeting with Loophole, who only charged me a hundred bucks, by the way, which I got from Niles Farnsworth after I told him I'd left him my dog.

I still haven't figured out who is going to get my dog. However, I've got plenty of time to go — not to mention, I hope, one helluva lot of yogurt.

School dress codes can go too far

By SARAH OVERSTREET

When I was a junior in high school, my mother made me a new outfit. It was an exciting project, because I picked the pattern and material and waited eagerly until she finished sewing it. It was the newest fashion, a "culotte," which was really a pair of shorts that looked like a skirt.

I was a pretty insecure kid, and a lot of my fragile self-esteem was tied up in how I thought I looked. In my new outfit, I felt about as pretty as I'd ever felt.

I'd been at school a couple of hours in my new culotte when one of the counselors stopped me and told me I'd have to go home and change my clothes. Culottes, she said, were against the school dress code.

Since I'd never heard of them until I'd seen the pattern in the fabric store that month, I thought it was odd that the school already knew about them and had instituted a policy against them. And since they were

much more modest and concealing than some of the skirts we girls were wearing, I didn't understand what harm they were doing to my fellow students.

But I called my mother at work, and waited in the school office until she came to pick me up. Since she worked in a railroad office, and part of her responsibility was to issue train orders and keep the trains running, I don't know how she managed to come to get me, but she did. She was angry and I was humiliated, but the school populace was spared having to gaze at my culotte-covered legs.

Later the administrators began picking on the boys for starting to grow hair over their ears and collars. They suspended them and threatened to not let them graduate. At the time, I believed the school had a right to set standards for dress, but I just couldn't see that these rules made any sense. Compared to the fuss, embarrassment and badgering that accompanied them, they seemed like such a waste

of everyone's time and energy. This year, 22 years after I was sent home for my culottes, 8-year-old Zachariah Toungate has been kept in solitary confinement in his Bastrop, Texas, elementary school. His crime? He refused to cut his ponytail. So every day when he got to school, administrators sent the other kids to their classes and Zachariah to an empty classroom.

Suspend for the moment the knowledge that long hair on men is nothing new, and that its popularity has surged recently. That aside, what on earth do these people think they are accomplishing by banishing a little boy from the presence of other children just because they don't like the way his hair looks?

These are supposed to be professional educators who understand what builds a child's feelings of self-worth and esteem, and how fragile those elements are. Then they stick him in a room by himself everyday because they don't like the way he wears his

hair! What kind of message is that sending to Zachariah Toungate and his fellow students? Did these people go to a teaching college on Mars?

Fortunately for Zachariah, adults who cared about him didn't tell him to accept his school's assessment of his acceptability. They took up his battle and filed a lawsuit in his behalf, seeking his readmission to class — ponytail untouched and unthreatened. The message that he is all right just as he is, and that that is something worth fighting for, may counteract any damage done by sending him the message that he's too creepy for polite company.

School dress codes should be adopted only for the safety and well-being of the children they serve. To use them to rob a child of his sense of being OK is a subtle yet potent form of child abuse. I hope Zachariah and his tail are victorious after their day in court, and that everyone responsible for putting him in that empty room by himself is put there in his stead.

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State college budget woes spread throughout nation

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

The worst college money crunch in memory is forcing rare midterm budget cuts at schools in at least 25 states and making double-digit tuition increases a virtual certainty next fall.

"There is widespread pain, and anticipated pain, nationwide," said Robert Aaron, a spokesman for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, based in Washington.

Higher education's woes, considered mainly a Northeastern problem just last fall, have spread to states like California, Florida and Minnesota.

At least half the states have announced midterm appropriation cuts, even more than during the recession in the early 1980s, said Richard Novak of the land grant association.

"More states are making mid-year changes than I've ever seen, and virtually all are negative," said Edward R. Hines, a professor of educational administration at Illinois State University who edits *The Grapevine*, a journal of higher education finance.

He and others said students across the country next fall can count on

double-digit tuition increases not seen since rates at public colleges rose an average of 12 percent in 1983.

Hiring freezes, fewer and more crowded classes and cuts in student counseling are already the rule on public campuses around the country:

• The University of Florida has lost about \$17 million in state aid this year, suspended most hiring and may cancel some spring course sections as well as much of summer school.

• At Virginia Tech, class sizes have tripled in some disciplines as 131 vacant faculty jobs have been eliminated since the fall semester. "If you're up near the top (of the auditorium) you can't even see the teacher," said Michele Gunter, a sophomore from Roanoke, Va., whose introductory biology class has swelled to 500 students.

• Massachusetts, in the throes of a 2-year-old state budget crisis, has cut higher education spending \$175 million so far this year to \$522 million. Tuition at the state's 29 campuses has risen 50 percent in the last 2 1/2 years, with further increases likely. Over 1,100 staff positions have been eliminated.

"The quality we've built up over the last 12 years will be lost," said

Terry Zoulas, a spokesman for the board of regents. Morale is "the lowest I've ever seen. There's a feeling that nobody cares."

• California's new governor, Pete Wilson, unveiled plans Thursday to cut higher education spending 1.6 percent for fiscal 1991-92 to \$5.5 billion. Included would be a 20 percent rise in student fees, which students are protesting as a stunning departure from a long tradition of more gradual increases.

• In Minnesota, which faces a projected \$1.2 billion budget gap in the coming two-year period, the state university's Board of Regents voted to close the 20-year-old Waseca campus 75 miles south of Minneapolis, with 1,042 students and 125 faculty and staff members. Also proposed is elimination of the University of Minnesota radio station, which began broadcasting in 1912.

Nationwide, state higher education appropriations totaled \$40.8 billion in 1990-91, according to the Center for Higher Education at Illinois State University.

But state spending over the last two years was up just 11.6 percent, the smallest increase in 30 years. In many states, higher education budget growth is lagging behind inflation.

Report linking cancer to power lines under scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — A scientific advisory board is scrutinizing a disputed government report that suggested possible cancer links to high-voltage electric power lines.

Authors of the draft report by the Environmental Protection Agency provided details of the findings to the 17-member panel for four hours Monday. One official said that while more conclusive studies are needed, "we're not way out in left field."

The report, first made public last summer, concludes there is considerable evidence from more than a dozen scientific studies over the past decade that high exposure to electromagnetic fields from electric power lines are "a possible, but not proven, cause of cancer in humans."

When its findings were made public, the utility industry sharply criticized it as inconclusive and based on incomplete science. President Bush's science adviser, D. Allen Bromley, sought unsuccessfully to have it withheld pending further review, saying it would raise public concern needlessly.

The advisory panel, whose review is essential before the EPA can produce a final report, was hearing today from scientists who in the past have been skeptical about the findings.

Many of these witnesses planned to speak at the request of Health Science Group, which has been organized by a coalition of utilities to examine the issue of health and electromagnetic fields. Such fields are created by high power transmission lines and, perhaps, even household appliances and machinery.

On Monday, the report's authors — researchers at the EPA and at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee — provided a detailed briefing for the advisory panel.

Dr. Robert McGahey, a participant in the EPA study, said that while the evidence does not conclusively prove a link between cancer and electromagnetic fields, it indicates the matter should not be dismissed without more detailed study.

"We're not way out in left field if we say there may be a connection,"

he told the panel, whose members represent a variety of scientific disciplines.

At the heart of the EPA findings are a number of studies that show a higher-than-normal occurrence of cancers — leukemia, brain cancer and lymphoma — in children who live near high-power electric lines or who were offspring of workers in electrical occupations.

Several members of the review panel questioned whether the studies adequately took into account exposure of some of these children to other cancer sources such as passive tobacco smoke or airborne toxins.

None of the panel members, however, directly challenged the validity of the findings in their preliminary questioning.

"Several studies have shown correlations between cancer incidents and mortality in children and residence in homes near electric power distribution and transmission lines," the EPA said in summarizing its findings to the review panel.

No bum steer here



(AP Laserphoto)

Sheffield Wise, 18, of Brownwood, smiles as she leads her Simmental-Angus crossbred steer named Thumper around the auction ring as the junior livestock champions were sold at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver, Colo., Monday night. Wise sold the steer for \$30,000 and says that she will use the money for college which she starts this fall. Thumper was judged grand champion in the junior market steer division on Saturday.

Higher Education Coordinating Board announces sale of college bonds

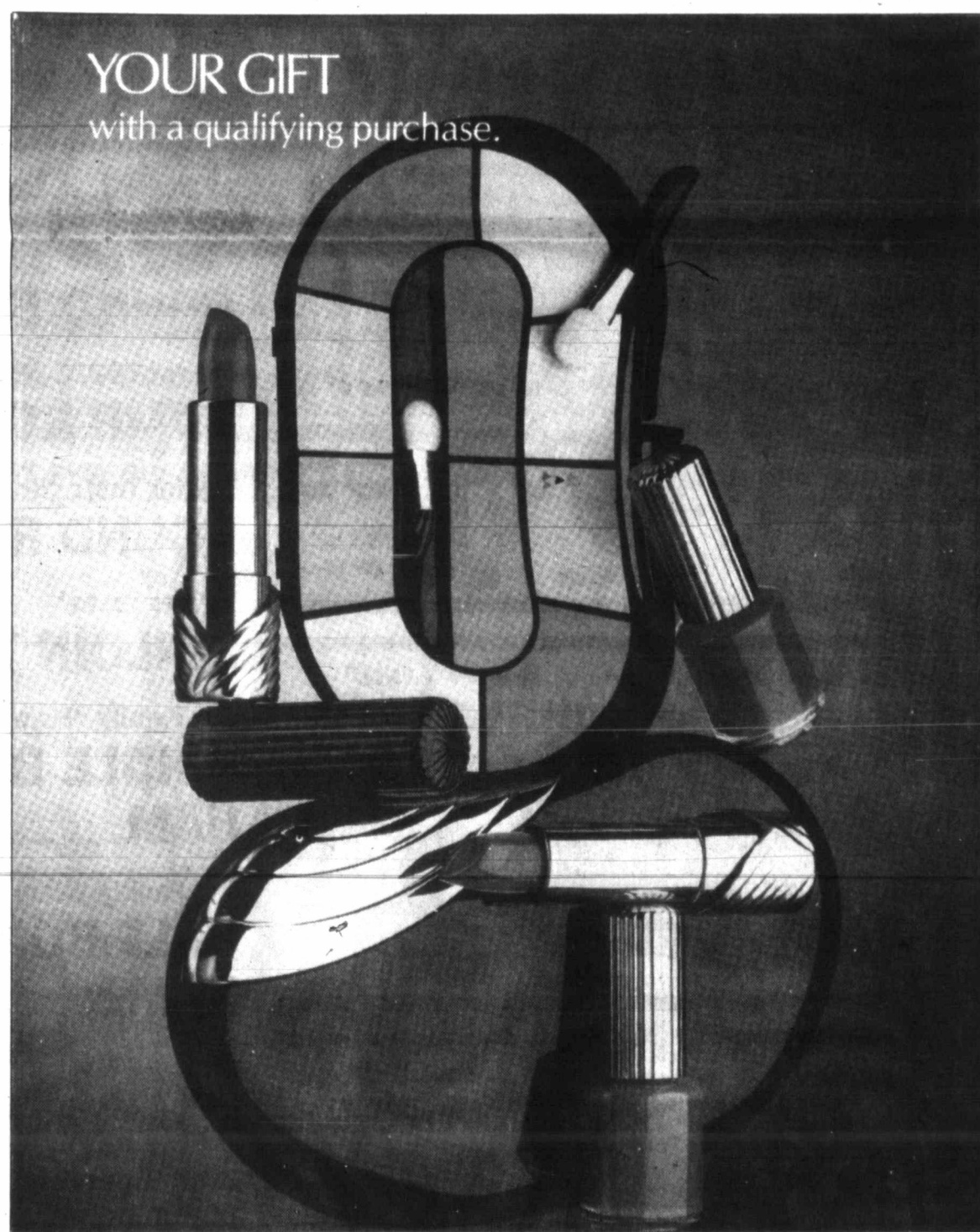
AUSTIN (AP) — Tax-exempt bonds for a college savings bond program will be sold later this month in small denominations to give anyone the opportunity to purchase them for funding future college costs, the Higher Education

Coordinating Board says. Proceeds from the \$25 million bond sale will allow the board to provide low-interest loans to college students in Texas.

The board said Monday that purchase price of the bonds will depend

on the maturity value and interest rates at the time of sale. Minimum purchase price for the bonds, to be available in \$1,000 increments, could be as low as several hundred dollars for small denomination bonds with long terms.

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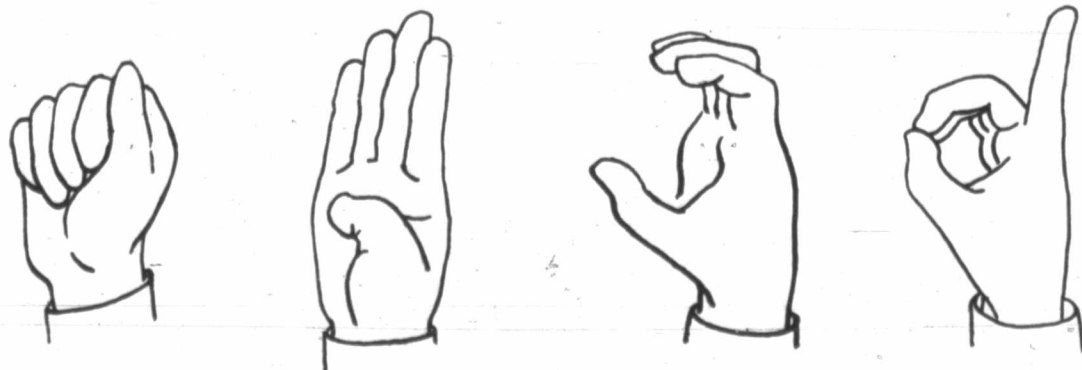
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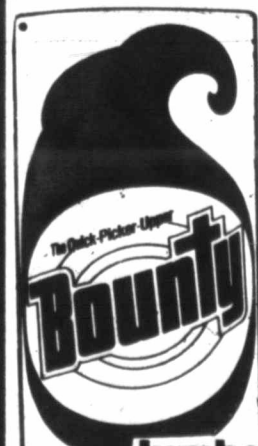
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Florida citrus industry uneasy about bumper crops, low prices

By IKE FLORES
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Florida is producing its biggest crop of oranges in a decade and is the beneficiary of short-term profits because of California's freeze, but the industry is uneasy about the future.

While growers are reaping a good harvest in a year that is so far frost-free, industry leaders know they have a major challenge ahead in selling all of the processed juice that will be squeezed from bumper crops foreseen in the coming years.

Unless new markets are developed for the state's principal product, frozen concentrated orange juice, the bigger crops can mean much lower prices, meaning smaller profits for the grower, processor and so on up the line.

State and federal analysts forecast a 1990-91 orange crop of 165 million 90-pound boxes. Ninety percent of Florida's oranges are processed into juice.

This would be nearly 50 percent greater than the freeze-damaged production of last year and the largest crop since 1980, when 146.6 million boxes were harvested.

Florida could produce 213 million to 218 million boxes of oranges by 1995, predicts economic research director Bob Behr of the Florida Department of Citrus. This would surpass the record of 206.7 million boxes harvested in 1979-80.

By the turn of the century, orange production could be spiraling toward the 300 million box level.

"There is a lot of concern about the pricing structure and the total juice supply worldwide in years ahead," said Bobby McKown of Florida Citrus Mutual, the state's largest growers' association with 12,000 members.

Market competition is expected to be fierce in the coming years.

At the same time that Florida crops are rebounding from disastrous freezes in the 1980s, Brazil is producing record harvests. Mexico has an up-and-coming citrus industry. And Cuba could pose a threat in the free markets if the Fidel Castro regime were to be replaced.

Those and other nations (Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Israel) boosted plantings in part because of Florida's problems with bad weather.

Florida is the largest producer in this country and second only to Brazil in worldwide sales.

The industry relies on import tariffs on juice to protect its large domestic market. Florida growers and processors fear they cannot compete economically in this country with low-cost foreign producers, who are often subsidized by their governments.

The import levies were in danger of elimination as part of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks in Geneva late last year, but the status quo was retained when the world's trading partners could not agree on an agricultural pact.

That relieved industry leaders here about the domestic threat from Brazil, at least temporarily.

Mexico is another story, however.

The Bush administration is working out a free-trade agreement with Mexico similar to the one recently approved with Canada. Without the import duties, Mexico's growing industry could greatly accelerate sales in the United States.

Dan Gunter, executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus, disagrees with arguments by Bush administration officials that Florida could compete on an equal footing with Mexico, Brazil and other nations.

"Countries that have been subsidized for years have advantages built in," Gunter says, echoing widespread industry sentiments.

In the short-term, larger production by Florida means less "penetration" by Brazil into this country, McKown says. Eventually, however, this can lead to lower prices and increased production "is going to pose some problems until we can open up other world markets."

So industry leaders are busy mapping plans to develop new international outlets and to make their juice products more attractive to domestic consumers.

McKown believes Florida's reputation for producing top-quality juice will open up what he calls "niche markets" in some European nations and Japan. Domestically, the industry trend is for pasteurized, ready-to-serve

juice. Because of the convenience, price is secondary to some consumers.

Gunter, McKown and others believe the problems of the 1980s helped strengthen the Florida industry, and that expanded plantings, improved growing methods and better freeze-protection technology will boost production into record levels rapidly.

The coming decade will bring "unprecedented change" to Florida's citrus industry, presenting both opportunities and obstacles, Gunter says.

"More and more, the destiny of the citrus industry is going to be shaped by events outside the continental United States," he told a group of food industry executives recently.

The challenge, he said, is to determine how to capitalize on the trends that signal tremendous growth in an expanding world economy.

"To be successful, the industry will have to take a more global perspective" while continuing to strengthen its domestic market, Gunter says.

Expanded world population, more disposable income, developing markets such as Japan and Eastern Europe and Florida's reputation for quality will provide a greater worldwide demand for the state's citrus, he believes.

McKown agrees on the need for a worldwide outlook.

"For the first time, we are in a true world market situation. We have to look at everything in a global sense," he says. "We've not dealt with that before — we're plowing new ground. The unknown is scary."

Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Billy Crystal's comedy special *Midnight Train to Moscow* on HBO won four top honors at the ACE Awards for cable programming.

With 25 top honors, HBO on Sunday night continued its reign as the No. 1 recipient of ACE Awards.

Midnight Train to Moscow won for best comedy, direction, writing and makeup at the 12th annual awards.

James Earl Jones was named best dramatic series actor for *American Playwrights Theater: Third and Oak — The Pool on the Arts & Entertainment network* and best supporting actor in a movie or miniseries for Turner Network Television's *Heat Wave*.

Blair Brown of the recently canceled *Days and Nights of Molly Dodd* on Lifetime was judged best actress in a dramatic series.

Showtime's *It's Garry Shandling's Show*, which ceased production last year, earned a trophy for comedy series. Gary Shandling also won as best comedy series actor, and co-star Jessica Harper won as best comedy series actress.

The Awards for Cable Excellence are given by the the National Academy of Cable Programming.

a different approach. "I don't know if there's a product that's going to erase the kind of problem he had. I'd get plastic surgery," Young said.

NEW YORK (AP) — The video for Deee-Lite's hit "Groove Is in the Heart" explodes with psychedelic patterns not seen since the flower power of 20 years ago.

The three-member group's singer, Lady Miss Kier, wears the flip hairdo of a vintage Barbie doll, a slinky catsuit, false eyelashes and platform shoes.

But the group, which also includes two somber-faced dancing disc jockeys known as Towa Towa and Dmitry, denies its inspiration comes from the past.

"We would classify our style as individuality while retaining social awareness," Lady Miss Kier said in *Spin* magazine's January issue.

"But other people see a '70s fashion revival. People jump to a lot of conclusions based on the way we look, but the music speaks for itself."

The group's hit song was listed in the top 20 from mid-October through the end of December.

NEW YORK (AP) — Cher says she would like to have another baby but would not necessarily marry a third time.

"I was with one man for 11 years and it wasn't that much fun," the 44-year-old actress and singer said of her marriage to Sonny Bono. "I can't see staying in there to say, 'I'm a martyr, what a good job I did.'"

"If I'd stayed with Sonny, I wouldn't have Elijah, wouldn't be an actress, wouldn't be a woman. God, I'd be dead," she said in the Jan. 21 issue of *People* magazine.

Cher has two children: Chastity, 21, with Bono, and Elijah, 14, with musician Greg Allman, to whom she was married from 1975 to 1977.

She most recently played a flighty divorcee in the movie *Mermaids* and has written a book, *Forever Fit*, which will be published this month.



Dianne Wiest

NEW YORK (AP) — Dianne Wiest, who plays an Avon lady in the movie *Edward Scissorhands*, practiced by accompanying a real Avon saleswoman on her rounds.

"We went door-to-door so she could get a feel of what it was like to be a rep." June Young, 50, said in the Jan. 21 issue of *People* magazine.

Ms. Young, who has sold Avon cosmetics for 15 years, said she thought Wiest "portrayed the Avon person as nice and caring."

Wiest discovers Edward Scissorhands, a gentle creature with shears for hands, when she rings the bell of a forbidding castle overlooking her suburb.

Edward's hands are so sharp he keeps cutting himself on the face, and Wiest tries to cover up the scars with Avon products.

The real Avon lady said she'd try



Cher

Report shows rape attempts declining

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heightened sensitivity among men to the concerns of women over the past two decades is being cited by criminologists as a possible explanation for a dramatic decrease in rape attempts.

The rate of attempted rapes of girls and women in the United States decreased 46 percent from 1973 to 1987, according to a study released by the Justice Department.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics study, the rate of attempted rapes fell from 1.3 per 1,000 girls and women in 1973 to 0.7 per 1,000 in 1987.

However, the rate of completed rapes — 0.6 per 1,000 — held steady over the same time span.

Criminologist Alfred Blumstein theorized that the decline in attempted rapes could be attributable to heightened male sensitivity to concerns

raised by women in the last 20 years.

But Blumstein, dean of the school of urban and public affairs at Pittsburgh's Carnegie-Mellon University, said he could only guess at the reasons. Many women still are reluctant to report the crime, making statistics unreliable, he said.

Only 53 percent of rapes or attempted rapes are reported to police, the study said. But the report, compiled by extrapolating figures from a survey of 49,000 households, estimated there were 137,509 rapes and attempted rapes in 1987, down from 159,890 in 1973.

Women were more likely to call police if raped by a stranger than by someone they knew. Among women who were raped in or near their home, 48 percent said the attacker was someone they knew, according to the study, titled "Female Victims of Violent Crime."

Study: Women less likely to get heart bypass surgery

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — American women have nearly as many fatal heart attacks as men but are far less likely to get bypass surgery, the American Heart Association reports in its annual update of heart disease statistics.

The Dallas-based association also reported at its annual science writers' meeting that heart disease death rates are highest in the South and lowest in the West.

American women suffer some 244,000 fatal heart attacks each year, compared with 268,000 for men, the association said. Yet figures from 1988 show that 83,000 heart bypass operations were done in women, compared with 270,000 in men.

Angioplasty, in which a balloon-like device is threaded into blocked arteries and used to force them open, was done 67,000 times in women and 160,000 times in men.

The heart association gave no explanation for the differences in treatment received by men and women.

Women who smoke and use birth control pills are 39 times as likely as other women to have heart attacks and 22 times as likely to have strokes, the figures showed.

The analysis of state heart disease data found that South Carolina had the highest death rate, with 258 deaths per 100,000 people in 1987. The next highest states were Mississippi, West Virginia, Louisiana and Georgia.

The states with the lowest heart disease death rates were Hawaii, with 160 deaths per 100,000 people, followed by Mexico, Colorado, Minnesota, Montana and Arizona.

Michigan and Ohio also had high death rates, and Florida's death rate was among the lowest.

The figures were based on 1987 data, the most recent available, from the government's National Center for Health Statistics.

"These trends have persisted for quite a while and they probably reflect the influences of lifestyles and socioeconomic factors," said Dr. Lewis Kuller of the University of Pittsburgh. He said the differences could be explained in part by regional variations in smoking, cholesterol levels, diet, income and education.

However, Dr. William Kannel of Boston University said the variations could be due to differences in the reporting of heart disease deaths.

"If cardiovascular mortality truly varies by location, it may be the result of environmental and geographic influences and risk factors," said

Kannel. "But no one really knows, and it would be very hard to prove."

Overall the heart association reported the continuation of an encouraging trend in heart disease.

Between 1978 and 1988, the death rate from heart attacks declined 29 percent, while stroke deaths fell by 33.2 percent. Deaths from high blood pressure declined 20 percent.

The association attributed the decline to healthier lifestyles and advances in medical treatment.

Here is an alphabetical state-by-state list of heart disease death rates for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Each state is followed by its numerical ranking (from lowest to highest death rate) and the number of deaths per hundred thousand people in 1987.

Alabama	43	235
Alaska	9	183
Arizona	6	178
Arkansas	39	226
California	17	192
Colorado	3	169
Connecticut	12	188
Delaware	33	221
District of Columbia	49	254
Florida	13	189
Georgia	46	239
Hawaii	1	160
Idaho	27	212
Illinois	37	224
Indiana	35	223
Iowa	19	194
Kansas	11	184
Kentucky	44	237
Louisiana	47	243
Maine	26	212
Maryland	34	221
Massachusetts	23	202
Michigan	45	238
Minnesota	4	174
Mississippi	50	256
Missouri	28	213
Montana	5	177
Nebraska	18	193
Nevada	32	219
New Hampshire	20	196
New Jersey	29	216
New Mexico	2	162
New York	38	224
North Carolina	42	233
North Dakota	8	180
Ohio	41	230
Oklahoma	30	219
Oregon	15	191
Pennsylvania	36	223
Rhode Island	22	200
South Carolina	51	258
South Dakota	16	191
Tennessee	40	230
Texas	24	204
Utah	7	179
Vermont	25	210
Virginia	31	219
Washington	10	184
West Virginia	48	252
Wisconsin	21	199
Wyoming	14	189

SMU's Pye earns high marks for boosting school's status

DALLAS (AP) — In the mid 1980s, Southern Methodist University had an image problem.

The Mustangs' national reputation had been tarnished by a pay-for-play football scandal that led to an NCAA-imposed "death penalty."

That's when A. Kenneth Pye stepped in as president of the Dallas school. Pye has since been credited with restoring integrity to SMU athletics, pressing for campus diversity and raising the school's national stature.

Pye, 59, known for his blunt-talking style, arrived on campus in May 1987 and since then, almost no aspect of the university has been untouched by his influence.

"What has happened since he took over ... has been truly remarkable, and in my opinion the university is stronger now," said trustee board chairman Ray Hunt. "For all the wrong reasons, we had a lot of national attention turned on the university, and the spotlight stayed there."

But how well Pye tackles post-crisis issues, including this year's 18 percent decline in freshman enrollment and ambitious fund-raising needs, may determine whether he will be remembered as a successful president.

"These next couple of years are critical," said Stanley Katz, president of the American Council

of Learned Societies in New York and a member of SMU's board of trustees.

"He has put in place what the president can put in place. Now he has to raise a whole lot more money and recruit the faculty and students who are necessary to change the institution," he said.

Hunt, chairman of Hunt Oil Co., put it in grid-iron terms.

"History will recall 1990 as the year Ken Pye went from playing defense to playing offense at SMU," he said.

When Pye reflects on his tenure, he talks more about evolution than revolution. But his reputation for brusqueness, cutting weak programs and tightening budgets preceded him.

"At some time or another since I've been here, the story's been out that I'm out to get the business school, the arts school, the engineering school or athletics," he said.

Pye has a reputation as a straight-shooter from his 36-year career as a professor and administrator at Duke and Georgetown universities.

"One of the criticisms is that he does make decisions before a consensus is reached," said engineering professor and faculty senate president David Johnson. "But he will listen to other

points and sometimes change his mind.

"As far as his integrity and dedication, there's no question about it, but maybe his bedside manner is lacking."

If Pye's honeymoon at SMU is over, it's only the beginning of a long-term union as far as the board of trustees is concerned. At the last meeting, held in late November, Pye's contract was renewed 18 months early.

"I'm not sure if there's another example in recent history of an institution of higher education facing as severe a crisis as what Ken Pye had to address when he first arrived at SMU," said Hunt, who headed the presidential search committee.

In the 1986-87 academic year, details of a football scandal emerged in which at least two members of the board of governors, including Gov. Bill Clements, were accused of condoning payments by athletic boosters to football players.

The revelations led to an NCAA-imposed "death penalty" that kept the school from fielding a football team for two seasons and a house-cleaning of the athletic department. SMU president L. Donald Shields resigned during the turmoil because of ill health.

East Texas federal judge celebrates 20 years on the bench

By MARILYN COVEY
Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph

TYLER (AP) — U.S. District Judge William Merritt Steger is an imposing figure as he sits on the bench in his courtroom in Tyler's federal courthouse wielding justice.

He has been known to scold more than one attorney for his conduct in the practice of law, seeking to maintain high standards for the profession he loves.

Privately, Steger is known as a compassionate man — one who agonizes over sentencing and hurts deeply over the death of his much beloved son, Reed.

The combination of public and private faces yields a man who appears much gruffer than he is. But he commands respect.

Steger, who completed 20 years service as a U.S. District judge last month, has led a colorful life — much of it in the public eye.

Since being appointed by then-President Richard M. Nixon and taking the oath of office Dec. 29, 1970, Steger has disposed of 8,885 cases. He has been affirmed about 75 percent of the time on appeals.

He continues to carry a full caseload as a senior status judge and was third in the Eastern District of Texas — behind Judges Paul Brown and Robert M. Parker — in 1989 case closings.

Though becoming a judge "is something that happens if you're in the right place at the right time," Steger always eyed a legal career.

"My dad had encouraged me to study law. I had pretty well made up my mind from the time I was a freshman in high school that I wanted to be a lawyer," Steger said. "I don't know if I would have been happy doing anything else."

Fresh from combat in World War II, where he flew 56 missions in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, Steger returned home to Texas to begin his law career and aggressively pursue a life in partisan politics.

Steger first became involved in politics in 1952, as chairman of the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign in the East Texas area. He had a legal practice in Longview at the time.

"I really got involved, not just because of Eisenhower, I got involved in the Republican Party because I strongly believe in the two-party system," Steger said.

He helped the Republican Party make inroads into a strongly Democratic state during failed campaigns for governor in 1960 and Congress in 1962.

Steger served six years as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas and was elected state chairman of the Republican Party in 1969, a position he held until December 1970.

Though he enjoyed the political life, Steger said, "when I went on the bench, politics became a thing of the past."

As a judge, Steger has heard a multitude of cases, including some which plowed new legal ground.

Some of the more celebrated cases involve criminal prosecutions of former Gregg County Sheriff Tom Welch and other county officials, and businessmen Rex Cauble and Bruce Emery Griffin.

'As a judge I'd like to be remembered as one who dealt with both parties and their attorneys fairly.'

Welch, Gregg County Commissioner Bill Satterwhite, Justice of the Peace Charles Cashell and Chief Deputy Sheriff James M. Cochran were convicted in a case which helped interpret the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act.

Allegations included the facilitation of gambling activity and solicitation of and conspiracy to murder. Cauble, owner of a western wear business, also was convicted under RICO in a case which involved the importation of more than 147,000

pounds of marijuana from 1976-78 by an organization known as the "Cowboy Mafia."

Griffin, owner of D.K.G. Appaloosas, a multimillion-dollar horse ranch, was convicted of drug charges that led to a landmark case concerning forfeiture of property and money gained through illegal drug transactions.

The variety of cases heard in Steger's court through the years has given him insight into many areas.

"You learn so much about so many fields," he said — especially in product liability cases where a number of expert witnesses testify. "It's an education within itself to sit in there and listen to that testimony."

Though one of Steger's favorite pastimes is fishing, he has no plans to pursue it full-time.

"As long as my health is as good as it is, I plan to keep on working. I'm happier doing it," Steger said.

How would he like to be remembered by historians?

"As a judge I'd like to be remembered as one who dealt with both parties and their attorneys fairly and as having applied the law correctly to the facts as presented to me — regardless of my own personal feelings," Steger said.

"I feel it's my responsibility to do that, and I just approach it as carrying out my responsibility."

Lifestyles

'Environmentally friendly tourist' needn't be a contradiction

By JENNIFER MERIN
AP Newsfeatures

It's vacation time, 2091 A.D. Your great-grandchildren pack camping gear into their jet car and head for the woods. After skimming miles and miles of highway, they reach the forest.

They park, unpack and enter a sort of futuristic Noah's Ark — a glass-enclosed environment containing what's left of Earth's trees and wildlife.

It's not an unlikely scenario, according to environmentalists concerned about cumulative effects of acid rain, deterioration of the ozone layer and industrial exploitation of the forests.

Additionally, there's concern that current increases in tourism to remote and ecologically fragile areas essential to Earth's overall environment — areas such as the Antarctic, the Amazon and other rain forests, the Galapagos, African wildlife preserves and trails in the Andes and Himalayas — will cause irreversible environmental damage, ultimately on a planet-wide scale.

Ron Naveen, an author of "Wild Ice" (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1990), a book about Antarctica, says the future might be brighter, if travelers assume responsibility for preserving nature and the environment.

As founder of Oceanites, a Maryland-based non-profit foundation dedicated to preservation of island and ocean environments, Naveen is an avid advocate of responsible tourism — or eco-tourism — as a means of countering deterioration of our planet's fragile ecosystems.

"The Antarctic and other unspoiled areas are so awe-inspiring they change people's outlook," Naveen says. "It's natural to become a naturalist once you've witnessed the Antarctic's magnificence and looked a penguin in the eye.

"We want travelers to experience this, but they must respect and protect the areas and wildlife. Numbers of visitors should be limited. Tours must be run by environmentally-concerned companies, led by experienced guides. Otherwise these areas could be destroyed."

Case in point: an Argentine ship that carried 100 passengers on 11-day Antarctic cruises sank in 1990, spilling about 250,000 gallons of fuel. No one was injured, but rookeries of some 20,000 penguins were seriously polluted with long-term consequences that cannot yet be assessed.

In addition to advising tourists to travel with environmentally-concerned companies, Oceanites advocates a seven-point eco-tourist's code of behavior:

- Don't disturb fragile habitats in any fashion whatsoever.

- Don't introduce non-native plants or animals.

- Don't dump plastic or other non-biodegradable garbage overboard or leave garbage in areas visited.

- Don't disrespect cultural heritage, customs, habits and traditions of indigenous peoples.

- Don't violate personal space of native animals in fragile habitats.

- Don't interfere with protected areas or scientific research.

- Don't collect or buy specimens or products that threaten wildlife and plants in fragile habitats.

Applied to Antarctica, the code specifies leaving no footprints in mosses, lichens or grasses; staying at least 15 feet from penguins, seabirds and true seals; staying 60 feet from fur seals; always giving animals the right of way and never touching them.

Similar behavior codes are endorsed by many environmentally-concerned travel organizers, including The Cousteau Society, Earthwatch, National Audubon Society,



(AP photo courtesy of Mark Jones and Smithsonian Institution Press)

Adelle penguins and their Antarctic habitat would benefit from responsible tourism, or eco-tourism, espoused by Ron Naveen in a recent book, "Wild Ice."

Sierra Club, Society Expeditions and Salen Lindblad Cruising. A list of additional environmentally-concerned tour operators, exchange and volunteer programs is available from One World Family Travel Network.

While the seven-point Oceanites traveler's code is especially important for visitors to ecologically fragile areas, it is also applicable in

DEAR ABBY: I am troubled with something a reader wrote: "What right do we mortals have to demand an explanation from God?" Abby, that writer has never known the gut-wrenching pain of losing a child.

In 1988, my beautiful 22-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver. At first, I screamed, "He not only killed her, he killed me too — only I can't die!" I then got on my knees and begged God: "You can do anything. You can perform miracles. You can bring my daughter back to life. Please, God, let me trade places with her — please let me lie in that coffin, and let her out to live her life. She is only 22, God. She has never been married or experienced the miracle of being a mother. I am old. I have lived. I've had my chance at life, but she hasn't. Please, please, let me trade places with her. You can do it. You can make it so that all the people who thought she died won't be surprised that it's me in the coffin and not her. Please, God, let her have a chance to live. She didn't deserve to die!"

As you can see, Abby, I'm still here — and not because I want to be, either. Mostly because I didn't have the guts to pull the trigger or take the pills to get me out of the terrible pain and loss I live with every minute of my life. God didn't see fit to bargain with me. God doesn't plead-bargain like men do. The drunk who killed my precious daughter (and me, too) spent less than six months behind bars. Today, he walks in the sun while my little girl is in a dark grave — with no sun.

God didn't answer my prayers, and I resent being told that I have no right to question God. If there is a God, and if I ever get to meet him face to face, you can bet your life I will have plenty of whys for him to answer. I want to know why my little



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

girl died and that drunk was allowed to go on living. I love her more than my life, and I miss her so. I am mad that I am having to live in a world where she no longer lives, and I want to know why. Why shouldn't I have the right to ask God?

Aren't we supposedly created in his image? If so, surely he has a heart and soul that are capable of hurting just as I hurt. I don't fear the Lord. And I don't fear hell, either. I know what hell is like. I've already been there since the day my precious daughter was killed. Please sign me...

A BEREAVED MOTHER
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DEAR MOTHER: Believe me, my heart goes out to you and to every mother who has known the pain of losing a child. Millions of people will read this letter, and millions of mothers (and fathers, too) will relate to it, having experienced the loss and felt the pain you describe.

There are no easy answers, and since you know firsthand how comforting Compassionate Friends can be, your only other ally is time, which has a way of healing broken hearts.

Whitewash furniture for stylish effect

JUDITH K. MCGINNIS
Wichita Falls Times Record News

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Garage sale fever has probably left you in one of two situations. Either you've purchased a great piece of old furniture at a bargain price, or in cleaning out your own attic, have rediscovered a long forgotten acquisition.

Your find isn't quite an antique, but it's certainly an interesting, well-made piece of furniture. It needs some sort of face lift, but the value and age simply don't warrant refinishing.

How about a good whitewashing?

Now we're not talking about Tom Sawyer-style whitewashing, but a technique which has become popular with decorators and homeowners with an eye for style.

"Although we don't do this type of work for the public, we've shown several clients how to whitewash furniture themselves," said Steven King, co-owner of King-Albers Studio. He and partner Michael Albers specialize in antiques, accent pieces and custom upholstery work.

"It's so simple, even someone who's never refinshed furniture can pick it up quickly with good results," he said.

What kind of furniture is a candidate for whitewashing?

According to Albers, any piece of furniture with an intact finish and some detail work will do nicely.

"Flat surfaces don't make for a very interesting whitewash," he explained. "Something with carving, moldings or turned pieces will look much better. It should have a fairly good finish — you never want to whitewash raw wood because it will absorb the color of the wash.

"And this way, if you want to strip and refinish the piece at a later date, it will be easy."

The two demonstrated with a mahogany-stained mantelpiece. After making sure the wood was clean, Albers sponged a foot-long section with a light coat of beige tone latex paint that had been thinned with water. He then quickly wiped away the excess with a soft cotton cloth. The sheer white effect remained on the wood, with traces of paint remaining to highlight the turned posts.

"Whitewashing doesn't necessarily mean using white paint," said Albers. "For the wash you should choose a color which complements the wood you're about to treat. Mahogany has a red tone, so the paint should have a slightly pink background."

Washes can be applied in shades other than white. King used a vivid turquoise wash to dress up an old kitchen cabinet, and the result is eye-catching.

"This is really a display piece, but the turquoise wash over the white painted cabinet looks great," he said. "It wouldn't work for everyone, on any piece of furniture, anywhere, but if you've got a good sense of color, it's something to consider."

Other treatments which bring interest to older furniture are "marbleizing" and "granitizing." King chose the latter for the smooth mantel shelf.

To make the surface look like granite, he first sponged on a smooth coat of rose-colored latex. After drying for 24 hours, off-white and deep rose paints were swirled on a plate and picked up on a sponge. King then heavily daubed the paint on the shelf.

"You see, the colors are separated, but when you really apply a thick coat, it gives the rough look of stone," Albers said. "Marbleizing is done with less paint, and a feather is used to create the veins and imperfections. On tabletops, metal accent pieces and in other saturations, this gives a whole new look to furniture you may be tired of looking at."

Use smoke detectors properly to save lives

By READER'S DIGEST
For AP Newsfeatures

News story after news story tells of fire fatalities that might have been prevented if smoke detectors had been in use.

Smoke detectors make a shrill warning sound when exposed to smoke. Since they are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, there is no reason any home should be without them.

Here's some basic information on buying and using these life-saving devices:

Types:
— "Ionization" detectors contain a tiny amount of shielded radioactive material. This material breaks air down into charged atoms through which a small current can flow. Smoke interrupts the flow of current which sets off the alarm. An ionization detector responds more quickly to the fumes of a fast-burning fire.

— "Photoelectric" detectors use a small light beam which impinges on a light-sensitive photocell. The alarm sounds whenever smoke interrupts the light beam. The

lightbulb producing the beam lasts about three years; then it must be replaced. A photoelectric type of detector gives a faster response to smoke from a smoldering fire. It is also less prone to false alarms from innocuous kitchen fumes.

Either type of smoke detector may be powered by a battery (usually 9-volt) or house current.

Effective Use:

- Test your smoke detector about once a month to make sure it's operating properly.

- To test, simply press the test button on the front of the unit. The alarm (a continuous blare) will sound as long as the test button is depressed. This test automatically checks the electronic circuit, horn and battery.

- If the horn does not sound, replace the battery. If it still does not sound, have the detector repaired or replaced.

- When the smoke detector battery begins to weaken, it will sound a warning signal (usually intermittent beeps or chirps). Replace the battery immediately following the manufacturer's directions.

- Clean your smoke detectors yearly to remove dust, grease and other soil.

Where to Locate:

- In halls leading to sleeping areas.

- At the heads of stairs leading to living areas.

- In your basement, but not too near the furnace.

- In the bedroom of any smoker in your family.

- On the same house level as your kitchen, but not too near your appliances since everyday cooking can easily set it off. Caution: Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy to forget to turn it on again.

- Away from air currents (vents or radiators, for example), dead air corners and ends of halls.

- On the ceiling at least 20 inches from all corners or walls.

- On walls, at least 12 inches from the ceiling and the nearest corner.

Note: Don't paint the detector. Painting clogs the holes and reduces its effectiveness.

Shipmates sought here

The Texas chapter of the Landing Ship Tanks Association is looking for former shipmates in the Panhandle area for coming reunions.

The landing ship tanks, also known as large slow targets, are amphibious ships of the U. S. Navy, World War II to present.

The national LST reunion will be held in New Orleans, La., in September 1991. The Texas chapter of the LST association plans reunions twice yearly, in the spring and fall.

To make contact with the Texas chapter contact Bob Garner-LST 461, HC 52, Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948, or call (409) 579-3732.

To reach the national association, write United States LST Association, P. O. Box 8769, Toledo, Ohio.

Baby basics training

The Gray County Extension Service is offering a parent education class, "Baby Basics." "Baby Basics" will be a class for parents of children age birth to one year or expectant parents. The class will cover infant growth and development feeding and nutrition; adjusting to parenting, including stress management; crying and schedules; play and learning; health and safety; selecting babysitters and child care; and accessing available resources.

The "Baby Basics" class will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday evenings beginning Jan. 21 and ending Feb. 25. Classes will be conducted at the Gray County Annex on East Highway 60 in Pampa.

All classes are offered free of charge as an educational service of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Interested persons are asked to contact the Gray County Extension Service at 669-8033 to pre-register.

Sign language, computer sign-ups set at Clarendon College-Pampa Center

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will sponsor four courses which lead to certificates of completion.

Starting Jan. 29, Eric West will teach Beginning Sign Language. The class will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. and run for eight weeks. Starting Jan. 31, Intermediate Sign Language will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. It is an eight week course taught by Eric West.

Two computer classes are scheduled to be taught by Joe Kyle Reeve. Beginning DOS starts Jan. 31, 5 to 7 p.m. The class meets for eight weeks. Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3 opens Jan. 29, 5 to 7 p.m. and runs for ten weeks.

One may register at the Clarendon College campus, 900 N. Frost., Pampa. For more information call 665-8801.

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 - 14 An apple —
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Astro-Graph

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A joint venture requires astute handling today so the heavy end of the expenses don't fall on you (as a result of something you permitted your counterpart to manage). Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take nothing for granted if you have to negotiate an important matter today. If you get careless, the edge upon which you're depending could be whittled away.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Things will not automatically take care of themselves today, even in an arrangement where you feel you have momentum. If you take your foot off the accelerator, the endeavor could come to a stop.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Guard against inclinations to overindulge in involvements which could cause your budget to suffer today. Extravagant urges must be kept under control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might be tempted to take gambles in order to achieve your ambitious objectives today. Don't let your impatience cause you to reason unwisely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Refrain from embellishing the information you pass on to others today. Your credibility could suffer if your statements can't be backed up by facts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's not a good policy today to count your chickens before they've hatched. Try not to bank too heavily on something which is financial but not yet realistic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An associate who is aware that you can be manipulated through flattery might lay it on rather thick today in order to achieve a particular purpose. Be on guard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually, you're the type of person who can be depended upon when you make a commitment. However, you might pretend to have taken care of something for another today when, in actuality, you haven't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Things should work out rather well for you today in situations where you rely solely upon yourself. The same might not be true, however, in matters where you are dependent upon friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Taking bows prematurely for something you have yet to accomplish could backfire on you at this time. Don't let your expectations put you in a situation that might cause embarrassment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Under most conditions, you operate rather effectively when handling developments as they occur. But, if you don't have your moves planned each step of the way today, you won't like the results.

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ALLEY OOP By Dave Graue

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Pistons' forward Dennis Rodman (right) and the Mavericks' Randy White fall to the floor as they battle for a rebound.

Johnson, Rodman pace Pistons past Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Vinnie Johnson ended his shooting slump and Dennis Rodman put on a rebound show for his mother. That spelled good news for the Detroit Pistons, who took an 89-81 NBA victory over the slumping Dallas Mavericks Monday night. Johnson brought back memories of blazing finishes of the past, hitting 10 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, and Rodman led a defensive surge and had 15 rebounds. Johnson had been held below double figures in 11 of his previous 14 games prior to Monday night, averaging only six points per game, more than six under his career average. He was shooting 38 percent from the field for the season prior to Monday. Johnson attributed the slump to an off-season change in his shooting style. Johnson went to a more conventional delivery, edging away from the strange behind-the-ear style that made him a 47 percent career shooter entering this season. Rodman had five offensive rebounds, including a key basket off an offensive rebound with 1:51 to play for an 86-81 lead. Bill Laimbeer then drilled an 18-footer with 1:15 left to clinch the victory. "The offensive rebounds Rodman got, giving us second and third chances, were big," Johnson said.

Sports Scene

Soccer
Registration for the Pampa Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues are being held this week at the indoor-soccer rink, located at 415 West Brown. Registration times are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today through Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The leagues will consist of Under 6 to Under 14 teams. Call 665-5776 for more information.
Basketball
DALLAS (AP) — Texas forward Benford Williams scored 49 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the Longhorns' two games last week to earn honors as the Southwest Conference men's player of the week. Arkansas' Delmonica DeHorney, who scored 29 points against Texas Tech, was named the SWC women's player of the week. Williams fired in a career-high 32 points in Texas' loss to No. 2 Arkansas and 17 in the Longhorns' 92-79 victory over Rice. DeHorney scored 51 points in the Lady Razorbacks' victories over Texas and Texas Tech.
Wrestling
The Pampa Take Down Club competed in the Dumas Open and Rookie Wrestling Tournament last month. Johnny Story and Jimmy Story placed first for the Pampa wrestlers. Pampa's individual results are as follows: **Division 1 (6&under):** 1. Johnny Story, 38-pounds; 2. Heath Conner, 56-pounds; 12. Daniel Alexander, 50-pounds. **Division 2 (8&under):** 1.

TCU likes homecourt edge against Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Playing at home seems to bring out the best in Texas Christian and that's just why Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson likes to play there. That's despite the fact Arkansas has lost to TCU at Fort Worth in five of the last six years. "TCU plays awfully good at home," Richardson said Monday. "You get them in their home gym and they really play over their heads." "I like to play at TCU," he said. "But that's one of the places we don't win. I don't like to go to Lubbock or to Atry (Court in Houston). There are always a lot of Arkansas fans (at TCU) and that is probably why it doesn't seem that intimidating. We've got to go in there, relax and play basketball and see what happens. One year we played them up (in Fayetteville) and beat them by 40 points. When we went down there we only won by 1 point. There is some mystique about TCU." Arkansas, 15-1 and 4-0 in the Southwest Conference, takes on the Horned Frogs, 11-2 and 3-0 in the league, tonight. Tipoff is 7:35 p.m. However, Richardson says the Horned Frogs will have to do without one of their big men. "They lost a tremendous basketball player in (Craig) Sibley," Richardson said. "He played big." However, guard Michael Strickland, who scored 27 points in the Frogs' 81-79 victory over Arkansas last year, is back. So is center Reggie Smith. Richardson said TCU had moved Strickland. "He's actually a two-guard or a small forward," he said. "This year they've moved him to the point. That tells me that we've got to press him as hard as we can. That's our trademark and I like it. Strickland shoots the ball so well. He was deadly last year. He hit nine 3-pointers on us." "If (Strickland) is the point guard then the key for him is to get rid of the ball. We don't want him spotting up and hitting the 'three'. We have to identify where he is and on any penetration move, don't leave him. We've got to stay with him." He said Smith is a very good offensive player and a good shot blocker. "I don't know much about the other players, but we've got to stop those two," Richardson said. Richardson also said TCU coach Moe Iba does a great job of controlling the tempo.

49ers' Montana named Male Athlete of the Year by The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Montana says his San Francisco 49er teammates are largely responsible for his designation for the second straight year as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year. "It's a personal award, but it is also a team award," Montana said after learning of his selection Monday. "My teammates deserve a lot of credit, because without them I would not have been able to accomplish all that I have." Montana became the fifth athlete to win the award twice and the fourth to win it consecutively, edging out Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan. Last week, Montana was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player for the second straight season by the AP. Montana, 34, who passed for 274 yards and two touchdowns in San Francisco's 28-10 playoff victory over Washington on Saturday, received 33 of a possible 138 first-place votes and 259 points in the AP voting. "It's a great honor ... I'm surprised ... shocked," Montana said in a statement issued by the 49ers. "There's a lot of great athletes out there and it's an honor to be thought of in that manner." AP-member sports writers and broadcasters were asked to vote for three athletes, with a first-place vote worth five points, second-place worth three points and third place worth one point. Ryan, who surpassed 5,000 career strikeouts and pitched his sixth no-hitter last season, had more first-place votes (36) than Montana, but wound up with 254 points. Wayne Gretzky of the Los Angeles Kings was a distant third with 11 first-place votes and 104 points. Rounding out the voting for those receiving more than two votes are Bo Jackson of the Los Angeles Raiders, 77 points; cyclist Greg LeMond, 77; Cecil Fielder of the Detroit Tigers, 69; golfer Nick Faldo, 48, and Warren Moon of the Houston Oilers, 35. Former 49er teammate Randy Cross spoke of the quarterback's intangibles. "He's special," Cross said. "He has an aura about him."

Designer's fiberglass boat a big hit among Texas outdoor lovers

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Jodie Grigg was one of the nation's most innovative lure designers during the decades when he ruled the roost at Whopper Stopper Inc. Now, since switching from plastic plugs to fiberglass boats he hasn't lost any of his marine moxie. Caught in the middle of the marine recession that has slowed the sale of boats, Grigg has designed a pleasure boat from the 20-foot hull of a striper guide rig that already is ringing a bell with boat dealers and boating enthusiasts. "The reputation of the Falcon striper boats is helping to generate more interest in the new design. I always have relied heavily upon the Falcon owners to spread the word about Falcon boats," Grigg said. Basically, Grigg redesigned the interior of the 20-foot fishing boat to make it a posh pleasure craft. Grigg used an OMC Cobra 260-horsepower heavy duty outdrive engine for plenty of power to carry a half dozen or more passengers and still pull one or more skiers at the same time. The interior has dual consoles with windshields and extra wide cushioned bucket style seats. At the stern, the cover over the I-O motor forms a sun deck for boaters. Directly in front of the sun deck is an upholstered cushioned bench seat with storage space beneath. In the bow, there is a "play pen" area with seating all the way around and storage under each seating arrangement, Grigg explained. The new as yet unnamed addition to the Falcon family of boats will go for about \$1,000 more than the King Striper built on the same hull. The difference in price is based on the more posh interior and other refinements from a cosmetic standpoint. "We're gearing up to turn out two of the boats a week. It is our hope that it will catch on with the dealers and we can create a backlog of orders," Grigg explained.

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U.S. hopes oil glut, reserves can head off any wartime energy crisis

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — If war erupts in the Persian Gulf, the Bush administration is betting heavily on market forces, a current glut of oil and the use of government-owned emergency reserves to head off an energy crisis.

There are no plans to regulate prices, allocate supplies or ration fuel — measures that led to long lines at gasoline stations during the Arab oil embargoes of the 1970s, administration officials emphasize.

In fact, they warn that if states attempt any heavy-handed measures to interfere in the market, the White House may ask Congress to stop them.

Energy Department planners have labored for months, examining a number of oil supply scenarios that might come out of a war with Iraq, including one in which another 3 million barrels of petroleum a day would be lost because of damage to Saudi Arabian oil fields and refineries.

In each of these cases, the officials argue, they are confident that current substantial stocks and the sale of oil from the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, 586 million barrels stored in Louisiana and Texas salt caverns, will be adequate to prevent shortages and calm the markets.

"The world has plenty of oil right now," Assistant Energy Secretary John Easton last week reminded lawmakers concerned the administration might not be adequately prepared for the energy fallout from

a prolonged war. And he said he was confident that Saudi oil facilities could be protected.

"We are prepared to respond rapidly to disruptions in the energy markets," Easton said. But he acknowledged that fighting in the gulf could prompt market speculation, panic buying, hoarding and prices to jump sharply.

To ease any oil shock, the administration plans to rely almost exclusively on assuring the markets that the current high level of inventory and the availability of the government-owned reserves will provide adequate supplies.

Figures from both the federal Energy Information Administration and the oil industry show that increased production worldwide over the last five months not only has replaced the 4.3 million barrels a day of oil lost from Iraq and Kuwait but left stocks at a comfortable level of about 327 million barrels.

There also is an abundance of refined products, including gasoline and heating oil, because of increased production and a decline

in demand over the last four months, largely attributed to higher prices, a declining economy and mild weather.

Officials say there may be as much as 100 million barrels of additional unsold oil in tankers at sea around the world.

"There is no reason to panic," says Charles DiBona, president of the oil industry's American Petroleum Institute, echoing the sentiments of senior Energy Department officials.

But some state energy officials, consumer advocates and members of Congress are not as optimistic. They fear that while there may be adequate supplies, speculation in the oil markets will cause prices to soar, aggravating an already declining economy and bringing hardship to millions of families, especially the poor.

Administration officials acknowledge that an outbreak of war will cause oil price spikes, but they contend that prices will quickly recede if the market is assured there will be no serious disruption in supplies.

Court upholds 'sanctuary' convictions

By RICHARD CARELLI
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday left intact the 1986 criminal convictions of eight sanctuary movement members who helped Central American aliens smuggled into this country.

The justices, without comment, refused to review a federal appeals court ruling that the prosecution of eight religious leaders and lay workers of churches in Arizona and Mexico was valid.

The appeal acted on Monday contended, among other things, that the prosecution violated religious freedoms.

The appeal also argued that the eight convicted people should have been allowed to offer evidence at their trial that they had believed the aliens were "entitled to enter and reside in the United States under the terms of international law and the 1980 Refugee Act."

That belief was crucial, the appeal said, because knowledge of the aliens' legal status was an element of the offenses for which the eight — who included two priests, a minister and a nun — were convicted.

The high court apparently had postponed action on the appeal, filed in late 1989, until it ruled on an unrelated tax-evasion case.

In a decision announced last week, the justices ruled that people cannot be convicted of criminal tax evasion if they sincerely believed they had no duty to pay federal income taxes — no matter how unreasonable that belief.

The court said the government can force such people to pay back taxes and steep civil penalties, but cannot send them to jail if a jury believes they did not know about their tax obligation.

Monday's denial of the sanctuary movement members' appeal, although unexplained, suggests the justices drew some distinction between the asserted lack of criminal knowledge presented in both cases.

The 1986 convictions followed a widely publicized trial in Arizona. Six of the defendants were sentenced to five years probation; two defendants drew three years probation.

Those placed on probation for five years are: Father Ramon Quinones of Nogales, Mexico; Maria del Socorro Pardo Vivda De Aguilar, a member of Quinones' parish; Sister Darlene Nicgorski of Phoenix; the Rev. John Fife, a Presbyterian minister in Tucson; Philip Willis Conger and Margaret Hutchison, both lay members of the Methodist Church in Tucson.

Placed on three-years probation were Father Anthony Clark of Nogales, Ariz., and Wendy LeWin, a Unitarian laywoman from Phoenix.

Their appeal said the eight sanctuary movement members were aiding Salvadorans and Guatemalans

"fleeing death and persecution in their native lands." In other action, the Supreme Court Monday refused to recognize a constitutional right to own machine guns. Instead, the court let stand what the National Rifle Association called "the first ban on firearms possession by law-abiding citizens in American history."

The justices, without comment, left intact a federal appeals court ruling that said Congress in 1986 prohibited individuals from possessing or transferring machine guns.

NRA lawyers, representing a Smyrna, Ga., gun collector, had contended the appeals court wrongly interpreted the 1986 federal law. And they argued that such a flat ban violates the Second Amendment right "to keep and bear arms."

Bush administration lawyers urged the justices to reject the appeal, calling the constitutional arguments "plainly without merit."

Monday's action is not the equivalent of a decision on the Second Amendment's scope. The nation's highest court has not explored that scope since 1939 when it upheld federal prohibitions on the interstate transportation of unregistered firearms.

A Texas murderer whose death sentence was upheld by a three-judge federal appeals court panel even though two of the judges said his rights had been violated lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday.

The justices refused to hear arguments that Justin May was denied a fair sentencing trial because Texas law compelled his lawyer to forego introducing evidence of May's mental impairment.

May was sentenced to death for killing Jeanetta Murdaugh during a June 27, 1978, robbery at an Freeport, Texas, store. Mrs. Murdaugh's husband, Frank, also was killed during the robbery.

An accomplice in the robbery, Richard Miles, was the prosecution's key witness against May.

May's appeal argued, among other things, that his lawyer chose not to tell sentencing jurors about May's brain damage and other mental impairments — which they may have found to be mitigating evidence — because such evidence could have bolstered the state's claim of May's future dangerousness.

Although a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld May's sentence last July 16, two of the three judges wrote separately to say various Supreme Court capital punishment rulings have created a distressing situation.

"May has been deprived of the sentencing jury's fully informed judgment of his crime and his character," the two judges said. "He has been caught in a web spun of words and logic that, in the end, has deprived May of his constitutional rights, a deprivation that may cost him his life."

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