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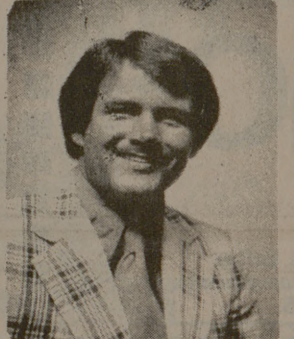
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Education costs too high, Briscoe tells conference

Associated Press
SAN ANTONIO — Continued huge increases in funding for Texas schools would break the state and do little for education, Gov. Dolph Briscoe said.

"We continue to invest more and more when most of the indicators appear to reflect that in many instances we are getting less and less," the governor said Monday at the 10th Annual Governor's Conference on Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Planning.

Briscoe said state spending on higher education increased fivefold since 1967 and now makes up about half of the state's budget.

"We have been living in an era when the predominant thinking in government has been that any problem could be solved just by spending more money and then more and then more," he said.

The governor said that a theory led New York to the brink of financial disaster and that the federal government "is obviously heading down that same precarious path."

Briscoe said that despite the increased funding for education, a recent federally financed study by the University of Texas showed that 21 per cent of Texans over the age 18 experience difficulty coping with the simple literacy requirements of everyday life.

He said elementary and secondary education should be redirected so that "each high school graduate will have a salable skill."

Briscoe called also for better counseling of students coupled with more effective planning for development of post-secondary education and elimination of duplication of programs and facilities at state colleges and universities.

"Pouring additional money into our Texas educational systems without direction or accountability is not the answer," he said.

State Sen. Peyton McKnight, D-Tyler, echoed Briscoe's remarks in a later speech.

"I think it's high time for all of us to consider whether or not we have been on an educational binge in this

state and country," McKnight said, "whether we are getting our money's worth out of our educational programs."

McKnight, who is a member of the Joint Advisory Committee on Governmental Operation charged with finding ways of economizing state government, said a lid on education spending at current levels should be passed pending studies on funding.

"Failure to impose such a ceiling would constitute blatant fiscal irresponsibility," he said.

The senator said reasons for increasing education costs "are rising teacher salaries and a decreasing number of students per teacher."

"Now we are told by the education lobby, 'Give us more money and we will give you better quality,'" McKnight said. "It's time for us to say, 'Prove it. Give us some facts to back up your claims.'"

McKnight said trends showed that the quality of education is declining despite increased funding.

Justice screening begins

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Pressure on President Ford to name a woman to the Supreme Court was stepped up Monday, and a lawyers' committee screening potential nominees completed the first stage of its work.

But there was no immediate word on when the American Bar Association's committee would send its recommendations to Ford. It met until after midnight Sunday screening a dozen names as possible successors to Justice William O. Douglas.

The National Women's Political Caucus, meanwhile, submitted a list of 16 women judges, legal scholars and women in public life who it said have distinguished themselves.

And Jill Ruckelshaus, who heads the International Women's Year Commission, sent Ford a letter urging him "in the name of simple justice too-long denied to take this opportunity to place a woman at last on the Supreme Court."

Warren Christopher of Los Angeles, head of the ABA committee, said the members of the group will make a preliminary report to Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi and then return to their home cities to continue the investigation into the background and legal reputations of the individuals.

Included in the Women's Political Caucus list were Carla Hills, secret-

ary of Housing and Urban Development and a Republican, and Shirley Hufstедler, a Democrat who is a judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Both are Californians and both are reported among the persons being scrutinized by the ABA.

The president of the American Association of University Women, Dr. Marjorie Bell Chambers of Los Alamos, N.M., noted that the action plan adopted by the United Nations at the International Women's Conference in Mexico City called for women to be integrated into all levels of the national life. She said appointing a woman to the court would be a necessary step for such

integration and noted many other nations have already done that.

Among the men who have been mentioned as possible successors for Douglas are U.S. Circuit Court Judges Arlin Adams of Philadelphia, Alfred Goodwin of Portland, Ore., Paul Roney of New Orleans, John Paul Stevens of Chicago, J. Clifford Wallace of San Diego, Calif., and William H. Webster of St. Louis.

Solicitor Gen. Robert H. Bork has also been suggested, along with Sen. Robert F. Griffin, D-Mich.; Atty. Gen. Levi; Vincent L. McKusick, a Portland, Maine, attorney; Dallin Oaks, president of Brigham Young University, and Rep. Charles W. Wiggins, R-Calif.

Homicide ruled in mercy killing

Associated Press
MINEOLA, N.Y. — The Nassau County medical examiner ruled Monday that the death of 16-year-old Maryjane Dahl, who was terminally ill, was a homicide committed by someone who pulled the plug on her life-sustaining respirator.

Dr. Leslie Lukash's report made no attempt to single out a suspect in the apparent mercy death Nov. 2 of Maryjane, who was suffering from meningitis and Hodgkin's disease accompanied by kidney failure. She had sunk into a coma after entering Nassau Hospital Oct. 25.

The medical examiner said only that the high school honor student's death resulted from "respiratory failure and cardiac arrest after her life-sustaining respirator was unplugged."

The district attorney's office interviewed Maryjane's mother, Mrs. Kenneth Sarvent of Upper Nyack, N.Y., and her aunt, Jane Sheehan of Selden, N.Y. She lived with her aunt and attended Newfield High School.

Dist. Atty. Denis Dillon's office said there would be no decision on whether charges would be filed against anyone "until he has studied the entire report."

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