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Man falls 12 stories at Halloween costume party

United Press International
AUSTIN — A teen-ager at a pre-Halloween masquerade party fell 12 stories to his death off the ledge of a downtown building Sunday.

Witnesses told police Kyle William Creekmore, 19, climbed over a balcony railing onto the ledge of the Commodore Perry Building and was clowning around when he fell about 3 a.m. Sunday.

Creekmore was clad in women's clothes.

Homicide Sgt. Mike Farrar said the death apparently was accidental.

"It doesn't look like there was any foul play," Farrar said. "The people were drinking fairly heavily."

Farrar said at least 23 persons attended the party at an apartment in the building and three or four were on the balcony when the fall occurred.

Novel aims at U.S. energy attitude

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AUSTIN — As a "blue-eyed domestic Arab," Alan R. Erwin hopes his intrigue-filled novel about CIA and OPEC plots and the secession of Texas to form an independent republic will change America's attitudes about energy production.

Erwin, former chief lobbyist for the state of Texas and until recently

Washington during the 1973 energy crisis. Erwin said Congress and most Americans do not understand that Texas no longer has the oil and gas reserves to take up the slack when imports are cut, and fail to realize that punitive measures against energy producers reduces the amount of domestic supplies available.

and the succession of lieutenant governor as the state is taken over by a shock team of operatives who push Texas secession.

During his four-year term as lieutenant governor, Erwin was one of the three commissioners

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a member of the Texas Public Utilities Commission, is promoting a 1983-era tale of national disaster brought on by American's punitive measures toward oil producers and Texas.

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Erwin, 34, got the idea for his book while heading the Texas Office of Federal State Relations in

In his novel, "The Power Exchange," Erwin portrays the ultimate outcome of such attitudes as a disastrous effort to seize control of Texas' power plants to ship electricity to a blizzard-ravaged East Coast.

To avert congressional action to nationalize energy production, Texas exercises its option to split into five separate states — an option written into the treaty of annexation by which the Republic of Texas became part of the United States in 1845.

The split option — which actually exists — in Erwin's novel is blocked by a Supreme Court ruling declaring the article of annexation invalid.

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and Texas declares itself an independent republic.

Erwin thickens the plot with an assassination of the Texas governor

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Hispanics object to Renfrew

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CORPUS CHRISTI — The nation's oldest and largest Hispanic organization announced Monday it would carry on a campaign to defeat the nomination of San Francisco federal judge Charles Renfrew as deputy attorney general of the United States.

Attorney Ruben Bonilla, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said his organization objects to Renfrew's opinion that Hispanics should not be considered as a minority group under the law.

Bonilla said Renfrew wrote in a 1977 article for the Southwest University Law Review that "a national rectification principle — the legal principle designed to correct historical wrongs —

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