

Court lifts funding ban on welfare abortions

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Tuesday cleared the way for the government to resume financing abortions for the poor — at least until the justices have a chance to review the constitutionality of Congress' ban on the practice.

The justices lifted a stay granted last week by Justice Thurgood Marshall that blocked a lower court order that federal funding be resumed.

Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justice Lewis Powell and William Rehnquist said they would have granted the government's request for a stay.

The court also agreed to give full-

scale review, before the end of this term, to a New York case overturning Congress' ban on federal funding of welfare abortions.

Pro-abortion groups had been urging the court to consider the ruling, handed down Jan. 15 by U.S. District Judge John Dooling, along with a Chicago case raising the constitutionality of Congress' Hyde amendment.

In his Jan. 15 ruling, Dooling held that the Hyde amendment — named for Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., who sponsored it — was unconstitutional because it infringed on a woman's liberty and religious freedom to choose to have an abortion.

Under the Hyde amendment, enacted each year for the past four years, only women whose lives are endangered by carrying the child to term, or certain victims of rape or incest, may have federally funded abortions.

The federal government asked the high court last week to continue the stay Dooling had issued, postponing the effect of his order for a month.

The order had been scheduled to take effect Friday, but when Marshall continued Dooling's stay, the order was suspended pending further action by the full court.

Marshall, who is on record as favoring government funding of abortions, took his action without comment.

Also Tuesday, the court rejected over three dissents — a request by two congressmen and former New York Sen. James Buckley — to stay Dooling's order.

Since he held an act of Congress unconstitutional, Dooling's injunction barring the government from withholding federal funds for abortions affected the 26 states whose Medicaid programs do not fund medically necessary abortions.

Prior to passage of the Hyde Amendment, there were about 300,000 welfare abortions a year. The number has now dwindled to less than 2,000, according to the National Abortion Rights Action League.

what's up at Texas A&M

WEDNESDAY

POLITICAL FORUM: John Sharp, a 1972 Texas A&M graduate, former student body president, and now a Texas Legislator, will speak on "The Permanent University Fund: What It Means to Texas A&M and to You" at noon in 206 MSC.

HILLEL: Rabbi Joseph Izakson will speak on "How Jewish Tradition Gave Birth to Christian Holy Days" at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Jewish Student Center.

RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Sciences-Entomology Center.

AGGIE SCOUTS: Will meet at 9 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

NEWMAN ORGANIZATION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

RUDDERS RANGERS: Will have a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 315 Military Sciences Bldg.

"BATTLESHIP POTESKIN": This film will be shown by the History Department and the Russian Club at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

MICROCOMPUTER CLUB: Will meet at 8:15 p.m. in 104 Data Processing Center. There will be a demonstration on the IBM Series 4 Minicomputer.

SHARE GROUP: The Student Y sponsored group will meet at 9 p.m. in the Mediation Room of the All Faiths Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

STUDENT Y: The Concessions Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

NURSING SOCIETY: Two nurses from the armed forces will speak at a meeting at 7:30 in 139 MSC.

STUDENT SENATE: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington. The public is invited.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Will have a meeting for all seniors going to the Houston Interview Day at 6:45 p.m. in Architecture C Auditorium.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA: Will meet at 8 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

THURSDAY

TEXAS STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder.

RESIDENT HALLS ASSOCIATION: Will meet at 6 p.m. in Harrington.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Will sponsor an international at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center.

NEWMAN ORGANIZATION: Will hold a Bible study at 7 p.m. in Mary's Student Center.

HILLBILLY HOE-DOWN: The Student Y sponsored square dance will feature Manning Smith at 7 p.m. in 225 MSC. Admission for Y members and \$1.50 for non-members. Everyone is invited.

CIRCLE K: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder to discuss the Fund drive.

CAMAC: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Will leave for a fun run at 5 p.m. from front steps of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF WORLD RELIGION: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 321, Physics Bldg.

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM: Will show the film "Incredible Bread Machine" at 7:30 p.m. in 226 MSC. Everyone welcome.

PREPATORY THEOLOGY SOCIETY OF TEXAS A&M: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 305 A&B Rudder. There will be presentations by area ministers. Everyone is welcome.

"GOLDEN GIRL": Susan Anton stars as an Olympic athlete who has been scientifically altered to always win in this movie at 7:30-9:45 in Rudder Theater.

ANNE MURRAY: The MSC Town Hall concert will begin at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tickets are available from the MSC Box Office for \$5.25, \$6.50 and \$7.

BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: Shake Russell will be playing through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse. Tickets are \$3 at the MSC Box Office.

"WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK RED RYDER?": This Aggie Play production by Mark Medoff will run through Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1 in Rudder Forum at 8 p.m. each evening. The play centers around a group of people in a New Mexico diner who are overtaken by a bitter Vietnam veteran on the brink of being mentally ill. Tickets are available at the Rudder Box Office or at the door for \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.

TEXAS A&M EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Health Center Cafeteria to elect squad leaders.

PENTECOSTAL UPPER ROOM: Will have a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.

FRIDAY

ALL GIRLS FREE PARTY: Walton and McGinnis Halls will sponsor this party at 8 p.m. in Q-Hut A.

NEWMAN ORGANIZATION COFFEEHOUSE: Will have games and live entertainment free of charge from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Mary's Student Center.

GROMETS: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 140 and 140A MSC to play historical and fantasy war games.

"WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK RED RYDER?": The Aggie Play will present this play at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

"BREAKING AWAY": The story concerns a group of four teenagers fresh out of high school. One of them wants to be an Italian cyclist champ. He talks and acts like an Italian, while his parents try to decide what to do with him. The feature will begin at 7:30 and 9 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

"THE WARRIORS": A battle of gigantic proportions is looming in the neon underground of New York City. The armies of the number 100,000; they outnumber police five to one; and tonight they're after the Warriors — a street gang blamed unfairly for a gang leader's death. The feature will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater.

Heavy machinery thefts on rise

United Press International
NEW YORK — The theft of heavy construction machinery in the United States has become a \$700 million a year racket, says Brian Dry of the Associated General Contractors Washington office, and Texas has been one of the hardest hit states. "Thefts have mushroomed alarmingly in the past five years," Dery said.

In states like Texas and California

where there is more construction going on with sites widely scattered, contractors are more likely to have expensive machines parked at guarded construction sites instead of bringing them home.

In Texas 636 backhoes, cranes and other machines were stolen in 1978 and in California bulldozers disappeared. By the thefts of such machines were New York, 67 in New Jersey and in Pennsylvania.

Dery said 3,545 construction machines were stolen nationwide since some are never reported, the figure could be higher. Many of the machines, valued from \$30,000 to well over \$100,000, eventually turn up in the West, South America and elsewhere where they fetch double their value in resale, according to Case, the construction equipment division of Tenneco Co.



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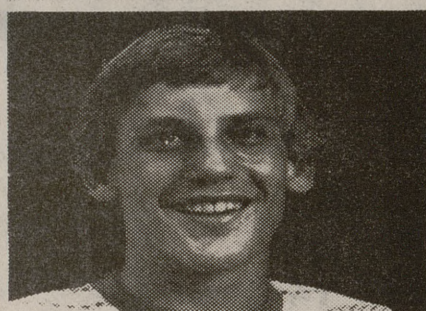
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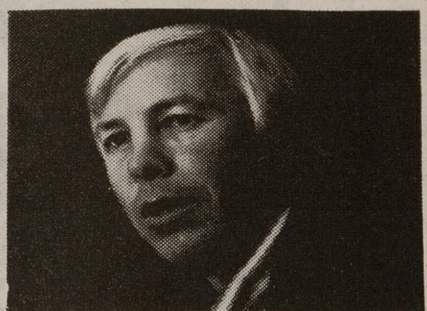
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