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BERWICK, La. — Calling it "the most exciting narine archaeological find" in the Gulf of Mexico, ouisiana Gov. Dave Treen Wednesday disclosed most 70 pounds of gold and silver have been found the wreck of an 18th Century sailing ship.

The valuables, perhaps worth millions of dollars, the merely the first haul from the ship, an unidentified tall-masted sailing vessel of mid-1700s vintage that was discovered by shrimpers this year. The state plans to start an archaeological exploration of he site, which is under heavy guard next week.

"How much more gold and other precious metals e'll find we just don't know," Treen told a news onference at the shipyard of Berry Brothers Genral Contractors, the salvage company that will try

recover the booty.

He held up 3-and 5-inch discs of gold, part of a 8-pound haul of gold, found when Berry Brothers ght up just one dredge-bucket full of artifacts. "We have in our possession 24 pounds of it, worth about \$250,000," Treen said. "This is the most exciting marine archaeological find, certainly in the state of Louisiana, and I think anywhere in the

The shiny gold and gray-colored silver discs were aken to the shipyard in a cardboard box, guarded

In addition to the gold and silver, Treen showed

off a 10-foot anchor, 9-foot cannons, cured turtle shells, pieces of Aztec ceramicware, leather hides and huge green discs of copper recovered from the

The ship was discovered 1.5 miles off Cameron Parish in southwest Louisiana by shrimpers. The water is 15-18 feet deep off the Rockefeller Wildlife

Refuge and Game Preserve.

Diver Stephen Smith, one of the first men to explore the sunken ship, said shrimpers have been catching nets on rocks around it for a long time.

'People have been hanging on it for years," he said. "We found net lead weights they don't even

The shrimpers and salvage crews that first explored the wreck contracted with the state to excavate the site under the direction of archaeologists and split the proceeds, with the state retaining title to all artifacts and receiving 25 percent of the

Visibility at the site is only 8 inches, so the ship is not especially striking visually, but it is well-preserved — probably better than any wrecks found off the Florida coast, Treen said.

"The impervious sand preserved the artifacts in remarkably good condition," Treen said. "The Louisiana wreck is covered in non-porous Beaumont clay' which has inhibited oxidation.

Folk, classical music to be played in park

A group called the Mountain Vagabonds will perform in a free concert in Oaks Park Sunday at 6 p.m.

The Vagabonds' specialty is German, Swiss and Austrian folk music. The group members wear authentic costumes, and play music similar to the schottische and polka. The group also ventures into classical music with a rendition of Bach's "Joy."

The group consists of Kevin Hatcher yodeling and playing the

autoharp, Bill Page playing accordin, Paul Buskirk on the banjo, and Mike Barker on the "tubs.

Oaks Park is located at the corner of Highway 30 and Stalling Drive, about two blocks west of the Woodstone Shopping Center.
The concert is jointly sponsored by the City of College Station, the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and the Musicians Performance Trust

This year's medical students are older

Thirty-two students have been selected for the next first-year medical class at Texas A&M University, the state's youngest college of medi-

The students were selected from almost 600 applicants, more than ever before, said officials.

Ten of the entering students are women, an all-time high for any of the four classes which have begun study at Texas A&M campuses here and in Temple. The university expects to graduate its first group of physicians next year.

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Murder conviction reversed because trial not speedy

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ned the murder conviction of Dr. frey MacDonald, the former een Beret officer convicted of een Beret officer convicted of urdering his pregnant wife and o young daughters, because he is denied a speedy trial. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of peals, in a 2-1 decision, ordered in the district of the d

e case returned to the district art with directions to set aside lacDonald's convictions, vacate entence and dismiss the indict-

There were two lengthy delays in he murder case. The murders took lace at Fort Bragg, N.C., in Feb-uary 1970. The Army investigated he case, but did not try him. But

later financed a private investigation that led to a grand jury indictment in 1975. The delay between indictment and trial was the result of defense attempts to have the said. charges dismissed.

"The offending delay, imposed by the government, was not the time between the indictment and trial, but the lapse of time between the military arrest and trial" the court

The former captain was convicted of the second degree murder of his wife Colette and one of his children, and first degree murder of his other child. He drew three consecutive terms of life in prison for the convic-

tions. "Under the 6th Amendment a

MacDonald's former father-in-law showing of unreasonable delay, plus substantial proof of prejudice man-dates a holding that the constitutionally guaranteed speedy trial has been denied," the appeals court

> "The fact that the delay was undue and resulted in prejudice suffices, in MacDonald's case, whether or not the delay and consequent prejudice were so agregious as to amount to deviation from 'fundamental concepts of justice," the

MacDonald, who is serving his sentences at a federal prison at Terminal Island, Calif. maintained during his trial his family was killed by four drug-crazed "hippie" types who also attacked him.

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Oil deregulation to cost billions, Eckhardt claims

WASHINGTON — The adminision's oil price decontrol policy ld eventually cost the nation at ast \$53 billion — more than triple nitial Energy Department esti-lates, Rep. Bob Eckhardt, D-exas, charged Wednesday.

Eckhardt also told a hearing of his buse Interstate and Foreign Com-erce subcommittee that the agenclaims of domestic oil producincreases from decontrol have en as deceptive as its cost esti-

the Energy Department, which timated the cost of phased oil control at \$16 billion when the am began in June, 1979, today cially boosted its estimate to

During the same period, agency stimates of the amount of addition-I domestic oil production timulated by price decontrol by 985 sank from the 740,000 barrels day cited by former Energy ecretary James Schlesinger last ar to a current 516,000 barrels.

"Estimates have been pretty wide the mark in the past," Eckhardt ld Energy Secretary Charles Dunn, the hearing's star witness.

Eckhardt noted that 77.5 percent 396,000 barrels of decontrol's ed daily benefit in added proction comes from newly disered oil. He concluded that the alk of the production bonanza

projections of \$53.4 billion as the total cost to consumers of President Carter's decontrol policy

The chairman also cited his staff than even the latest Energy Department estimate, which was revised upward by \$31 billion from an initial projected cost of \$16 billion.

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