

Waste burning in Gulf opposed

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HARLINGEN — Permits sought by Chemical Waste Management Inc., to burn toxic wastes in incineration ships in the Gulf of Mexico drew opposition Wednesday from Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Ortiz wrote letters to Environmental Protection Agency administrator William D. Ruckelshaus and Texas Gov. Mark White asking for a delay in approving permits for perma-

nent burning sought by Chemical Waste Management, which already has carried out experimental burns about 155 miles from the Texas Brazos River area on the Gulf coast.

"It is my opinion that serious questions about the technology remain," Ortiz said. "I do not think that sufficient methods of testing and monitoring the possible hazard to health have been established."

At the same time, Jackie Jacobson, chairwoman of the Sierra Club in Austin, said that her environmentalist group recently approved a resolution opposing issuing permanent permits for the time being, until several objections are cleared up.

Susan Clark, press aide to Ortiz, said that she expects the EPA to schedule a hearing in Brownsville before the end of October to give groups a chance to state their objections.

Jacobson said her group is concerned about an apparent lack of contingency plans by Chemical Waste Management in

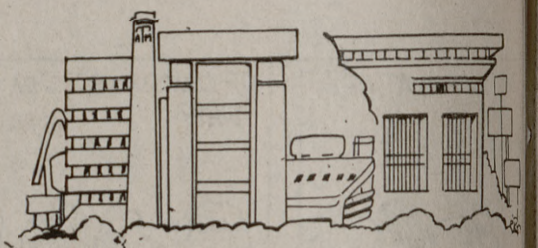
the event of a spill of toxic substances off the Texas Coast. She said the firm appears to have been taking "a kind of black-mailing position" to gain support for its burns.

Chemical Waste officials put on programs and slide presentations throughout the Lower Rio Grande Valley in July seeking support for its applications to burn PCBs and other toxic wastes. They contended for decades toxic substances were simply dumped in the Gulf of

Mexico and that incineration is much more preferable to that.

"They say if they can't burn it at sea, they'll just put it in landfills or injection wells," Jacobson said.

Chemical Waste Management said it has incinerated at least 132,000 gallons of waste material in its Vulcanus I ship at the EPA-approved test site in the North Sea, and another 7 million gallons of waste in the Gulf of Mexico.



Around town

Butler honored by Orange County

Dr. O.D. Butler, associate deputy chancellor for agriculture for the Texas A&M System and former resident of Orange County, was honored this month by the Orange County Program Building Committee and the Orange County Fair Committee for his outstanding contributions to agriculture.

Butler was presented with plaques of appreciation at Orange County declared Sept. 10 as "O.D. Butler Day" and he was given the keys to the city.

Butler received his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Texas A&M in 1939 and his master's and doctorate from Michigan State University in 1947 and 1953.

Happiness to be topic of speech

The Department of Philosophy will present a speech on "Human Happiness and its Attainment" by Professor Robert Almeder of Georgia State University. The presentation will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, in 402 Rudder Tower. It is free and open to the public.

New information on AIDS presented

New information on AIDS, the often fatal acquired immune deficiency syndrome, will be presented Friday during an afternoon address highlighting the conference of the Texas Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

The presentation will be at 4:15 p.m. in the Aggiefield Inn. The conference is being sponsored by Texas A&M. Dr. Peter Mansell's speech will examine recent findings on the causes and consequences of the mysterious disease which has prompted concern across the country. Other segments of the conference include workshops on microbiology and a Thursday symposium dealing with aging, genetic control of the body's natural defenses and the most recent theories of the immune response.

About 150 members of the Texas ASB Branch, mostly frontline researchers in scientific and medical microbiology, are expected to attend the conference.

Deadline nears for yearbook photos

Individual pictures for the 1984 Aggiefield are being taken at the Yearbook Associates office at 1700 S. Kyle behind Caliper Plaza, and at the Pavilion on campus.

Dates to have photographs made are:
 • Freshmen and sophomores — through Friday at Yearbook Associates; and Oct. 3-7, 10-14 at the Pavilion
 • Juniors — Nov. 7-11, 14-18 at Yearbook Associates; and Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Dec. 5-9 at the Pavilion
 • Seniors, graduate students, veterinary and medical school students — Oct. 10-14, 17-21, 24-28 at Yearbook Associates; and Oct. 31-Nov. 4 at the Pavilion.

All recognized student organizations must submit a contract by Friday if they want their groups pictured in the 1984 Aggiefield. The completed contracts should be returned to the communications department in 230 Reed McDonald. Space in the yearbook is limited, and contracts will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis. Late contracts will be accepted through Oct. 15, but a \$10 late processing fee will be charged.

End of orders, Q-drops, Who's who

Friday marks the deadline for seniors to order graduation announcements for December. It also is the last day students may Q-drop courses this semester and Who's Who nominations close at 5 p.m. Friday.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

Doctor facing life for murdering baby

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EL PASO — A prosecutor Wednesday listed a series of proven, alleged and rumored offenses against Dr. Raymond Showery, who was convicted Tuesday of murdering a baby taken from its mother's womb during an abortion.

Assistant District Attorney Carol Pennock raised the allegations in 41st District Court before a jury was to deliberate Showery's punishment. Maximum punishment is 99 years or life in the state penitentiary.

Four prosecution witnesses testified Showery has a bad reputation as a peaceable and law abiding citizen.

The 55-year-old doctor was indicted on charges of smothering, drowning and then dropping a late-term fetus into a plastic bag during an abortion at his small clinic, Family Hospital of El Paso.

Witnesses during the nine-day trial included three former employees who testified they saw the six-months-mature fetus either breathe or show other signs of life.

The doctor, who has practiced in El Paso for at least 15 years, did not testify in his own behalf.

Showery's lawyer, Doris Sipes, said the case was a land-

mark because the doctor was accused of killing an unnamed fetus, whose body never was recovered, and whose death could not be pinned down to a specific date.

In her final argument Sipes told the jury her client was being used as a "trash can" for the guilt feelings of his medical assistants who she said had lied in court for fear of being prosecuted themselves.

Sipes claimed the witnesses — Helen Aguilar, Reynaldo Torres and Maria Fernandez — had all been raised in an environment morally opposed to abortions.

Trial moved to Texas for Louisiana senator

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NEW ORLEANS — A federal judge ordered Wednesday that the three co-defendants of Louisiana state Sen. Michael O'Keefe are to be tried with him in Lubbock on bank fraud charges.

O'Keefe earlier was granted a change of venue to Lubbock and is to be tried on Nov. 14.

The trial of Joseph Berrigan,

Mary Blacksher and James Queyrouze was also moved to Lubbock in order to take care of it at one time, assistant U.S. attorney Robert Boitmann.

Prosecutors said the defendants schemed to obtain \$6 million in illegal loans from three federally insured banks. The indictment said they used third parties to obtain loans, then funneled the money into O'Keefe's

sagging business interests.

O'Keefe was convicted earlier this year of mail fraud and obstruction of justice for cheating business partners out of \$900,000 in the sale of Metairie Towers Apartments. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison but is appealing.

O'Keefe, who is running for re-election, resigned as state Senate president after his conviction.

Grain Inspection Service decides new classification system needed

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MANHATTAN — The Federal Grain Inspection Service has agreed to work with agriculture scientists to develop alternative tests to classify wheat varieties and hybrids that are difficult to classify by sight, an official said Wednesday.

Kurt Felner, associate director of the Kansas Agriculture Experiment Station, said some of the new wheat varieties have characteristics unlike the visually identifiable characteristics that the federal inspectors have used for years.

"Arkan (a new type of wheat) just happens to be an example of a whole myriad of problems," said Felner. "The FGIS is saying that when Arkan hits the grain marketing channels they

are concerned that some inspectors might misclassify it."

To overcome the problem, the FGIS will "work toward adopting existing technology for objective tests," FGIS official John Marshall said last week.

Felner said that changes will not be "put in place overnight" and that the research community needs to be made aware of the potential problem of misclassification.

by Judi Sheppard Missett

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Judge will yield U.S. court post

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SAN ANTONIO — U.S. District Judge Fred Shannon announced his resignation Wednesday, to join the law firm he left in 1975.

Shannon left the firm of Shannon and Drought in 1975 to become a state judge in Bexar County.

Shannon, 40, was appointed to the federal judgeship by former President Jimmy Carter. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Texas, nominated him.