

O'Conner tells paper that she's not a man

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 NEW YORK — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor took exception Wednesday to an item on The New York Times' editorial page saying the nation's highest court was made up of nine men.

well as laws. The Times said, "Is no Washington name exempt from shorthand? One, maybe. The Chief Magistrate responsible for executing the laws is sometimes called the POTUS. The nine men who interpret them are often the SCOTUS. The people who enact them are still, for better or worse, Congress."

the Times, wrote: "According to the information available to me, and which I assumed was generally available, for over two years now SCOTUS has not consisted of nine men. If you have any contradictory information, I would be grateful if you would forward it as I am sure the POTUS, the SCOTUS and the undersigned (the FWOTSC) would be most interested in seeing it."

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AGRI defense rests case

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 DES MOINES — Defense attorneys rested their case Wednesday in the trial of AGRI Industries and five company executives charged with conspiring to steal \$500,000 worth of government-owned grain.

Prosecutors put a rebuttal witness, AGRI assistant manager Kent Kroeger, on the stand Wednesday afternoon. The case could go to the jury for a verdict as early as today, said Bill Kutmus, a defense attorney.

Kroeger was questioned about his conversations with Jack Wyard, one of the executives on trial for allegedly conspiring to steal 133,000 bushels of government wheat on May 5-6 to meet a shipment deadline.

Kroeger said he followed

Wyard's orders and purchased 60,000 bushels of grain from Bunge Corp. of Fort Worth on May 13 — one week after the

Prosecutors contend Wyard should have known there was no common license and that the grain transfer was illegal.

grain transfer was illegal. Earlier Wednesday, Wyard, in charge of AGRI's wheat and sorghum merchandising, testified he made an honest mistake in transferring the wheat from one AGRI facility to another. Defense attorneys briefly questioned Wyard, Des Moines attorney Wilbur Bump, AGRI board chairman Howard Elson, AGRI board chairman Russell Frascht and a character witness for Wyard before resting their case at about 1:50 p.m.

Wyard told the jury in his own defense Wednesday morning that he thought the Houston and Fort Worth warehouses were operating under a common license.

However, under questioning from prosecutors, Wyard said

he made the mistake after a conversation with some AGRI employees, who said they thought there to be a common license between the two facilities. Wyard said, referring to the elevator as a satellite of the larger operation, "I always thought these (two facilities) as one."

Wyard said that he ordered the wheat transfer and other AGRI executives considered and then ruled on several options on how to proceed with the 60,000-bushel order.

AGRI executives also considered shipping the grain from Houston from AGRI's main warehouse, but that would have been a "major undertaking," he said.

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Groups want EPA guidelines before it OKs waste burning

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 WASHINGTON — Twenty environmental groups and Texas' attorney general asked the Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday to draw up federal regulations governing the burning of toxic wastes at sea before granting permits.

In a petition filed with the EPA, the groups and Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox asked that regulations be created to define allowable emission levels, limit which materials can be incinerated on ocean-going vessels and create monitoring standards.

At least two firms, Chemical Waste Management, Inc., of Oakbrook, Ill., and At-Sea Incineration, Inc., a division of the Tacoma Boatbuilding Co. of Tacoma, Wash., own or are constructing special ships on which to burn toxic wastes, including PCBs.

The wastes would be burned far out in the Gulf of Mexico in initial operations but loading ports are being considered for New Jersey and along the Pacific coast. The EPA has scheduled a public hearing for Nov. 21 in Brownsville for the firms to receive public input on whether three permits should be granted to Chemical Waste Management for operation of its two ships, Vulcanus and Vulcanus II.

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 AUSTIN — State Treasurer Ann Richards said Wednesday bankrupt Braniff Airways and the Internal Revenue Service are among the 20,000 people and organizations listed as the owners of \$7 million in unclaimed funds.

Richards is required by law to attempt to find people who have abandoned property or accounts worth \$50 or more. Lists of the owner have been sent to 35 newspapers for publication Oct. 16 and also to all of the state's public libraries.

People need to know that they can get their money back if it's been turned over to the Treasury — no matter how much time has passed," Richards said.

Texas unclaimed property laws require that accounts or other types of unclaimed prop-

erty abandoned for seven years be turned over to the state.

The unclaimed money list published this year contains the names of check and savings accounts, security deposits, corporate dividends, royalties, insurance benefits and several other types of property.

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