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### Bentsen sets review of proposal to burn wastes

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WASHINGTON — Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen has scheduled a June hearing on a proposal to allow spe-cially designed incinerator ships to burn hazardous waste chemicals while anchored in the Gulf of Mex-

Bentsen threatened to "bring (the urnings) to a halt" if the hearings on't satify him that the Environmental Protection Agency has ex-plored and weighed every potential

EPA drew fire when it published proposed regulations for ocean burng last February, before finishing environmental impact studies.

Environmental groups oppose the burnings as potentially dangerous to narine and coastal life.

Proponents say the alternative is continue burying the chemicals on

Bentsen, ranking minority mem-ber on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said in a elease to television stations over the weekend that he has not set a date for the Washington hearing yet, but inticipates that it will be in early

The period for public comment on EPA's proposed regulations expires at the end of June.

"You want to be sure that those companies that are hauling that waste by ship offshore, that they have adequate insurance to protect people in case that you do have something occur," said Bentsen.
"We're going to be looking over the shoulder of EPA in these hearings and try to be certain that they're

ings and try to be certain that they've full consideration to the range of things that might occur," he

'And unless we're satisfied that "then we'll take proceedings to bring this to a halt.'

Jack Ravan, assistant EPA administrator for water programs, said the final regulations could be approved



Photo by WAYNE L. GRABEIN

#### Imprisoned or Protected?

'people watchers' can get the feeling of be- puts them in a puzzle-like perspective.

From inside the Soil and Crop Sciences-En- ing trapped behind bars. This unusual view tomology Center on the west side of campus, takes in many landmarks on campus and

## Germans give Reagan advice on Bitburg visit

BONN, West Germany — Bavarian Gov. Franz Josef Strauss proposed Sunday that President Reagan lay a wreath at a soldier's monument in Munich instead of making his controversial visit to a German military

cemetery at Bitburg.
Stuttgart Mayor Manfred Rommel, son of World War II Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, said he would understand if West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Reagan canceled next week's Bitburg

"I don't think this would be a loss of face for Kohl," Rommel said.

Strauss said of Reagan's May 1-6 visit to West Germany, "The preparation was awkward and the result is

embarrassing."
Reagan and Kohl must decide themselves whether they want to cancel their plans to visit the Bitburg cemetery May 5, Strauss said. "It would not be advisable, how-

ever, to strike the entire program because it would contribute to poisoning the atmosphere between the two allies," he added.

Even Margaret Thatcher, Brit-ain's prime minister and Reagan's staunchest European ally, expressed

"considerable sympathy" Thursday with those who want him to cancel. The mayor of Bitburg said Friday that the town's citizens are "scandalized and dismayed" by furor over President Reagan's plan to visit their soldiers' cemetery, and might cancel

the visit themselves. "Our people find unbearable the gushing forth of abuse and slander on our city, and especially on the soldiers lying in the cemetery," Mayor Theo Hallet said.

"If it continues like this, then it would be better if we would cancel ourselves the visit of the American president and our chancellor," he

Hallet's words were doubly bitter because of his euphoria when the Bitburg visit was announced. He has written twice in the past two weeks to

U.S. Ambassador Arthur Burns

urging that it not be canceled. Strauss said that Reagan could instead lay a wreath at the Monument to the Unknown Soldier in Munich's Hofgarten and visit a former Nazi concentration camp at Flossenbuerg, east of Munich.

The Munich soldier's monument was first erected in the 1920s, but now serves as a monument to German soldiers who died in both world

The Flossenbuerg site was one of several considered by a team of White House officials before they decided Reagan should visit Bergen-Belsen, near Hanover in northern Germany.

West German government sources in Bonn, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Americans had ruled out Flossenbuerg for security reasons, because it was too close to the border with Communist Czechoslovakia.

Reagan is stopping at Bitburg and Bergen-Belsen as part of ceremonies commemorating the 40th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany on May 8.

He planned to lay a wreath at the Bitburg cemetery, where thousands of German soldiers from two world wars are buried. Two thousand of the graves contain the bodies of soldiers who fought in the 1944 Battle of the Bulge, the last German offen-sive of the war, in which 19,000 Americans were killed.

There are also 49 graves of soldiers from the Waffen SS, the elite Nazi combat organization, local officials said.

The SS guarded Nazi death camps and helped exterminate millions of Jews and others deemed "undesirable" by the Third Reich. The presence of SS graves at Bitburg is a main factor in the contro-

Reagan's Bitburg plans have encountered much criticism in the United States, especially from veterans' groups and Jews.

# Lawyer says minors' rights are protected by law

By CATHIE ANDERSON Staff Writer

While most adults can list their onstitutional rights, young people annot always define where their ghts begin and where their par-

But minors have rights too, and he state of Texas tries to protect nose rights. Minors in Texas live der rules which both protect and Martin Guggenheim, a former

Editor's note: This is the first arti-le in a three-part series on the Civil Liberties Union, says Texas, nors. like all states in the nation, recog-nizes the child's and parents' recip-rocal right to live with one another. Guggenheim, director of the Juve-Rights Clinic at the New York University School of Law, has co-written a book titled "The Rights of

Young People Guggenheim says states see this right as good, but states also have recognized that children can be hurt because of some adult beliefs. For this reason, he says, states attempt to protect minors' rights through laws. He says states have become more

The main area that states have been less liberal is abortion, Guggenheim says. Texas, like other states, has not been a leader in liberalizing abortion laws for minors. Instead, it is the United States Supreme Court, he says, that has been the leader in

Guggenheim says Texas has not passed any laws dealing with abor-

'States that don't have abortion laws are simply acquiescing in the Supreme Court decisions," he says. "Occasionally a state attempts to

have abortions. But the Supreme Court often ends in striking these limitations down.

The only limitation that has stood so far is that the doctor can require a minor to notify her parents of the abortion," Guggenheim says.
"But attempts to make minors get parental consent have been repeatedly declared unconstitutional.'

Although Guggenheim says states didn't lead in the fight for changes in laws about abortion, state legislatures have become more liberal in laws dealing with sex, marriage and treatment for sexually-transmitted children, and sexual intercourse is

Students, professors express a variety

Minors in Texas can legally have sexual intercourse at 17, he says, but female minors who are non-virgins may legally have intercourse at 14.

Texas is one of the states, of which there are only a few, that makes a distinction between virgins

and non-virgins," Guggenheim says. Sally Miller, the director of Planned Parenthood of Brazos County, says conservatism is not the only reason the state and parents are against minors having sexual intercourse. She says it can simply be a matter of wanting the very best for

not something parents would consider the best.

Miller says Planned Parenthood counsels minors about sex, pregnancy and abortion, and the group does not inform parents of visits. She says that although Planned Parenthood encourages family involvement in such decisions, many minors find it difficult to discuss sex with their parents.

If minors become pregnant or have contracted a sexually-transmitted disease, Guggenheim says, they can be treated without parental

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## Jet runs off runway at Amarillo airport, no reported injuries

AMARILLO - A Southwest Airlines jet landing at Amarillo International Airport ran off a runway into mud Sunday during stormy weather, authorities said. The Boeing 737, coming in

from Albuquerque, N.M., suffered damage to its nose gear about 9:20 p.m., said an official with the Federal Aviation Administration, who asked not to be identifed.

The passengers were evac-uated and no injuries were reported, the official said.

Tom Higley, of Amarillo, a passenger on flight 803, said the plane "came in and made one

hard bounce" off the runway. "We were airborne again," Higley said. "He (the pilot) came back in again, reversed the thrust, put the spoilers up and applied the brakes and the plane began hydroplaning.'

After the jet slid off the runway, "the nose wheel went into the mud and snapped," Higley

Flight attendants dropped emergency slides "and we all went right down into the mud.

The passengers walked more than a mile to get to the terminal,

#### of attitudes toward Battalion content Editor's note: This is the first arti-

cle in a three-part series on The Bat-By CYNTHIA GAY

Staff Writer A writer's job is to tell the truth.

- Ernest Hemingway

Unfolded copies of The Battalion lie on a campus sidewalk, partially read and thrown away.

Apparently Texas A&M's lone rabble-rouser fails to provoke much response from its complacent readers, but certain columns of newspa-per type still linger in students' memories. In the library snack bar, on the steps of Rudder Fountain, through the Memorial Student Center's main drag, the facts and opin-

'They pick it up, scan Page 1, open it up and stare at Page 2, Rhonda Snider, Fall editor of The Battalion, referring to the average student's habitual approach to read-

ing the newspaper.

A&M students may find that the opinions in The Battalion irritating for a variety of reasons.

"The Battalion seems to try to spark emotion by picking on peo-ple," says senior Steve Leung, Corps of Cadets' supply officer.

Former student body president David Alders says: "I know shock va-lue gets more readers, but I'd rather have the Wall Street Journal published on campus than the National

Kevin Brannon, president of MSC

Political Forum says, "It's like, 'What called a communist all the time. Our can we find this week that's wrong with the University?

Eric Thode, former speaker pro tem of the Student Senate says, "(At The Battalion) there's been an attitude of change for the sake of change. (The staff writers) are not in

any way a mirror of the school. Denis Davis, MSC Council president for 1985-86, says, "Everyday I ask if there's anything good in the newspaper, and everyday (some one

But for former editorial page editor Michelle Powe, it's all in a day's

"I'd rather have 38,000 people here who hate me and are thinking,' says Powe, managing editor for this fall. "I make sure people think. I get

editorial board is not even liberal. We have four definite conservatives, one moderate and one liberal. would bet my next month's salary that the majority of the paper is conservative.

Snider, former city editor, says students at A&M often misuse the words "liberal" and "conservative.

"I think people on this campus call 'liberal' anything that does not conform to tradition," Snider said.

Opinions. Those blasted opinions. The events of the 1984-85 school year have forced Texas A&M students to make up their minds about hazing, the civil rights of homosexuals, women in the Aggie Band, a

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