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Voters OK gun control, abortions

Texas water plan approved

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Texas voters appproved a two-part, \$1.43 billion water conservation and development plan, that backers, led by Gov. Mark White, claim will take care of that state's water needs into the next century.

Voters all over the country approved important ballot measures on affirming handgun control, the right to abortions and to smoke-free workplaces, but three communities rejected attempts to fluoridate their water and residents of San Francisco refused to limit downtown high-rise construction.

Even in an off-year election, voters in nine states and scores of cities and towns grappled with ballot is-sues that touched on some of the nation's most emotion-laden economic and social questions.

Three New England towns -Bristol, Conn.; Dover, N.H.; and Derry, N.H. - Tuesday rejected similarly worded measures calling for the overturning of the U.S. Su-preme Court's 12-year old ruling

that legalized abortions. It was the first time since the high court ruling, Roe vs. Wade, that voters had the chance to vote on such referendums.

Oak Park, Ill., one of four U.S. cities which have banned handguns, beat back a proposal to repeal its 13month-old ban. The other cities with similar handgun laws are Washing-ton, D.C.; Morton Grove, Ill.; and Evanston, Ill.

Voters in Tucson, Ariz., passed a proposition restricting smoking in workplaces, and one limiting the size and location of billboards. But they defeated a measure that would have required smoke-free space in restaurants.

Three cities, San Antonio, Westfield, Mass., and Leominster, Mass., rejected fluoridating their water supplies. San Antonio is now the largest city following Los Angeles without fluoride in its water

San Francisco soundly defeated a proposal to authorize spending up to \$150,000 in public funds for a statewide petition drive to legalize marijuana. They also decided not to deny building permits for high-rise structures exceeding 50,000 square teet.

In the District of Columbia, one of about 200 cities with rent control, voters narrowly approved even stiffer rent control guidelines de-spite the objections of Mayor Marion Barry. Opponents had argued the tighter guidelines were unnecessary, and might inhibit rehabilitation of rundown properties.

Among other noteworthy ballot contests

• Ohio voters endorsed a mea-sure authorizing \$100 million in borrowing to promote research in removing sulfur from coal and give a lift to the state's depressed coal industry

• Maine voters narrowly approved a "people's veto" referen-dum giving residents the right to approve any disposal plans for lowlevel nuclear waste.

• Voters in two college towns,

Boulder, Colo., and Oberlin, Ohio, approved measures declaring their cities nuclear free zones; areas which are off limits to nuclear weapons. Boulder voters also approved a proposition renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons by the United

• Santa Barbara voters rejected a proposal, backed by environmen-tally minded celebrities like John Travolta, Jane Fonda and James Ar-ness, that would have imposed tough new restrictions on offshore drilling. It was a victory for oil companies which had run a \$1.1 million campaign to defeat the measure.

• St. Louis voters defeated a \$155 million bond issue to repair and up-grade existing schools. The measure was ordered on the ballot by a federal judge as part of a two-year voluntary desegregation order. It needed a two-thirds majority to pass, but only got 56 percent in final, unofficial tallies.

Raging floods kill at least 36 people

Health officials voiced concern about contaminated water Wednesday in the wake of devastating floods that killed at least 36 people in the mid-Atlantic states, as the governors of three states surveyed damage estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars and government officials

closed monuments in the nation's capital because of expected flooding. Rivers that crested at record levels were returning to their banks in many areas, but Richmond braced for a surge on the James River and

sandbagging continued at historic sites around Washington, D.C., in anticipation of a Potomac River crest up to 7 feet above flood stage. The National Park Service an-nounced that the Jefferson Memo-

rial, Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument would be closed Thursday because of the expected flooding

danger," said parks spokeswoman the extent of flooding because Sandra Alley. "We'd be in real trou- gauges were washed away.

ble if water reached the top of the Washington Monument. But we want people to stay away for safety reasons

About 20 people were still listed as missing in the floods that followed three days of heavy rain.

More than 2,000 people remained out of their homes Wednesday in Pennsylvania and the Virginias, while many began the task of mopping up.

For others, however, there was no home to return to, as trailers, Aframes and other structures washed down swollen rivers.

Gov. Charles S. Robb toured Virginia's flood-ravaged western mounains by helicopter Wednesday, as his state's storm death toll climbed to 19. The bodies of 15 more were recovered in West Virginia and one in Maryland, officials said

oding. "The memorials are not in any were having difficulty determining

Immigration officials arrest lottery winner

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. - A young Mexican who sneaked across the border and won the California lottery's \$2 million jackpot was arrested Wednesday by immigration authorities who said they acted quickly be-cause he bragged about his illegal status

Jose Caballero, 24, an illegal alien working for \$200 a week, was ar-rested at his home in East San Jose, according to Arthur Shanks, deputy director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco.

Shanks said Caballero was given a choice of an immediate voluntary deportation at his own cost or a hearing with a judge to determine whether he will be allowed to stay in the United States. Caballero opted for the hearing, Shanks said.

Lottery Director Mark Michalko said Caballero would be awarded full installments of his prize regardless of his status.

Shanks said Caballero was arrested because it would look bad to the taxpayers if he were allowed to remain free after boasting of his illegal status.

"He's bragged about his ability to enter the United States illegally," said Shanks. He said Caballero normally would have been asked to come to the INS office with his attorney to discuss his immigration status.

The arrest was made quickly be-cause Caballero had put the federal agency in an embarrassing position, Shanks said.

David Still, the acting officer in charge of the San Jose INS office, said Caballero was taken to the INS

office and then was interviewed for several hours with his attorney present Caballero will post \$5,000 bail and be freed until the hearing, according

to Still

Caballero said earlier that he had planned to go home anyway to see his parents and eight brothers and sisters, who thought he was joking when he called them from Los Angeles after winning the jackpot Mon-day.



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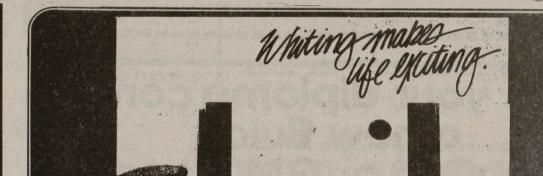
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