OPEC official: rices for oil vill stabilize

HOUSTON (AP) — The de-ne of the oil market is over and producers can expect prices to abilize, the governor of OPEC

Fernando Santos, Undersecrery of Energy for Equador and wernor of OPEC, said the mart can expect prices to level off about \$18 per barrel. At a dinner, Santos told the

ambridge Energy Research Asciates that the collapse of the arket last year was wrongly amed on the Organization of euroleum Exporting Countries. Santos - speaking in place of

ailing Javier Espinosa, Energy Mines Minister of Equador and ice Chairman of OPEC — said e industry should closely exame the action that OPEC took bere oil prices fell from about \$27 er barrel in December 1985 to as w as \$10 per barrel in July

Santos blamed the decline of prices on two independent rces: The general decline in the emand for oil by the industrial untries and the steady increase non-OPEC oil production, inuding exports by the socialist

Santos said \$18 per barrel is a ood price for now because it will elp OPEC regain price market

In an effort to maintain price stability, OPEC has adopted a new production ceiling of 15.8 million barrels per day for the first half of 1987 and has the intention to continue with its policy of production restraint, he said.

Touring pianist brings songs about Christian faith to A&M

Reporter

Students walking near the fountains outside the Chemistry Building Tuesday afternoon may have heard piano music and a female voice amidst the the ordinary sounds of Texas A&M campus activity.

From about noon to 1 p.m., Lynn Breitenbach, from Washington State University, was playing the piano and singing for anyone who cared to

Breitenbach and her husband, Gene, who is a speaker and a tea-cher, travel to different universities throughout the United States, singing and talking to Christian students and teaching them how to share their faith with other people.

Breitenbach does the playing and singing, while her husband conducts talks at dorms in the evenings.

Breitenbach said they usually perform dorm concerts, but they seem to get a better response outside.

"Some people walk away when they hear me say Jesus or God, but that's understandable," Breitenbach

Breitenbach was asked to come to A&M by Barry Chole, the minister for the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Association on campus.

Although Breitenbach and her husband have been touring universities for three years, Tuesday was their first trip to A&M, she said.

Breitenbach said that she and her husband originally had planned to be here for only two days, as this was their first time to visit A&M. Instead, however, she was so surprised by the great number of students involved in Christian activities that she plans to come back next year and stay for a

Breitenbach's selections consist of a mixture of secular and Christian

bach played were "Desperado," "Come Let Us Reason" and "Out Here On My Own."

But her repertoire also includes her own compositions — "After the Party's Over," "You Are There" and Party's Over," "You Are There" and "I Choose You" — all of which she played Tuesday.

Although Breitenbach comes prepared with her own songs, she will olay requests, as she did for Diane Schnetzinger and Kim Kajacob, who requested the tune "What A Difference You've Made in My Life" as they sat and listened with numerous other students.

Breitenbach and her husband conclude their A&M stay today, after which they will travel to Stephen F. Austin University in Nacog-doches and then to the University of

Clements: State high court should be 1st to test any appointment system for judges

AUSTIN (AP) — If Chief Justice John Hill wants to replace Texas' elected judges with gubernatorial appointees, then Hill's Supreme Court should be the guinea pig, Gov. Bill Clements said Tuesday.

"If Chief Justice Hill is serious about this and wants to give it a trial effort, let's start with the Supreme Court,"said Clements, who defeated Hill, a Democrat, in the 1978 guber-natorial race. "I'd be very happy to

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But Clements said he has doubts about changing the current system of choosing judges in popular elec-tions between partisan opponents.

"My position (on changing the system) is one of skepticism and caution," Clements said.

Hill has led the way in pushing for a "merit selection" plan in which all Texas judges first would be appointed, then subject to elections in which voters decide whether the judges should remain in office.

Backers of the idea note that several states already use such a system.

In a speech to the Legislature on Monday, Hill said the current system of partisan election has produced "big-bucks" races and a judicial system that no longer has the confidence of many Texans. He urged lawmakers to place on the ballot a proposal to change the system.

The chief justice's plan is opposed by the eight other members of the Supreme Court, all of whom also are

ewis: Texans willing to pay for crime war deal

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Gib Lewis Tuesday mounced a "War on Crime" package that has a ice tag he said Texans are willing to pay, even it means higher taxes.

"I think we have a commitment to solve a very rious problem in our society," Lewis said at a ws conference. "If it requires additional reveue, I'll be the first to stand up and say, 'I'm for

hat additional revenue.' " A Texas Civil Liberties Union official who was the session said Lewis' package includes step-ing on constitutional rights of criminal de-endants. A Texas Conference of Churches offial, who was also there, said Texans could be

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be admitted as evidence. • Allowing criminal prosecution as adults of 13- and 14-year-olds accused of violent crimes, and allowing the introduction of juvenile crime records as evidence.

Allowing a single trial for several related

• Tracing the purchase of bulk chemicals commonly used to make illegal drugs.

"It is very clear that a price is attached to these proposals," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth. "Whatever that may be . . . I am convinced citizens want a safer Texas and are willing to pay that price."

The Senate sponsor said his bill would cost about \$25 million. Lewis said Tuesday House budget-writers have found only \$2 million to \$3 million to pay for the bill, but he is convinced U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice would

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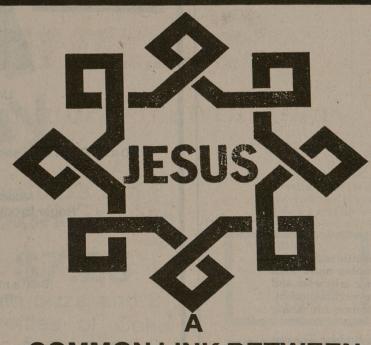
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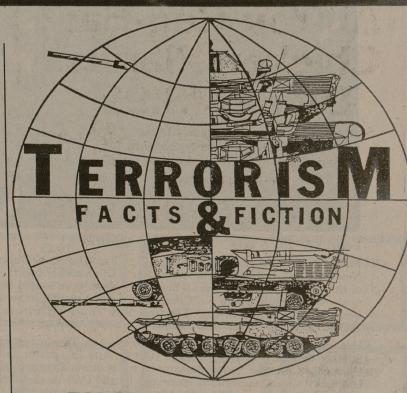
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