The Battalion

Page 4

Tuesday, April 11, 1989

Smith blasts Caperton's workers' comp proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The House plan for overhauling the workers' com-pensation system received a rough welcome from several senators Mon-day, as one here hereiter plan risen 149 percent since 1985. Meanwhile, labor groups say Texas working conditions are no-toriously unsafe, and workers' comp welcome from several senators Mon-day, as one key legislator promised the Senate would not "roll over" be-fore an army of lobbyists trying to push the bill through.

Several senators said sweeping changes to the workers' comp law passed last month by the House do nothing to correct the problems of rocketing insurance costs and low benefits to injured workers.

"It seems to me that we're being asked to buy a pig in a poke," said Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan.

The issue pits powerful special interests — insurance, business, doc-tors, trial lawyers and labor — in a fight over compensating workers injured on the job.

Businesses say they have hurt by employer-paid workers' comp insurance rates, which have rounding the issue. Businesses say they have been

Conroe man protests vault for toxic soil

HOUSTON (AP) - A man who is protesting the construction of a ourial vault for contaminated soil in his Conroe subdivision said he heard horror stories during a Washington D.C. meeting from people living near wood-treating operations, which produce toxic materials simi-

"I'm a hard person, but I found myself crying for these people," said Darrel Jackson, one of 30 people from around the country who sought action on their common pol-lution problem in an emotional meeting arranged by Greenpeace and the Environmental Defense Fund.

Jackson said he met a California man who is dying of cancer, a Kansas woman whose baby was born with brain damage, and a Texarkana-area woman who told of neighbor-hood children with skin ailments and breathing problems. All live near present or past wood-treating operations

Jackson is protesting the construc-tion by his subdivision of what he calls a "horrible monument" — a burial vault, 8 feet tall, 300 feet long and 50 feet wide. The U.S. Environ-mental Protection Agency would use it to store contaminated soil collected from around the Tanglewood East

The EPA plans to buy six homes in the subdivision and demolish them to get at some of the most contaminated soil.

The subdivision was built on land occupied until 1972 by the United Creosoting Co. It used toxic pen-tachlorophenol (PCP) and creosote laced with low levels of dioxin as

wood preservatives. Jackson, who runs a janitorial company and is president of the Tanglewood East Homeowners As-

benefits are low. Texas ranks first in the nation in job fatalities among industrialized states.

With the Senate meeting as a com-mittee of the whole, which allows lobbyists and others access to the Senate chamber, Caperton blasted

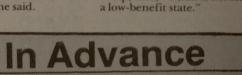
hope that message comes clear to the lobbyists that we are going

to be heard on this and we are not going to roll over."

-Sen. Kent Caperton, **D**-Bryan

"Those lobbyists who are suggesting that we adopt House Bill 1 as it is without amendments insult us individually, insult the institution and do a serious disservice to the process.

"I hope that message comes clear to the lobbyists that we are going to be heard on this and we are not going to roll over," he said.



Bush Administration.

The lecture series is privately

funded from an endowment b James and A.P. Wiley. One-ha to one-third of the interest from

the endowment is given for the series each year. Other funding

comes from individuals, corpora

tions and foundations. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10 for students and \$8, \$10 and \$12 for

nonstudents and are available a the MSC Box Office.

Lecture series goes on without Perez de Cuellar

By Fiona Soltes

STAFF WRITER

MSC Wiley Lecture Series will present "The Middle East: Peace or Powder Keg" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Rudder Auditorium.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has canceled his scheduled appear-ance due to the unexpected crisis in Namibia. He will be replaced by Dr. James Jonah, assistant sec-retary-general. Also participating in the panel discussion are for-mer National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane and former CIA Director Stansfield Turner. Ed Bradley of CBS' "60 Minutes" will moderate

Tom Rand, co-director of this year's Program Symposia, said the panelists were chosen because of their international significance and knowledge of the Middle East. "We're hoping people will get a

Child welfare group holds general meeting C.A.R.E., the Child Advocacy

The goals of C.A.R.E. are: to educate the community with re-Resource and Education Coalition of Brazos County, will have spect to child abuse and neglect to assess and increase the effec-

Sov Decis

> HOUSTON abruptly cance that would fea space next me cosmonauts, s vision produce The Soviet crew aboard

the space stati shuttle Atlanti a replacement uled, accordin Houston Chro The unexp wondering wl

plans. Congression

The Soviet program was



AUSTIN Monday conti writing a state Finance Com proved a \$46

nium. current spend lars, they diff

ons; education man services. And the tw funding appro Appropriati man Jim Rude

> But Senate Kent Caperto

BIOMEDICA WOMEN IN (215 Reed Mc UNDERGRA pizza at 6 p.m TAPPS: Bet STUDENT ' BRAZOS CO

VIETNAMES

grams Office. OFF-CAMPU

STUDENT C

tion table in th DEER PARK N.O.W.: Jo Jo

PRO-CHOIC SPEECH CO

tions are due TAMU COME RECREATIO Read for the bitting contest

hitting contes ALCOHOLIC for more infor

STUDENT Y

Red Lobster. MUSIC PROC AGGIE DEMO

UNITED CAN

TRIATHLON

DATA PROC

speak at 7 p.r RECREATIO

AGGIE SPEL

PHI BETA LA

TAMU SAILI

PHILOSOPH

NARCOTICS

ALCOHOLIC GGIE BLOO

the following MSC 10 a.m. AGGIELAND

THE BATTA

tions are due

Admiral **Stansfield Turner** former C.I.A. Director

Ed Bradley Co-Editor "60 Minutes"

The Middle East:

Peace or Powder Keg

April 12, 1989

His Excellency

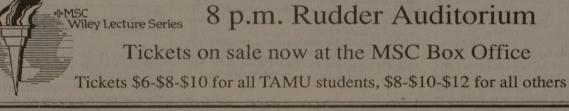
Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

United Nations Secretary-General

The Honorable

Robert C. McFarlane

former National Security Advisor



"Ecstasy for the ear!"



ministration of workers' comp and eliminate the right to a jury over disputed claims. The Senate version of the would retain the right to a jury newspaper that viet civilian sp the same buck NASA. and require employees to judy stronger job-safety guidelines. Although retaining the righ jury trial, Sen. Bob Glasgow's would allow the record of the

vious Industrial Accident Board ing into the trial. Currently, IAB's decision is excluded from

But Smith said that was not an ceptable compromise because it the "threat" of a jury trial that fu out-of-court settlements and d up workers' comp premiums.

Although House Bill 1 was icized in the Senate, the bill's au

Rep. Richard Smith, R-Bryan,

"I'm happy we're moving forwat He predicted, however, the ate bill will not be acceptable to

House and a conference commi will be picked to hammer out the ferences in the two bills.

conference committee," Smith s House Bill 1 would change

'We're going to write the bill

In earlier testimony before the Senate, Peter Barth, a consultant an interim committee on worked comp. said, "Texas is not necessari

proposal. The action tion by the H Committee \$46.9 billion

Although t - roughly 1

critical state greater sense of the Middle Eas and its potential for peace," h said. "This is an issue of past, pre sent and future importance the needs to be addressed by th Rand said the panelists each will give an address before the discussion begins. Audience members may submit written questions for the panelists to a ta-ble located on the first floor of Rudder from 7:30 to 8 p.m. the night of the program. Questions will not be taken from the floor.

his panel's pro without a tax budget writer quires an inci

The Swingle Singers

Rudder Auditorium April 15

8pm

Imagine an entire orchestra, played on the human voice. And imagine that vocal orchestra playing the full range of music, from Bach to the Beatles. You have just imagined the Swingle Singers, "the world's most unique vocal group" (Boston Herald). The Singers use only their voices to create the full range of musical sound, from strings to percussion. Don't miss this finale to the 1989 MSC OPAS season.

"The most extraordinary musical event of the year...The sound of this group is simply ravishing." -- St. Louis Post-dispatch

> Tickets on sale in the MSC Box Office 845-1234 and through Dillard's Ticketron

OPAS 16 This season we bring you the world.

MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society . Memorial Student Center of Jexas A&M University

sociation, said he is a conservative Republican and not a member of Greenpeace. However, he said he was impressed by the activist group's efforts in Washington.

He spent part of the weekend meeting with health and pollution scientists along with others in the group

Jackson said he also visited the office of his congressman, Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, and was surprised by the attention he received. Instead of the quick brushoff he expected, two of Barton's top aides spent two hours discussing his concerns.

The entire group spent last Mon-day afternoon meeting with a delegation of EPA Superfund officials.

"At one point they asked for a show of hands of people who trusted the EPA," Jackson told the Houston Post. "One person held up his hand — and that was an expert, not a waste site resident."

He said Tanglewood East resi-dents have been told at times that there is no health hazard in their neighborhood, and at other times that dioxin is one of the deadliest substances known.

"They are sending us mixed sig-nals," Jackson said. "And somewhere, they are lying to us."

its first general meeting Wednes-day at 1 p.m. in the College Station City Council Chamber at City Hall.

Presentations will be given by Wendell Teltow, program direc-tor for the Texas Coalition for the Prevention of Child Abuse, and Mary Kay Smith, president of the C.A.R.E. Coalition. C.A.R.E.'s purpose is "to sup-port advocacy and prevention ef-

forts in the area of child abuse and neglect."

CDPE sponsors Health and Wellness Fair

"Good Health: A Lifestyle You Can Live With" is the theme of the 1989 Health and Wellness Fair, which takes place **today in** the MSC walkway from 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m. The fair, sponsored by the Texas A&M Center for Drug Pre-vention and Education, will present representatives from community and campus organizations to stress health-related topics for

students, faculty and staff. Among the sponsors with booths in the fair are the American Cancer Society, which will provide information about skin cancer, and the Brazos Valley Aids Foundation, which will hand out pamphlets and provide information about AIDS.

for abused and neglected chil dren and their families; to fur ther the research of child abus and neglect and to inform the legislature, state agencies, and the courts of needs of abused and neglected children and their fami

The meeting is open to the public. For further information, contact Mary Kay Smith at 779-7403.

Alcohol awareness, smoking cessation, drug abuse prevention highway safety, rape prevention and stress management informa-tion also will be available.

Deborah Doyle, a graduate a sistant in the center, said health screening may be provided by HCA Greenleaf Hospital of Brazos County.

"Everyone from the campus emergency care team to the cam-pus police department will pro-vide information at the fair," she said. "It'll be interesting and it'll be informative. There'll be some thing for everyone.

For additional information about the fair call the center at 845-0280.

Bills OVERDUE ? Call CCCS for free help. 822-6110 1-800-338-8622 Non-Profit and Confidential

Items for WI no later than the name and a Battalion se on a first-co have ques