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## Supreme Court WARRD upholds ban on gays in service

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military's general ban on homosexuals survived two Supreme Court appeals Monday.

The court rejected appeals by a woman denied re-enlistment in the Army Reserve in Wisconsin because she is a lesbian and a California man released from active duty in the Navy because he is gay.

The court's refusal, without com-

ment, to review the Pentagon ban leaves open the possibility the justices could agree in some future case to review a policy that says "homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

But groups seeking expanded gay rights said they have a better chance

of getting help from Congress. "There are other remedies for us to take care of this deeply irrational policy," said Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We've had a great deal of congressional interest in this. Within the next year, you'll see some good things coming from Congress." Nan Hunter of the American Civil

Liberties Union said, "The refusal to allow lesbian and gay Americans to enlist in the military constitutes what is probably the most blatant example of official discrimination by the federal government today.

The high court rejected appeals by Miriam Ben-Shalom, 41, who has been a sergeant in the Army Reserve in Milwaukee, and James M. Wood-ward of Spring Valley, Calif., who was ousted from active duty by the

Ben-Shalom joined the Army Reserve in 1974 but was discharged in 1976 because she is an acknowl-



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# State studies school financing Leaders warn against use of Band-Aid solutions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Leaders of the court battle that could change the face of public school financing intexas warned Monday against Band-Aid solutions to the problem and promised to push their own plan in the problem and promised to push the problem and promised to push their own plan in the problem and promised to push their own plan in the problem and promised to push the problem and probl the Texas Legislature.

"This is an opportunity for the state of Texas to finally address this grievance, take care of the problem and assure the future of our state," Edgewood School District Superintendent James Vasquez said.

His San Antonio-area district was lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, Edgewood v. Kirby, which resulted in a unanimous Texas Supreme Court ruling in October declaring the state's current school finance method unconsti-

Ruling the system discriminates against property-poor school districts, the court gave the state until May I to come up with a solution. School finance is slated for the special legislative session opening today. "We have won the case," plaintiffs' attorney Al Kauffman said Monday in a news conference at the Edgewood district office. "Now it's our job as the parties to the lawsuit and the lawyer in the lawsuit to make sure that we do collect on our judgment."

Kauffman, a lawyer with the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the Texas Su-

preme Court decision mandates a long-term plan. "It was very explicit: The system must change," he said. "A Band-Aid will not suffice."

Vasquez and Kauffman said they favor a bill filed by state Rep. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, and state Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, calling for a countywide tax rate of 80 cents per \$100 property valuation and using county tax bases to measure the amount of state

school aid. The plan would allow a tax rate up to 20 cents higher within districts, and suggests more state money for districts with high numbers of special-needs students. State funding would increase to \$800 million in 1990-91, \$1.8 billion in 1991-92 and \$3 billion in 1992-

"We want to raise the standard for every district in the state. We don't want to bring anybody down," said Kauffman, citing figures placing Texas 35th among the 50 states in education funding.

The attorney warned legislators against using the school funding issue for other interests, such as chang-

other means, they're simply wrong,"

Vasquez said he will work weekends at his superintendent's post so that he can travel to Austin twice weekly during the session to work on passage of an equity plan and to educate lawmakers.
"A lot of times legislators don't even know they rep-

resent property-poor school districts," Vasquez said. Former Edgewood Superintendent Jose Cardenas advised legislators not to follow the recommendations

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of a blue-ribbon panel on education finance appointed by Gov. Bill Clements.

The panel didn't propose substantial new money for education, he said, adding that panel members Henry Cisneros and state Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice, chair of the House Public Education Committee, would not agree to the recommendations, and state Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, was not present to

Luna agreed, predicting it would be difficult to find a legislator willing to write a bill proposing the task force recommendations.

The panel recommended increasing state school funding by \$234 million next year and up to \$1.5 billion in the fifth year of the plan. The panel also recommended spending \$100 million in each of two years of

## Rev. Jackson will not run for mayor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jesse L. Jackson said he will not run for mayor of the nation's capital in this fall's election. "I want to continue to serve,

but not as mayor," the civil rights leader and two-time Democratic presidential candidate said in a statement prepared for a news conference.

Jackson's political plans have been the subject of conjecture since he moved to Washington in April 1989. The speculation in-tensified with Mayor Marion Barry's arrest last month on a cocaine possession charge.

In his statement, Jackson did not address whether he would again seek the White House in 1992.

He said he plans to continue working to end the city's drug and crime crisis and to push for statehood for the District of Co-

"At present I believe that I may best serve by continuing my work on a national level to change the direction of this country," Jack son said. "Because this is an election

year, the mayor's issue has grown with the crisis in the city and the tribulations of the mayor," Jackson said in his statement.

In recent weeks, Jackson has stressed repeatedly that championing the city's quest to become the nation's 51st state would remain his priority during the election year.

# Clean air bill moves to Senate for debate

pressed ahead Monday with final private talks with the White House over the clean air bill, but said the measure will go to the Senate floor for debate this week - with or without an agreement.

The closed-door negotiations between senators and key Bush administration officials on a compromise air pollution control package have been under way for nearly a month with major differences still to be overcome, according to both sides.

Drug or Alcohol Problem?

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate leaders acknowledged that he may have to bring the bill tection Agency to the Senate floor without the administration

support he has sought through the bargaining.

Mitchell said if a compromise package cannot be worked out early this week, he would terminate the discussions with the administration and take his chance on a bill emerging through Senate floor debate, beginning Thursday.

"We started the (private) talks three weeks ago, and at some point we need to reach a conclu-sion," Mitchell said shortly after meeting with "We are making progress," Senate Majority White House Chief of Staff John Sununu and Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said. But he William Reilly, head of the Environmental Pro-

Sununu said after the meeting that the two sides are "getting closer and closer" toward working out a compromise bill aimed at cleaning up the nation's air by the end of the decade. Bu Sununu, alluding to Mitchell's threat to end the discussions, criticized having to work under "the deadline of a clock.

Mitchell turned to the private discussions on Feb. 2 in hopes of counteracting strong regional opposition to parts of the clean air bill by enlisting the Bush administration.

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