



# EARTH DAY '90

## Movement's anniversary rejuvenates public interest in environmental protection

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Millions of Americans cleaned up beaches and roadsides, planted trees and listened to music with a message as they celebrated the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, the "environmental teach-in" that launched a movement.

In all, some 3,600 American cities and towns mustered forces to rejuvenate the environmental movement that was launched by the original Earth Day in 1970.

"I get a real sense of a renewal, and a kind of rededication, that will provide the support for change at the grass-roots level," said John McLachlan, scientific director at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, N.C. "There's a sense of urgency that hasn't been there."

Thousands watched a hot-air balloon — decorated as the Earth — rise in New York's Times Square where the ball falls on New Year's Eve. The Environmental Protection Agency unveiled a fleet of cars and trucks powered by alcohol, natural gas and electricity in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Students at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania buried a paper mache "Old Earth" containing a plastic foam cup, aerosol can, disposable diaper and container of leaded gasoline.

At a gathering of 125,000 people at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, several activists criticized President Bush for spending the weekend fishing in Florida.

One was Peter Bahouth, president of Greenpeace USA, who brought with him a life-size cardboard cutout of Bush.

Gaylord Nelson of The Wilderness Society, who originated the first Earth Day when he was a senator from Wisconsin, called for a grass-roots campaign to keep the spirit of Sunday's celebrations alive in the years to come.

"I don't want to come back here 20 years from now and have to tell your sons and daughters that you didn't do your duty," Nelson, 74, told his listeners. "We've got to raise a conservation generation."

Pennsylvania's Gov. Robert P. Casey led an "All Species Parade" in Philadelphia, playing the piper to children dressed in animal costumes made from recycled materials, and at least one marcher got the point.

We must recycle, said eleven-year-old Lauren Derby of Philadelphia,

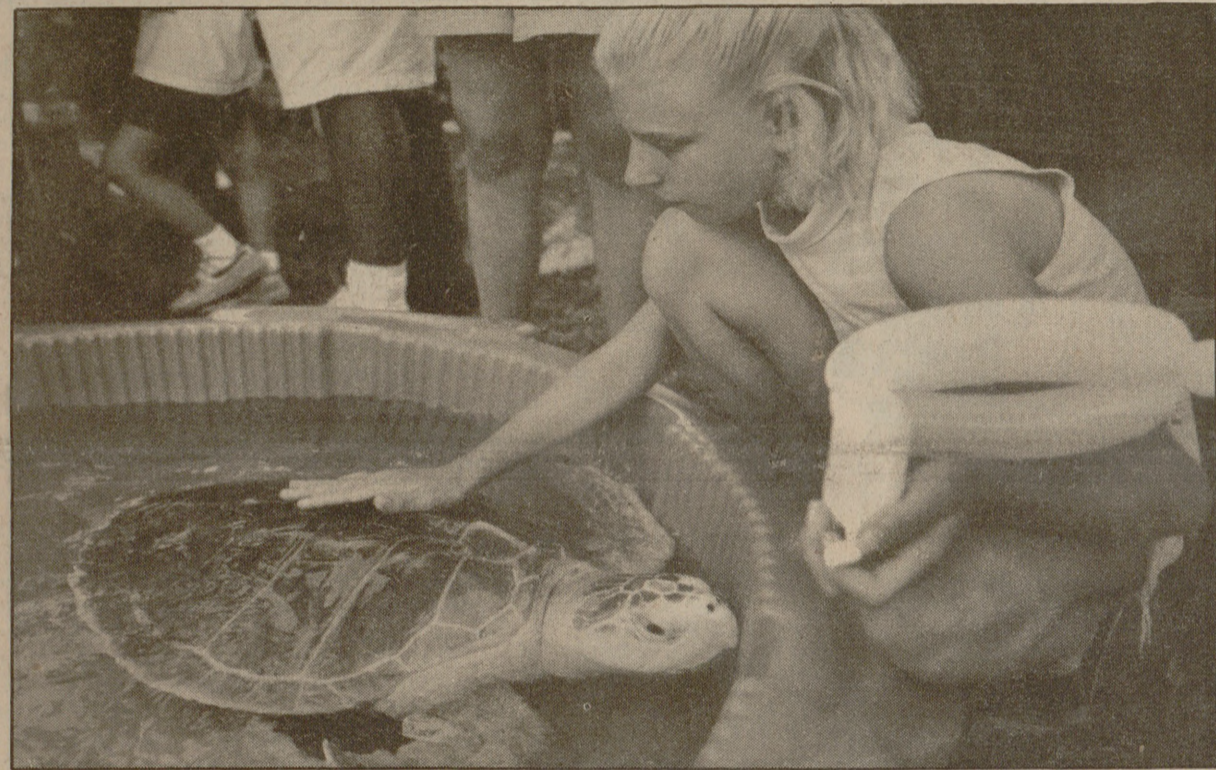
"so that the future generation can have a nice Earth and a nice environment."

Hall and Oates, the B-52s, the Saturday Night Live Band and Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians were among the performers in New York's Central Park, where an estimated 300,000 people turned out.

On an expressway near the Charles River in Boston, artists used biodegradable chalk to draw a half-mile-long, multi-colored tableau of birds, butterflies, flowers and messages like "Recycle!" and "Save The Earth."

Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

Nineteen-year-old Gena Wood brought her world to the Earth Day celebration at the A&M Research Park Sunday.



Crystal Johnson, a student from Oakwood Middle School, pets a Kemp's-Ridley turtle that was on display at the Earth Day fair Sunday at the A&M

Research Park. The turtle was exhibited in order to promote awareness of endangered animals such as Kemp's-Ridley turtles.

Photo by Steve Noreyko

# Hostage freed

## Pro-Iranian captors release U.S. prisoner

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Pro-Iranian kidnapers freed American hostage Robert Polhill in Beirut Sunday after nearly 39 months of captivity. He was the first American hostage to be released in nearly 3-and-a-half years.

The White House said a U.S. plane would take Polhill to West Germany for debriefing and a medical exam before he returns to the United States. Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater thanked Iran and Syria for their roles in the release.

"I'm very happy and grateful to all the people who spent time on my case," Polhill said in a Syrian TV interview. But he added: "I'm still deeply concerned about my two friends and others who are still held in the conditions I was held in."

Seventeen Western hostages remain in Lebanon, including seven Americans.

Polhill, 55, of New York was freed near the seaside Summerland Hotel in Moslem west Beirut at 5:15 p.m. (10:15 a.m. EDT) and driven immediately to Damascus. He was to be handed over to U.S. Ambassador Edward Djerejian at the Foreign Ministry, Syrian sources said.

Terms of the release, which followed a series of communiques from the Shiite Moslem kidnapers, were not known.

Polhill's mother, Ruth Polhill of Fishkill, N.Y., was overjoyed at the release and said she hoped to see her son when he returns to the United States.

"Maybe I'll have control of myself by that time," she told GNN.

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who witnessed the release said Polhill appeared thin and hunched as he stepped out of a car that screeched to a halt in a street about 50 yards from the hotel.

He was immediately picked up by a three-car Syrian convoy and driven off at high speed.

The Syrian TV footage showed Polhill being driven through Beirut, sitting in the back of a car and puffing heavily on a cigarette. He appeared drawn after his long ordeal and smiled wanly several times.

Polhill, a professor of business studies and accounting at Beirut University College, was one of three American educators held by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine since Jan. 24, 1987.

The other two are Alann Steen, a native of Boston who turned 51 on Sunday, and Jesse Turner, 42, of Boise, Idaho. The three were kidnapped from the Beirut University College campus by gunmen disguised as police officers.

The last American hostage to be freed was David Jacobsen, former director of the American University Hospital in Beirut. He was kidnapped in Beirut May 28, 1985, and was released Nov. 2, 1986.

Polhill's Lebanese wife, Feryal, went to Damascus from Beirut after the kidnapers said they would release one hostage. It was not known whether they had been reunited.

## Officials seize drugs, arrest 2 A&M students

By CHRIS VAUGHN  
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Two Texas A&M students face narcotics charges after local law enforcement officials seized a mailed package containing almost one pound of mushrooms and discovered several suspected marijuana plants in their home.

Brian Patrick Wieland, 19, was arrested Friday night on a charge of aggravated delivery of psilocybin, a mushroom derivative, a charge of possession of marijuana, and a charge of aggravated possession of narcotics.

Todd Randall Ehrlich, 20, also was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Wieland posted bonds totaling \$16,000 — a \$10,000 bond for the aggravated delivery charge, \$5,000 for the possession of marijuana charge and \$1,000 for aggravated possession.

Ehrlich posted bonds totaling

\$11,000 — a \$10,000 bond for a possession of the controlled substance charge and \$1,000 for the possession of marijuana charge.

Agents with the Brazos County Narcotics Task Force intercepted a package bound for California on Thursday containing 420 grams, approximately one pound, of a substance suspected of being psilocybin. It later was determined to be the mushroom derivative by the Department of Public Safety laboratory in Austin.

Police said Wieland's name and address were listed on the package as the return address.

A search warrant was obtained for Wieland's home, where police said they found 15 suspected marijuana plants valued at \$7,500, a bag containing less than two ounces of suspected marijuana, a bag containing suspected psilocybin and paraphernalia.

Both men were arrested at that time and charged by police.

# Top officials believe communism dying

By TIMM DOOLEN  
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Gorbachev is for Lithuanian independence, said Nikolay Shishlin, adviser and friend to Mikhail Gorbachev, Friday night at the Wiley Lecture Series.

"But it is impossible to solve all the problems in one night," said Shish-

lin, deputy chief of the Propaganda Subdepartment of the Communist Central Party. He said the Soviet Union must worry about economic ties and the interests of national minorities.

Dr. Kenneth Adelman, Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under Ronald Reagan, refuted Shishlin's arguments by say-

ing, "the Soviet Union itself has not been so gracious in protecting minorities." He also said he does not approve of the way Gorbachev is trying to coerce Lithuania by cutting off energy and food. "What the Lithuanians are saying is they have the right to independence," he said. Adelman said most of the governments in the world, including the United

States, have been "way too soft" on the Lithuanian situation.

Shishlin said he believes Lithuania will be independent, but other countries should not interfere in the process. He said outside interference would be comparable to interference by the Soviet Union during

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# Animal Science professor goes beyond his call of duty

By KATHERINE COFFEY  
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Mentor, educator, friend. These are only a few words one Texas A&M professor is described as by many of the students who swarm to his office for advice.

Dr. Howard Hesby, an associate professor of animal science, has been teaching at A&M since 1971 and has helped students with classes and getting jobs. He also has helped graduated students who have come back to talk to him.

"I think he is one of the few faculty members who is truly concerned with students and not only concerned with the material he is teaching," Jud Chappell, a senior animal science major, said. "Dr. Hesby is always available, and even though he is very busy he always finds time to talk to students. He's practically in the Kleburg building 24 hours a day."

Presently, Hesby teaches classes such as ANSC 107, Introduction to Animal Science, and an Animal Science Agribusiness Preparatory Course, called the "barbecue class."

"The barbecue class is like a resume course in which it helps students with their interview skills and how to get a job," Hesby said. "The main purpose is to help students get ready to do interviews and help them find what they want to do after they graduate."

The barbecue class meets every Wednesday night, and acquired its name because it's an informally structured course, Hesby said.

Chappell said the barbecue has helped him improve his resume and interview skills.

"Even though I already had my resume done, I've improved it even more through the barbecue class," Chappell said. "It has helped me with my interview skills because of the practice I get with the interview room and Dr. Hesby's advice."

Hesby also has an interview room with cameras in which students can practice their interview skills for the class.

He said the room is open to all animal science majors and that it is helpful for the students to learn to sell themselves to the employers.

In the room, the students participate in mock interviews so they get a feel of what it is like to interview as well as to be interviewed, he said.

Sharon Maberry, a senior agricultural journalism major, said Hesby helps prepare students for their future.

"He has helped students with interviews outside of class and writes recommendation letters for students to companies they want to work for," Maberry said. "He has also helped me a lot in writing many recommendation letters."

One student said Hesby helped her find the kind of job she would enjoy when she

graduated.

"He really helped me focus on what I really want to do career-wise," senior animal science major Kristen Sheely said. "I knew what I wanted to do but I didn't know what area I would work in the best and Dr. Hesby helped me with that. He really does care about students. He even helped me find the job I have on campus now."

Outside the classroom Hesby teaches the January Animal Production Field Study Course trip. He takes students to areas such as West and South Texas to help them better understand animal production and see different operations.

One class field trip he sponsors and organizes every year during spring break is the Animal Science Agribusiness — Public Affairs Field Study Course.

This year he and assistant instructor John Walter organized the trip to Washington D.C., New Jersey and New York City.

The group met with the National Cattlemen's Association, the USDA, various congressmen, toured the United Nations Headquarters and the New York Stock Exchange and did a lot of sight seeing.

"Dr. Hesby is the major force to instigate trips and the trips he organizes are always great programs," Maberry said.

Having been raised on a livestock farm in Eastern South Dakota, Hesby has come a long way. He received his undergraduate degree in animal science from South Dakota. See Hesby/Page 8



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Robin Thomas, a junior animal science major, talks to Dr. Howard Hesby about a possible career path. Hesby's duties include undergraduate teacher, advisor, career counselor, placement director of co-op education/internship coordinator and swine researcher.