

## Richards losing support of environmental groups

Groups claim governor sided against cause

AUSTIN (AP) — Leaders of environmental groups say their longstanding support for Gov. Ann Richards may be weakening because she has sided against their cause on two issues in the past three months.



Richards

A spokesman for the governor said Wednesday that Richards has taken positions, not against the environment, but against over-regulation by the federal government.

"She is the strongest environmental governor this state has ever had — period," said Richards' press secretary Bill Cryer.

On Monday, Richards wrote a letter to Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt saying the federal government's Endangered Species Act "has become so over-

reaching that it undermines public support for protecting our wildlife."

Richards said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should "abandon all plans" to set aside parts of 33 Central Texas counties as critical habitat for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler. The federal agency is studying the idea.

In July, Richards withdrew her support for designating several waterways in Texas as "outstanding national resource waters." The proposal was aimed at curbing pollution of the waterways, including Caddo Lake in East Texas and Barton Springs in Central Texas.

Landowners said the ONRW designation would lead to federal control of the lakes and take away their ability to develop property. Last month, landowners rallied at the Capitol to denounce any federal action that would infringe on private property rights.

Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club, which earlier endorsed Richards, said the governor's position on the warbler may affect support.

## Housing

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the students who were turned away from on-campus housing to find off-campus housing.

"In May and June, we received phone calls from students and parents trying to find housing off-campus because they had been turned away from an on-campus space," she said.

Jerry Smith, associate director of business services, said the University is losing money by not having these spaces occupied.

He said the debt service cost for the halls is the same regardless of the number of students living in them, but the utility costs vary.

"There will hopefully be some cost savings for utilities," he said, "but these are not significant savings compared to the loss of revenue."

The department is analyzing the surveys filled out by students who canceled their housing contract for the reasons they chose not to live on-campus.

The investigation should be completed in a few weeks, Putney said.

## Unity Rally to kick off Mexican Independence Day

The Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture invites all Aggies to help them celebrate Diez y Seis de Septiembre, the Mexican Independence Day tonight at Rudder Fountain.

Hispanic groups on campus will begin celebration at 6:30 p.m. with Unity Rally '94.

Dr. Ana Guzman, associate vice chancellor of the Texas A&M System, will be tonight's guest speaker.

Also, there will be performances by the student dance group, Ballet Folklorico Celestial, and the instrumental faculty group, Viru.

## Punitive damage award reduced in McDonald's 'coffee case'

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — A judge today reduced a \$2.7 million punitive damage award against McDonald's Corp. to \$480,000 for an elderly Albuquerque woman who was scalded by hot coffee she spilled on her lap.

State District Judge Robert Scott denied motions by attorneys for McDonald's asking for a new trial or at least that he set aside the jury's punitive damage award.

A jury in August awarded nearly \$2.9 million in punitive and compensatory damages to Stella Liebeck, 81, who suffered third-degree burns on her legs, groin and buttocks in Feb. 27,

1992, when she placed a cup of coffee between her legs to steady it while prying the lid off at a McDonald's driveup window in Albuquerque.

Scott said at today's hearing that he was concerned by the amount of the previous punitive damage award.

He also noted that jurors in the case had awarded \$200,000 in compensatory damages to Liebeck, which he said was nearly 20 times the actual medical damages. The \$200,000 award was reduced by the jury by \$40,000, finding Liebeck was partly responsible for the injury.

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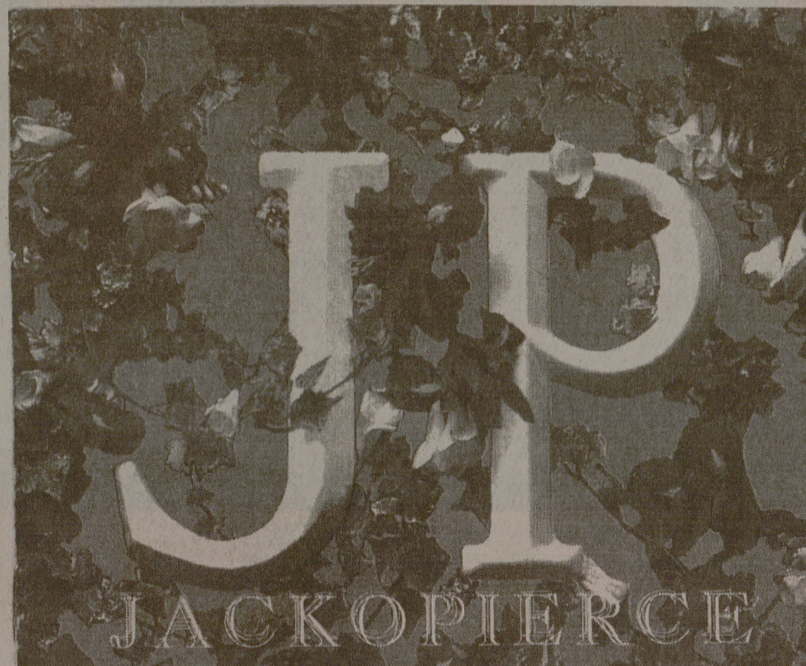
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