

Legal scholar to address convocation

The "unique American idea of constitutionalism" is perhaps the most important and most neglected aspect of the United States Constitution, according to Stanley Katz, an eminent legal scholar who will address the University on Monday.

Katz's appearance will be part of the University's Fall 1987 Convocation, set for 2 p.m. at the Erb Memorial Union Ballroom. He will initiate the convocation's celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The convocation is open to the public and includes afternoon seminars on relevant and controversial constitutional issues, a free performance of an original play on the framing of the constitution and an evening panel debate by prominent ex-

perts in law, history and philosophy.

Katz is a specialist in American legal and constitutional history and early American history. His talk will explore the revolutionary influences on the creation of the original document that set the stage for the heated current debates among government leaders over the roles and respective powers of Congress, the president and U.S. Supreme Court.

The Fall 1987 Convocation is funded by the University and the University Forum through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Free tickets to the evening performance of "A More Perfect Union," a production written by The Ukiah Players specifically for the Bicentennial of the

Constitution, will be Monday, Oct. 5, in the Silva Concert Hall at the Eugene Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

Free tickets are being distributed at the EMU ticket office and will be available the night of the show at the Hult Center ticket office.

Katz, 53, was invited to give the convocation address on the basis of his distinguished career. He received his undergraduate degree in English history and literature in 1955 from Harvard University, and his master's and doctoral degrees in American history also from Harvard.

Katz has served as professor of law at Harvard, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. He also acted as a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania.



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World Beat

International

Test-tube babies born

JOHANESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A 48-year-old South African woman gave birth to her daughter's test-tube triplets today, becoming the surrogate mother of her own grandchildren in what her husband called "an act of love."

It was believed to be the first birth of its kind in the history of surrogate motherhood.

The triplets, delivered by Caesarian section at Johannesburg's Park Lane Clinic, included two boys and a girl, said the South African Broadcasting Corp.

The South African Press Association said the babies, delivered two weeks prematurely, weighed 4.6 pounds, 5 pounds and 2.8 pounds, respectively.

Anthony agreed to bear the children of her 25-year-old daughter, Karen Ferreira-Jorge, whose uterus was removed after complications from the birth of her only son three years ago.

An unidentified obstetrician said the smallest baby was likely to be placed in an incubator until its weight increased. The doctor said Anthony remained conscious during the delivery after being given a local anesthetic.

Gulf war escalates

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraqi warplanes fired a missile Thursday at a shrimp boat in the

Persian Gulf and killed its Australian captain after Iranian speedboats attacked at least three tankers in 24 hours, sources said.

The 85-foot trawler Shenton Bluff was damaged but didn't sink, said salvage executives who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The trawlers were on contract to the Iranian government, which charters foreign commercial ships.

The captain, identified as Robert Wellcock, was at the helm and died when the missile hit the trawler's wheelhouse, the executives said. They said the other six crewmen survived the attack.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, said it was the second fishing boat attacked this week by Iraq.

Earlier Thursday, two Iranian speedboats opened fire with machine guns and rockets on a Pakistani tanker less than 24 hours after attacking two Japanese supertankers, shipping sources said. No casualties were reported in any of the attacks, and damage was minimal.

Some shipping executives said the Iranian show of force appeared confined to areas where U.S. attack helicopters were unlikely to be encountered.

One shipping executive said the Iranians had "cleverly" waited for the U.S. warships to be out of the area before attacking the Japanese tankers.

National

Earthquake hits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A severe earthquake and 15 major aftershocks rumbled across the area Thursday, destroying buildings, closing freeways and setting off dozens of fires. At least five people were killed and more than 100 injured.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered 6.1 on the Richter scale, making it the strongest to hit the Los Angeles area since the 6.4 Sylmar quake of 1971 that killed 64 people.

The tremor sent thousands into the streets as buildings were temporarily evacuated. Hundreds of homes were damaged, along with some landmark buildings. Shattered glass and other debris rained onto the street and a tall plume of smoke rose from a shopping center fire rose south of the downtown area.

The quake hit at 7:42 a.m. local time and was centered about nine miles south-southeast of Pasadena at the north end of the Whittier-Elsinore Fault. At least 15 aftershocks measuring 3 or more on the Richter scale followed in the next three hours.

Whittier Mayor Gene H. Chandler declared a state of emergency and two shelters were established for people to stay overnight. By midafternoon about 100 people had asked to stay in them.

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