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National

Reagan admits fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan conceded Tuesday "our work is cut out for us" in pushing for confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork, especially with a solid majority of the Senate Judiciary Committee opposed. But he promised to stick with Bork to a final showdown on the Senate floor.

"I am going to continue to do everything I can to get him confirmed," Reagan told a group of Republican lawmakers at the White House. "Our work is cut out for us. We have a lot to do before the floor vote. We simply have to work together." In referring to the floor vote rather than today's Judiciary Committee vote, Reagan was acknowledging that there was no chance Bork could win a favorable recommendation from the 14-member panel.

Water rules issued

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is issuing new regulations it says will dramatically reduce water pollution caused by discharges of wastes from the organic chemical, plastic and synthetic-fiber industries. The Environmental Protection Agency said the regulations announced Monday could halt the annual discharge of 23.6 million pounds of toxic pollutants and 108 million pounds of so-called conventional pollutants.

"The new regulation is one of the most ambitious and important water pollution-control regulations ever issued by EPA," EPA Assistant Administrator Lawrence J. Jensen said. The EPA said the standards could force the closure of up to 61 plants in the three industries and affect profits and sales at another 82 plants.

Share-owning popular

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new survey of workers indicates three out of five would trade their next pay raise for a share of ownership in the company they work for. Two-thirds of the respondents earning more than \$40,000 a year said they would make such a trade, while just under 40 percent making less than \$20,000 would do so, according to a survey released Monday.

Of those polled, 57 percent answered "yes" to the question, "Would you trade your next wage increase for a share of ownership in your company?" Thirty percent answered "no," and 3 percent expressed either no opinion or said they did not know. The results were based on 1,001 telephone interviews conducted Aug. 14-16.

Booklet war rages on

WASHINGTON (AP) — A guide to AIDS education issued today by the Department of Education urges parents and teachers to teach children that sexual restraint is both a virtue and the surest way to avoid the disease.

The guide, reflecting the position that Education

Secretary William J. Bennett has championed in a dispute with Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, emphasizes that "condoms can and do fail." Koop has advised sexually active people to use condoms as a way of lessening the risk of getting AIDS. Bennett told a news conference that the emphasis on morality in his guide "is not moralizing. It is realism. This handbook affirms that in the education of the young, moral instruction is a key ally in the effort to protect their well-being," Bennett said.

Amendments OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives has approved Senate amendments to a bill that would authorize the distribution of \$1.5 million to settle a dispute over the membership of the Cow Creek band of Umpqua Indians in Douglas County. The bill, introduced by Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon, would use a tribal membership list approved in 1980 as the basis for money awarded to the tribe as compensation for lands ceded to the federal government in 1853.

DeFazio introduced the bill after the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs questioned the Cow Creek's membership roll. The bill would establish an elderly assistance fund, a higher education and vocational training program and a housing assistance program from interest earned on the settlement, DeFazio said Monday.

Regional

Investments will end

PORTLAND (AP) — Lewis and Clark College trustees have decided to end a policy allowing school funds to be invested in companies that do business in South Africa. The decision Monday ended several months of campus protests led by students and faculty members who opposed the college's investment policies.

"It was clearly a moral issue," said James DePreist, a trustee and conductor of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. DePreist compared investing in South Africa, with its racist apartheid policies, as no better than "investing in Nazi Germany." Trustees of the private school voted 15-11 to end all South African investments. They said later the new policy will enable the college to take a strong ethical and moral stand against apartheid without harming the school's finances.

Campaign discussed

EUGENE (AP) — A state AIDS education campaign scheduled to begin Wednesday emphasizes fear instead of prevention and fails to focus on those most at risk — homosexual and bisexual men, directors of the Willamette AIDS Council say. Creators of the campaign counter that they produced television, print and billboard messages designed to capture viewers' attention.

The council noted that the

campaign makes Oregon one of the first states to actively participate in broad-based education efforts about AIDS. But the group also had strong criticisms. Willamette AIDS Council Vice Chairwoman Paddy Dawson said Monday that the theme of AIDS as a killer may spark unreasonable fears. "Obviously, we know AIDS is a killer. We need to know ways to prevent it."

Weather helped grass

ALBANY (AP) — Dry weather has allowed Willamette Valley grass-seed growers to catch up on field burning, a state spokesman says. Growers have burned an estimated 194,000 acres this season, almost "dead even" with last year's acreage burned by this time, according to Gary Jimenez, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Quality field burning office in Eugene.

In an average year, autumn rains have put an end to field burning by this time, Jimenez said. Last year, however, field burning continued well into October and promises to do continue this year as well, he added. Growers still have a backlog of acreage created by wet, cool weather in August, Jimenez said.

Fires burn up money

SALEM (AP) — Money to battle forest fires, ease prison overcrowding and increase staffing at state hospitals will head the list of requests and reports to the legislative Emergency Board this week. The fires that have raged through southern Oregon and some of the eastern portions of the state could end up costing taxpayers more than \$15 million, officials estimate.

Costs are approaching half the size of the \$36.2 million emergency fund, which is meant to cover all unexpected government costs through January 1989, including next summer's fire season. "There's nothing back in our record books — and we go back to 1911 — where we spent this kind of money," assistant state forester Steve Jacky said.

Dam gets bad reviews

SALEM (AP) — The proposed Salt Caves Dam in southern Oregon is drawing bad reviews from two more state agencies. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has voiced concerns the project would harm fish runs in the Klamath River while the Department of Energy questioned the economic feasibility of the dam.

Those concerns were outlined in a draft version of comments a state task force intends to submit to a federal agency that eventually will decide whether to give final approval to the proposed dam. Draft comments released Monday by the state Strategic Water Management Group said Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists believe the Salt Caves Dam "cannot be developed without significant damage to the Klamath River wild rainbow trout population."



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