

NO SKIRTING THE ISSUE

Judge bars pantsuits from courtroom



MARY HARVEY

By MIKE KONON

Superior Court Judge Charles W. Froehlich Jr. has decided who will wear the pants in his courtroom.

It will not be women. Froehlich told Chief Probation Officer Michael Garvey in a conversation earlier this month, and then by letter, that the females in his employ will have to wear dresses when they appear in Froehlich's court. Garvey has passed the edict along in a memo to his staff.

The letter to Garvey is the only written explanation of his policy

Froehlich has provided.

Members of the bar and deputies in Dist. Atty. Ed Miller's office have received no official instructions from the judge.

But Froehlich has said no women attorneys, probation officers, court clerks, reporters and other officers of the court will escape his order.

"I tell the lawyers when they appear, if they appear to be improperly dressed," Froehlich said. "I call them up to the bench to inform them."

Mary Harvey, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union,

thinks Froehlich is overstepping his authority.

"It seems to me that changes in social customs, mores, styles and fashion are matters to which those who have the awesome power to sit in judgment of others should adjust," Harvey said.

"I consider (the) regulation an unwarranted intrusion on my individual right to determine whether I wear pants or a skirt today."

Not so, said Froehlich.

"The judge is essentially in charge of his own court," he said. "That means not only the way they (those

who appear before him) act, conduct themselves, but also how they dress.

"The judge has to wear a black robe, the bailiff has to wear a uniform and the other court personnel have to dress properly.

"At the present time, that means dresses for women."

The judge made clear his determination.

"If a lawyer really wants to assert his (or her) constitutional right to dress the way he (or she) wants to, I would probably disqualify myself because I would be prejudiced

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Rain, snow coat county

EARTHQUAKE RIPS TURKEY PROVINCE

ELAZIG, Turkey (UPI) — A strong earthquake rocked mountainous Elazig Province in eastern Turkey before dawn today, killing at least 30 persons and damaging homes, schools and mosques, officials reported.

Officials said rescuers recovered 30 bodies in the farming town of Palu, which appeared to have taken the brunt of the shock.

The government mobilized troops to help in rescue operations and the Red Crescent, Turkish equivalent of the Red Cross, rushed tents, food and medical supplies to the scene.

ON PUBLIC LAND

Off-road vehicle curb asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Council on Environmental Quality yesterday proposed a presidential order to ban off-road vehicles from public lands in danger of "irreparable damage."

A spokesman for the council said, in answer to questions, that only selected areas would be placed off limits and the owners of snowmobiles, trail bikes and other off-road recreational vehicles would still have plenty of public land to roam.

A 1973 Executive Order authorized federal agencies to restrict the use of such vehicles on public lands which contain endangered wildlife habitats, valuable biological resources or historic interest such as archeological sites.

The spokesman said the Agriculture Department has already established regulations governing off-road vehicles in National Forests, but the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management has not written regulations for the vast public lands under its jurisdiction.

He said the proposal, not yet submitted to the White House, would seek to amend the earlier order: Instead of merely authorizing such regulations, it would require the agencies to ban off-road vehicles from areas which have suffered or are threatened with irreparable damage from their use.

"We recognize that a lot of Americans have a heavy investment in off-road vehicles and use them for recreation, and there will still be a lot of areas where they can be used," the spokesman said.

He said the proposal was one of many being circulated among other federal agencies for their comment before deciding whether to include them in President Carter's forthcoming environmental message.



WINTER'S TRACES — Christina O'Brien, 8, and Jennifer Doering, 8, are delighted with hail that fell as they walked to school in Clairemont during the storm today. — Tribune Photo by Dennis Huls

By FRANK STONE

A storm that soaked the county with a half-inch or more of rain in most areas and dropped up to a foot of snow in the mountains will continue into tonight, the Weather Service said today.

"We could get some fairly heavy thundershowers well into tonight," said forecaster Bill Rudolph. "The showers should decrease early

WEATHER TABLE

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Storm, Season to date, Normal to date, Deficiency, This date last year, Normal entire season.

tomorrow, and it should be clear along the coast by tomorrow afternoon."

However, Rudolph said another storm in the Pacific Northwest looks potent enough to bring more measurable rainfall to the county by Monday or Tuesday.

A heavy snowfall in the county's mountains brought a requirement of chains on most mountain roads.

By 11 a.m. today, 12 inches of snow had fallen at Mt. Laguna, where the low this morning was 22. "And it's still coming down hard," said Dottie Haak, the Weather Service's observer at Mt. Laguna.

The California Highway Patrol said chains were required on Sunrise Highway through the Lagunas to Julian, on State 79 through the Cuyamacas, where there were 7 inches of snow on the ground, and on Palomar Mountain, where there were at least 6 inches of snow.

Traffic on Interstate 8 was reduced to one lane in each direction between Descanso and Teate Summit this morning because of snow along the highway.

The CHP said chains also were required on all highways through mountains in San Bernardino County, and that rain and high winds in the Imperial Valley made use of campers and trailers there risky.

By 9 a.m. today, Lindbergh Field's official rainfall total was 0.28 of an inch, but that was one of the lower readings around the county.

Brown Field had 0.57; Campo, 0.48; Chula Vista, 0.28; El Cajon, See STORM, A-10

WESTERN STATES BRACE FOR MORE HEAVY SNOW

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western states braced for more snow today after a storm front redeveloped with moisture and high winds.

A heavy snow warning was extended in Utah.

A winter storm watch was issued through tomorrow for northern Arizona and through tonight for parts of Wyoming.

Residents of western Colorado and Nebraska were warned of the possibility of heavy snowfall.

Travel advisories were posted in parts of Nevada, Wyoming and mountain areas of Southern California.

Showers and thundershowers fell in most Pacific coast states overnight, and snow was reported at higher elevations.

U.S., Cuba end long freeze in New York talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed ties between the United States and Cuba, which seemed out of the question a few months ago, may be the end result of the first known direct contact between the two estranged nations in more than 16 years.

American and Cuban negotiators held face-to-face talks yesterday on fishing zones at an undisclosed site in New York. More talks will be held over the next week, a State Department spokesman said.

The next expected step toward improving — and eventually normalizing — relations is the negotiation of the 1973 anti-hijacking agreement that expires in mid-April.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro cancelled the agreement after charging that the CIA was involved in last October's bombing of a Cuban DCS aircraft in flight near Barbados. All 73 people aboard perished.

But President Carter in two short months has revived the momentum begun under the Ford administration for coming to terms with Cuba — and sped it up.

The administration allowed a ban on travel to Cuba and three other Communist countries to expire last week. The State Department also gave a basketball team from South Dakota permission to tour the island next week.

Carter said last month he would "be willing to move toward normalizing relationships with Cuba" if the island nation improves its human rights situation, removes its "aggravating influence in this hemisphere" and agrees not to "participate in violence in nations across the oceans."

Death penalty bill: Brown stands apart

By GEORGE DISSINGER

As the Legislature prepares for its first full dress debate next Thursday on legislation to renew the death penalty, Gov. Brown said he does not intend to lobby against passage or an override of the veto he has promised.

"They have received whatever counsel I can give them and now it rests upon them to cast their votes," Brown said in an interview.

"The approach I have taken is to express my view early and communicate it to the Legislature and all the people. Now I think it's just a matter of each one making his own judgment and voting the way he or

she thinks appropriate. "I will respect whatever the Legislature does and whatever the result is. Whatever the impact is, I'm not going to sign the bill and whatever the Legislature is going to do about it, the members will have to make their own judgments."

Brown's view on the death penalty was made clear in the state-of-the-state message he delivered to a joint session of the Legislature in early January.

He said as a matter of conscience he would veto any bill coming to his desk.

However, there has been approval.

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Kolender raps two nations on border crime

By ROBERT DIETRICH

Police Chief Bill Kolender, dissatisfied with what he says is lack of attention by the U.S. and Mexican governments to border crime problems, is taking action on his own.

The police chief, who organized a 10-man police border task force in October to patrol the eight miles of border San Diego shares with Mexico, said a similar force of Mexican immigration agents is being developed — and he is ready to offer coordinated training.

Unless the Mexican and U.S. governments make major moves to halt the alien-smuggling and border crime problems soon, Kolender said, one consequence might be closure of the border.

"I am not satisfied that the Mexican federal government is doing all it should," Kolender said. "The United States is not doing all it could."

"I have worked with Tijuana (municipal) police chief (Antonio) Escobedo Gomez in starting a system of turning over to him Mexican juven-

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50 PEN PALS SAY GOOD-BY

Cattle not home, on the range

By JOHN GILMORE

Sometime was heard a discouraging word in the cattle pens last night at the Cuyamaca Meat Co.

Spooked, perhaps by the realization that they were to become advertised specials at meat counters, 50 steers broke from their pen in El Cajon and hoofed it to freedom.

"They usually just lay around and sleep; something must have spooked them," said Jeani Dennis, a secretary at the meat packing company.

"They broke down the fence and we've been finding

them from one end of El Cajon to the other. One was found five miles away in Santee."

One of the steers, apparently resigning itself to fate, was found grazing in a pasture next to Pinnacle Peak, an El Cajon steak house.

Bill Grove, manager of the packing house, said he was informed by police at 1 a.m. that the steers had made a break for it.

He called some cowboy friends and 20 of the cowpunchers, along with members of the El Cajon police mounted

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THINK IT OVER: If a river depends upon the rain that falls within its banks, it will soon dry up. If a person depends on himself, he will soon fall. Be grateful for your... — Wm. A. Ward

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