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Partly sunny today, with showers and thunderstorms developing this afternoon and continuing into tonight, high today 85. Low tonight, 65. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with morning showers, high 82.

- Mike Hopkins

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Rodeo days

A rider is nearly gored by a bull after being thrown in the bull riding competition at the Undine rodeo in Bellefonte. The rider walked away unhurt after his encounter with the animal. The rodeo, held during the weekend, was sponsored by the Undine Fire Department.

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Abortion law to go before federal judge

READING (AP) — The most restrictive state abortion law in the nation goes before a federal judge today in a case that could give the U.S. Supreme Court another chance to re-evaluate Roe vs. Wade.

In a hearing scheduled to last most of the week, Senior U.S. District Judge Daniel H. Huyett III will hear arguments on whether legislation passed in 1988 and 1989 illegally restricts the rights of pregnant women and their doctors to obtain or to perform abortions. Contested provisions include those that require married women to inform their husbands before they can obtain abortions and that generally ban abortions after the 24th week of pregnancy.

Other sections are similar to some the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional in a 1986 Pennsylvania case. Those provisions:

- Obligate doctors to provide pregnant women with specified information regarding fetal development and their rights to obtain child support.
- Require a 24-hour waiting period between a woman's visit to a doctor and the performance of the abortion.
- Make information available to the public from reports required from facilities performing abortions.

Opponents say the law interferes with the ability of doctors to follow accepted treatment and counseling standards, invites uneven law enforcement and the harassment of abortion facilities and staffers, forces families to make decisions contrary to their moral judgments and imposes reproductive choices on women but not on men.

"What it does is pose a series of restrictions that put roadblocks in a woman's ability to have an abortion," said Kathryn Kolbert of the American Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project.

But Robert R. Gentzel, a spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, said the commonwealth believes the law is "the result of a legislative process that resulted in a compromise legislation to impose appropriate controls on abortion in Pennsylvania and that there are

indeed appropriate public policy reasons for all of the provisions."

He said the commonwealth also believes the restrictions are permissible under existing Supreme Court rulings.

Only Guam, in the Pacific, has adopted a more stringent abortion code among all U.S. states and territories.

This spring, the Guam legislature banned all abortions except when a woman's life is endangered and outlawed all abortion referrals.

As in Pennsylvania, that law has been temporarily blocked by a federal court order.

"The significance of it (the Pennsylvania law) is the race to the Supreme Court," Kolbert said. "Whichever one gets there first raises the question for the court to re-evaluate Roe."

The U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 decision in Roe vs. Wade outlawed state regulation of abortions unless the regulations were clearly to safeguard the health of the woman.

Gentzel said the commonwealth doesn't consider itself in a race, although he acknowledged the case could reach the Supreme Court.

The Pennsylvania law is being challenged by Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Women's Suburban Clinic, Women's Health Services Inc., Reproductive Health and Counseling Center, Allentown Women's Center and Dr. Thomas Allen of Allentown on behalf of all Pennsylvania physicians who perform or make referrals for abortions.

Defendants in the suit are Gov. Robert P. Casey, state Secretary of Health N. Mark Richards and state Attorney General Ernie Preate.

Since 1980, when 65,777 abortions were performed in the state, the number has declined every year, according to court documents.

In 1988 there were 50,786 abortions.

This is the second time Huyett has been called upon to rule on the constitutionality of Pennsylvania abortion law. The case was assigned to him because of its relation to the first case, court officials said.

Student loan programs in trouble

Largest loaner in financial straits; default rates skyrocketing

By DAVE SKIDMORE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Fraud, lax government regulation and talk of a taxpayer bailout.

It sounds like a litany from the savings and loan crisis. Instead, it is the story of federally guaranteed student loans.

The two problems cannot be compared in magnitude or severity, but there are parallels.

Both speak to the inherent abuses that can occur anytime the federal government attempts to protect private parties against risk. Both involve what critics charge is lax government oversight.

Cracks in the student loan system were underscored last week when the Higher Education Assistance Foundation, or HEAF, said it needed federal help to avoid a financial collapse.

HEAF is the largest of 47 state government and private, non-profit agencies guaranteeing student loans made by 12,000 commercial banks, savings and loans, credit unions and other lenders.

Based in Overland Park, Kan., it guarantees \$8.8 billion in loans, or about 17 percent of the national total of \$51 billion.

Disclosure of HEAF's problems last Monday sent ripples through the financial markets, contributing

to a 105-point plunge in the stock market during the first 90 minutes of trading.

At stake is a system that last year lent \$12 billion, at subsidized rates, to 4.7 million students at 8,000 four-year universities, community colleges and trade schools.

Bankers say that if the government allows HEAF to default, the entire student loan program could be jeopardized.

"Student loans, if not for the guarantee, would be very risky and would probably not be made," said Floyd Stoner of the American Bankers Association. "They are loans to people with no credit history, no assets and no fixed address."

Barges, Liberian tanker collide

Cleanup crews try to deflect spilled oil away from marshes

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
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GALVESTON, Texas — A 50,000-gallon oil slick from two collision-ruptured barges in Galveston Bay moved away from shore yesterday as cleanup crews tried to deflect the 5-mile-long patch from sensitive marshlands, the Coast Guard said.

Both barges were damaged Saturday in a collision with the Liberian oil tanker *Shinoussa* in the Houston Ship Channel. One barge nearly sank, and the other was listing.

The barges were among three being towed by the tugboat *Chandy N*. The tug was undamaged, and no injuries were reported.

Crews worked yesterday to contain the spilling oil as the ship channel remained closed, backing up several vessels for the second time in a week.

Oil leaking from the nearly sunken barge bubbled to the water's surface, while oil spilling from the other vessel was mostly trapped by absorbent pads.

In addition to the main slick, a small-

er patch developed near the accident site, said Coast Guard Capt. Thomas Greene.

"It's nothing significant compared to the patch in the north," Greene said. However, the new patch was about a mile from a beach south of the accident site.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Frank Whipple said officials flew over the slick yesterday afternoon. "It's in the same general area where it was this morning, and that's good news," Whipple said.

"Our concern right now is mainly the oil in the water and keeping it out of the sensitive areas, and the barge that's leaking — securing it so that it stops leaking oil," he added.

Part of the patchy slick was on a northeasterly path that could take it towards Trinity Bay, which has several sensitive estuaries, Coast Guard Petty Officer Larry Meredith said. But officials expected afternoon currents to change the slick's path to a southerly direction.

Petty Officer Dennis Schaefer said salvage crews were working to right the

nearly sunken barge while tugboats surrounded the second barge to keep it afloat.

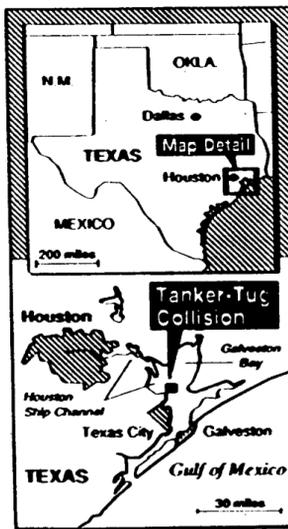
Booms were placed around both barges to contain spilling oil. Together, the two were carrying about 700,000 gallons of "catfeed oil," similar to a No. 5 heavy crude used in refining, Greene said.

Apex RE&T Inc., a St. Louis-based towing firm, owns the tug and barges, and was working with salvage contractor T&T Marine of Galveston on the cleanup, Schaefer said.

Salvage crews had planned to transfer the fuel from the barges to other vessels yesterday evening, but Greene said that process might not begin until Monday morning.

The third barge, carrying 20,000 barrels of fuel, was moved up the ship channel, Schaefer said.

The 601-foot tanker, carrying 29,400 metric tons of jet fuel, remained anchored, Schaefer said. Although the collision left a gash in its hull, the vessel didn't leak because of its double hull. The 27,793-ton *Shinoussa* was built this year, he said.



The *Mega Borg*, which was transferring oil to a smaller vessel about 57 miles off Galveston, was rocked by a series of explosions June 8 and spilled 3.9 million gallons of light Angolan crude into the Gulf of Mexico.

Chicago fire brings looting, power loss

By MICHAEL GOUGIS
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CHICAGO — Looting broke out overnight on the West Side after a generating plant fire left 40,000 customers without electricity, authorities said yesterday.

Police put extra patrols on the streets and said they arrested 49 people on looting-related charges after power was knocked out late Saturday. About 15 stores were ransacked, said Detective Luby Novitovic, who cautioned that it was a "rough estimate."

Three people died in a fire started by candles they were using to light their home, authorities said.

Power was restored to about 20,000 customers by 4 p.m. yesterday, said Commonwealth Edison spokesman Steve Hogan. More police officers patrolled the West Side to prevent a repeat of Saturday night's troubles.

"They (looters) just lined up outside the stores, waiting for the police to leave," Officer Rory Ohse said yesterday. "As soon as the police left, they came back. We couldn't keep up."

But city officials played down the disturbances, saying they didn't expect major problems yesterday. "There is no need for a curfew. There is no call for the National Guard," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "It was only a blackout. There was no riot. There was no heavy looting."

The blackout stemmed from a series of small explosions that began shortly after 10 p.m. in a faulty transformer at a coal-burning plant

on the West Side, said John Hogan, another Commonwealth Edison spokesman. The resulting blaze knocked out the cables that route power to most of the West Side. The blaze wasn't extinguished until 6:30 a.m. yesterday.

Work crews continued to work to restore power, but some of the 20,000 customers without electricity yesterday evening might have to wait until Monday and possibly longer, according to Hogan.

Looting began in West Side business districts within minutes after the blackout and continued until sunrise, police said.

Some stores were ransacked and some completely emptied, business owners and police said. Vandals smashed glass doors and windows, and some chopped holes in the roofs of stores to gain entrance.

"They took everything," said Mike Alsars, who was guarding Way-Low Discount Foods on yesterday morning. "All the shelves are empty. All the coolers are empty. The floors look like garbage."

Some Arab merchants complained burglars singled out their stores and passed over others. But store owners of all races were robbed, Police Superintendent LeRoy Martin said.

"The stores that were attacked crossed all racial lines," Martin said. "There were no selected targets."

Those arrested overnight faced felony charges of burglary, looting, disorderly conduct and damage to property, said Novitovic.

Mandela accuses government of stalling talks

By BARRY RENFREW
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SOWETO, South Africa — Nelson Mandela accused the government yesterday of using an alleged Communist conspiracy to delay peace talks. He spoke before tens of thousands of people celebrating the launch of the South African Communist Party.

Mandela said the government was trying to whip up hysteria with claims that Communist members of his African National Congress had plotted to seize power.

"To suggest . . . that these outstanding sons and daughters of our people harbor ideas of unilateral military action against the peace process is an insult manufactured by the enemies of democracy," Mandela said.

"If it is genuinely interested in peace and negotiations, the government must act to bring about this result," Mandela said.

Mandela also stressed that the ANC was not a Marxist movement, although many Communists hold senior positions in the ANC.

"They have never sought to transform the ANC into a tool and puppet of the Communist Party," Mandela said.

Police claim Communists and militants within the ANC's military wing have stockpiled weapons and were formulating plans to seize power if talks between the government and the ANC on ending white-minority rule fail.

Government officials in Pretoria said they were studying Mandela's charges and had no immediate response.