

Bush makes move against abortion

The new president begins his term by signing a memorandum restricting performance of the procedure overseas.

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WASHINGTON — On Monday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, President Bush signed a memorandum reinstating the full abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid that his father and former President Reagan had instituted before him.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion either here or abroad," Bush wrote in his memorandum to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which oversees

family-planning aid to foreign countries.

It was Bush's first major policy action since becoming president on Saturday.

It reverses the Clinton administration's position on unrestricted family-planning aid and bars U.S. money to international groups that use their own money to support abortion — either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy.

On his first workday in the White House, Bush also gave a written statement to marchers on the 28th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

"The promises of our Declaration of Independence are not just for the strong, the independent or the healthy. They are for everyone, including unborn children," his

statement said.

"We share a great goal, to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law ... to build a culture of life, affirming that every person at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

Abortion-rights supporter Kate Michelman saw it as Bush's latest act of war on women's reproductive rights, following on his nomination of staunch abortion opponents to key Cabinet posts — former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general and former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as secretary of health and human services.

Bush "is using his presidential powers quite aggressively already to undermine a woman's right to choose and clear a pathway to the overturning of Roe vs. Wade," Michelman said. "I think it's a harbinger of

things to come — Supreme Court appointments, judicial appointments. ... There's quite a bit of harm that can be done to women's reproductive rights."

Current law bans the use of U.S. funds for any abortions in foreign countries. Former Presidents Reagan and Bush further banned U.S. aid to international groups that use their own money to support abortion — either through performing the surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy — in what became known as the Mexico City policy because it was announced by Reagan at a 1984 population conference there.

President Clinton had repealed the policy, which abortion-rights advocates call "the global gag rule," two days after he entered office in 1993.

Texas police nab convicts

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WOODLAND PARK, Colo. — Acting on a tip, authorities on Monday captured four of the seven convicts who broke out of a Texas prison nearly six weeks ago and allegedly gunned down a policeman on Christmas Eve.

A fifth inmate killed himself inside a trailer that had been surrounded by authorities in this foothills community about 50 miles southwest of Denver.

The whereabouts of the two other inmates were unknown.

Authorities said they may have been in Woodland Park as recently as Sunday.

"The story is by no means over," said Mark Mershon, the top FBI official in Colorado. "We have two suspects that are still on the loose."

Among those arrested was George Rivas, 30, the suspected ringleader who was serving a life sentence for aggravated robbery and kidnapping.

Investigators have portrayed Rivas as fearless and shrewd with a powerful hold over the others.

The heavily armed inmates — including murderers, rapists and armed robbers — had puzzled and alarmed authorities by remaining together after bluffing their way out of prison Dec. 13.

The savage slaying of the Dallas-area officer 11 days later only increased fears that the inmates might want to go out in a blaze of gunfire.

The convicts arrived in the sparsely populated area a few miles from Pike's Peak on Jan. 1, Teller County Sheriff Frank Fehn said. He offered no other details of their activities.

Authorities said a weekend tip prompted by the show "America's Most Wanted" led to the capture. The show had featured the convicts four times since the escape, including the last three Saturday nights.

Undersheriff Kevin Dougherty said authorities were told about the fugitives by the manager of the Coachlight, the combination motel and mobile home park where the trailer was located. The park, tucked away amid pine trees, was put under surveillance at about 2 a.m. Monday, authorities said.

Rivas and two others were arrested as they pulled up for gasoline at a convenience store near Woodland Park, Dougherty said. There were weapons in the Jeep, he said, refusing to be more specific.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said Rivas was captured with inmates Michael Rodriguez and Joseph Garcia. Authorities said inmate Larry Harper killed himself inside the trailer sometime after another convict, Randy Halprin, walked outside.

Harper had wanted to speak to his father and authorities arranged for him to do so by cell phone, Fehn said. He was dead from a gunshot wound to the chest by the time the arrangements were made.

Still missing were Patrick Murphy Jr., convicted of rape, and Donald Newbury, imprisoned for armed robbery.



Senior White House staff members raise their right hands as they are sworn in during a ceremony at the White House Monday in Washington, D.C.

Globes see mix of movie winners

Those who hoped to predict Oscar favorites were disappointed as no film dominated the ceremony.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Awards were handed out like party favors at the Golden Globes — few films went home empty-handed, but no movie dominated the ceremony.

The Roman epic "Gladiator" claimed best drama and the rock 'n' roll story "Almost Famous" won best comedy.

Several films won two awards, thwarting those who would use the Golden Globes to predict a clear-cut favorite for the Academy Awards in March.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which sponsors the awards, also honored a handful of movies that have struggled at the box office, such as "Wonder Boys," "Nurse Betty" and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

The drug-trade drama "Traffic" was considered a favorite before the event, but won only two awards: Benicio Del Toro for supporting actor in a drama and Stephen Gaghan for screenplay.

Tom Hanks won the dramatic actor Globe for "Cast Away," a role for which he shed more than 40 pounds to appear starved, and Julia Roberts claimed best dramatic movie actress for "Erin Brockovich."

In addition to best comedy, "Almost Famous" also won in the supporting actress category for Kate Hudson's per-

formance as a rock-band groupie.

George Clooney won best actor in a comedy film for "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and Renee Zellweger of "Nurse Betty" won best comedy film actress.

Taiwan's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" won the foreign-language film Globe and Ang Lee was named best director for the epic combining martial arts fury with the heroines' love stories.

In the music categories, "Gladiator" earned the original score Globe for Hans Zimmer and Lisa Gerrard, and Bob Dylan won original song for "Things Have Changed" from the "Wonder Boys" soundtrack.

Robert Downey Jr., who faces another drug possession trial, won best TV supporting actor for his role as Calista Flockhart's boyfriend on "Ally McBeal."

Colin Powell's son tapped to lead FCC

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WASHINGTON — President Bush tapped Michael Powell on Monday to head the Federal Communications Commission, the agency that shapes how Americans get their telephone, broadcast and cable services.

Powell, 37, son of Secretary of State Colin Powell, currently is a commissioner on the five-member panel. He filled a Republican slot in 1997, and his term expires in June 2002.

The widely expected designation as chairman does not require Senate confirmation.

Top telecommunications lawmakers and industry lobbyists praised the selection and said they view Powell as a thoughtful policy-maker who will advance the goals of deregulating communications markets as they become more competitive.

"Michael is going to define his role and his vision, and I have great faith in the way he will manage the FCC," said House Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin, R-La., a fierce critic of the agency under its Democratic leadership.

In reviews of recent communications deals, such as the marriage between America Online and Time Warner, Powell has taken a more limited approach to imposing requirements on the companies than his Democratic counterparts.

That has raised fears among public interest groups that Powell will shy away from addressing thorny new questions that arise in the context of merger reviews.

The group also worries that Powell won't push for greater requirements on broadcasters in exchange for their free use of the nation's airwaves.

Teen lambastes Israeli candidate

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JERUSALEM — An Israeli teen-ager confronted Ariel Sharon on Monday over his role in the Lebanon war, blaming the front-runner for prime minister for the shell shock her father has suffered from since returning from combat.

The public criticism by 16-year-old Ilil Comay, broadcast all day in the Israeli media, focused attention on Sharon's controversial past in advance of the Feb. 6 election — something Prime Minister Ehud Barak has attempted to do without notable success.

Sharon's quest to soften his hard-line image suffered another setback with an interview — given in November and published this week — in which he called Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat a "murderer" and said hopes for a peace deal were nil.

As Sharon was campaigning Monday in the southern desert town of Beersheba, Comay stood at a microphone and said her father still suffers from the trauma of the war in Lebanon, where he served in a tank crew in the mid-1980s.

"I blame you for causing my father's suffering for more than 16 years. I do not think that you can now be elected prime minister," Comay said to applause from the audience.

Sharon, who as defense minister masterminded the 1982 invasion, noted that an earlier Israeli government first sent the military into Lebanon in the 1970s.

"If your father suffered and you suffered, I would suggest putting the blame where it belongs," Sharon said. "It's important to speak the truth and not to accept lies and incitement."

Speaking afterward on Israeli television, Comay said, "Some people say we are too young to know about the Lebanon war, but I think my 9-year-old sister and I know too much about the Lebanon war."

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Congo

Ethnic divisions blamed for clashes between tribes

GOMA — About 200 people have been killed, some beheaded or burned alive, in a new spate of tribal clashes in northeastern Congo, rebels and U.N. aid workers said Monday.

They blamed the violence on longstanding ethnic divisions and said it was unrelated to the shooting death of President Laurent Kabila on Tuesday or the 2 1/2-year civil war in the vast African country.

Leindu warriors using spears and arrows attacked rival Hema tribesmen Friday in Bunia, a trading town on the border with Uganda.

The Ugandan army, deployed in northern Congo in support of anti-government rebels, responded with tanks and heavy weapons, said Ernest Wamba dia Wamba, a rebel faction leader.

Australia

Nation's beef producers worry about effect of disease

SYDNEY — As Asian nations hastily put up defenses against mad cow disease, farmers in major beef producer Australia are worried their markets may suffer even though their herds are disease-free.

Asia imports very little beef from the European Union, which has been hit by a rash of mad cow cases in recent months, but is an important customer for Australia.

Governments are trying to prevent the spread of the human form of mad cow disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, which scientists believe is spread by eating infected meat. In three months, beef sales have tumbled 27 percent across the European Union.

Washington, D.C.

Smithsonian figures show number of visits increased

The Smithsonian Institution's museums registered a record-breaking 31.1 million visits in 2000 — a 9 percent increase over 1999, when 28.6 million people visited.

It was estimated that another 3 million visits were made to Washington's National Zoo, which is part of the Smithsonian complex. Admission is free to the zoo and all Smithsonian museums.

Figures announced Monday put at more than 70 million visits to the museum's own galleries, affiliated museums, traveling exhibits and the annual outdoor folklife festival on the National Mall.

Visits to the Smithsonian Web sites totaled 24.5 million.

There are 14 Smithsonian museums and galleries in Washington — three of them closed for renovations last year — and two in New York.

Washington, D.C.

New magazine targets baby-boomer readers

Turning 50 doesn't have to mean just the arrival of the AARP card in the mail and over-the-hill jokes.

The organization for post-50 Americans launched a magazine Monday that targets America's baby boomers and tries to put a new spin on aging.

More than 3 million people will get copies of the first issue of My Generation, filled with headlines like "What your money habits say about you."

The American Association of Retired Persons also will market the magazine on newsstands for \$2.95, but the AARP logo on covers of those sent to members will be removed.

The 3.1 million AARP members ages 50-55 will get the magazine with their membership, and the nonprofit group plans to distribute another 75,000 copies to doctors' offices.

My Generation will be published six times a year.

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