New laws hit the books

States pass drunken driving rules, raise taxes

By Mitchell Landsberg The Associated Press

Tough laws against drunken driving go into effect in more than a half-dozen states today with drunken driving laws, which laws in several states. when the start of a new fiscal year ushers in new legislation in most states across the country.

Laws to protect the environment will hit the books in at least four states, and political ethics laws go into effect in three. A grab bag of unusual or strange laws will be opened up, too.

But perhaps the most striking aspect of the laws going into effect today is what's missing. There are almost no new drug laws. There are few new laws against violent criminals. And there is relatively little significant social legislation. In most legislatures, budget problems have an all-consuming issue, shoving aside legislation that doesn't deal in dollars and cents.

"This has probably been as bad a fiscal year as states have seen, certainly within the last eight to 10 years," said Rich Jones, director of legislative programs for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

It is perhaps not surprising, then, that legislators in at least seven states — Iowa, Minnesota, Hawaii, New Mexico, Idaho, Tennessee and Kansas raising taxes or user fees.

Still, in most states lawmakers avoided tax hikes.

Smart kids

meet tops

NEW YORK — Some of the

nation's most promising teen-ag-

ers rubbed elbows during the

weekend with U.N. Secretary

General Javier Perez de Cuellar,

FBI Director William Sessions

and Gen. H. Norman Schwarz-

about 450 students mingled with

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff, former

Supreme Court Justice Warren

Burger, jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gil-

lespie, broadcaster Barbara Wal-

ters and heart transplant pioneer

ed by the academy were filmmak-

ers Martin Scorsese and George

Lucas, football running back

Herschel Walker, actress Audrey

Hepburn and talk show host

The American Academy of

Also on a gigantic yacht rent-

For four hours Friday night,

in fields

The Associated Press

kopf.

Vermont's laws, 1B

There was no such problem are politically popular and face no opposition from an organized lobby. They do have support from a politically potent lobby — Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which marked its 10th anniversary in August by drawing up new goals for tougher laws.

"We obviously have been working on legislative goals that will save lives in the states, and I do see that many of them were passed," said Micky Sadoff, MADD's national president. The group's cause is popular, she said, because "people are tired of drunks on the roads."

To help keep them off, Kentucky established a firm bloodalcohol limit of 0.10 percent, and Georgia lowered its limit to that

The most unusual of the new drunken driving laws is Iowa's, which will require third-time offenders to display special license plates on their cars identifying them as problem drinkers. Police will be free to stop and test the drivers at will, without the usual probable cause requirements.

Other drunken driving laws take effect in Florida, West Virginia, Tennessee and Hawaii.

There was one consolation for drinkers in Iowa. A new law there

allows the sale of liquor on Sunday mornings — a sop to the champagne brunch crowd.

There are new environmental

In Maine, the nation's first ban on plastic six-pack yokes takes effect, but only temporarily. It will be partially suspended this fall, then reimposed in 1992.

And on the strange side:

Chickens can go untattooed in Idaho starting today. An old law required chicken owners to tattoo or otherwise identify their birds.

New York is imposing new standards on tanning salons. Among other things, it will mean that state inspectors will come calling regularly.

In Montana, Sunday marked the last day that hunters could shoot wildlife decoys with impunity. A new law is designed to allow authorities to use fake animals to catch poachers.

And in North Dakota, a new law — this one actually doesn't go into effect until July 7 - makes it illegal to advertise buttered popcorn unless the popcorn has real butter on it.

"Which is more appetizing to you? Which sets your taste buds a-tingling?" asked state Sen. Raymon Holmberg, the bill's sponsor. "A sign saying, 'Hot buttered popcorn,' or a sign saying, 'Hot rendered animal fat-topped pop-



PETER MORGAN, The Associated Press

Actress Audrey Hepburn (left) talks with Bethany Carlisle (right) of Mississippi and another student on a cruise around Manhattan. The students were attending a three-day convention of the American Academy of Achievement.

three-day convention that merged some of today's best adult talent with potential pacesetters of tomorrow.

mal human beings," said Alison Steube, 17, of New York. "It was surprising, too, to hear them discuss normal everyday things out-"They talked to us like nor- side of their fields of expertise."

Achievement hosted the lavish In brief

Oprah Winfrey.

William de Vries.

Seeking asteroid protection

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. — Scientists gathered Sunday to plan how to find and divert killer asteroids before they hit Earth with the force of thousands of atom bombs, a calamity that would doom much life on the planet.

"One of these objects could be a real threat to our long-term existence on Earth," said planetary scientist Eleanor Helin of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Scientists are planning ways to prevent catastrophic collisions, such as placing huge rockets on asteroids or exploding nuclear bombs to nudge them out of Earth's path.

Missouri farm at the center

Smack dab in the middle of Garland Eaton Sr.'s farm, just up from the Crooked Creek and by the old Keysville Lookout Tower, is the new population center of the United States.

The spot, identified by a USA TODAY computer analysis of 1990 Census figures, is where a rigid map of the country would balance if each of the nation's 248.7 million residents weighed the same.

As of April 1, 1990 — the day the 1990 Census was taken — the spot was in Crawford County, Mo., between Keysville, with fewer than 20 residents, and Cherryville, a small town where oldtimers sip coffee at the general store-post office.

Nurses against AIDS testing

Association overwhelmingly approved a resolution Sunday opposing mandatory AIDS testing.

it is extremely expensive," ANA president Lucille Joel said.

Delegates representing the nation's 2 million registered nurses passed the resolution 577-13 at their annual convention.

Despite the AMA's and the ANA panel's opposition to mandatory testing for health professionals, a recent survey found that most physicians and nurses favor mandatory testing of health care workers.

Chicago celebrates bellman

CHICAGO — "You don't think about dying," Sam Cascio said with a smirk at his birthday party. In fact, Cascio, who stands slightly more than 5 feet

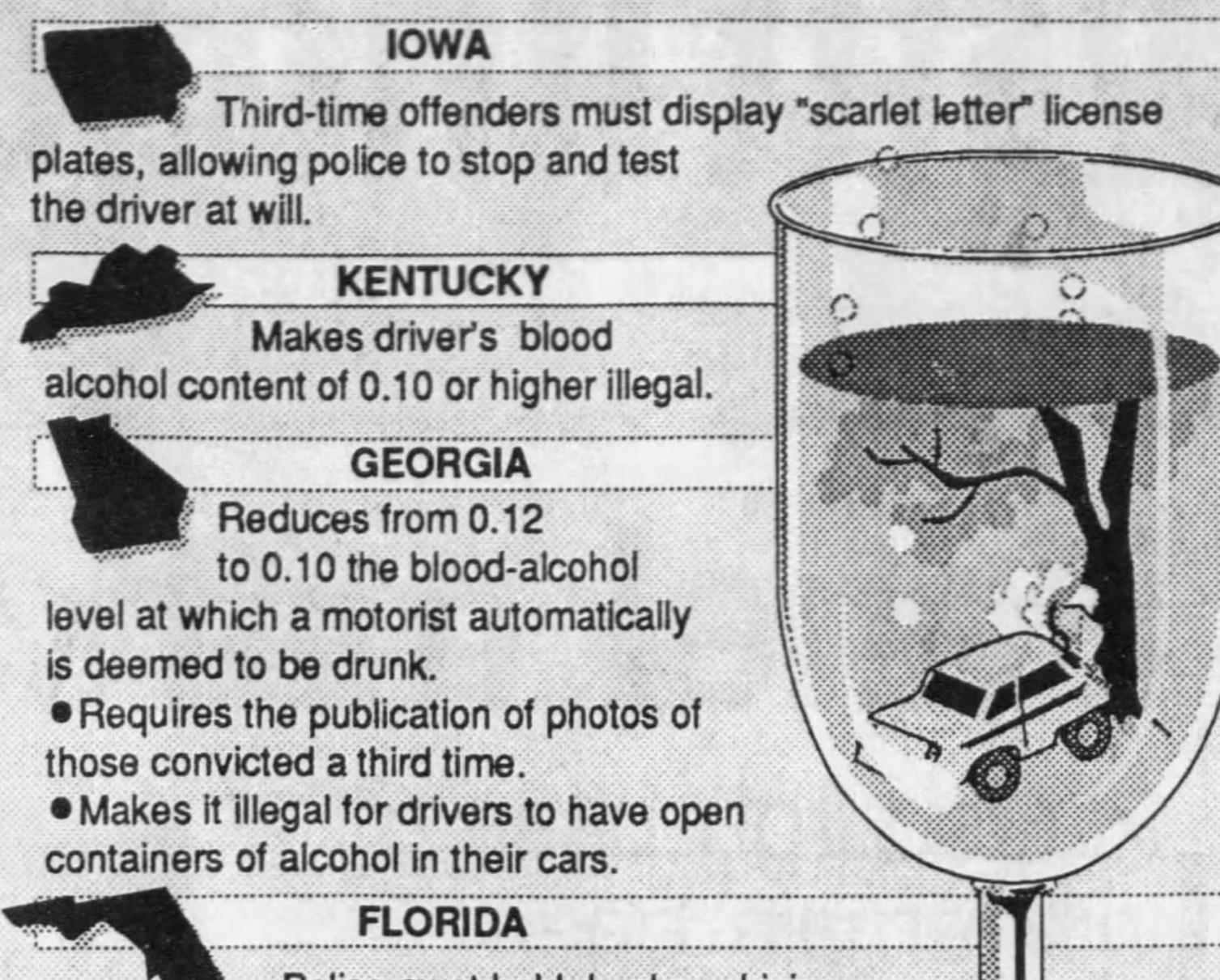
He can lug suitcases with the best, and his goldplated name tag reads: "Sam Cascio, Celebrity

The nation's oldest working bellman turned 95 Thursday in his 64th year of employment at the involvement. Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel on Michigan Avenue. Mayor Richard M. Daley proclaimed it "Sam Cascio Day," and the hotel threw a party.

— From wire reports

Cracking down on drunken driving

States in which new drunken-driving laws go into effect today:



Police must hold drunken-driving suspects until their blood-alcohol level falls to 0.05 percent, half the limit considered legally drunk, or a maximum of eight hours. Allows confiscation of autos of third-time offenders. The law was amended to protect the interest of a spouse or employer who didn't know the driver planned to drink.

Lowers the legal threshold for blood-alcohol level from 0.10 to 0.08. Increases penalties for DWI, including a 48-hour jail sentence for the second offense.

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People convicted of driving under the influence will no longer be eligible for an administrative hearing before their license is suspended.

Licenses of drunken-driving suspects may be revoked.

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Fight brewing over 'upstrength' beer

Leaders say ads targeting blacks

By Martha T. Moore and Mindy Fetterman Gannett News Service

A powerful fight is breaking out over a high-alcohol malt liquor on its way to stores.

Despite the anger of black community leaders and the scrutiny of federal regulators, G. Heileman Brewing Co. is forging ahead with plans to market PowerMaster, an "upstrength" malt liquor that is 5.9 percent alcohol by weight and has 50 percent more alcohol than regular malt

Heileman officials said Friday the malt liquor is on its way to stores. But the brewer is still at odds with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The two sides are to meet Tuesday. It could be a showdown. The BATF says it will force Heileman to change the said.

name of the malt liquor because the Federal Alcohol Administration Act forbids marketing beer on the basis of its kick.

Heileman says it won't.

"We submitted the name to the BATF when we first started the project," said spokesman Hugh Nelson. "They gave us their approval that we could market and sell this product."

High-alcohol malt liquors are already on the market, but PowerMaster has become a lightning rod for anger about the damage done by abuse of malt liquor.

Heileman says it is being singled out unfairly.

"The company is not interested in restricting the marketing of the product to any one group,' said vice president Randy Smith.

Black leaders are calling for a 90-day boycott of all malt liquor.

"We are not going to allow (brewers) to destroy our community further," Tinsley-Williams

Gays show all colors in parades

Diverse groups march nationwide

The Associated Press

The diversity of the U.S. gay community went on parade Sunday with celebrations in San Francisco and New York where participants ranged from lesbian farmers to a cross-dresser going by the name Velveeta Cheese.

Similar Gay Pride marches were staged in Chicago and Seattle.

San Francisco's Lesbian-Gay Freedom Day Parade started with a roar as hundreds of Dykes on Bikes stormed up Market Street. The parade, first held in 1970, drew more than 500,000 people, organizers said.

Motorcyclists also led the way in New York, where thousands of marchers followed a lavender line painted down Fifth Avenue in the city's 22nd annual Lesbian and Gay Pride March.

Joining marchers in the walk downtown to Greenwich Village were actress Marlo Thomas and her husband, TV talk-show host Phil Donahue.

They were followed by widely varied marching contingents including lesbian farmers, a gospel choir, mothers of AIDS patients, American Indians, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and other ethnic groups.

Police estimated 70,000 people paraded in New York, with about 200,000 lining the streets to cheer passing marchers, floats and bands.

In San Francisco, Gary Knapp, 25, a local resident who marched under the name Velveeta Cheese, wore a baby-pink corset, white fishnet stockings and high heels.

"It's my first time in drag at the parade," Knapp said. "I always wanted to do this. ... This is my way of just expressing my-.

Hundreds of marchers from the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, or ACT UP, shook their fingers at St. Patrick's Cathedral and chanted, "Shame! Shame!" to protest the Catholic Church's stands on homosexuality and AIDS prevention.

Some carried signs that read "Silence = Death," bearing the pink triangle that Nazis once used to mark homosexuals.

The 16th annual Lesbian-Gay Pride Parade-March and Freedom Rally in Seattle drew more than 40,000 participants and spectators, organizers said.

On Saturday, about 2,000 people took part in a Gay Pride* parade in Durham, N.C.

Civil rights museum readied

By Woody Baird The Associated Press

for equal rights in the 1950s and 1960s will gather this week to dedicate a National Civil Rights Museum at the motel where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain.

The five-day celebration will attract speakers as diverse in their civil rights approaches as Rosa Parks and H. Rap Brown, a former Black Power leader now known as Jamil Abdula Al-Amil.

"This is a unique opportunity to give us a chance to sit down and reflect on what we've learned over the past 30 years and how we can move from here," said D'Army Bailey, a Circuit Court

"This museum is not the past. It is the future, a teaching tool from the past to inspire us for the

future," Bailey said. The museum celebration be-

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The gan with a church service Sunday tel, the cenvanguard of America's struggle at the Mason Temple led by the terpiece of the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Joseph \$9.2 million Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was founded by

Jackson said it has taken 23 years to build a civil right museum because it took that long to deal with "all the pain and the

King gave his last public address April 3, 1968, at the temple. In it, he made vague references to his own mortality.

"I just want to do God's will, and he has allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I have looked over and I've seen the judge who was expelled from promised land," King said. " Southern University in Louisiana may not get there with you, but in 1962 because of his civil rights want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

King was fatally wounded April 4, 1968 on the second floor

balcony of The Lorraine Mo-National Civil Rights Mu-



"There is something powerful about coming to this place where he gave his last sermon, where he projected him mountaintop vision, where he led his last march and breathed his last breath," Jackson said before the service.

The celebration was to wrap up July 4, the original scheduled opening date for the museum. Construction delays have moved the opening to Aug. 31.

The small motel, which had become a haven for prostitutes and drug dealers over the years, was crumbling in disrepair when Bailey and others formed a nonprofit foundation to buy it at . foreclosure auction. The museum is being built by the state and local governments.

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15,000 gather for fun at One World Festival definitely having fun. "Mom said

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spokeswoman said, was to have fun and to help people understand the magnitude of the \$300 billion U.S. defense budget.

A message on 10,000 paper bags, each containing 100,000 seeds, urged people to plant the seeds of change.

"We had no idea it was going to be such a hit. The kids are going crazy," company spokeswoman Mitch Curren said.

Whatever they may have learned about defense spending, Christina and Craig Murdough, 5 and 8 years old respectively, were

we could take a bag home and play with it," Craig said while he poured a bag of seeds down his

Meanwhile, 20/20 Vision of Amherst, Mass., a grassroots, advocacy organization on peace and environmental issues, helped people contact their lawmakers through postcards and videos.

The group filmed about 1,000 video messages and sold more field, spoke into a video recorder than 6,000 postcards about inter- to tell Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt.: national arms sales, environmen- "I am concerned about the level tal programs, family farms and of defense spending." the stealth bomber. The cards and videos will be sent to U.S. from the crowd.

20/20 Vision's 10,000 members pay \$20 to receive an issueoriented postcard each month, Lois Barber, founder of the group, said.

"We ask them to take action on that issue ... a post card or phone call to a policy-maker faced with a critical decision," she said. Cohen's partner, Jerry Green-

His remark brought applause

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"Compulsory universal testing isn't reliable and

tall, doesn't even think about retiring.