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Silver Taps delayed until Thursday

Silver Taps will be held at 10:30 p.m. Thursday for Andrew Sinclair Earley, 18, who died Dec. 13 as a result of a motorcycle-car accident in College Station.

Earley, a freshman marine biology major, was from Ardmore, Pa. According to the University, no Texas A&M University students died over the Christmas holidays.

Iran army chief promises no coup when shah leaves

United Press International
TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's army chief Monday pledged publicly for the first time that the military would not stage a coup after the shah quits the country. An American engineering executive was killed in a fresh wave of violence, the embattled civilian government of the Minister Shapour Bakhtiar won a 38-1 vote of confidence in the Senate Monday to open the way for the awaited departure of Shah Moham-Reza Pahlavi.

Cairo, an Egyptian government spokesman said the Shah would go to Egypt, today for a meeting with President Anwar Sadat.

Tehran, a source close to the palace said the Shah would hold a news conference at his palace in the Iranian capital today at which "everything will be decided."

The American Embassy confirmed that Gen. Bakhtiar, 53, a former air force commander from San Francisco, was knifed to death Sunday in the southern town of Kerman where he was a construction en-

gineer in copper complex.

Iranian news reports said Berkovitz, a Vietnam War veteran, was killed apparently because he was Jewish in a continuing Moslem campaign against the United States and Israel and a sign pasted on a nearby door said, "Go back to your own country."

Berkovitz would be the second American killed since Iran plunged into its current anti-shah chaos. Oil expert Paul E. Grimm was ambushed and killed by unidentified assassins Dec. 23 in Iran's southern oilfields.

Berkovitz recently became the head of the Parsons Jordan Co., which was working on a contract for the billion-dollar copper mine project at Sarchashmeh Mines near Kerman.

In other violence, police major Majid Majidi was shot seven times by three gunmen in the west Iranian city of Tabriz Sunday and died instantly. Two other policemen were wounded in the attack.

A note found near the police officer's body from the "Peoples Freedom Fighters" guerrilla organization accused him of

"countless crimes against the people of Tabriz."

In the southern oil town of Masid e Solaman, army regulars Sunday shot dead six teenage officer cadets who tried to join civilian anti-shah demonstrators.

After weeks of widespread reports that hardline generals planned to seize the country after the shah's departure, Chief of Staff Gen. Abbas Aqarabaghi for the first time publicly pledged at a rare news conference, "There is absolutely no such thinking" in the army.

The general's statement came after the shah and U.S. Gen. Robert Huyser, Washington's No. 2 military man in Europe, held extensive talks with leading Iranian figures to persuade them to throw their support behind the Bakhtiar government. Gen. Huyser remained in Iran Monday for more discussions long after his announced departure date.

The chief of staff said that if any member of the armed forces committed the "slightest violation or error" he would be severely punished.

Despite the new wave of violence that

swept provincial parts of Iran, the capital itself was almost festive with thousands of demonstrators pelting troops with candy and kisses, religious mullahs embracing soldiers atop armored personnel carriers and other protesters joyriding on military trucks.

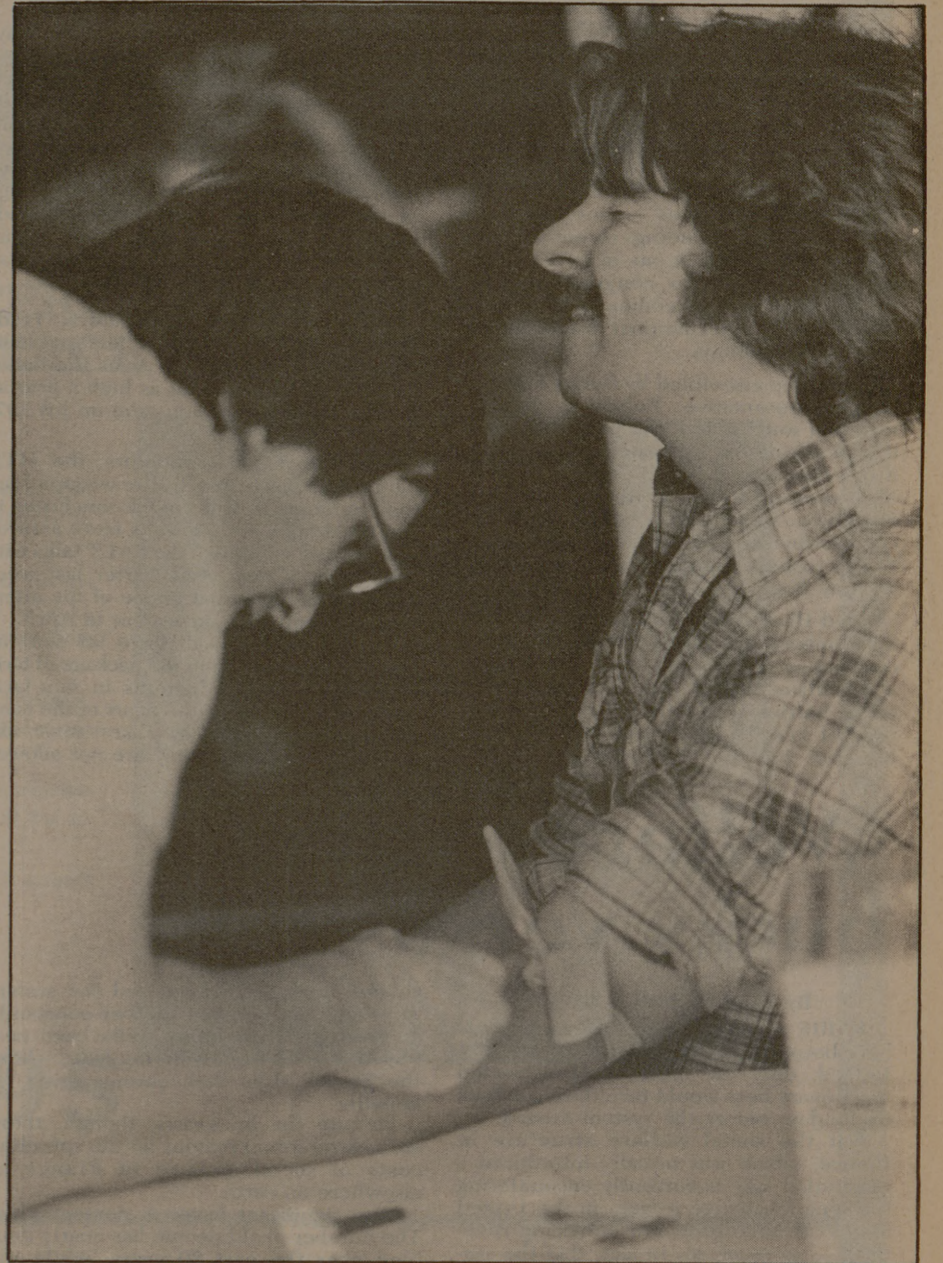
In Parliament the Senate voted 38-1 with two abstentions to approve the Bakhtiar government, the country's fourth in five months.

The vote was the second of three constitutional steps necessary to pave the way for the shah's departure from Iran.

Saturday, a nine-member regency council was announced which effectively will take the place of the monarch when he is overseas. Today the third and final step will be taken when Parliament's lower house, the Majlis, also approves the civilian government.

On completion of all three steps the shah constitutionally would be free to quit Iran.

Bakhtiar Monday again assured newsmen the monarch would leave Iran by Friday at the latest.



'Now that doesn't hurt, does it...'

John Martin, a junior accounting major participating in the flu vaccine study being conducted on campus, doesn't seem to appreciate the age-old doctor's adage. Martin was one of over 200 students to give blood samples in the Commons area Monday. The students were inoculated before Christmas with one of several flu vaccines being tested. (See related photo, page 12.)

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

Republican moves into mansion

Thousands appear for oath...

United Press International
AUSTIN — The inauguration of Wil-Perry Clements Jr., a former oilfield executive who rewrote Texas political books Nov. 7, as Texas 42nd governor drew thousands of spectators today.

The swearing-in was planned for the steps of the Capitol but planners with a wary eye on weather forecasts, fear-incident weather would force the ceremony inside and prevent many from seeing the historic event.

Clements is the first Republican elected to lead Texas government in 105 years and the second GOP member to occupy the governor's mansion in the state's history.

His inauguration ceremony was down-played, however, since the inauguration also included the swearing in of Democrat Wil-P. Hobby Jr. for a third term as lieutenant governor. Hobby, 46, is a Houston newspaper executive.

Clements, 61, is a Dallas millionaire and head of the world's largest oilfield drilling company.

The day's schedule included a breakfast at the governor's mansion.

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The inauguration was sponsored by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce for Clements, top state officials and members of the legislature, a special prayer service at First United Methodist Church, the traditional inaugural parade up Congress Avenue, a symphony performance, and an ice cream party for children.

Also included in the celebrations will be four balls: a \$10-a-person "All Texas Ball" at Municipal Auditorium, informal; and \$50-a-person inaugural "galas" at University of Texas Special Events Center, Driskill and Sheraton Crest hotels, formal.

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Davis was defeated in balloting four years later and ousted in January 1874 when President Ulysses S. Grant refused to send federal troops to aid him and the armed men he stationed in the Capitol to try to prevent his Democratic successor from taking office.

Austin sees 400 Aggies

Almost 400 Texas A&M University students will be involved today in inaugural activities in Austin.

The Texas Aggie Band, the Ross Volunteers and the Parsons Mounted Cavalry will represent the University in the inauguration of Gov. William Clements.

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Glenn Sliva of Fort Hood commands the honor military unit this school year.

Along with the Aggie Band and the Parsons Mounted Cavalry, led by Tom Hargigan of Corpus Christi, the RVs will march in the inaugural parade at 2:30 p.m. Com-

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manded by William McKerall of New Braunfels, the band will be the lead element in the parade and the honor band for Clements.

The parade finale will feature a massed-bands rendition of the state song, "Texas, Our Texas," on the Capitol grounds. Lt. Col. Joe T. Haney, Aggie Band director, will be one of three directors of the number involving 2,000 musicians.

The University of Houston and University of Texas bands are also honor bands.

Most of the 70 senior members of the Ross Volunteers will remain in Austin for the Governor's Ball this evening. The band and cavalry troop will return to College Station immediately after the parade.

Briscoe appointments made at eleventh hour

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Dolph Briscoe, rushing to fill vacancies on state boards and commissions before his term ends at noon today, announced Monday he has appointed 40 persons to terms on various state agencies.

Included in the list of appointments was Briscoe's selection of former Rep. Ruben Torres of Port Isabel to be a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The governor last week had selected a member of his staff, Jay Floyd, to the Pardons and Paroles Board, but withdrew his appointment of Floyd because 11 senators — enough to prevent confirmation — asked Briscoe to recall the appointment.

Also last week, Briscoe appointed two new members to the Texas A&M System Board of Regents and re-appointed Clyde

H. Wells, who is chairman of the board.

The two new members, Royce Wisenbaker of Tyler and Norman N. Moser of DeKalb, were to appear before the Senate Nominations Committee this morning for hearings along with Wells. Wednesday, the full Senate is scheduled to vote on confirmation of the appointments.

The next Board of Regents meeting is set for next Tuesday.

He also appointed members to the Board of Directors of the University System of South Texas, to the Texas Animal Health Commission, to the Texas Board of Health, the Texas Library and Historical Commission, to the Texas Air Control Board, the Board of Regents of Texas Women's University and to the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities, among others.

...souvenirs sold for hundreds

United Press International
AUSTIN — Now that Bill Clements has headed the Governor's Mansion, the Republican Party must overcome the million-dollar campaign debt incurred, one way to do that was to hawk everything from highball glasses to buttons memorating Clements' inauguration.

After the most expensive political race in Texas history, Clements was sworn in as the state's first Republican governor in 105 years, and there was no shortage of souvenirs to mark the occasion.

The Clements Inaugural Committee is selling crystal decanters etched with Clements' signature for \$100, goblets for \$15, or a set of eight highball glasses for

Also on sale are buttons with pictures of Clements alone for \$1 or Clements and his wife, Rita, for \$2.

Profits from sale of the crystal and buttons will be used to defray part of the multimillion-dollar Clements amassed in his campaign to upset Democrat John Hill in the Nov. 7 election.

The most coveted souvenir, however, a sterling silver medallion with a bust of Clements and the state seal, is not for sale.

Campaign officials said Clements gave the medallion as a memento to key financial backers and supporters who gave up to \$5,000 each for an unpublicized reception on the eve of the inaugural Monday.

Aides said about 100 backers paid the \$5,000 admission fee for the reception

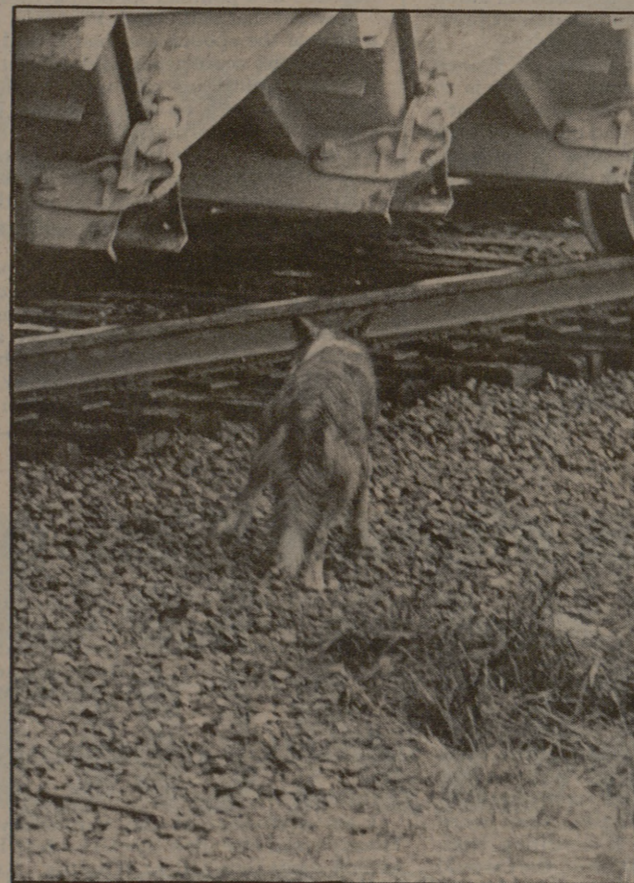
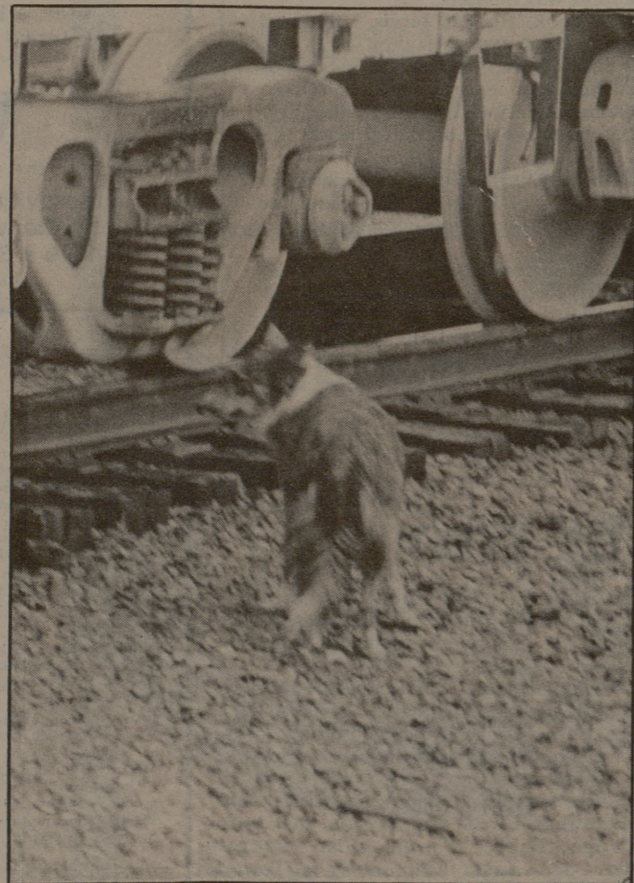
held in the home of an Austin supporter.

Also offered is a \$10 inauguration booklet. But it may not be a hot item with Republicans since it has no mention of Clements' party affiliation and includes a two-page biography and picture of Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby, a Democrat.

Inaugural planners said the proceeds of the book sales will help pay for free inaugural activities such as an ice cream party for children on the Capitol grounds Tuesday.

Republicans also staged a \$125-a-person "Victory Reception" for Clements Monday at Municipal Auditorium to raise campaign funds.

Reception-goers were given a souvenir plate.



Those trains'll do it to you every time...

Human commuters aren't the only creatures vexed from time to time at railroad crossings. This well-soaked dog was waiting on a slow-moving train near the site of a recent train derailment in Bryan.

Battalion photos by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.