

Texas girl, 8, gets transplant of liver

United Press International PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Surgeons at Children's Hospital completed a lengthy liver trans-plant on a Texas girl early

Tuesday. A spokeswoman for the hos-pital said Cassie McPherson, of eagoville, was wheeled into the intensive care unit shortly after 4 a.m. Her condition was listed as critical.

She entered surgery at 3 p.m. Monday.

The girl and her mother flew to Pittsburgh Sunday night after receiving word the hospital had obtained a donated liver from a

young boy. McPherson, who is 4 feet tall and weighs 38 pounds, suffers from a terminal liver disease. She was born with a cyst that

blocks bile production. Her abdomen is swollen by the fluids, and scar tissue built up around her liver.

The girl asked Santa Claus for a new liver at Christmas and was discouraged when she did not receive it. But when news of her plight brought offers of help from throughout the United States last month, she packed her luggage in anticipation of a trip to the Pittsburgh hospital.

The girl's name was placed on a list of children eligible for liver transplants. Another Texas girl, Kandice Telarico, 2, of

Irving, is also on the list. Only about 400 liver transplants have been performed worldwide.

Latin leader says **Reaganomics** fails

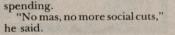
United Press International HOUSTON — The president of the nation's largest Hispanic organization sharply criticized President Reagan, blaming his administration for worsening the quality of life in America in the next year

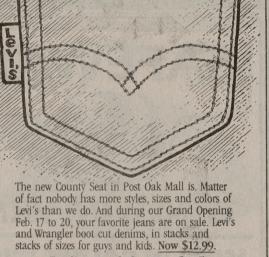
the past year. Tony Bonilla, of Corpus Christi and president of the League of United Latin Amer-ican Citizens, said Monday the president's new federalism plan will not work to improve conditions.

"Thanks, but no thanks," Bonilla said, while reviewing a lengthy list of what he called shortcomings of Texas and other state governments in the fields of civil and voting rights,

heids of civil and voting rights, education and penology. Bonilla said that the presi-dent, "a slick communicator," needs to meet the man on the street rather than Americans who can pay for \$1,000-a-plate Bouvblican dimense Republican dinners.

Bonilla spoke sharply of cuts in social programs for the unem-ployed, elderly and children, increasing military





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University University, was hurled sev-eral feet after the impact. Lane was flown from St. Joseph's to Hermann Hospital in Houston. The driver of the car was not injured.

photo by Donna Boswell

Gays help cademy, ops learn

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United Press International HOUSTON — The Houston ce Department/ has hired homosexual men to teach in police academy and inform nforcement recruits about

Acadmeny training director t. Leroy Michna said Mon-

the hiring of two admitted osexuals is a first for the ce department.

This is just an attempt to duce cadets to a portion of mmunity they'll deal with d) debunk alot of myths and rotypes that our cadets, like beople, possess about gays,' na said

Lee Harrington, president of Houston Gay Political ucus, and Bill Scott, a gay ychotherapist, will teach a hour course "designed to ent what we think is an accucture of homosexuals that n Houston," Michna said.

n the past, instruction about has been part of the recruits. ng, but it was taught by Dr. Matthews, the academy's ation coordinator. The ge in instructors was sugd because the recruits still not been exposed to the gay munity and kept their cotypical image of gay men women

If you want an Astro to talk out baseball, you don't go to e Oilers," Michna said. "Now the time to have the gay comnity represent themselves in

Two years ago when the sug-stion was made to Michna, he used to let the gays teach "But I guess I've gotten older l wiser," Michna said.

Harrington praised the police affording the two an oppor-

ity to teach cadets. "In the past, there needed to nore in the academy to sensithe police to the gay comunity, just as they are (sensi-ed) toward the black and His-nic communities," Harring-

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