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Cool, wet war games

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Members of the 1st Regiment battle 1st Wing members in a water fight on the Quad. The regiment comprises the Navy and Marine Corps units and the wing is composed of members of the Air Force Corps units.

Primaries to be held Saturday; governor's race heated, bitter

Candidates for every statewide office will be chosen by the state's voters in the Republican and Democratic primary elections Saturday.

One of the most bitter struggles of the primary may be the race for the Democratic nomination for governor. Six candidates have entered the race.

Attorney General Mark White — elected in 1978 after serving a five-year stint as Gov. Dolph Briscoe's secretary of state.

Railroad Commissioner Buddy Temple — served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives before being elected to the Railroad Commission in 1980.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong — elected in 1970 after serving three terms in the House of Representatives during the 1960s.

Donald Beagle — received 14,000 votes in the last gubernatorial election and said he plans to run for president in 1984.

Ray Mayo — ran in the Democratic primary four years ago.

David Young — never has sought political office previously.

The Democratic nominee must face one of two Republican primary candidates in November's general election.

Gov. William P. "Bill" Clements — the first Republican elected governor since Reconstruction. Clements also served as a deputy secretary of defense under the administrations of Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Lowell "Duke" Embs — has worked as a volunteer in many Republican campaigns.

Lieutenant Governor

The lieutenant governor's race has drawn one of the smallest fields of

candidates this year. Only two Democrats and one Republican are seeking the position.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby — is hoping to add another four years to the 10 he has already spent in this position.

Troy Skates — a retired Navy warrant officer and Cedar Park businessman.

Republican candidate **George W. Strake Jr.** — was Texas secretary of state until he resigned to enter the lieutenant governor's race.

Attorney General

Another tight battle is being waged for the position of attorney general being vacated by Mark White.

Four Democratic candidates are vying for the opportunity to meet the unopposed Republican candidate in the general election.

Max Sherman — former president

of West Texas State University; has served six years in the Texas Senate.

State Sen. Jack Ogg — member of the Legislature for the past 16 years; served in the House of Representatives from 1966 until his election to the state senate in 1973.

U.S. Attorney John Hannah — served three terms in the Legislature, beginning in 1966; elected district attorney for Angelina County in 1972; appointed U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas in 1977.

Dallas Congressman Jim Mattox — served as assistant district attorney in Dallas from 1968 to 1970, before entering private law practice. He has served two terms in the Legislature.

One of these Democrats will face **State Sen. Bill Meier** who is running unopposed on the Republican ballot. Meier has served in the Texas Senate since 1972 and was president pro

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Who will fire the first shot in Falklands?

United Press International
Argentina and Britain squared off today for a military showdown in the South Atlantic, each side vowing to destroy any enemy ship or plane found after dawn within a 200-mile war zone surrounding the Falkland Islands.

As a last-minute U.S. peace bid crumbled, the White House conceded there was very little basis for optimism and administration officials said the United States may soon throw its full support behind Britain.

The showdown — virtually inescapable with both Britain and Argentina declaring identical air and sea blockades around the contested islands — came exactly four weeks after Argentina's April 2 invasion of the Falklands.

Hours before the start of Britain's air and sea blockade at 6 a.m. today, Argentina's military junta also declared any ship "within the 200-mile limit" or any plane entering its air space will be "considered hostile and treated accordingly."

Argentina's blockade was effective immediately Thursday evening and applied to the Falklands and its dependencies of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, as well as the Argentine coastline, the junta said.

"Any warplane or warship in the area will be bombed immediately," a military spokesman warned.

Britain's response was swift. "It doesn't change our position one iota," a spokesman for Prime Minister

Margaret Thatcher said. "We have created our total exclusion zone and we're sticking to our plans."

Pitching through 40-foot waves and gale-force winds in some of the world's most treacherous seas, the main battle groups of the 60-ship British fleet had orders to move into the war zone at dawn today to enforce Britain's 200-mile blockade.

Up to the last minute, both sides publicly hoped Secretary of State Alexander Haig's newest set of proposals could avert a battle. Argentine officials said the proposals were "under study" and Thatcher told Parliament Haig's ideas "bear all the hallmarks of compromise."

But privately, both sides said the proposals were unsatisfactory and Argentine officials bitterly denounced the U.S. mediation effort as "unbendingly pro-British."

"We no longer consider the United States to be a mediator," one Argentine official said in Buenos Aires.

Argentina sought a meeting with U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar this morning in a last-minute bid to avert war and diplomatic sources said U.N. plans for mediation in the dispute had been prepared.

But the sources said there were no indications either Argentina or Britain would accept a U.N. role to avert an armed confrontation because neither is willing to relinquish claims of sovereignty.

Hinckley trial has key hearing

United Press International
WASHINGTON — With a jury nearly picked in the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., a judge must decide whether to exclude as "tainted" four government psychiatrists who concluded Hinckley was sane when he shot President Reagan.

An adverse ruling for the government on the issue — at a hearing now set for Saturday — could delay for months the trial of the 26-year-old drifter.

U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker today entered the final stages of selecting a pool of 43 qualified jury candidates who could serve on a 12-member panel to consider Hinckley's plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

But prosecutors planned to ask Parker not to swear in the jury until after Saturday's hearing because of the potential legal complications.

One federal lawyer conceded prosecutors would have problems if Parker disqualified the government-hired psychiatrists for examining evidence obtained illegally from Hinckley's jail cell and by investigators on the day of the assassination attempt.

Lawyers said if the psychiatrists were excluded as tainted, the government would have no expert testimony to counter the defense's psychiatric witnesses. The psychiatrists are expected to testify that Hinckley was insane at the time of the March 30, 1981 shooting attack.

Prosecutors then would be forced to either make an emergency appeal or seek postponement of the trial so a new set of doctors can examine Hinckley's mental state, they said.

Defense lawyers asked the judge to disqualify the government psychiatrists on grounds they read personal papers seized from Hinckley's cell at a federal prison in Butner, N.C., and spoke with federal agents who interviewed him following his arrest.

While Hinckley remained in his basement cell, Parker and lawyers for both sides interviewed a stream of 20 prospective jurors behind closed doors Thursday.

The judge found all but six acceptable to serve on the jury or as alternates. That brought the number of tentatively qualified candidates to 36 before today's interviews.

Reagan asks public to 'do it again'

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Reagan, fresh from a nationally broadcast speech in which he sought public support, called a meeting of key Republicans today to begin drafting "an acceptable budget initiative."

With the collapse of White House-congressional negotiations earlier this week, Reagan is seeking to put together a revised spending proposal that would carry forward his economic recovery plan.

In his speech Thursday night from the Oval Office, Reagan urged the American people to make their voices heard in support of his program and hinted he may again take on the uncooperative Democratic leadership.

"Tonight," he said, "I ask for your help, your voice, at this turning point."

"You did it once," Reagan said, referring to the strong public support he received last year in obtaining the bulk of his economic program from Congress. "You can do it again."

The president said today's meeting with congressional GOP leaders would be "to forge the beginning of an acceptable budget initiative."

Reagan said Wednesday's breakdown of bipartisan negotiations to resolve differences over the deficit-ridden fiscal 1983 budget grew from a philosophical difference between him and the Democrats.

While much of the Reagan address was a recitation of developments and a restatement of Reagan's economic philosophy, the president did make an overtone certain to be well-received — a constitutional amendment to outlaw federal deficits, once the budget is brought into balance.

In a reply immediately following Reagan's address, House Democratic spokesman Richard Bolling of Missouri said he regretted the president's speech was "so political."

"The problems of America are not Republican, they're not Democrat. They're American problems," he said.

Reagan stressed balancing the budget — with a budget deficit projected by the administration at \$101.9 billion in 1983 and by congressional budget experts at \$132 billion. He said reining back federal spending and encouraging economic growth with tax cuts is the best way to ensure continued prosperity.

The president indicated he may try to resurrect the coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats that proved so successful in last year's budget and tax victories.

"I will also consult with responsible members of the Democratic Party in Congress to make this a truly bipartisan effort in the national interest," Reagan said.

Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said later: "This isn't last year. The president is trying to use an old game plan for what is a new ball game."

The White House reported its switchboard was busy with calls two hours after Reagan's speech, most in support of his policies.

Astronaut expects baby this summer

United Press International
SPACE CENTER, Houston — The first pregnant astronaut is expecting her baby this summer, Johnson Space Center officials say.

Astronaut Mission Specialist Dr. Rhea Seddon Gibson and Pilot Astronaut Lt. Cmdr. Robert L. Gibson said Wednesday they are expecting a child.

They were both selected to be in the astronaut program in January 1978.

Regents to discuss land sale Saturday

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents will meet Saturday at 1:45 p.m. in the Regents' Annex to consider a possible land sale.

The land is currently part of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas.

The Service Units Committee will convene at 1:30 to discuss the land sale and recommend a course of action to the regents.

The regents have discussed the sale previously. This meeting was announced April 26.

The next regular board meeting will be held June 9, 10 and 11. On June 9, the ad hoc committee considering the proposal for an on-campus hotel will meet for the last time and will formulate its recommendation to the board.

At that meeting, the board also will consider this year's bond issue.

Each year, the Texas A&M University System and the University of Texas System jointly sell bonds backed by the Permanent University Fund.

Haas dorm wins RHA residence hall award

Haas Hall was named Residence Hall of the Year at an awards banquet Thursday night in the Memorial Student Center.

Haas, a modular women's residence hall located on the north side of campus, won the Lock Up and Look Out Award at the Residence Hall Association Spring Awards Banquet. The hall won for its outstanding participation in the RHA crime awareness program earlier this semester.

Cindy Love, Briggs Hall president, was named Outstanding Hall President.

Outstanding RHA Delegate is Sherry Howell, delegate from Leggett.

Celia Monteleone, from Haas, was given the Distinguished Service Award, presented to the outstanding general member.

Stacy Graf, director of external affairs and RHA president-elect, was named Director of the Year.

In addition, special awards were presented to five halls. These are:

- Outstanding Community Service Project — Krueger Hall
- Most Improved Hall — McInnis Hall
- Outstanding Programming — Keathley Hall
- Outstanding Social Project — Puryear Hall

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forecast

Today's Forecast: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain; high in the upper 70s with a low in the 60. Saturday's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of rain with a high in the mid-70s.