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United Press International HOUSTON — Police shot and killed a man who drove a tractor with a backhoe through a shopping center parking lot and smashed several vehicles, then tried to run over a police officer, authorities said

Kenneth Kent, 32, was shot by officer W. L. Knox who radioed for help about 3 p.m. Monday, detectives said.

Officer G.L. Woodard tried to stop Kent by pulling him from the bulldozer, but the machine lurched forward and almost injured Woodard. His arm had gotten stuck between the wheel and fender, officials said.

AUSTIN — A hot water pipe burst in the Governor's Mansion, causing minor damage to two first-floor restrooms.

First Lady Linda White called the fire department around 5 a.m. Monday after noticing excessive heat emanating from the floor of an upstairs bathroom in the Greek Revival-style mansion located adjacent to the State Capitol.

Two fire trucks responded to the call, and firefighters disco-vered a pipe had burst in a downstairs restroom.

(roger)

Family Center

SAN ANTONIO — State Com-ptroller Bob Bullock wrote at letter to the San Antonio Light responding to the newspaper's article accusing the official of giving a millionare rancher a set of state license plates. Bullock, who confirmed ast

week that he gave Clinton Manges the license plates about two years ago, said the newspaper article attempted to raise concerns about a suspected relation-

ship between the two men. "Make no mistake about it – ours is not a 'suspected' relation-ship; it is for real," Bullock wrote in the letter published Monday. "Clinton Manges is simply the best friend I have, and it has been so for the 25 years Ive known him .'

SAN ANTONIO - A man who allegedly shot and killed his girlfriend at a party then shot him-self in the head remained hospitalized in good condition early Tuesday, officials said.

Hector Champion, 24, allegedly shot Sandra Torres Sunday during an argument at a party celebrating the woman's 22nd birthday and her sister's high school graduation. He was was listed in good condition at Medical Center Hospital.

Shamrock agrees to Natomas merger

Natomas Transportation Co. owns American President

Lines Ltd. and in 1982 had

revenue of approximately \$647 million.

\$1.7 billion in 1982 and Diamond Shamrock's re-

venues were \$3.2 billion. Diamond Shamrock stock

dropped more than a \$1 per share on the New York Stock

Exchange Tuesday. Based on a price of \$22 per share, the deal would be worth \$1.28 bil-

lion to Natomas shareholders.

rock's board of directors.

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United Press International DALLAS — Diamond Shamrock Corp. of Dallas and Natomas Co. of San Francisco have agreed to a merger, and the plan will be submitted to shareholders of both corporations within 90 days, the chairmen of both firms announced Tuesday.

As a result of the agree-ment, Diamond Shamrock will withdraw its offer to buy Natomas stock in a takeover

attempt. The agreement calls for Natomas shareholders to receive 1.05 shares of Diamond Shamrock stock for each of the approximately 55.7 mil-lion shares of Natomas common stock now outstanding. Additionally, stockholders of Natomas will receive all of the shares of a new public company which will hold the assets and continue the businesses of Natomas Trans-

portation Co. and Natomas Real Estate Co. spun off by the agreement, will continue to be headed by Bruce Seaton, now president of Natomas and of Natomas Transportation Co.

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announcement The Commons and Diamond Shamrock Chairman William H. Bricker said the mergeris expected to qualify as a taxfree reorganization. Termsof the agreement give Diamond Shamrock the opportunity to tender for up to \$300 million worth of its own common shares at some later date.

"In terms of both opera-tions and geography, the two companies have an excellent strategic fit," Bricker said "The merger significantly strenthens the energy involve ment of both companies in the strategic Pacific Basin."

erally recognized as the largest and finest commercial application of geothermal energy in the world."

Natomas' headquarters will remain in San Francisco, but will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Diamond Shamrock under the agreement. Dorman L. Commons will continue as chairman of Natomas and will become a vice chairman of Diamond Sham-Bricker also said Natoma' geothermal business "is gen-

Who's walking who?

George Rowe, of Bryan, walks "Sam", his one-year-old great dane, by the Academic Building Tugodon of the second Tuesday Building afternoon. Rowe is a graduate of Texas A&M. Sam was just here for the walk.

Cuevas found guilty in retrial

United Press International HOUSTON — For the third ne, Texas prison inmate Ignao Cuevas has been convicted r capital murder for the killing a prison librarian during a ege at the Huntsville prison most nine years ago

The jury, which deliberated uesday for two and a half purs, was expected to hear the mishment phase of the trial

Librarian Julia Standley, 43, as a hostage in the siege and as killed by inmate Rudolfo ominguez, who fired the fatal

But prosector Burt Graham id because the state "proved at one of co-conspirators fired te fatal bullet," Cuevas could so be found guilty of the crime. The law says if "one of those ersons commit another felony, The Tuesday conviction was the third time Cuevas has been found guilty in the case. Both prior convictions were over-turned because of improper

whether Cuevas was a coconspirator in an escape plot, whether Standley was killed in furtherance of it and whether Cuevas should have expected deaths for the 13 hostages taken

in the 11-day siege. The trial lasted nine days, but it took more than seven weeks to

"I fear Gray hopes you'll miss the forest for the trees," Graham said in closing arguments after Gray argued Cuevas was a follower of other inmates with no

"It's hard to imagine a defen-

jury selections. Graham and Gray agreed the key issues of the trial were

seat the jury

intention of killing.



tually committed by their artner," Graham said. Defense lawyer Will Gray said

e will appeal the case again. nt to kill cannot be executed nd cannot be convicted of apital murder," Gray said.

ten all of the original conspir-ors are guilty of that felony overall scheme and with killing overall scheme and with killing hostages in order to escape," Graham argued. "He was in on it

from the beginning." Graham pointed to evidence "It violates the ruling of the Cuevas threatened the hostages, upreme Court...that says a man that he told prison negotiators over the telephone he would kill hostages and that he did not leave when he could have if he had not wanted to be involved.

Lourt overturns uick trial ruling

United Press International ST. LOUIS — A federal ppeals court Tuesday overirned a lower court ruling and einstated an Arkansas indicthent charging a man with con-piracy to distribute cocaine.

The 8th Circuit Court of ppeals disagreed with the disct court's finding that Robert ichards had been denied his onstitutional right to a speedy

"Although 35 months" lapsed between indictment and rrest," the 8th Circuit wrote, we believe that this factor alone insufficient, under the facts of nis case, to require the severe ment. emedy of dismissal.

Richards was indicted June 5, 1979, by a federal grand jury for the U.S. District Court of Eastern Arkansas on charges of conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine

Trial was scheduled for July 1982 but was postponed at Richards' request. Richards then moved to dismiss the indictment, and the U.S. District Court upheld the motion on the grounds that the delay between indictment and arrest pre-judiced Richards' defense.

The 8th Circuit reversed the finding and instructed the lower court to reinstate the indict-

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Weather likely cause of two plane crashes

United Press International The weather may have contri-

uted to the crashes of two small lanes in unrelated incidents in orth central Texas, the Departent of Public Safety said.

A Piper Cherokee crashed bout 5 p.m. Monday into a trm about 3½ miles north of laskell, killing five people, DPS pokesman Larry Todd said. He identified the victims as oy Williams, 45; Shirley Wil-

ams, 40; Jane Kirk Moore, 36; onnie Olin Moore, age un-nown; and Melony Moore, 1.

He said all the victims were from Seagraves.

Another Cherokee Arrow aircraft crashed about 7 p.m. Monday near Highway 71, 2 miles north of Decatur in Wise County. Todd said the plane apparently had a partial stall and crashed. The only occupant was identified as David E. Glover, 26. His address was unknown.

Todd said both crashes could have been affected by heavy thunderstorms occurring in the