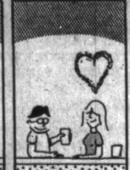
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ecial rules governing the handling of the request require that the presi-dent's proposal be sent to the full House and Senate. Those floor votes are expected in two weeks.

Late Thursday, Reagan, prepar-ing to meet with two dozen House Republicans, told reporters "we've got a long way to go" and said he will make a televised address, probably within two weeks, seeking public

Asked whether he believed those who voted against his plan were supporting communism, Reagan replied, "If so, inadvertently."

House Republican Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi and a delegation of GOP congressmen met with Rea-gan to discuss how to marshal votes for the aid package. Lott said Rea-gan promised to provide details on negotiating efforts with the Sandi-

Since announcing the aid plan last reek, the administration has waged a lobbying blitz that included Reagan's assertion Wednesday that the \$100 million is needed "so we will never have to send our own American boys" to fight Nicaragua's leftist

Reagan reiterated Thursday that he has no plan to send troops to Ni-

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part," he told reporters during a pic-ture-taking session before a closed meeting on another subject.

"If you took something out of my remarks the other day (Wednesday), I think it was distorting," Reagan said without elaboration. said, without elaborating.

White House communications director Patrick J. Buchanan argued that the Contra aid vote will reveal whether the Democratic Party stands with Ronald Reagan and the resistance — or (Nicaraguan president) Daniel Ortega and the com-

In an opinion piece printed in the Washington Post on Wednesday, Buchanan said "if Central America goes the way of Nicaragua, (the communists) will be in San Diego."

Students begin Scobee fund

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lege of Education become tops in the

nation, Brooks said. A national publication recently named the college the number one producer of math and science teach-

The Scobee scholarship fund will be one of many in the loan program, Brooks said, but it will be a very special one to the students who vere friends of Scobee and worked with him in the program.

"The students were devastated the day of the tragedy," she said. "They met that night to let out their grief and decided that this is what they would do to honor him."

Gail Jenkins, president of the scholar loan program, said "Dick Scobee was very special to us. We knew he was there behind the scenes thinking of us, encouraging us to be

the best teachers possible.

"I guess most of us looked up to him as being the type of person and educator that we want to be."

In order to raise the \$25,000 minimum needed to establish a scholarship in Scobee's name, the group is appealing to student organizations, public schools and private and public foundations.

But the first money collected was from the students themselves,"

Jenkins said, "Scobee was a man

deflicated to his job, country and others. To honor him we have committed ourselves to commemorating his efforts through this endowment.

"Being able to get a scholarship in Dick Scobee's name is such a small thing in comparison to what he did

for us and others. "We want his family, even the en-tire nation to know that we do ap-

preciate his efforts and what they

Contribution information is available from the Mathematics/Science Teaching Scholars c/o The Dean's Office, College of Education, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 78743-4222 or by calling (409) 845-5312

The Alamo battle remembered

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whom were Hispanic, "hombres va-

lientes - men of valor. Guerra said, "There were no cow-

ards at the battle of the Alamo." As Guerra read the Alamo story. costumed men lit 188 candles, then blew them out when the narrative reached the 13th day.

As Guerra described the final battle, buglers from the Fifth Army Band at Fort Sam Houston played the chilling "Deguello."

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Later, the men acted out the famous "draw the line" legend in which Alamo commander Col. William Barret Travis urged his warriors to continue fighting.

An actor playing Travis, dressed in a black cloak, took his sword and drew an imaginary line across the rock pavement.

Those of you who are willing to stay with me and die with me, cross this line," he said.

All but one soldier crossed the line. The loyal included Col. James

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to be carried across the line on a cot: Many in the crowd of spectators carried cameras and some video-

taped the ceremonies. Jim Lefler, 63, of Fort Worth, said he is a history enthusiast.

"I planned this a couple of years ago," Lefler said. "I decided I would be here at 5:30 a.m. on March 6. I didn't know until yesterday there would be these ceremonies."

Alan Selge, 32, an eighth grade history teacher from Knox, Ind., carried a musket and portrayed one of the defenders.

The Alamo, he said, "is one of the greatest symbols of freedom.

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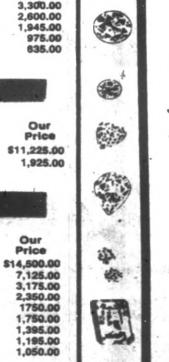
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