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Daniloff released, flies to West Germany

FRANKFURT, West Germany — American journalist Nicholas Daniloff flew to the West on Monday, released in a still-pending U.S.-Soviet agreement that would help shake off a deepening Cold War superpower relations.

City, Mo., said, "We didn't give in," and said details of the arrangement would be disclosed today.

Daniloff, U.S. News & World Report correspondent in Moscow for five years, told reporters after landing in Frankfurt: "I'm grateful to the president of the United States. I'm free, I'm in the West. I cannot tell you about any other arrangements . . . All I know is that I am free."

The 51-year-old journalist appeared to be in good health but tired.

"It's obvious to everyone what has happened," he said. "I was arrested without an arrest warrant. The case against me was fabricated."

He said he was taken into custody

to give the Soviet Union leverage in its efforts to obtain the release of Zakharov, who was arrested in New York a week before Daniloff was picked up.

"The KGB did not punish me," he added. "The KGB punished itself." His wife Ruth held up a T-shirt reading "Free Nick Daniloff."

In Moscow Daniloff had said: "I leave more in sorrow than anger." In an emotional departure, he read a verse by 19th-century Russian poet Mikhail Lermontov that bids farewell to "unwashed Russia, land of slaves," and to its "all-seeing eyes . . . all-hearing ears."

He and his wife then boarded a Lufthansa flight that landed in

Frankfurt three hours, 40 minutes later, at 8:55 p.m. (3:55 p.m. EDT), ending a suspenseful month during which his arrest had threatened to derail relations between the world's two most powerful nations.

On hand to welcome Daniloff was Richard Burt, U.S. ambassador to West Germany.

The KGB secret service jailed Daniloff as an accused spy Aug. 30, in what U.S. officials described as retaliation for the arrest in New York a week earlier of the 39-year-old Zakharov, a physicist and Soviet U.N. employee.

Although the U.S. administration had insisted there would no swap of the two men, Secretary of State

George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze negotiated for long hours in Washington and New York in recent days over their fate.

Some sources in the United States had said a broader deal also might include the release of some Soviet dissidents.

And the Soviets, at the same time, were seeking relaxation of a U.S. order expelling 25 Soviet U.N. diplomats from the United States. The U.S. government alleges that some Soviet U.N. employees are engaged in espionage.

At the United Nations, the usually well-informed Soviet bloc source said Shultz and Shevardnadze had

agreed during a meeting Sunday night that Daniloff and Zakharov would be exchanged. But the source provided no further details.

In Washington, a source at the U.S. Justice Department, which brought the charges against Zakharov, would not say what deal, if any, had been made for Daniloff's release. He did say, however, that Zakharov would not leave the United States on Monday.

Like the Soviet bloc source, he insisted on anonymity.

Earlier, the U.S. attorney's office in the Brooklyn borough of New York City said there was no change in Zakharov's status.

Volunteers drink, 'toe the line' for sobriety testing workshop

By John Coles
Reporter

Nine people spent Monday afternoon taking breathalyzer tests, standing on one leg and "toeing the line" for police officers. But there was a catch — they had volunteered for the job.

The volunteers drank free as part of a field sobriety instructor's course held by the Law Enforcement and Security Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service and the Texas Highway Department.

"With a toast of 'Here's to the DPS,' the volunteers began drinking at about 1:30. Two hours and several drinks later, they took the three-step intoxication test, some of them with blood alcohol levels of more than .14 percent.

Six of the nine were legally intoxicated, with blood alcohol levels of more than .10 percent.

"It all depends on your tolerance level," said Paul Battaglia, assistant training specialist for the extension service. "But it doesn't make any difference whether a person drinks rum, gin or whatever. It all works at getting you drunk."

And get drunk they did. After five drinks, one volunteer spilled her drink on her dress. Later she set a napkin on fire while trying to put out a cigarette. Shoes were shed as the drinks went down and the group got louder.

The volunteers then were given the three sobriety field tests by officials.

First they walked nine steps heel to toe, turned around and walked back.

Then they tried standing on one leg and counting to 30.

Finally they were checked for rapid involuntary eye movement. In the test, which Battaglia said is accurate 77 percent of the time, subjects tried to follow the movement of an object from left to right in their peripheral vision.

The involuntary eye movement is hard to detect in a sober person, Battaglia said, but when a person is intoxicated, the jerky movements are more blatant.

Louisiana state trooper D.D. Rando III said the tests provided a good opportunity for people to relate their blood alcohol level to the number of drinks they'd had.

But some of the volunteers had a different idea: As one said, "We wouldn't be drinking here for free if it wasn't for the fed."



Photo by Tom Ownbey

Texas Department of Public Safety officer Mike Asby watches as Jimmy Emerson prepares to walk the line for an intoxication test.

GSU accepts proposal for 7% utility increase

By Craig Renfro
Staff Writer

College Station residents may pay slightly higher utility bills following Gulf State Utilities' approval of a 7 percent rate increase for its wholesale electric customers, a College Station official said Monday.

North Bardell, Lone Star Municipal Power Agency executive director, said the College Station City Council must approve the settlement before the rate change takes effect.

He added, however, that even if it is approved, residents will still be paying less for electricity than they did two years ago because of sagging oil prices.

"With the realities of the gas price situation residents will be paying less than they did two years ago," Bardell said.

The LSMPA serves as an advisory agency to College Station in energy-related decisions, Bardell said.

Bardell said that under the propo-

sal the city will buy large bulks of electricity at reduced rates and pass the savings on to the consumer in the form of a 4 percent increase.

If the council approves the contract, a residential customer who was paying \$100 a month will now pay \$104, he said.

Mayor Larry Ringer said the council and city consultants will review the contract thoroughly before deciding its fate in a special session early next week.

If the council approves the contract it then must be approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates wholesale rates.

GSU public affairs officer Sharon Englade said she expects to hear College Station's decision by the middle of October. In a telephone interview from GSU headquarters in Beaumont, Englade said the contract will reflect the current oil situation.

Englade said cheaper fuel and coal will allow GSU to pass lower energy costs on to its wholesale customers. Englade said that she didn't know if a provision allowing for a fuel cost adjustment will be included

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Search for missing pilot to resume

From Staff and Wire Reports

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — The search for a former commander of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets and another Marine flier, missing off the coast of Georgia since their jet collided with another fighter jet last week, is expected to continue today.

A spokeswoman for the Coast Guard in Miami, Fla., however, said Monday that the number of aircraft and services involved in the search was not known yet.

Two military aircraft covered 700 square miles during Monday's search for 1st Lt. Charles K. Castleberry Jr., 26, Class of '82, of Lake Jackson, Texas, and Maj. Christopher J. Brammer, 37, of Cortez, Colo.

Castleberry was Corps commander at A&M in 1981-82. He was a recipient of the Brown-Rudder Award, presented to an outstanding graduating senior, and earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy.

The search had been called off Friday night and the men were declared lost at sea and presumed dead. But some lawmakers in Texas apparently persuaded searchers to try again.

"We received some contact from some senators and congressmen in the Texas area and we have resumed searching," Lt. Jennifer Yount, officer on duty for the Coast Guard in Miami, said Sunday. She said officials would determine on a daily basis how long the search would last.

Castleberry, the pilot, and Brammer, the radar intercept officer, were on a routine training mission when their F-4 Phantom and another F-4 collided Tuesday night. The crew members in the other F-4 were picked up by a fishing vessel.

Senate committee OKs temporary sales tax increase

AUSTIN (AP) — Facing a no-amendment warning from the House, the Senate Finance Committee approved Monday an \$869.2 million temporary increase in sales and gasoline taxes.

Leaders said they hoped for a vote by the full Senate today, which would bring the Legislature near the end of its second special session.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, when asked what he thought of the tax measure, said "I hope we get out of here."

The temporary tax package would raise the sales tax from 4½ percent to 5¼ percent, and add 5 cents to the 10-cent per-gallon gasoline tax.

Both would take effect Jan. 1 and expire on Aug. 31.

Also included is a provision to allow counties and cities not now collecting a transit tax to add a half-penny to their local sales taxes.

A companion spending cut plan, which also has received a House OK, would trim the budget by \$582 million, eliminate nearly 2,000 state jobs and wipe out a 3 percent state employee pay raise scheduled for 1987.

The Senate panel's favorable tax

vote — without amendments — came after House leaders said any changes made by senators would delay or possibly kill the tax bill in the House.

House Ways and Means Committee Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, noted that only 69 House members voted for all parts of the tax bill on Saturday, and he said mustering 76 votes to accept Senate amendments would be very difficult.

"It's just saying that there's not but 69 votes over here."

"I just really believe it's dead if they send it back."

House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, who helped muscle the tax hike through his chamber, said any Senate amendments "mean we can probably be in session for another week or a month or however (long)."

Chairman Grant Jones, D-Temple, said he would seek to suspend Senate rules and bring the tax bill up for a vote today.

If the Senate OKs the bill as is, the legislation would go to Gov. Mark White, who Monday said he favored it.

29% of Brazos voter registrations invalid in 1985

By Patty Pascavage
Reporter

As the deadline for voter registration approaches, officials in the Brazos County registrar's office are overloaded with stacks of rejected applications.

Gerald "Buddy" Winn, Brazos County tax assessor-collector, said the two common problems with Texas A&M students' voter registration applications this year are incorrect permanent addresses and incorrect birth dates.

Winn said he's concerned with the application problems because more than 29 percent of the total applications received in Brazos County last year — 17,782 out of about 60,000 — were rejected. The majority of the rejections were student applications.

"Students naturally write their parents' address for their permanent address on the cards because

it's the normal procedure for all campus documents," Winn said.

However, the permanent address written on the voter registration form must be the applicant's current street address within the county in which he wants to vote, he said. Post office boxes are not acceptable, and will be rejected.

"Applications are also rejected if today's date is written in place of the voter's date of birth," Winn said.

Incomplete applications or applications containing either of these two errors cannot be processed and, therefore, are rejected from the system. Rejected applications immediately are returned to the sender for corrections, but it is the applicant's responsibility to return the card to the registrar before the final deadline.

"If people would just take a little more time when they fill out their cards, it would save us and them a lot

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (SOLICITUD PARA REGISTRO DE VOTANTE) (Secs. 13.002, 13.122, V.T.C.A., Election Code)			
For Official Use Only Application Number		EDR	PCT Certificate Number
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW. PRINT IN INK OR TYPE. (POR FAVOR COMPLETE LA SIGUIENTE INFORMACION. ESCRIBIR EN LETRA DE MOLDE CON TINTA O ESCRIBIR A MAQUINA.)			
Last Name (Apellido)	First Name (Nombre del esposo)	Middle Name (if any) (Segundo Nombre (si tiene))	Maiden Name (Apellidos de Soltera)
Sex	Date of Birth (Fecha de nacimiento)	Court of Naturalization	Telephone Number (Optional) (Numero de Telefono (No obligatorio))
Permanent Residence Address: Street (Calle) No. Apt. (Departamento) or P.O. Box (Caja de correo) City (Ciudad) State (Estado) Zip (Codigo Postal)			

of time and hassle," Winn said.

To alleviate registration errors, Winn said he has deputized 80 Texas A&M students. He said he hopes the deputies will keep registration running smoothly from the outside this year by answering questions for students when they register to vote.

Deputy voter registrars keep a log of the number of cards distributed and must return completed cards to the county voter registrar within 10 days. The only requirement for a deputy voter registrar is to be a registered voter in the county.

The voter registration deadline for the 1986 Texas general elections

is Sunday. The elections will be conducted Nov. 4.

Tracy Smith, a deputy voter registrar in Brazos County, said the office has received more applications than it had at this time last year.

To vote, individuals must be:
• At least 18 years old on or before election day.
• A United States citizen.
• A Texas resident.

Voter registration cards are available in the registrar's office, on campus, and in banks, churches, and post offices in Brazos County.

Completed cards must be returned to the office of the county tax assessor-collector, or to a volunteer deputy registrar, who returns completed cards to the county voter registrar.

Applications for voter registration also will be accepted by mail. Mail-in applications must be sent on official

voter registration cards approved by the State of Texas and postmarked by Oct. 5. No postage is necessary for mail-in applications.

Voters can be registered in only one county, so registration will be cancelled in the previous county each time an applicant files a new card in the registrar's office. The voter will not be notified of the cancellation, but all registered voters will receive a new voter's certificate every two years.

Accepted registration forms then are passed to a deputy voter registrar who enters each name into a computer and places them into precincts to begin processing.

Voter registration becomes effective on the 30th day after registering in person at the registrar's office or on the 30th day after the mail-in application is postmarked.