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Photo by Sam B. Myers

American flags and red, white and blue flowers honored veterans at Bryan City Cemetery on Wednesday, which was Veteran's Day.

Flags were a common sight at the cemetery as friends and relatives paid their respects.

## Explosives kill 6, wound 73 in Beirut blast

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A briefcase packed with explosives blew up in a crowded passenger terminal in Beirut's airport Wednesday, killing six people, including the woman who carried it, and wounding 73 others, police said.

The woman who carried the deadly briefcase was identified as Soraya Sahyouni, a Sunni Moslem Lebanese, police said.

"The explosion split her in two," the police spokesman said. He refused to speculate on the motive behind the attack.

Five other Lebanese died, police said, adding that most of the injured were Lebanese and other Arabs bound for gulf nations.

Jacqueline Karakjian, a Lebanese passenger bound for Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, said, "I was checking in when the explosion occurred. The devastating impact almost choked me. I struggled for breath and then dove for cover."

One witness said he saw at least four people lying on the floor with blood soaking their clothes and glass all around them.

The airport bomb went off at the main entrance to the airport's terminal at 3:58 p.m. Police said a Syrian soldier guarding the terminal's entrance was among those injured.

Meanwhile, in Christian east Beirut, gunmen shot and seriously wounded a Frenchman, a Christian television broadcast said. The Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation television identified him as Richard Gimpel, 46, an engineer who has been living in Beirut for 10 years.

A spokesman at the Notre Dame of Lebanon Hospital said the victim was in a coma.

## Reagan picks Kennedy to fill high court seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, saying he was "a bit wiser" after two failed attempts to put a hardline conservative on the Supreme Court, picked federal appeals judge Anthony M. Kennedy for the bench Wednesday and dropped his partisan attacks against the Democratic-run Senate.

Reagan said Kennedy, 51, has earned a reputation as "a courageous, tough but fair jurist" in his 12 years on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"He's popular with colleagues of all political persuasions," Reagan said. "And I know that he seems to be popular with many senators of varying political persuasions as well."

Kennedy is considered to be a moderate conservative, less ideologically rigid than Reagan's two earlier nominees, Robert H. Bork, who was defeated by the Senate, and Douglas H. Ginsburg, who quit after revealing he had smoked marijuana.

Mindful of the problems he's had for more than four months in trying

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## Nation observes holiday for fallen veterans

(AP) — Former soldiers struggled into their old uniforms to march in parades, and monuments were dedicated to fallen servicemen Wednesday as the nation observed Veterans Day, a day of pride for some, of remembrance for others.

And for some, it was a day of learning. Across the San Francisco Bay area, children met with inpatient and outpatient veterans

at the Veterans Administration Hospital to learn the meaning of the holiday.

The annual Veterans Day parade in Boston went on as scheduled, despite temperatures in the low 30s and a glaze of ice on the streets, but in western Massachusetts parades at Pittsfield and North Adams were canceled because of the season's second widespread snow.

Boston Patrolman Jack Kervin said veterans in the city's parade weren't going to let the cold stop them from marching.

"Soldiers fight in all types of weather," he said.

In Pittsburgh, snow gave way to sunshine in time for several thousand people to turn out to cheer Vice President George Bush as he marched in that city's

parade.

"Once a year, it doesn't do anything but good to have a renewed sense of patriotism and a renewed sense of honor," Bush said.

A driving snowstorm put a chill on observances at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery outside Washington.

## Committee dismisses Yeltsin as chief of Moscow Communist Party

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris N. Yeltsin, a former protégé of Mikhail S. Gorbachev who criticized the slow pace of the Soviet leader's reform drive, was dismissed Wednesday as Moscow Communist Party boss.

His departure appeared to be a setback for Gorbachev's campaign for franker criticism of problems in Soviet society, and could herald a more conservative approach to the country's economic woes.

It was not immediately clear whether the removal of the 56-year-old Yeltsin marked a personal defeat for Gorbachev. Yeltsin, who as Moscow party chief held one of the top party posts in the country, was the highest-ranking Gorbachev protégé to lose his job since the Soviet leader took over in March 1985.

The 56-year-old Yeltsin had been among the most vocal supporters of Gorbachev's plans for "perestroika," the ambitious restructuring of the Soviet economy and society.

But at an Oct. 21 meeting of the party's Central Committee, Yeltsin criticized Gorbachev's style of leadership and the speed with which the Soviet leader's reform program was being implemented. He then offered to resign.

The official Tass news agency said the Moscow party committee on Wednesday

found Yeltsin guilty of "major shortcomings" in his work as party chief and relieved him of his duties.

Yeltsin was succeeded by Lev N. Zaikov, 63, a member of the 13-man ruling Politburo who once headed the Communist Party apparatus in Leningrad.

## Bentsen plans to seek fourth term in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, announced he would seek a fourth term Wednesday, and Republican leaders said beating him would be akin to a miracle.

"I've offered to throw the victory celebration if we do beat him," Texas GOP Chairman George Strake said.

"I think my chances of having to do that are slim, but possible," he said.

Bentsen announced his candidacy at a balloons-and-banner rally on the Capitol steps and a news conference. He reminded supporters, including a large array of Democratic officeholders, that he is a powerful man on Capitol Hill.

"There are 100 members of the U.S. Senate, but there is only one chairman of the finance committee," he said of his post. "The forum for addressing (major national problems) is the finance committee, and that is where I can make a difference for Texas and America."

At his news conference, Bentsen said he has "absolutely no interest" in running for vice president next year.

This year's list of potential GOP challengers includes state Sen. Don Henderson of Houston, Dallas City Councilman Jerry Rucker, San Antonio lawyer Doug Harlan and others.

Bentsen swept to a third term in 1982, swamping former Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Collins of Dallas.

Collins said, "I think our best candidate would be (former Dallas Cowboy) Roger Staubach."

Staubach has said he might be interested in a Senate race, but not until 1992.

Asked if he could be defeated,

Bentsen said, "Not willingly. We'll give them a real run for it."

He said the campaign could cost as much as \$12 million, and that he now has \$4 million in the bank.

In 1982, Bentsen was credited with helping other Democrats on the ticket, especially Mark White in his gubernatorial win over incumbent Republican Bill Clements.

Wednesday Strake said, "Why run against him and get his machine cranked up again? Because his machine is going to get cranked up again anyway. He wants to carry Texas for the Democrat presidential candidate anyway."

John Weaver, the Texas GOP's executive director, said, "No one, including him, gets a free ride in Texas politics anymore. Everyone is beatable. I will concede, however, that given his ability to raise money, his own personal financial resources, that financially it will be a tough race for anyone."

Strake said, "No question about it. He is extremely tough to beat. But miracles do happen."

"I think it is a beautiful position to be in because people expect you to lose. If you beat him you would be the boy wonder of politics."

Strake said a GOP candidate could run against Bentsen on several issues, including the senator's opposition to Robert Bork for the Supreme Court.

Weaver said Bentsen is like a lot of Texas Democrats in Washington.

"They espouse one line in Texas, that of a conservative to moderate, pro-business, conservative candidates," he said. "When they get to Washington they become part of the national Democratic Party, which is pro-tax and anti-military spending."

## Official calls U.S. sanctions unjustified in South Africa



Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

Jacques Jordan, South African Vice Consul in Houston, speaks to the Texas A&M chapter of the Young Conservatives of Texas. Jordan spoke about recent reforms and the effects of U.S. sanctions.

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A South African Vice Consul told Texas A&M's chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas Wednesday that U.S. economic sanctions will not bring about rapid changes in his country's political and social systems.

Jacques Jordaan, a white Houston-based representative of the South African government, said U.S. sanctions are antagonistic efforts to change the country that are not justified, not wanted by the blacks and not effective.

"It is a fantasy to believe sanctions are going to bring South Africa to its knees," Jordaan said. "By antagonizing us you're not going to get our cooperation. South Africans themselves are the only people who can work out our constitution."

Citing polls taken from anti-government and neutral parties, he said blacks in South Africa are more concerned with their economic well-being than with obtaining all of the rights whites are allowed.

He said the factions benefiting from U.S. business withdrawal are the radical left, or communists, and the ultra right who believe social changes in South Africa will never work. The groups that are vying for power in South Africa aren't representing the majority of blacks, Jordaan said, but are violent factions that don't want democracy in South Africa.

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## A&M, UT look at improving Texas schools

LAREDO (AP) — Texas A&M and the University of Texas have started looking at universities in South Texas in a search for ways to improve education in the region, an official said.

B. Alan Sugg, chancellor of the University System of South Texas and president of Corpus Christi State University, said Tuesday that A&M representatives already have visited South Texas campuses. He said they have made unannounced visits to CCSU, Texas A&I and Laredo State University.

"Texas A&M and the University of Texas are looking at higher education in South Texas for possible expansion of either UT, A&M, or both schools," Sugg said.

Texas A&M officials could not be reached for comment.

But UT System Chancellor Hans Mark said it would be wrong to conclude that the visits mean the large systems are thinking about incorporating the South Texas schools.

Mark is expected to visit the Corpus Christi school later this month.

USST board vice president Blas Martinez of Laredo questioned the motives of UT and A&M in South Texas.

"Obviously, A&M and Texas don't have enough minorities, so they might be trying to grab our children," Martinez said. "Are we going to allow a brain drain out of our system to go to Texas or A&M?"

The state's Select Committee on Higher Education released a report late last year which said South Texas has not received state financial support in proportion to other areas.