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Inmate dead after stabbing at prison unit

NAVASOTA (AP) — A Texas prison inmate was being held in administrative segregation Tuesday in connection with the stabbing of a fellow inmate, prison officials said.  
 Dennis McKeever, 26, served 15 years for manufacturing controlled substances in Franklin County and possession of controlled substances in Waco County, was stabbed twice in the neck and twice in the head at the Texas Department of Corrections Pack II Unit, prison spokesman Charles Brown said.  
 A 45-year-old inmate served 20 years for murder in Karnes County and attempted murder and weapons and drug possession in Bexar County was identified as the assailant and placed in administrative segregation, prison officials said.  
 Brown said the authorities believe the fight, in a tool room in the inmate kitchen, erupted after the two men had been drinking "home brew," an inmate-prepared contraband liquor.  
 Weapons used in the fight included a screwdriver and hammer, he said.  
 McKeever, who had been in prison since February 1986, was treated at the prison infirmary then transferred to Navasota Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 5:17 a.m.  
 It was the first homicide reported at the Texas prison since August of last year, Brown said.  
 Grimes County sheriff's deputies also were investigating the slaying.  
 Last year, five homicides were reported in Texas prisons, slightly from the three slayings recorded in 1986. Those slayings, however, were significantly behind the 27 reported in 1983 and 24 in 1984, when the prison system was ravaged by inmate violence.

Texaco plans to share funds from sales with stockholders

NEW YORK (AP) — Texaco Inc. on Tuesday promised to give its stockholders a third of the \$5 billion it expects to raise from asset sales as part of its bankruptcy reorganization plan.  
 Texaco said the distribution would come in the form of a share buyback or some other "direct shareholder participation or distribution," and would be made by the end of this year.

"The distribution may involve cash or the use of securities, in anticipation of the proceeds to be realized from the sales program," Texaco said in a statement.

It added that the other two-thirds of the proceeds would be used to repay debt, strengthen the balance sheet and fund increased capital investment programs for selected retained operations.

Wall Street showed little response to the move, which came in the midst of a proxy fight between Texaco and takeover specialist Carl C. Icahn.

On the New York Stock Exchange, trading in Texaco shares was suspended before the announcement, and opened afterward

at \$50.75 per share — just 25 cents higher.

Richard S. Pzena, who studies oil companies for the Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. securities firm, said "It's negative from the stock market's view, because it's not like they're giving the shareholders something they don't already own."

Icahn is running a five-man slate for the board of directors, hoping a victory will help him get the board to let shareholders vote of a \$60-per-share cash offer for the company. The votes are to be cast at Texaco's annual meeting on June 17.

Pzena said that by adding some value to shares already hovering in the \$50 range, Texaco in effect was diluting the impact of Icahn's \$60 cash offer, thereby strengthening its chances of beating Icahn in the proxy fight.

That amounted to a negative on Wall Street, because "\$60 is better than \$50," Pzena said.

Texaco's latest announcement updated its progress in other aspects of its reorganization plan. It came just 24 hours after it had agreed to sell its 99.12 percent interest in Deutsche Texaco AG of West Ger-

many to a major utility in that country.

Rheinisch-Westfaelisches Elektrizitaetswerk AG, also known as RWE, agreed to pay over \$1.2 billion for the subsidiary. Both sides expect no problems with a requirement that West Germany's Federal Cartel Office approve the transaction.

In its Tuesday announcement, Texaco said it expected to generate more than \$1.8 billion more in two other upcoming transactions. One is a deal to sell 60 million barrels of oil and gas equivalent reserves, expected to close by the end of this month. The other involves proposals to establish joint ventures with certain oil-producing countries.

The ventures, which were "in advanced stages of review," would involve three Texaco refineries and related marketing facilities on the East and Gulf coasts.

Texaco President James W. Kinneer said the two other countries are Venezuela and Saudi Arabia.

The company also said studies were continuing on what to do with its 78 percent interest in Texaco Canada Inc., including the possible sale, merger or joint venture of some or all of the stake.

A&M creates public relations post

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
 Staff Writer

In an effort to boost Texas A&M's reputation across the nation, the University has created a wide-range public relations post this year.

Filling the office is Dr. Arnold Vedlitz, professor of political science and associate dean for research in the College of Liberal Arts and new

assistant to the president for external affairs.

"My job is to help the president and the provosts coordinate relations with public officials at the state and national level," Vedlitz said. "I'll try to help public officials understand the positive things we do."

Although the new position will not require a staff, Vedlitz will have a secretary to help perform his new duties.

He describes himself as "just one of the team members" in the group of administrators coordinating the University's public relations.

While the Board of Regents deals primarily with the University system and its related organizations and committees, Vedlitz's emphasis is on the University as a whole and its place in the state and nation.

"I help the University make statements," he said, "but I'm just part of the team headed by the Board of Regents. I'm just one more person, providing some leadership."

Even with his new position and responsibilities, Vedlitz said he will continue to work as a dean — at least for the time being.

"I am working a lot," he said. "Everything is very busy. But I have a lot of good people to help me. We have a small staff, but we stay on top of things."

Teaching, however, is one pursuit Vedlitz has had to leave temporarily because of the scope of his administrative duties.

Still, he said he looks forward to teaching again, especially in the political science department's new doctoral program.

"I'm very anxious to get back to teaching," he said. "But lately the academic burden has become pretty serious."

When Vedlitz came to A&M in 1973, he had just completed his doctorate in political science at the University of Houston. Through the years, he has taught 11 or 12 courses, he said, and served as advisor to the Young Democrats club.

In 1980, he received a University award for distinguished teaching.

Although most of his duties are now administrative, Vedlitz continues his work in political science. Recently, he completed a book on public policy-making in the United States, and he continues to conduct his own research and write articles.

"I'm trying to stay active as a faculty member, not just as an administrator," he said.

Vedlitz occasionally volunteers as a political consultant when political

candidates he supports ask for help.

Although his work in public consulting has tapered off, he has worked with are in office.

A political consultant, Vedlitz said, "helps the candidate understand what he wants to say, helps him come up with themes for his campaign."

"I help the candidate to target election strategy, to find strengths and weaknesses, to determine how he will spend his money," he said.

He often is called upon by radio and television stations for comment on election issues and on his opinion on state and local politics, he said.

In the same field of interest, also founded A&M's Public Resources Laboratory, which provides information on policy issues.

"It became clear four or five years ago that there was much more we could do for the campus and the decision-makers," he said. "We're just trying to do good political analysis."

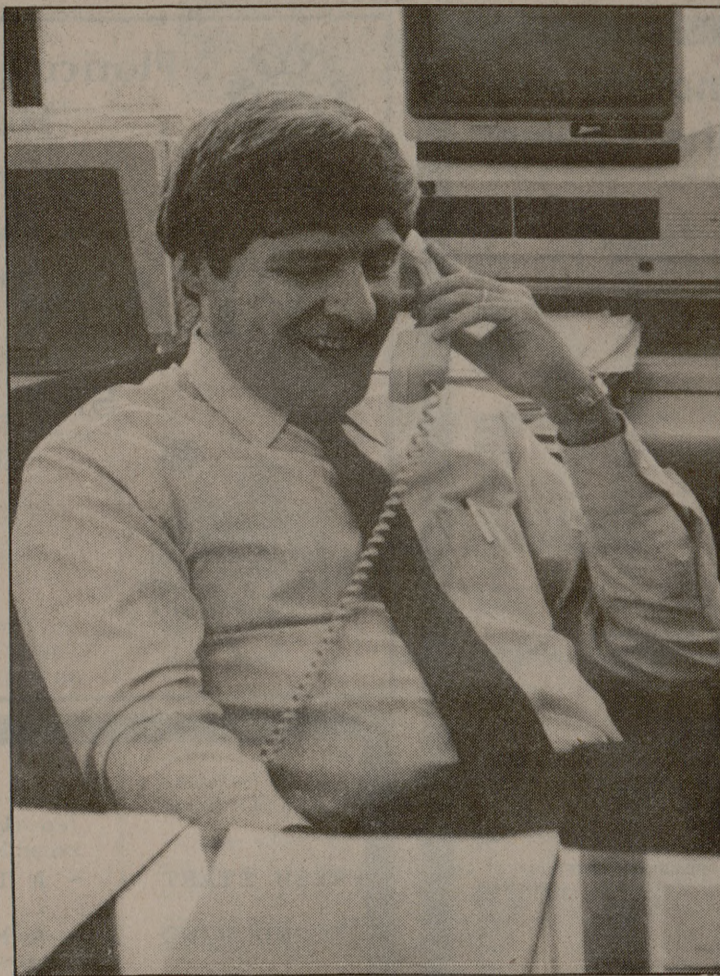
Vedlitz no longer works at the oratory, but said it is well-learned. "I got it going — I had the for it, and I helped it with its halting steps, but the real improvement has come with the one who lead it," he said.

He has retained his joint appointment as director of the Technical and Society division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

"I enjoy that tremendously," he said. "The engineers are excellent people, and the science and technology are excellent."

The integration of technology and society is becoming increasingly important, Vedlitz said, and the experiment station works to refine the combination.

"We're building bridges between the social sciences, humanities, engineering," he said. "It's a big problem and you can't just do one piece."



Dr. Arnold Vedlitz

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