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## Bush chooses Quayle as campaign mate

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Bush tapped conservative Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana on Tuesday to be his Republican running mate.

"I do not intend to fail" in the quest for the White House, the vice president vowed as he arrived to claim his party's presidential nomination.

Quayle, a second-term senator from a reliably Republican state, won his Senate seat in the 1980 Reagan landslide.

His selection was something of a surprise, although he had long been rumored to be under consideration and had made clear his interest.

In turning to the telegenic Midwesterner, Bush bypassed better known conservatives such as Rep. Jack Kemp, and durable party stalwarts such as Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas and former White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker.

Bush told Dole he'd been the other finalist, according to an aide to the Kansas senator.

Mark Gearan, a spokesman for Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, said Quayle's selection would make no difference in the Democratic strategy. "We have always promised and will continue to run a 50-state national campaign, and this will not sizeably affect our campaign effort at all," he said.

But Republican strategists said otherwise. Campaign adviser Charlie Black said Quayle "should give us a chance to appeal to baby boom voters" and strengthen GOP appeal in the Midwest.

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## Republicans still attacking Dukakis

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Leading Texas Republicans continued attacks on the Democratic presidential candidate Tuesday, with former congressman Tom Loeffler charging that Michael Dukakis' foreign policy would be one of surrender.

"Our party, our nominee George Bush, look forward to the challenges of leadership," Loeffler said. "The other party and its nominee, Michael Dukakis, base their foreign policy on one principle — a tall pole and a white flag."

A co-chairman of George Bush's campaign in Texas, Loeffler praised Bush's lengthy career in government, a resume that includes stints as an ambassador, CIA director and his seven years as vice president.

Loeffler ripped the Massachusetts governor's lack of foreign policy experience.

"The responsibilities of being president in a complex world are truly awesome," he said. "Mere promises from those who seek the highest office in our land are simply not enough. We must have a seasoned, steady hand at the helm. In this job, experience is everything."

"I ask of this convention — where in the record of Michael Dukakis is the proven record of experience to guide this country in an uncertain world?"

"Republicans and all Americans should say to Michael Dukakis, 'Look elsewhere for work. The Oval Of-

fice is no place for on-the-job training."

Loeffler's criticism came a day after former Sen. John Tower likened the Spanish-speaking Dukakis to a "gringo patron," and after Sen. Phil Gramm charged that Dukakis' national defense ideas would "wimp America."

Gov. Bill Clements joined the chorus of criticism Tuesday, saying he considers Dukakis dangerous.

"Did y'all hear Barry Goldwater this morning," Clements asked with a snide laugh. "He said that Dukakis was a Greek tragedy. That's a great line; I wish I'd thought of that."

Characterizing Dukakis as "a flaming liberal," Clements said of the Democrat's stand on taxes, defense, crime and gun control, "He is an absolute disaster. That sums up the way I feel about it."

Meanwhile, Dukakis campaigned in his home state of Massachusetts, where he sought to turn Reagan's rhetoric from Monday night back on the Republicans. "Facts are stubborn things," he said in an echo of Reagan's refrain. "Iran-Contra, Noriega, Beirut. Facts are stubborn things."

Dukakis also sounded like he intended to steal one of the Republicans' best issues, the economy.

"We are back in an inflationary spiral," he said at a meeting with editors of Massachusetts newspapers.



Graphic by Carol Wells

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"Dan Quayle's a man of the future," Bush said as he introduced his newly minted running mate at an outdoor campaign rally on the banks of the Mississippi River.

In his first words as running mate, Quayle thanked Bush for his confidence and immediately showed off the exuberance that Bush hoped to place on his ticket. "Let's go get 'em!" he said, shedding his sport coat in deference to the heat and humidity.

"We will win because America cannot afford to lose," said the 41-year-old senator. "There is nothing more important in this country than freedom, and George Bush will keep the freedom and peace."

Said an obviously delighted Bush, "Well done, Danny."

Bush's designation of his running mate was part of an attempt by his high command to depict the vice president as the new, undisputed leader of the Republican Party. In a carefully scripted changing of the GOP guard, he flew to the convention city and strolled across a windy tarmac to bid "hail and farewell" to a departing President Reagan.

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amic young leader for the future of our party."

The audience roared its approval.

Convention delegates whistled through a conservative party platform in a morning session that served as prelude to an evening's worth of speechmaking.

The 40,000-word blueprint says no to higher taxes and abortion and

yes to Bush's call for child care tax credits for the poor, increased spending on Head Start and added emphasis on environmental cleanup.

"What we have done is to define the proper and limited role government should play in our lives," said Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr, one of the leaders of the platform drafting committee. She said Republicans

were trumpeting their beliefs, unlike the Democrats who she claimed "tried to hide their liberal views from the voters."

There was plenty more Democrat-bashing in store. The program for the convention's second night included speeches by Jeane Kirkpatrick — who roused Republicans at

their 1984 convention with a stinging attack on the opposition — as well as former President Gerald Ford and one-time Bush primary rival Pat Robertson.

Bush and Reagan crossed paths at the New Orleans airport just long enough to stage a brief ceremony for reporters.



Photo by Jay Janner

### Humpin' it

Jerry Polreis of Mid-Continental Restoration caulked the bricks on the arches by the Corps dorms Tuesday afternoon. The caulking is to prevent water leakage.

## UT, Pan Am should merge, UT system chancellor says

EDINBURG (AP) — The chancellor of the University of Texas System said Tuesday that UT and Pan American University should merge because both institutions would benefit.

Hans Mark also presented the Legislative Joint Committee on Higher Education in South Texas with proposals for \$9.7 million in collaborative academic programs with institutions in South Texas over 1990-91.

The committee was formed by the state Legislature last year to study the reasons behind the traditionally low funding for academic programs in South Texas, and to recommend changes to next year's legislative session. Hearings were Tuesday in Brownsville and Edinburg.

"The UT System Regents and I believe that it is now timely to take these steps because we believe that some very real advantages might accrue to both institutions if a merger were accomplished," Mark said Tuesday in a text prepared for the committee.

The Legislature last year ordered the UT and Texas A&M systems to examine the state of higher education in South Texas.

Academic opportunities in South Texas also are the focus of a lawsuit filed in December alleging discrimination against Hispanic students in

the funding of the state's higher education programs.

Although the UT regents unanimously support a merger, Mark said UT will not initiate formal negotiations to join the institutions. UT, he said, wants to be certain that the Pan American regents and people of the region are sold on the idea.

"Accordingly, the regents of the University of Texas System have taken the position to strongly encourage and to look with great favor on a proposal from the board of regents of Pan American University to initiate formal discussions that would lead to Pan American University becoming a member of the University of Texas System," Mark told the committee.

A&M, however, has focused more attention on the University System of South Texas, which includes Texas A&I University at Kingsville, Laredo State University and Corpus Christi State University.

Pan American is not part of the system.

Pan American's regents are studying the idea of a merger and have said they would be prepared to decide by December.

but they should also not be dragged out for too long," Mark said Tuesday.

One reason UT would benefit from a merger with Pan American, Mark said, is because South Texas' population is growing faster than the rest of the state, and "the largest system of higher education in the state simply cannot afford to ignore this important trend."

UT also wants to boost its presence on the border because of the increasing importance of the United States' relationship with Latin America, Mark said.

"Things have been done at UT-El Paso that we believe can easily be transferred to other educational institutions along the border which would be to the advantage of these institutions," Mark said.

Pan American would benefit from a merger, he added, because UT could provide services in administrative areas and share resources, such as computers, libraries, telephone lines and video links to enhance research and teaching.

"Although this is not easily measurable, there is no doubt that association with the University of Texas System would enhance the value of degrees that students would earn," Mark told the committee.

## Housing supervisor says fall housing no problem

By Ashley A. Bailey  
Staff Writer

Even with more than 40,000 students coming to Texas A&M this fall John White, A&M's housing services supervisor, does not foresee any housing shortages for students.

There are 9,236 dormitory rooms available on campus, including the 2,204 corps dorm capacity, and White said he expects them to be filled.

"We usually fit in all the women who apply for dorms," White said. "We over assign rooms every year because we know a lot of people cancel late or don't show up."

"This year we shouldn't have any problem giving each woman her own space."

White said spaces for the men are harder to come by.

"There are a lot less spaces for men and so their situation is a little tighter, he said. "This has to do with Moore and Crocker being closed for renovation. And when they are renovated and reopened, two more male dorms will be closed for renovation. All renovations, 16 in all, will be completed in 1991."

In the event that students do not receive a room on campus, White suggested that they ask the Housing Office the week before school starts if there are any openings for walk-ins.

He said that last year 60 men were given rooms as walk-ins, but no women were taken. This year he expects to have more space for women.

White also said that he refers all students who can not get rooms to the Off-Campus Housing Center or to the Corps.

Off-Campus Center Coordinator Nancy Thompson agreed with White and said that there will be no big housing problems this fall.

"We get everyone off campus that they don't have on campus," Thompson said. "That's usually about 30-31,000 students."

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"There's always been enough housing off campus for the overflow. In fact, there's not really that many more students coming than last year and we had a lot of apartment vacancies last year."

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The one problem Thompson foresees is that renters may not be able to get exactly what they're hoping for.

"People may have to settle for something that's a little less than what they want," she said, "especially where two-bedroom apartments are concerned. That's where the big crunch is coming in because there are very few of them left."

The Off-Campus Housing Center helps students to locate apartments through an availability board of complexes with 20 or more units that is updated every three weeks, she said. They also supply boxes where students who are looking for an apartment or a roommate can leave their names.

"It's sort of a roommate referral service," she said. "We don't actually match roommates, but we do provide a service where they can find each other easier."

Business has been booming in the last few months, Thompson said.

"In July alone we had 2,051 visitors (about 500 per week) and 948 phone calls," she said. "It's stayed pretty consistent, but it'll slow down

after the end of August until around Spring."

Lisa Ward, assistant manager of Treehouse Village Apartments at 800 Marion Pugh, said that the complex is almost completely full. There are only nine units available at this time.

Ward said that there is not a housing shortage in Bryan-College Station.

"It's going to come down to people finding something they really want to live in," Ward said. "If they come to Treehouse Village and want to live here but can't afford it then they'll go somewhere cheaper that may not be as nice."

Sydney Hazelwood, manager of Scandia Apartments at 401 Anderson, said she thinks there will be a small shortage of apartments that people want to rent.

When looking for an apartment, Hazelwood said, it's important to remember that you can't get something really nice for nothing.

Thompson said that the rent averages for all Bryan-College Station apartment complexes of 20 units or more are up all the way across the board.

"Compared to last year's averages, the rent for two-bedrooms has gone up about \$40, but one-bedrooms have stayed pretty much the same," she said. "There are some complexes that have raised all their units' rent, but the averages aren't that bad. The increase has come mostly from the economy."

The Off-Campus Housing Center, located on campus at the corner of Main and Houston, also offers roommate counseling, tenant/landlord counseling and some financial consulting regarding leases. The center also advises the Off-Campus Aggies (OCA) and the Students Helping Aggie Residents Everywhere (SHARE). Listings of available houses, duplexes and trailers can also be found at the center.

## Charges filed in Cardenas murder

Associated Press

A California man was charged with murder Tuesday in the death of Audrey Cardenas, a former Texas A&M student, whose body was found June 26 in a dry creek bed behind a Belleville, Ill. high school.

Rodney Woidtke, 27, of Bakersfield, Calif., was charged in the death of Cardenas, a May journalism graduate, police said.

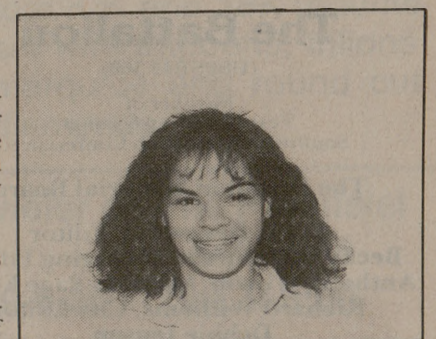
Woidtke had been in custody since the day Cardenas' body was found. He was charged with obstructing a peace officer when he tried to cross a police barricade at

the scene of the crime.

Woidtke was charged with a second misdemeanor on June 30 after allegedly trying to escape from the St. Clair County jail by prying out a window. He was being held Tuesday without bail.

Police say Woidtke hit Cardenas with a pipe.

Cardenas was an intern at the Belleville News-Democrat at the time of the slaying. She was reported missing June 20, after she failed to show up for work. She had been working at the paper for 10 days.



Battalion file photo

Audrey Cardenas