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'Mothers Against Gangs' works to stop | gang violence, help families of victims

CHICAGO (AP) — Frances Sandoval's enemy is mean and tough and lives in a world where life is cheap and death is common. She already knows this foe can kill — her son was

Gang violence killed Arthur Sandoval. He was 15. His mother mourned, then rose to face the

gangs and say enough is enough.
She formed "Mothers Against Gangs," a call to action for those like her who've seen so many young lives destroyed, so much blood shed and so many dreams snuffed out.

"Gangs represent death, pain and suffering," said the 35-year-old Sandoval. "This is not one family's problem. It's all the families in the community. Only together can we send the message we're not going to

accept you or tolerate you. It's re- son. "She told me she held my son control over the destiny of our chil-

"Mothers Against Gangs" mon-itors court cases, lobbies lawmakers, accompanies victims' families to trials and leads campaigns to clean up the graffiti gangs use to mark their

Arthur died in January 1985. He and a buddy had gone to look for the friend's sister and found her

talking to five gang members.

A fight broke out and as Arthur and his friend were leaving, a sixth gang member appeared. He stuck a knife into Arthur's heart, pulled it out and stabbed him again.

The family's pain had just begun. That year, Sandoval's younger son,

Sandoval later tracked down the

inforcing (the fact) we have some and covered him with a coat," she said. "All he said was he was cold."

Three gang members identified Arthur's killer, Sandoval said, but he had no job or family to keep him in the area and police weren't opti-

mistic about capturing him. So a determined Sandoval appealed for help on English- and Spanish-speaking television and radio. She offered a \$1,000 reward.

The family's pain had just begun. That year, Sandoval's younger son, Vincent, failed in school. Her woman who had cradled her dying daughter, Lydia, attempted suicide

with an overdose of epilepsy m

All she knew was her brothe dead and the person who killed was alive," Sandoval said. "She pletely disassociated herself

the legal system.' In the fall of 1985, the am who said he mistook Arthur's fa jacket for one from a rival gang convicted of murder. Before judge imposed a 35-year-sent Sandoval turned to Arthur's

Juan Lopez Rojo.
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Discussion of rescue plan dominates savings and loan league's convention

FORT WORTH (AP) — Executives from Texas' savings and loan institutions gathered Monday for the opening of a convention dominated by discussions of legislation aimed at restoring the ailing industry's health.

The 1989 Texas Savings and Loan League convention, which represents nearly all of the state's remaining 200 thrifts, comes as Washington lawmakers de-

bate President Bush's thrift rescue plan.

Under the plan, more than \$157 billion would be spent in the next 10 years to sell or liquidate hundreds

of insolvent savings and loans.

"Repositioning the league for the future will be a major agenda item," said Michael Cornwall, incoming chairman of the association and chairman of Guaranty Federal Savings Bank in Dallas.

The two-day meeting included appearances Monday by Rep. Steve Bartlett, R-Texas, and Barney Beeksma, chairman of the U.S. League of Savings In-

Bartlett opposes the administration's plan to double the thrifts' capital requirements by 1991 and fav-ors a 1993 deadline for raising the capital stand-

Beeksma's organization has come under fire for

opposing increased government oversight of

M. Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and George Barclay, president and chief supervisory officer of the FHLBB of Dallas, are scheduled to appear Tuesday.

Tom King, president of the Texas Savings and Loan League, said the Austin-based organization plans to focus on three primary issues this

year.
"We support the proposal for risk-based capital requirements, but you can't do it overnight," King told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

He said thrifts that present a viable business plan to regulators should be given adequate time — beyond 1991 — to increase their capital to 6 percent of total

"We also are concerned about the possible dumping of real estate on the Texas markets," King said. "This is a major concern of ours, and we will be watching the

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and top U.S. regulatory officials have said the government does not intend to sell billions of dollars in real estate owned by insolvent thrifts at below-market

Court postpone man's execution to review case

HOUSTON (AP) — The sch uled execution this week of a I death row inmate convicted of st ing a security guard was reset next month, a prosecutor said M

Carl Johnson, 35, was sched to die by injection before Wednesday, but the execution was modified to July 12, prosec Shirley Cornelius said. The date moved so the Texas Court of Cr nal Appeals in Austin could re the inmate's claims, including that received ineffective counsel dur his trial, Cornelius said.

Johnson was convicted of a murder for the Oct. 6, 1978, sh ing death of Ed Thompson d an armed robbery at Wayne Store in Houston, where Thom worked as a security guard. He shot five times with a .38-caliber

Ex-wildlife official faces illegal netting charges

fired Texas wildlife official faces a preliminary hearing Tuesday on charges of illegally netting antelope in New Mexico and taking them to Texas.

Charles Allen, former wildlife director for the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, is charged with illegally trapping three antelope from a helicopter Jan. 30.He is ac-cused of catching the antelope on a southern Otero County ranch and taking them to a Texas ranch.

After the preliminary hearing, decide whether Allen should stand trial on three fourth-degree felony counts of unlawfully transporting game animals and three misdemeanor counts each of illegal taking of animals and illegally capturing antelope while airborne.

Allen is accused of being the net gunner in the helicopter.

The helicopter pilot, Charles 'Cheater' Bella of El Paso, was not charged in the incident.

An affidavit for criminal summons alleged that Allen netted the antelope on the Hat Ranch in southern Otero County and took them to the Cornudas ranch a few miles

south, in Texas.

But Allen really took the antelope to Permanent University Fundowned land where he trapped about mission at gunpoint, but he faces charges of aiding an escape.

Steve Hartmann of Midland, who administers PUF land in West Texas, said he had granted Allen permission to trap 40 antelope on the state-owned land for the Parks and Wildlife Department to transplant elsewhere.

"If they went over the (state) line, I think it was an accident," Hart-mann said Monday. "There was no reason to go up there because there are plenty of antelope on stateland."

The state boundary is marked only by a barbed-wire fence separating the Hat Ranch from the university-owned land, which is leased by an Albuquerque-based ranching company.

Allen, who had been wildlife director for two years, was fired April 5 by Charles Travis, the Parks and Wildlife Department's executive di-

Travis gave no reason for the firing and said he believed Allen was innocent of the New Mexico

Bella, the helicopter pilot, is best known for flying the chopper used in a dramatic escape last summer of three inmates from the state peni-

What's Up

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TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 118 Civil Engeering Building. The meeting will include discussion of summer m jects. For more information contact Geoff Smith at 764-9489. VAX USERS GROUP: will meet at 3 p.m. in 342 Zachry. Dr. John Dinkel will be

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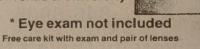
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