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WEATHER

FORECAST for SATURDAY:
Mostly sunny and warm. Watch
for possible showers Sunday.

HIGH:78 LOW:55

Police seek third suspect in shooting rampage

Police say killings stemmed from dispute between drug dealers, counterfeiters

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Police said Thursday they have issued an arrest warrant for a third suspect in a shooting rampage that killed one man and injured five others during an apparent dispute between drug dealers and counterfeiters.

Bryan police arrested Carl Alvin Craddock, 40, of Dallas late Tuesday night outside a local convenience store. Early

Wednesday, they arrested Bruce Kevin Bannister, 30, of St. Petersburg, Fla., at a Bryan home.

Both men remained in the Brazos County Jail Thursday with bond set at \$100,000 each, authorities said.

Police spokesman Sgt. Choya Walling said Thursday that Ray Craddock, 31, of rural Brazos County also had been charged with murder and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He is Carl Craddock's brother.

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— Sgt. Choya Walling, police spokesman

Six men were shot late Monday and early Tuesday outside bars and on a nearby street.

One of the victims, Marion Leon Johnson, died late Tuesday night from gunshot wounds he received to the head.

Two 12-gauge shotguns, two .22-caliber pistols and a .25-caliber pistol were found at the house where Bannister was arrested, police said.

Walling said informants have told police that in recent weeks, the suspects in the

shootings had tried to purchase drugs in Bryan using counterfeit \$20 bills. Drug dealers, he said, discovered the money was fake, then declined to deliver the drugs.

"The shootings appear to be where the retaliation culminated," Walling said. "We had two sides mad at each other."

Walling said police have not been able to find out which of the victims, if any, were involved in drug deals. No charges have been filed against any of the victims, he said.



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Fore!

Graduate student Duncan Rhodes hits a ball at the Texas A&M driving range during his intermediate golf class Thursday afternoon.

Rhodes said he took the freshman level course to offset his strenuous graduate course load.

Rains resigns post; still undecided on bid for governor in 1990

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Jack Rains, Class of '60, resigned as Texas Secretary of State Thursday, a possible prelude to a 1990 race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

Rains, a Houston businessman before joining Gov. Bill Clements' administration, said he will enter a private law firm and decide on the governor's race in 30 to 45 days.

"I have a lot of people who are anxious to support me in that race," he said.

Rains, a top adviser to Clements in past campaigns, last year said he was 95 percent certain about making a governor's race. He said Thursday he was not interested in any other office.

"I'm not a committee man," he said. "I'm an executive."

Rains, who holds a bachelor's of business administration from Texas A&M and a law degree from the University of Houston, was a founder of a Houston design firm. He will join the Houston office of the law firm of Winstead, McGuire, Sechrest & Minick.

But politics remains on his mind, and he said he will talk with friends, family and others about the governor's race.

A poll published by the *Houston Chronicle* and *Dallas Morning News* last month showed Rains with the

lowest name identification of five potential Republican candidates.

Leading that survey was George W. Bush, the president's son. Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, an unsuccessful GOP gubernatorial candidate in 1986, was second, and Amarillo oilman T. Boone Pickens was third.

Midland oilman Clayton Williams, Class of '54, set to launch his gubernatorial campaign Wednesday, also ranked ahead of the secretary of state.

But Rains said he wasn't concerned.

"If you compare me to someone who has run six times in 12 years (Hance) and spent millions of dollars — I've never run a race, I've never spent a nickel. I would expect to be behind them," he said. "I wouldn't bet the farm on an early poll."

Rains also said he has no worries about funding a gubernatorial bid, which many political consultants say could cost \$15 million or more.

"I've been a (political) fundraiser in Texas for some 20 years. I think I've demonstrated a track record that I can put money together. My political base is in Houston, and it's known for being able to back candidates," he said.

Clements praised Rains as "a superb" secretary of state, but he stopped short of endorsing Rains as his successor.

Mattox says allegations of bribery are 'hot air'

AUSTIN (AP) — Breaking a three-day silence, Attorney General Jim Mattox branded as "hot air" Thursday allegations that \$125,000 was slated for him to intercede in an insurance lawsuit.

Mattox also charged that the campaign of his Democratic gubernatorial primary opponent, state Treasurer Ann Richards, is behind publicity about the allegations which began surfacing Monday. Her campaign denied it.

"There have been allegations made that money was given to bribe me," Mattox said. "There have been allegations made that monies were given to bribe my assistant who handled the case. Allegations were made there were monies given to bribe the judge. All of which is a bunch of nonsense."

A reference to the payment allegation was made in a fraudulent insurance lawsuit that was related to the Dallas bankruptcy case of Joseph F. Landis and his Intercon Reinsurance Brokers, Ltd.

The company, Landis and others also are named in a related civil suit

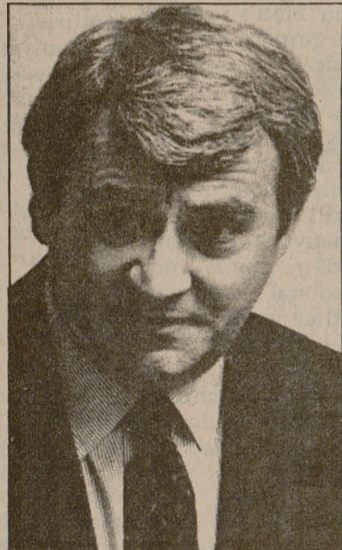
in U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders' court in Dallas. In that suit, Lloyd's U.S. Corp., alleges fraudulent practices by Landis' company.

In January proceedings in a U.S. Bankruptcy Court hearing involving Landis, his company and Lawrence Dale St. John, another defendant in the Lloyd's lawsuit, the \$125,000 was discussed.

According to a transcript, Samuel D. Rosen, a New York attorney for Lloyd's, asked bankruptcy trustee Don Navarro if he was "aware that Mr. Landis and Mr. St. John have testified under oath that this \$125,000 payment of Mr. Landis's money was for the purpose of conveying it to the attorney general of the State of Texas?"

Navarro said he had heard about that testimony, and had heard that Landis' \$125,000 was given to an intermediary, Dallas businessman Gail Cooper, a campaign contributor and fundraiser for Mattox.

But Navarro said he also understood that Landis' lawyer said he gave the \$125,000 to Cooper as a consulting fee for his help in locat-



Jim Mattox

ing a new insurance carrier for Landis.

Following Cooper's involvement on Landis' behalf, a judge reversed his \$3.2 million default judgment against Landis after the attorney general's office presented him with an overriding court order, the *Dallas Morning News* reported in a copy-right story Thursday.

Chinese sentence three men to death

Officials parade other arrested pro-democracy activists on television

BEIJING (AP) — Arrested pro-democracy activists with shaved heads and placards hanging around their necks were paraded on Chinese television Thursday, and three others were sentenced to death for torching a train during a riot.

The executions, ordered by a Shanghai court, were the first in the nationwide crackdown on the student demonstrations for a freer China.

Television news also said a student leader surrendered to authorities.

More than 1,000 people have been arrested nationwide since army troops and tanks moved into Tiananmen Square in Beijing on June 3-4 to suppress the movement, which called for freedom of the press and an end to official corruption.

The violent confrontation touched off demonstrations and riots in cities throughout China.

On June 6, crowds set a train ablaze after it ran through a barricade erected by demonstrators near Shanghai station, killing six people.

Official media reported 21 railway security officials were beaten by protesters. It said the rail line was closed for 50 hours, nine train carriages ruined and 900 bags of mailed burned.

The three condemned men "frenziedly smashed the railway carriages and set fire to police motorcycles and the carriages" during the attack, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. "They also prevented firefighters from extinguishing the fire and beat them cruelly."

Xinhua identified the men as Xu Guoming, a contract worker at a brewery, Bian Hanwu, who is unemployed, and Yan Xuerong, a radio factory worker.

They were given three days to appeal.

Seven more people were on trial in the case, Shanghai radio said.

Another 26 workers were shown on the noon TV news being led by armed police onto a stage before a packed hall in the northeastern city of Changchun.

Several had large placards around their necks giving their names and their sentence to labor reform, a type of prison. They were accused of instigating social unrest and spreading rumors.

The placards were similar to a practice during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, when ultra-leftist Red Guards paraded their victims through the streets wearing humiliating signs on their chests. Senior leader Deng Xiaoping, who won the power struggle after Mao Tse-tung's death in 1976, was among those persecuted during the Cultural Revolution.

At the top of the government's wanted list of dissenters are 21 members of the student union that led the pro-democracy movement in Beijing. Official media announced Wednesday that two had been arrested.

Television reports on Thursday said Xiong Wei, 23, a student at Qinghua University, turned himself in to Beijing police after traveling from the northeastern city of Shenyang with his mother.

"He handed over materials he wrote to show his willingness to fully resolve his problem," it said as several documents were shown.

The three top student leaders — Wang Dan, Wu'er Kaixi and Chai Ling — were among the 18 fugitives remaining on the wanted list.

Feds issue drug indictments against 7 INS workers

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A six-month undercover investigation has led to federal drug indictments against nine people, including seven who worked at an Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center, authorities said.

The indictments, issued Tuesday in McAllen, were ordered unsealed Thursday after seven arrests were made, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Crews said.

Seven of those indicted had worked either for the INS or a private security firm at the Port Isabel Service Processing Center, where undocumented aliens are detained before deportation, authorities said. The center Thursday had a detainee population of about 1,300.

Eight suspects appeared Thursday afternoon before U.S. Magistrate Fidencio Garza and each was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond. Garza scheduled their arraignment for Wednesday morning.

The indictments allege that cocaine and

marijuana was sold to someone working in cooperation with investigators, Crews said.

"The amounts of drugs are relatively small," he said. "What makes it exceptionally

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significant, to us, however, is that the offenses are alleged to have occurred either at the service processing center or by individuals employed by the United States.

"And it's the position of this office that any amount is too much when it comes to that. We won't tolerate it."

Crews said no detainees were involved in the alleged offenses.

Arrested and charged in indictments with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute

and possession with intent to distribute less than 50 kilos of marijuana were Joe Rice, 25, of Brownsville, a Burns International Security Services officer at the center; Orlando Castro, 29, of Brownsville, also a Burns officer; Jessie Hernandez, 33, of San Benito, a Burns officer; Conrado Medrano, 31, of

Brownsville, an INS cook at the center; and Enrique "Ricky" Chavez, 31, of Brownsville.

Arrested and charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and possession with intent to distribute less than 500 grams of cocaine were Conrado Medrano; Israel Perez, 31, of San Benito, an INS detention enforcement officer at the detention center; Jose Serna, 40, of San Benito, a Burns officer; and David Medrano, 25, of Brownsville, brother of Conrado Medrano.

One man who was a detention officer at the processing center also has been charged in indictments but was still at large late Thursday.

Edmundo Nieto of Brownsville, who also was a detention enforcement officer, was charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and possession with intent to distribute less than 50 kilos of marijuana.

Nieto resigned his post with the INS in the past month, according to INS spokesman Virginia Kice.

23-year-old found dead in motel room

A 23-year-old man was found dead Thursday afternoon in a room at the Ramada Inn at 1502 Texas Ave.

A press release by the College Station Police Department said preliminary investigation indicates a probable suicide.

An autopsy has been ordered for the man, a resident of Portland, Ore., and an investigation is pending.