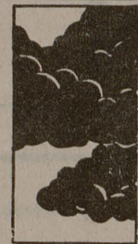


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## WEATHER

FORECAST for SATURDAY:  
Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent  
chance of showers.

HIGH: 80s LOW: 70s

## House adopts bill to outlaw burning of any state's flag

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would become a safe haven for all U.S. state and territory flags, in addition to the U.S. flag, under a bill tentatively adopted by the House on Thursday.

Without objection, the House preliminarily approved a measure that would provide criminal penalties for anyone desecrating the U.S. or Texas flags.

In addition, the bill includes an amendment extending the penalties — a maximum of one year in jail and

"It's not right to say, 'I'm going to come over here and burn an Oklahoma flag,'" Evans said.

The Legislature has been considering measures against flag burning since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled desecration of the U.S. flag was protected by the First Amendment right of free speech.

United Nations should also be added to the bill. The legislation requires one more vote before being returned to the Senate for consideration of the amendment.

House Speaker Gib Lewis, who has sponsored the flag burning ban, supported Evans' amendment and said he plans to meet with other state leaders to get reciprocal agreements concerning the Texas flag.

"Every state is making a similar ruling, or passing similar legislation right now that each state will recognize the other state's flags," Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said.

The Texas flag was also the subject of another measure that passed in the House.

A resolution by state Rep. Bill Arnold would urge schools to inform students that the proper way for them to pledge allegiance to the Texas flag is with their right hand over their heart.

### U.S. Senate begins hearings for proposed amendment/Page 6

a \$2,000 fine — to anyone convicted of damaging any of the U.S. state or territory flags.

Rep. Larry Evans said he would never burn a U.S. flag, but is opposed to proposals limiting free speech. Since lawmakers are intent on banning flag burning, he said he believed the proposal should extend to all flags.

"It tramples upon First Amendment rights indiscriminately," Evans, D-Houston, told reporters in explaining his amendment.

## Cuban military hero, 3 others executed for drug smuggling

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A war hero who fought with Fidel Castro in Cuba's revolution was executed by firing squad at dawn Thursday with three other officers for smuggling tons of drugs into the United States, the official Cuban news agency said.

The drug scandal has stunned and embarrassed Castro and his communist government, which for years denied U.S. accusations that Cuba was being used to smuggle cocaine and marijuana to the United States.

In a brief dispatch monitored in Mexico City, the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said the sentences against Maj. Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, Col. Antonio de la Guardia Font, Maj. Amado Padron and Capt. Jorge Martinez had been carried out.

Ochoa was a trusted aide to President Castro, commanding Cuban forces in Ethiopia and Angola and heading a Cuban military mission to Nicaragua.

The news agency noted that the four men, along with 10 other officers, were convicted by a summary court-martial and that the delibera-

tions on their appeal were broadcast to the Cuban nation.

Castro, who long rejected U.S. drug smuggling accusations as a plot to defame Cuba, said Sunday the scandal had done immense internal damage and eroded Cuba's international image.

He called the sentences a "bitter decision," but added that he also thought about "others who have died."

"I think of those who fell to build a decent society . . . to create a republic where justice ruled, where there was no corruption, dishonesty, fraud or treason," Castro told the Council of State before it voted to affirm the death sentences.

Deputy State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the administration has had information linking Cuba to narcotics smuggling since 1982 and has expressed its concerns since then.

U.S. officials say privately that it's hard to believe that large-scale drug smuggling could have been carried out through Cuban air space and territorial waters without Castro's knowledge.

### A&M education college celebrates 20th anniversary

Texas A&M's College of Education celebrates its 20th anniversary today and Saturday with an array of receptions, presentations and activities.

More than 200 alumni, staff and faculty will participate, including two college presidents and developers of an international student space program.

College and departmental events will include an appreciation luncheon for Dr. Dean Corrigan on Saturday, who is stepping down as dean after 10 years to return to full-time teaching.

The celebration's keynote speaker, Dr. Barry Thompson, president of Tarleton State University, will discuss the changing roles of colleges of education at the College Station Hilton Ballroom tonight at 7.

Dr. Jack Humphries, president of Sul Ross University, will discuss Texas higher education issues in the Brazos Amphitheater at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Other activities include an awards banquet and dance Friday night and a four- and seven-mile fun run Saturday at 6:30 a.m.



### Let's go to the hoop

Bill Mills attempts to block the shot of Tom Janecek during a pick-up basketball game

Thursday afternoon outside of the Ocean Drilling Program building.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

## Seven U.S. soldiers injured when bomb explodes outside Honduran discotheque

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — A homemade bomb exploded outside a discotheque in northern Honduras early Thursday and wounded seven American soldiers, three of them seriously, officials reported.

Two other Americans in the group escaped injury. No one claimed responsibility for the fourth attack on U.S. troops in Honduras since Feb. 1.

"Witnesses say the bomb was apparently thrown from a car, but the scenario is still confused," said Anne Sigmund of the U.S. Embassy. "They don't say if the bomb was thrown from a moving car or a parked car. We're still investigating."

The soldiers had gone into La Ceiba, a coastal town 200 miles north of Tegucigalpa, in civilian dress and without proper leave, embassy spokesman Charles V. Barclay said.

"They were not authorized to go into town," he said in a telephone interview. "The group was part of a convoy carrying equipment and machinery from Puerto Castilla to Enrique Soto Cano air base. I have no further details for the moment."

Officials said the convoy of about 150 Americans was returning Wednesday from a road-building exercise with Honduran troops and stopped at La Ceiba for the night. Puerto Castilla is 250 miles north of Tegucigalpa.

Barclay said the three soldiers with serious wounds were taken to a hospital at the Soto Cano base 50 miles northeast of Tegucigalpa and would be flown to the United States for treatment. The other four were being treated at a private hospital in La Ceiba, he said.

The names were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Col. Eric Sanchez, the Honduran military commander at La Ceiba, said by telephone the explosion occurred at the Lido Discotheque, and four Honduran suspects were being questioned. He would say nothing further about the suspects.

## Environment, East-West relations bump economy as topic of 7 nation conference

PARIS (AP) — The annual economic summit meeting that begins Friday will be dominated by environmental pollution and East-West relations because, this year, there's little bad economic news for the seven participants to discuss.

President Bush and the leaders of the six other large, industrialized western democracies will meet through Sunday. Along the way, they will take time for lavish dinners, fireworks displays and festive parades organized by French President Francois Mitterrand to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

Almost as gleaming as the French celebrations has been the performance of the world's economy.

In contrast to the gloom-and-doom forecasts following the October 1987 stock market crash, growth in 1988 and through the first half of this year has been stellar.

Virtually all the summit nations enjoyed an acceleration of economic activity last year with total growth for the seven nations averaging 4.2 percent, the best showing in four years.

Such a performance clears the way for other topics to take center stage.

Bush, attending his first economic summit, hopes to use the meetings to assume the mantle of leader of the Western alliance on economic and environmental issues, much as he did on military matters in May with his troop reduction

proposals at the NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium.

Bush has said the environment is coming on like a "freight train" as an international issue and leaders of the other summit nations — Britain, France, West Germany, Japan, Italy and Canada — are facing growing political pressure to do something as well.

The president arrived in Paris after unveiling relatively modest aid proposals for Hungary and Poland during his history-making trip to the economically troubled nations. He looked to his summit partners for similar commitments to boost economic and democratic reforms in Eastern Europe.

## Activists plan fight after Dallas police snub lesbian

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas gay leaders say they plan to use the case of an Oklahoma woman who says she was denied employment as a Dallas police officer because she is a lesbian to open up job opportunities for homosexuals.

Dallas Gay Alliance leader William Waybourn said Thursday that Dallas residents don't care about the sexual preferences of those who answer emergency calls and said they will not rest until what they call a discriminatory hiring policy has ended.

In a surprise and emotion-tinged appearance at Dallas City Hall on

"We want to shed light on ignorance to create change."

— William Waybourn, Dallas Gay Alliance leader

Wednesday, Mica England of Tulsa, Okla., told council members she was a lesbian who had been denied employment as a Dallas police officer.

The 25-year-old restaurant chef said she decided to fight back after being told Monday by a police re-

cruiter that she did not qualify to wear Dallas blue "because I was openly and willingly admitting that I was gay."

Waybourn, who accompanied England to Dallas City Hall, urged council members to change the department hiring policy.

"We want to shed light on ignorance to create change," Waybourn said in an interview Thursday. "It's a shame to think that there are policies still on the books that encourage and permit this type of discrimination. It's incredible."

But Police Chief Mack Vines said his department's policy prohibits the hiring of "anyone who violates state statutes."

A police personnel supervisor said the hiring ban is based on state law prohibiting "deviant sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex."

## A&M archer to compete in Olympic test

By Fiona Soltes

CITY EDITOR

A member of the Texas A&M Target Archers is aiming for success at a national competition next week.

Eric Brumlow, a senior architecture major from Denton, has been chosen to compete in archery at the 1989 Olympic Festival in Norman, Okla., July 20-26.

The festival, put on by the Olympic Committee, takes place one year after the Games as a practice meet for Olympic hopefuls, Brumlow said.

"I wasn't really surprised to be invited," he said. "I think I'll be able to shoot as well as or better than anyone there."

Brumlow's confidence comes from a long list of archery awards. He is ranked second in the nation in collegiate archery and is the southern region indoor champion.

Brumlow placed second during the Olympic festival trials in Oklahoma in June.

During the meet, Brumlow will compete as part of a six-member team from the South against teams from the North, East and West.

Brumlow said he became interested in archery when he took it for a physical education requirement.

"The class is basically a screening program for the team," he said. "After you've taken the beginning and advanced archery classes, you join the club. Then the top four members of the club make up the competing team."

Brumlow has been a member of the team for two years.

Brumlow said the A&M archery club sent 14 members to the national competition last year, making A&M one of the largest participating schools. He said upcoming competitions include College National Championships and the Championship of Americas, a competition between the United States, Central America and South America.

## Paris becomes city of parties for bicentennial

PARIS (AP) — France uncorked three days of bicentennial hoopla Thursday by inaugurating a gleaming, high-tech opera house at the site of the Bastille, the despised prison where its revolution began.

President Francois Mitterrand, President Bush and their wives sat in front-row balcony seats at the Opera Bastille for an opening concert featuring singers Placido Domingo and Barbara Hendricks.

Also present were 32 other presidents and prime ministers who came to Paris for this weekend's celebrations of the revolution's 200th anniversary and for the annual summit of the world's seven richest countries.

Sharpshooters were posted on rooftops and in windows of buildings surrounding the Place de la Bastille as the leaders arrived. Authorities have clamped tight and highly visible security around the capital this week.

Later Thursday, more than 100,000 people jammed into the large circular plaza for the beginning of the largest of about

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