



**WEATHER**

**TOMORROW'S FORECAST:**  
 Partly cloudy with slight chance of rain in the afternoon.  
 HIGH: 90s      LOW: 70s

**U.N. investigates hostage's death**  
**Officials not sure if man on videotape is Higgins**

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A United Nations official arrived in southern Lebanon on Wednesday to investigate the killing of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, who was on U.N. duty when he was abducted, and to try to find his body.

The Vatican said Pope John Paul II, at President Bush's request, would assist in efforts to have the U.S. Marine's body returned to the United States.

Pro-Iranian kidnappers said they hanged the colonel Monday in retaliation for Israel's abduction Friday of a Lebanese Shiite Moslem cleric. Higgins was seized Feb. 17, 1988, near Tyre in south Lebanon.

A videotape the kidnappers provided shows a man, apparently Higgins, hanging from a gallows. No body has been found and there is no way of knowing when the tape was made. Some reports have said Higgins was killed months ago.

Pentagon officials said the USS Belknap, flag-

ship of the U.S. 6th Fleet, and the fleet commander canceled a visit to Sevastopol in the Soviet Union in case Bush needs them, but added that a military strike was unlikely. The aircraft carrier USS America cut short a visit to Singapore, they said.

Shiite Moslem sources said they expected kidnappers threatening the life of American hostage Joseph Cicippio to spare him at Iran's behest to avert a confrontation with the United States.

Marrack Goulding, U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations, flew to U.N. headquarters in the Lebanese border town of Naqura by helicopter from Israel.

He met with Maj. Gen. Lars-Eric Wahlgren, Swedish commander of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, and battalion commanders of the nine-nation force known as UNIFIL.

Timor Goksel, spokesman for UNIFIL, said

Goulding delayed a planned trip to Beirut because of fighting in the city, where Christian forces and a Syrian-led Moslem alliance have fought an artillery war for five months.

"The liaison people in Beirut canceled the flight for safety reasons because there was shooting in the vicinity of where his helicopter was supposed to land," Goksel said.

He said Goulding would try to make the trip Thursday. The undersecretary-general is scheduled to meet with Lebanese leaders in the Lebanese capital, but Goksel would not identify them.

"There are no negotiations involved, although he has a secondary mission of trying to find out about other hostages in Lebanon," the spokesman said.

**Off-campus students barred from reserved garage spaces in fall**

By Cindy McMillian  
 STAFF WRITER

Reserved spaces in the Northside Parking Garage will no longer be offered to off-campus students after Sept. 1, and dorm students receiving spaces after this date will forfeit them when they move off campus.

Tom Williams, director of Texas A&M's Parking, Traffic and Transit Department, said the policy is part of the University's original plan for the garage, which was intended primarily for dorm students.

"Our policy is to provide dorm students with the same privilege as off-campus students — to park next to where they live," Williams said.

Off-campus students on the waiting list will be offered spaces as they are made available until Sept. 1, when off-campus students will be dropped from the list.

One off-campus student, on the waiting list since April 5, said he was informed that spaces probably will be offered only to people on the list before early March, so he will probably be among those dropped.

He said that Williams' department has made no effort to inform students on the waiting list of the change in policy, which he found out from a friend who already has a space in the garage.

"Everyone on the list doesn't know what's going on," he said. "I wouldn't have known if I hadn't been here this summer."

The policy change was printed on the back of a new parking map

given to his friend, the student said, but the new maps are only being distributed to garage patrons. Older versions without the policy change are stacked on the desk for others to pick up, he said.

He also said the 1989 fall class schedule does not indicate the change. Page 26 of the schedule says the garage has spaces "available to students on a first come, first served basis."

The student said he has nothing against the rights of dorm students, but he thinks students who have been waiting on the list should be offered spaces.

Williams said he has received two complaints about the policy.

Reserved, numbered spaces originally were made available to all students last November on a first come, first served basis. The garage opened in January for the spring semester, and after spaces filled, students wanting spaces put their names on a waiting list.

July 31 was the deadline for all garage patrons to renew their spaces for 1988-89. The department began Aug. 1 offering spaces to students on the waiting list.

All students receiving spaces before Sept. 1 may renew them next year even if they move off campus, but off-campus students failing to renew their spaces may not reapply in the future. Dorm students who receive garage spaces after Sept. 1 may not renew them if they move off campus.

Williams said the new Southside Parking Garage, scheduled for completion in Sept. 1990, will be made available to dorm students only.

**Rains chastises Mattox for writing study 'attacking' Houston's law enforcement**

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Gov. Bill Clements has promised the governor's race will be "very spirited," in spite of the decision by George W. Bush, the president's eldest son, not to run.

That spirit was evident Wednesday, when GOP gubernatorial contender Jack Rains, Class of '60, blasted Attorney General Jim Mattox for a study he said was critical of Houston law enforcement officials.

Mattox, a likely Democratic candidate for governor, submitted the study in a jail overcrowding lawsuit.

"Your decision to use public dollars to attack some of our state's finest law enforcement and criminal justice organizations is nothing less than a gross abuse of taxpayer funds," Rains, a Houston lawyer, said in a letter to Mattox.

Rains demanded that Mattox apologize to Houston law enforcement officials and juries. He said the attorney general "blames strict law enforcement for the state prison overcrowding crisis he helped create."

But Mattox said Rains was making "a desperate attempt to win support for his gubernatorial campaign."

Court documents show that Harris County has 16 percent of the Texas population, but takes up 25 percent of the prison beds, according to a statement from Mattox's office.

Officials in a number of Texas counties have complained that their jails are crowded with inmates sentenced to state prison.

The Texas Department of Corrections delays taking many of those prisoners because it is under a fed-

eral court order to prevent overcrowding.

"I like the fact that Harris County wants to get tough on crime, but they cannot expect other counties in Texas to pay for Harris County to send so many non-violent offenders to jail," Mattox said.

Mattox has indicated that he plans to run for governor against State Treasurer Ann Richards in the Democratic primary.

On the Republican side, Midland businessman Clayton Williams, Class of '54, is running against Rains.

Other Republicans considering the race include Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance and corporate raider T. Boone Pickens, who recently moved part of his business from Amarillo to Dallas.

**House votes 219-206 against limiting federal abortion spending in capital**

WASHINGTON (AP) — An emotionally divided House on Wednesday rejected an effort to tighten abortion restrictions in the District of Columbia, the first congressional test on the subject since a Supreme Court ruling last month permitting states to impose new limits.

On a surprising 219-206 vote that evoked hugs and hoots of cheer on the House floor by supporters of the right to abortion, the lawmakers rejected a proposal that would have banned all government spending on abortions in the capital.

The vote was a reversal of House sentiment last year, when the legislators voted 222-186 to ban public spending on the procedures. Abortion activists said it was the first time since 1980 the House had refused to restrict government spending for abortion.

The defeated provision, an amendment to a spending bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 that forms Washington's municipal budget, was proposed by Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif. The prohibition would have

included cases in which the mother's life is in danger or pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

The House recessed for the day and left the vote on final passage of the overall bill for Thursday. That left anti-abortion lawmakers one more chance to find votes and try to salvage their proposal, perhaps by defeating the entire spending measure.

Defeat of the amendment left intact abortion provisions in the bill which are more liberal than current law. The bill would allow the district to spend its own funds for abortions and to use federal funds if the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest or if the mother's life was in danger. Current law, which expires Sept. 30, contains a ban on spending either federal or district funds unless the mother's life is threatened.

Quoting the hospitalized Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., one of the House's foremost abortion opponents, Dornan said, "This is not government intervention. The government's first duty is to protect the weak from the strong."

**Senate passes defense bill leaving SDI, stealth bomber funding intact**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Wednesday approved a \$295 billion defense bill that leaves President Bush's strategic programs such as Star Wars and the B-2 bomber relatively intact, but backs an aircraft Bush sought to kill.

"The basic goals of the president were met," said Sen. John Warner of Virginia, ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, prior to final passage of the legislation.

By a vote of 95-4, the Senate approved its version of the defense authorization bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 — a blueprint that bears no resemblance to House legislation that gutted or severely cut the president's big-ticket weapons systems.

The Senate bill endorses the president's two mobile-missile plan, including the request of \$1.1 billion for the MX rail-garrison and \$100 million for the Midgetman.

The legislation also makes a modest cut of \$400 million in the \$4.9 bil-

lion request for Star Wars and trims \$300 million from the \$4.7 billion proposal for the B-2 stealth bomber.

The Senate backed the costly bomber, priced at \$530 million a copy, if it meets flight test and radar-evading standards, and accepted Bush's decision to cancel the F-14D Tomcat jet fighter.

But the chamber diverged from the president on the Marine Corps' V-22 Osprey, the tilt-rotor assault transport that takes off like a helicopter but can fly like a plane. The Senate approved \$255 million in research and development for the Bell-Boeing aircraft.

**Ireland Street becomes one-way**

Traffic patterns on the Texas A&M University campus will change somewhat beginning Monday, when Ireland Street will become one-way from University Drive to Ross Street.

Ireland Street has been one-way from University to New Street and two-way from New Street to Ross Street since the opening of the Northside Parking Garage in January, in order to accommodate continuing construction on Ross.

That construction has been completed, allowing Ireland to revert to one-way onto campus as originally planned, said Tom Williams, direc-

The House and Senate meet in conference in early September to complete a final version of the two defense blueprints the chambers have crafted. The final product will include \$295 billion for the Defense Department, plus \$10 billion for the Department of Energy.

"We have more profound differences this year than we've had in a long, long time," Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said. "We face a difficult conference with the House on this bill."

The money still has to be dispersed through appropriations bills.

tor of Parking, Traffic and Transit Services.

Angle parking spaces on the eastern side of Ireland will be repainted and appropriate signs installed to indicate traffic flow and parking restrictions before next week, Williams said.

Asbury Street will continue to be one-way off campus, establishing a smooth traffic pattern and easing congestion on the streets around the garage, he said. The off-campus shuttle bus stop on Bizzell Street in front of the Wisenbaker Engineering Center will be relocated to Ireland between Ross and New Streets.



**Chip off the old block**

Eleven-year-old Waylon Grubbs of Lewisville practices his chip shot at an A&M putting

green Wednesday afternoon between rain showers as his father, Raymond, watches.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

**Correction**

Tony Shaar, 16, of College Station, was misidentified as Tony Sharp in a story in Wednesday's *Battalion*. Shaar was one of two survivors in a rafting accident that claimed the life of two A&M Consolidated High School students. *The Battalion* regrets the error.