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TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Cloudy with a high chance of
thunderstorms
HIGH: 64 LOW: 48

Cheney proposes military cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney recommended Monday closing or scaling back more than 60 U.S. military bases, including eight in Texas, and ending operations at 12 overseas facilities, a plan that immediately drew congressional fire.

"I understand the problem they're faced with, but it's absolutely vital that Congress have the guts to make the right decisions as we go through this period of time," Cheney said as he released a \$292.1 billion fiscal 1991 spending plan — with the base closing proposal — and signaled lawmakers that the battle has begun.

Cheney said he had no figures yet for the potential savings from the moves. He said the numbers were still being analyzed.

But because it costs money to shut bases down and legislation is needed to do so, the savings are not usually accrued until years later.

The Texas installations Cheney proposes to close are the Army ammunition plant at Karnack, Chase Field Naval Air Station at Beeville, Bergstrom Air Force Base at Austin and the Defense Contract Administration regional office in Dallas.

Reductions were proposed for Fort Hood near Killeen, where the 2nd Armored Division is proposed for disbanding; Fort Sam Houston and Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio and the Red River Army Depot at Texarkana.

The plan, far less extensive than the 86 closings and five realignments that Congress adopted last year from a federally-mandated commission, also calls for closing a significant number of facilities in California.

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Among the candidates for closure there are Fort Ord, Alameda Naval Aviation Depot and Naval Air Station, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Moffett Field Naval Air Station and Oakland Naval Supply Center in California.

Asked whether politics influenced the choices on the closing list, which largely targets bases in the districts of liberal Democrats on Capitol Hill, Cheney said the charge "wasn't a valid one."

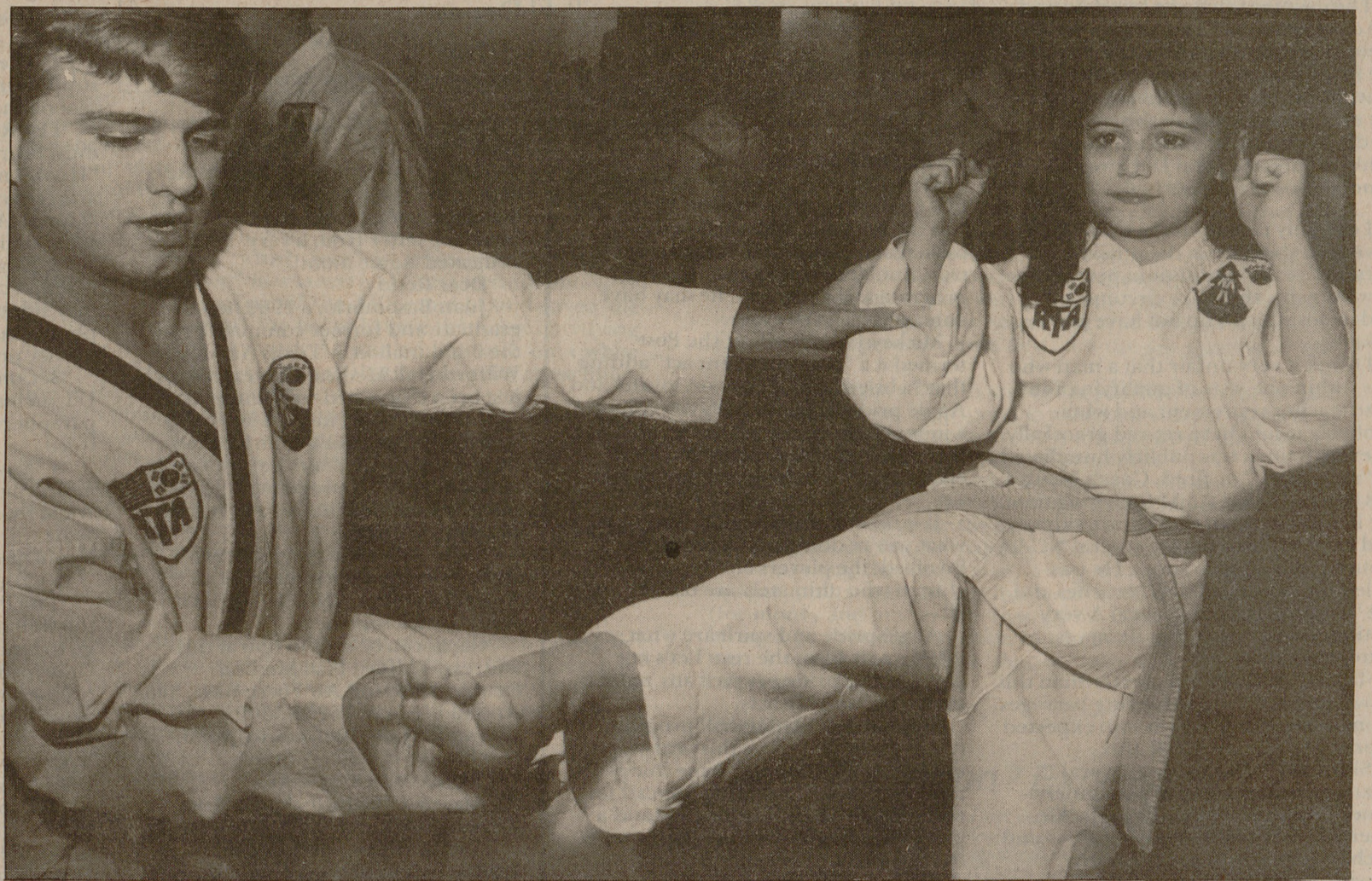
"I did not assemble this list," said the former Republican congressman from Wyoming. The list was compiled by the services, said Cheney, who smiled at suggestions that the services may have been political in their choices.

The proposed deactivation of the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood would involve the loss of 12,000 troops. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, rushed into action to try to work out a deal to save the division.

"We worked out an agreement that if we are able to successfully negotiate round one of the conventional disarmament agreements with the Soviets, that would bring home 21,600 Army personnel from Europe, and the first 12,000 of those would go to Fort Hood," Gramm said in Texas.

But he added, "The Army is looking at a reduction of 135,000 men in uniform. There's no way you can do that without affecting us. We want to minimize that effect."

High kick



Brian Rogers, a senior management major from Longview, teaches 8-year-old Tamra Carvin, a yellow belt from Caldwell, the proper technique for a front kick. Rogers has taught Tae Kwon

Do since he was a high school junior and has owned Tae Kwon Do USA in the Manor East Mall since his freshman year in college. Ten classes are offered per week at Tae Kwon Do USA.

Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

Japan tightens grip on U.S. economy Career week helps students find jobs

By CHRIS VAUGHN
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The United States must become more competitive in the '90s or Japan will continue to tighten its grip on America's economy, a Dallas businesswoman said Monday.

Valerie Freeman, president of Wordtemp Inc., recently returned from a tour of Japan's business industry. She told a group of Texas A&M business students gathered for the Women in Business Symposium that America is lagging far behind Japan in areas critical to competing in a global economy.

Freeman said U.S. business philosophy must put more emphasis on long-term rather than short-term gains.

"They (Japanese) are willing to operate at no profit for a while to grab more of the market share," Freeman said. "They have done it to us time and time again. Our stockholders are banging on the door wanting immediate dividends (while) they just wait. Pretty soon, they win out."

The Japanese are more interested in market share analyses than Americans, Freeman said. She said Japanese companies currently have 90 percent of the VCR market, 80 percent of the videogame market and almost one-third of the auto market.

Freeman said U.S. companies also must commit more resources to research and development if they want to become more competitive.

Japan spends more on research and development, \$1,600 per worker, than any country in

the world, Freeman said. The United States spends \$500 per worker on research and development.

"Many of our companies have too much debt to be able to spend money on R&D," she said. "Another reason is because of our short-term business philosophy."

Because of the shortage of research and development, Freeman said many American companies must form unequal alliances with Japanese firms.

"We may have the idea, but few of our companies have the money to carry it out," she said. "I don't think alliances are bad, but I think they

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Texas A&M students can get a hand with job-hunting this week during Business Career Week, sponsored by the Business Student Council.

Lynn Zimmerman, adviser to the council, said Business Career Week has grown continually since its beginning in 1980. It now has 27 companies setting up booths for one day.

"I think we've had more companies come each succeeding year, with

the exception of one year," he said. This is the first year that corporate booths have been manned for three days, Zimmerman said. Usually the companies only are here on Tuesday and Wednesday, he said.

"All those business skills students learn about in the classroom they put to work this week," Zimmerman said.

Although a few companies may

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Aggie Watch offers bike registration

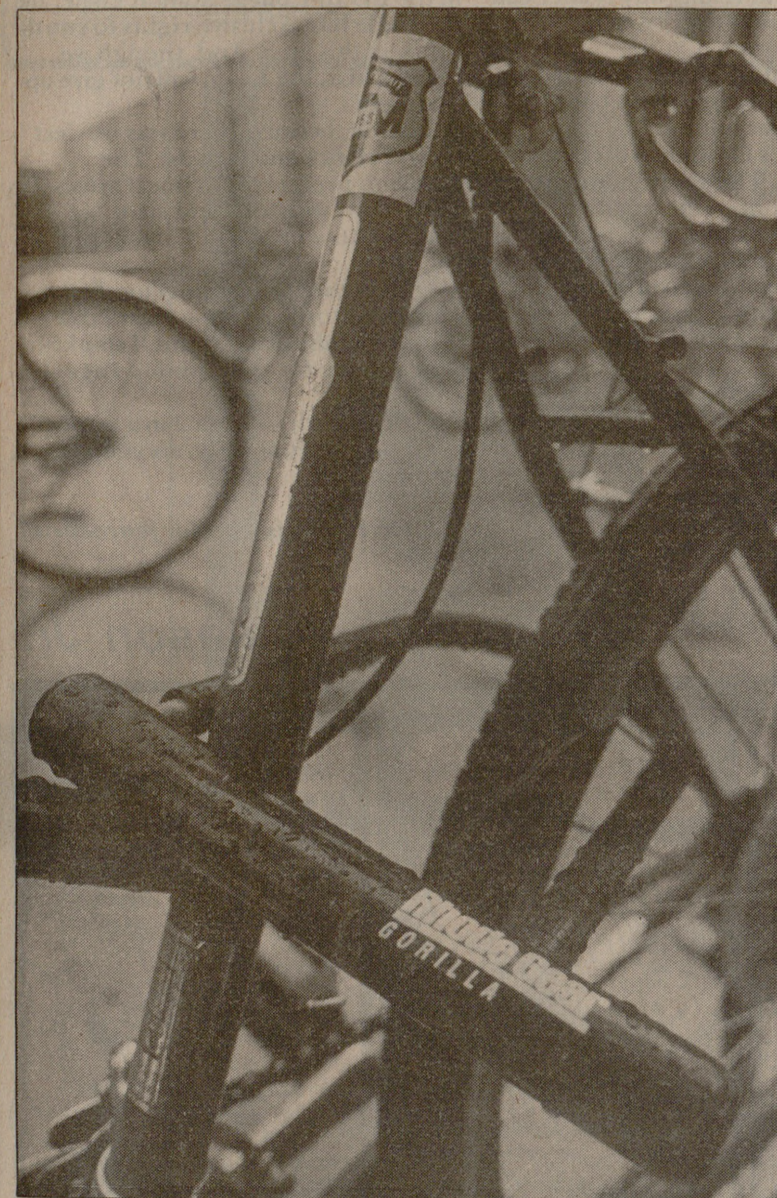


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By SEAN FRERKING
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Many students at Texas A&M are unknowing accomplices to the thefts of their own bicycles, said Lt. Bert Kretzschmar of the University Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

During the past year bicycles worth more than \$60,000 have been reported stolen. UPD found this figure alarming and decided to offer free bicycle registration during Aggie Watch, a forum promoting public awareness and stressing the prevention of crime, Kretzschmar said.

The event, taking place this week and Monday, is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, the Department of Student Affairs, the Department of Food Services and UPD.

Various programs will be featured throughout the week including discussions on theft prevention and bike registration. Kretzschmar said some of the programs will focus on bicycle security.

On Wednesday, the Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, in conjunction with Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, will offer free bicycle registration at two locations on campus. Registration booths will be in front of the Commons and by the Rudder fountain.

After completing registration cards, students will be given reflective stickers with control numbers.

The control numbers on these stickers are entered into the Texas Crime Information Center/ National Crime Information

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A&M organization aids Vietnam vets HELP created to educate public

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Some Vietnam veterans and their families have needed HELP for years.

Now a Texas A&M organization with that name has been created to do just that.

Carol Maxwell, president of HELP and a graduate sociology student at A&M, said the organization's objective is to make people aware of veterans' issues.

HELP devotes most of its time to educating the public about post traumatic stress syndrome, which affects many war veterans.

PTSD causes damage to the central nervous system, Maxwell said

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the symptoms of PTSD include nightmares, hallucinations, lack of emotional control and reclusiveness.

Suicide is the leading cause of death among veterans and Maxwell said PTSD is largely the reason for it.

"People who sustain life-threatening injuries themselves or see someone else sustain them are likely candidates to develop the symptoms of PTSD," Maxwell said. "The younger

you are, the more likely you are to develop it."

Through research in her graduate studies, Maxwell found that 4.8 million people have PTSD and most do not know about it. Most of the time, it can only be detected by a specialist.

Maxwell said HELP is launching a national public awareness campaign this month. "We want to alert veterans of PTSD because some may have it and not know it yet," said Maxwell. "Since PTSD also travels through the family, the spouses and children need to be alerted so that they can also be tested."

HELP will give presentations all over the nation about veterans, and Maxwell said many of the presentations will be given to student groups on A&M's campus to increase student awareness and membership in HELP.

The campaign will kick off at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the College Station Hilton. Another show will be at 9 p.m.

Maxwell said the shows will be a tribute to veterans and will feature Nashville stars.

Tracker, a country star, will perform his famous song "Cripple Cowboy." Tracker received his inspiration to write the song about veterans after meeting a Vietnam veteran in a wheelchair struggling to get into a van. The veteran referred to himself as the cripple cowboy.

Tracker was so impressed by the man that he wrote the song "Cripple Cowboy" and is donating half the proceeds from the video and the song to HELP.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at Copy Corner or Wednesday at the door. Those attending can register for a Nashville trip for two.

Silver Taps ceremony to honor 3

The solemn sound of buglers playing "Taps" and the sharp ring of gunfire will be heard on campus tonight as three Texas A&M students who died during December and January are honored in a Silver Taps ceremony at 10:30 in front of the Academic Building.

The deceased students being honored are:

- Kirk Jason Mauthe, 18, a freshman biomedical sciences major from Plano, who died Dec. 26.
- Marjorie Ann Johnson, 21, a junior kinesiology major from El Lago, who died Dec. 24.
- Timothy D. Hogg,

19, a freshman business administration major from Lamesa, who died Jan. 1.

Dating back almost a century, the stately tradition of Silver Taps is practiced on the first Tuesday of each month from September through April, when necessary.

The names of the deceased students are posted at the base of the flag pole in front of the Academic Building, and the flag is flown at half-staff the day of the ceremony.

Lights will be extinguished and the campus hushed as Aggies play final tribute to fellow Aggies.

The Ross Volunteer Firing Squad begins the ceremony, marching in slow cadence towards the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. Shortly after, three volleys are fired in a 21-gun salute and six buglers play a special arrangement of "Taps" three times — to the north, south and west.