



Bush signs agreements for anti-drug endeavors

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — President Bush signed a series of drug-fighting agreements with the leaders of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia today at a security-shielded summit aimed at escalating the war against cocaine.

Bush and Colombian President Virgilio Barco agreed in a joint statement that the summit was "a significant step toward improved anti-drug coordination."

Bush promised to seek expanded U.S. markets for Colombian products, part of an effort to coax Andean producers out of the coca business and into growing other crops.

Bush and Barco conferred separately during the four-nation meeting.

Colombia has complained that U.S. trade policy is hurting its major legal exports, including coffee, cut flowers and sugar.

Among other steps taken at the summit meeting, held at a tightly guarded naval base off this Caribbean resort city:

- An agreement with Bolivia to help stem the movement of U.S. firearms into South American nations. The U.S. govern-

ment will be more restrictive in issuing export licenses for firearms in the future and will work "domestically to suppress the flow of smuggled arms," the agreement stated.

- An agreement with Peru to enhance "effective law enforcement cooperation" that places a high priority on extradition of fugitives to stand trial in the country where they are accused.

- Tax agreements with Bolivia and Peru that would permit exchange of tax records, bank statements and other information "to uncover illicit drug profits, trace drug money-laundering and generally to further civil and criminal tax investigations."

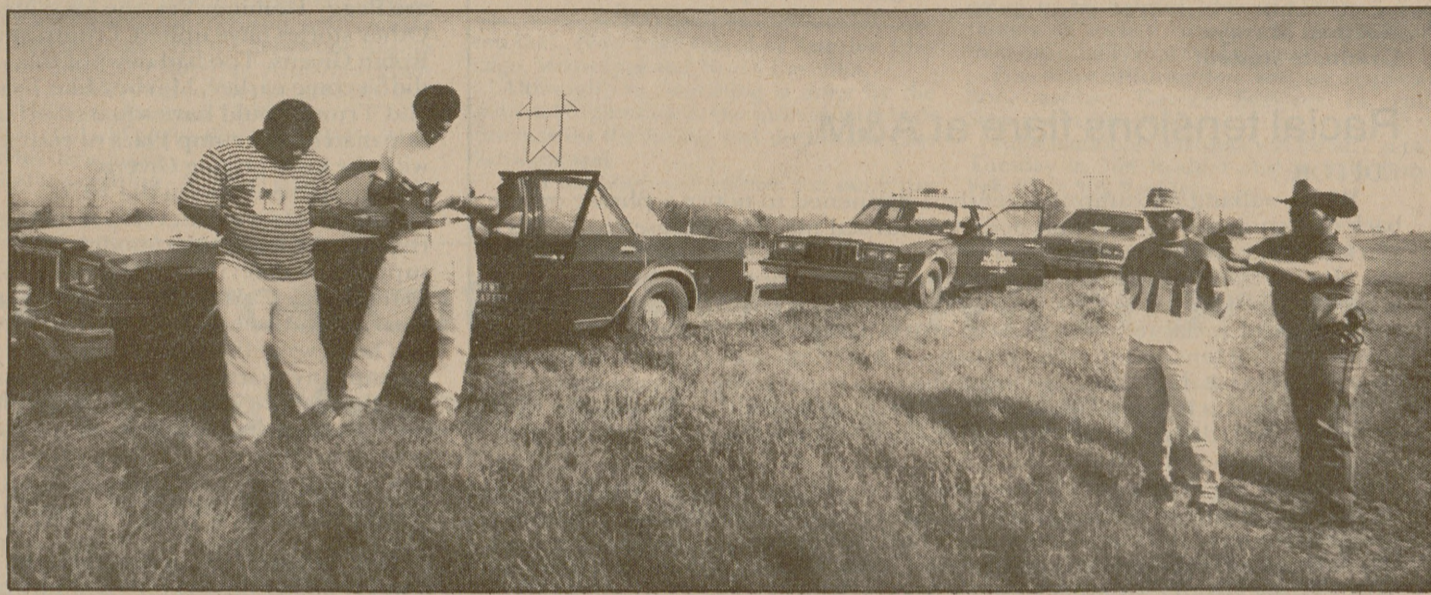
- Agreements with Bolivia and Peru to establish a computerized network with a data base on anti-drug activities.

"It's significant to note that this is the first time that the major producing and consuming nations have joined together in a coordinated strategy," Secretary of State James A. Baker III told reporters.

He called the agreements with Peru and Bolivia their first concrete steps.

DPS arrest two suspects in record-breaking bust

Colombians found with cocaine worth \$59,200



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Two Colombian nationals were arrested and charged Thursday with first-degree felonies for having cocaine worth \$59,200 in their car, resulting in the largest cocaine bust in Brazos County.

Lt. Rick Stewart, of the Department of Public Safety, said that at 3:04 p.m., DPS officers pulled Robinson Zamora Moreno, 32, and Milton Lerma Moreno, 26, over for not wearing seat belts.

Officers arrested the men after finding 592 grams of cocaine in the car, he said. They are charged with aggravated possession of cocaine.

The men are currently in the Brazos County Jail. Each is being held on a half-million dollar bond.

The two men were traveling north on Highway 6 when officers stopped their car past Highway 21, Stewart said. DPS officers had the car under surveillance since it left Houston, he said.

The arrest comes as part of an 18-month investigation the DPS is conducting with the U.S. attorney's office in Waco, Stewart said.

He said the group under investigation brings the cocaine into Houston from Colombia, then transports it to Waco for distribution.

He estimated there have been between eight and 10 arrests resulting from the investigation.

Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

(Top) DPS police officers arrest Robinson Zamora Moreno and Milton Lerma Moreno from Houston on North Hwy. 6 past Hwy. 21. A DPS officer uncovers a bag of cocaine hidden in a paper sack under the hood of the suspects' car.

Smith: A&M needs new center to meet growing campus needs

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In tune with spring, the season of growth and new beginnings, the Texas A&M campus is growing and expanding at a steady pace.

A&M President William Mobley, at the first Board of Regents meeting for the spring semester, suggested that University representatives present, at the next meeting, a plan to construct a special events center.

Plans for the center have been under consideration by the University since 1984. Such plans were previously presented briefly at a Board of Regents planning retreat last summer.

Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration, said a combination of things are responsible for originating the

idea for the center.

There is a need to find a replacement basketball facility for G. Rollie White Coliseum, he said, as well as a facility large enough to hold all those who attend academic and entertainment functions, such as graduation and music concerts.

"If you went to the George Strait concert, you'll see my point," he said. "Everyone who has ever endured a graduation ceremony also is aware of G. Rollie's limited seating capacity. A new facility is long overdue."

"The project is one whose time has come."

Smith, who will coordinate the project, said a feasibility-marketing study taken in 1984 revealed the University's need for the center; however, because of other institu-

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Embracing runaways

Big Hug reaches out to help

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Hug and mug on Kyle Field.

Lots of Aggies will score this weekend at the Big Hug, a Student Y sponsored event to be held Friday at midnight to raise money for Brazos County's Stepping Stone. Stepping Stone is a private, non-profit United Way organization dedicated to assisting troubled juveniles.

Stepping Stone has been the recipient of the event's proceeds since February 1988, when the first Big Hug took place.

In its third year, the event promises to raise money as well as awareness about the runaway situation in the Brazos Valley, Richard Sellers, Stepping Stone chairman of the board said.

Sellers said some of the money will go toward the anticipated building of a temporary emergency shelter for runaways between the ages of 10 and 17.

Sellers addressed the need for such a building during a lecture Thursday.

According to a study by Shirley Bame, A&M assistant professor in urban and regional planning, there are between 800 and 1,200 runaway and homeless youths in the community each year. Last year in June alone, he said Covenant House, a shelter in Houston, received 800 calls from the (409) area code.

The community has been unable to provide sufficient services to a large number of these youth. This is due to reduction of funds and services associated with Brazos County Juvenile Services and proposed decreases in state funding for juvenile services.

Sellers said that left with nowhere to go, runaways turn to the community for help, but the local community does not have much to offer in the way of shelter. State funds only provide one bed in the local area for runaways, and there is a dwindling supply of money for the daily \$40-\$80 cost of supporting a runaway.

Some of the money raised from The Big Hug will be set aside to furnish the proposed shelter with enough beds to hold 12 to 16 runaways, he said.

"Raising money for such a cause is not a glamorous job," Sellers said. "People don't want to think about it, because it means someone was a bad parent. That's not always true."

He said his organization is not in the business of recruiting runaways into the shelter permanently. We just want the money and facilities to care for them until we can get them back into their homes, he said.

Those who come out to Kyle Field on Friday will embrace the cause and each other during the event. Activities include a yell practice led by the yell leaders who will be in the stands, a series of hugs and the grand finale, a big hug that includes all the participants.

Student Y is selling "Hug and Mug" T-shirts in the MSC until 4 p.m. today to raise money. The \$8 cost includes a \$5 admission to the event.

The Big Hug will be at the north end of Kyle Field and will last less than an hour. Gates to Kyle will open at 11 p.m.

For more information call the Student Y Office at 845-0690, or Lisa Ann Robertson, director of the event, at 764-7278.

House directors double as stand-in-mothers for sorority members



Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Delta Delta Delta house mother Mary Ezell (left) and Delta Zeta house mother Lenore Snell chat during an afternoon walk.

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The sorority house directors at Texas A&M don't view themselves as managers of a large bed and breakfast. Instead, they act as mothers to sorority members who want a mom away from home.

After Gwen Rainwater's husband passed away, she found herself staring at the walls when she returned from her job as a book keeper.

By working as a house director in Arkansas and Louisiana, Rainwater surrounded herself with laughter, youth and responsibility. Two years ago she came to A&M to open the Alpha Chi Omega house.

Rainwater, the mother to 43 in-house members and 51 out-of-house members, loves her job because people are always around.

"You get tickled by some of the girls and their boyfriend problems," she said. "It keeps you young."

Rainwater also wants sorority members to come to her when they have other problems.

"One time I had a girl who was upset because she couldn't deal with her father's alcoholism, and I had had some experience because my husband was an alcoholic," she said. "I got her hooked up with a counseling group on campus."

"A housemother can really help if the girls open up to you, but sometimes they won't."

Rainwater said house directors try to watch for cases of bulimia and anorexia nervosa, which are eating disorders.

Rainwater said her official responsibilities as house director are to:

- host all social functions.
- plan the meals and order the groceries.
- oversee the house staff, which consists of one cook and one maid.

The sorority standards committee is in charge of disciplinary action.

Rainwater said she doesn't see any disadvantages of working as a house director.

"This is my home, and I have my privacy so I can do as I please," she said.

Except for on special occasions, men are not allowed on the second floor where all the bedrooms are located, she said. After some of the home football games, fathers, brothers and boyfriends can go upstairs.

The sorority members have to be excused by the house director if late to dinner.

"One of my girls at another university was late to dinner because she had to take her boyfriend's pet lizard to the vet," Rainwater said. "It had to have two shots because it had a cold."

Rainwater tries to maintain a good relationship with all the girls including those who don't live in the house.

"You get really close to the members, and you miss them when they graduate," she

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