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Weekend rap-up

Harris executed Friday for murder

HUNTSVILLE — Danny Harris, who was convicted of joining his teen-age brother in the brutal slaying of a helpful motorist 15 years ago, was executed at 12:18 a.m. Friday.

Harris, whose brother Curtis was executed July 1 for his part in the crime, died six minutes after receiving the lethal injection.

Harris made a final statement, during which he expressed love for his family and for the family of his victim.

"I'd like to plead with teenagers and children to stop the violence and focus on Christ," he said.

Harris is the 62nd inmate to be put to death in Texas since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982 and the eighth this year. Both totals are the highest in the nation.

Brain cancer kills U.S. Rep. Henry

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — U.S. Rep. Paul Henry, a rising Republican star who was elected to a fifth term weeks after doctors removed a malignant tumor from his brain, died Saturday. He was 51.

Henry was diagnosed with brain cancer in October after complaining of headaches.

Doctors initially were optimistic about his chances for recovery, but by mid-summer his staff said he couldn't communicate and they weren't sure if he recognized friends.

"We had all been hoping for a miracle," Republican Gov. John Engler said Saturday.

"It's tragic when such a productive and promising life is cut short before its time," President Clinton said. "His personal courage and bravery will be an inspiration for us."

U.S. efforts halt Israeli offensive

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A U.S.-brokered truce halted Israel's weeklong military blitz in southern Lebanon on Saturday, lessening for the time being the latest threat to Mideast peace talks.

About 500,000 Lebanese had been driven from their homes by the air and artillery assault, launched July 25 in retaliation for guerrilla attacks that killed seven Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

The Israeli offensive was Israel's broadest and bloodiest in Lebanon since its 1982 invasion to rout Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization.

At least 126 people were killed and 496 wounded. Beirut's mosques, schools, slums, and waterfront sidewalks are teeming with refugees.

Belgian king dies of heart failure

MOTRIL, Spain — King Baudouin of Belgium died of heart failure Saturday while vacationing in Spain, a government spokesman said.

The king, 62, died in Motril, a town in southern Spain on the Mediterranean coast, a spokesman for Spain's Ministry of the Presidency said. The king and his wife, Queen Fabiola, had been vacationing in Motril since July 22.

The Belgian news agency Belga quoted Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene as saying the king died about 9:30 p.m. after a cardiac arrest at Motril.

King Baudouin had been in ill health in recent years. Last year, he underwent heart surgery to repair a mitral valve.

Administrative shuffle hits A&M

Reports: Mobley to become System chancellor; Gage to attain presidency

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents will soon bump President William Mobley up to the office of chancellor of the A&M System, according to news reports released over the weekend, but system officials have declined to comment on the reports.

According to reports, Herbert Richardson, current chancellor of the A&M System, will step down as early as this week, making room for Mobley.

Sources told the Associated Press that E. Dean Gage, senior vice president and provost, will replace Mobley as University president.

The Battalion was unable to reach Gage, Mobley or Richardson for comment over the weekend.

It is likely that Robert Smith, vice president for finance and administration, will

go with Mobley to the chancellor's office and become his second in command as executive deputy chancellor.

Ed Davis, current executive deputy chancellor, has been offered the job of executive director of the Texas A&M University Development Foundation.

Penny Beaumont, vice chancellor for communications for the A&M System, said she has been told to refer all questions regarding the proposed moves to Ross Margraves, chairman of the Board, and she expects the System to make an official announcement early this week.

Margraves declined to comment on the reports because he said, "It's premature for me to comment on any changes within the A&M System."

However, he said an announcement would be forthcoming.

In news reports released Saturday, Regent Royce Wisenbaker said he opposes the decision to remove Richardson from the chancellor's office and reassign him to a teaching position.

"Obviously, I think it's a tragic situation because I hired Herb Richardson," he said, referring to Richardson's appointment to chancellor in 1991. "I don't know

why they did it that way."

Wisenbaker said the Board decided during its July 22-23 meetings to replace Richardson and put him into an engineering teaching position Sept. 1.

Richardson leaves as chancellor after holding posts in the System as deputy chancellor for engineering, director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, and vice chancellor for engineering. Richardson also served as dean of the College of Engineering.

Mobley became Texas A&M's 20th president in August 1988 after serving as executive deputy chancellor of the A&M System from 1986-88.

Shortly after Mobley's arrival in 1988, the football program became embroiled in controversy under head coach Jackie Sherrill, who eventually resigned amidst claims that a player had been illegally paid.

The player later recanted his claims and the school was never connected to any wrongdoing. Mobley drew widespread praise for his handling of the situation.

Mobley first came to Texas A&M University as the head of the Department of Management in 1980, and in 1983 became dean of the College of



Mobley

Business Administration.

The Texas A&M System includes six institutions other than A&M and several agencies.

Senate passes college service plan

By STEPHANIE PATILLO

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A Senate vote Friday ended the Republican filibuster on President Bill Clinton's national service bill that will allow students to pay back loans with community service.

In a statement by the president Friday, Clinton thanked Republicans who supported his service legislation.

"National Service will be America at its best-energizing

our youth, meeting our nation's needs and reuniting all of us in the common work of citizenship," he said. "This legislation joins our nation's finest traditions of building community, rewarding responsibility and offering opportunity."

Clinton's plan would provide a \$5,000 education award to any student agreeing to perform 1,700 hours of approved

national service. The students would also be paid a \$7,200 stipend, as well as be provided health and child care if necessary. The estimated total cost to the federal government is \$15,000 to \$20,000 per student.

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E.C. officials work to halt impending money crisis

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BRUSSELS, Belgium — Senior European Community officials struggled for a second day Sunday to find a way to end the currency turmoil that threatens the collapse of their 14-year-old monetary system.

They were working against a deadline of Monday morning, when the money markets reopen and the EC's weak currencies could again come under attack from speculators.

Several EC currencies, including the usually strong French franc, plunged last week as traders sold them off in huge quantities, expecting that the currencies would soon be devalued.

At stake is not only the value of the individual currencies, but the EC's European Monetary System, under which currencies are allowed to fluctuate within only a narrow range. The system is key to the EC's hopes of establishing monetary union by the end of the decade to go along with the bloc countries' closer trade and political ties.

Greenwood faces probation terms

Sherron Dante Greenwood found out Friday he will be under house arrest for 10 years and wear an electronic monitoring device to make sure he complies with the terms of his probation.

Greenwood's house arrest prohibits him from leaving his house during non-working or non-school hours, except when he participates in approved community programs.

A jury convicted Greenwood last week of murdering Billy C. Williams in Bryan High School's Lamar ninth-grade campus and sentenced him to 10 years probation.

District Judge John Delaney also said Greenwood must attend high school and obtain a diploma or a General Educational Development certificate within the span of three years, cannot associate with any gang and cannot possess any type of knife or firearm.

Dog days of summer



MARY MACMANUS/The Battalion

Dusty, a four-year-old golden retriever, fetches her toy from the flowing waters of Research Park's creeks.

Researchers: home education growing

Brazos Valley group hosts home schooling workshop

By JANET HOLDER

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Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series dealing with home schooling.

Brazos Valley residents choosing to teach their children at home rather than send them to traditional public or private schools are part of a growing trend, according to home school researchers.

More than 90 people attended a workshop Saturday on the hows and whys of home schooling presented by the Brazos Valley Christian Home Educators Association (BVCHEA) at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center.

The all-day workshop was conducted by Hank Tate, the executive director of Educational Support Foundation (ESF).

About 50 percent of those attending the workshop said they were interested in home schooling their children, but had not yet begun to home school.

The number of people choosing to educate their children at home is increasing at a rate of 10 percent per year, according to research done by Patricia Lines. More than 300,000 children, kindergarten to 12th grade, were home schooled in the fall of 1990, indicating an increase from 183,000 children in 1985.

In some states the growth rate may be as high as 20 to 40 percent, Tate said. In Texas the rate of increase is between 30 to 40 percent every year, he said.

Based upon Texas support group counts by Home Oriented Private Education (HOPE), there

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•Monday: partly cloudy with isolated afternoon showers, highs near 100

•Forecast for Tuesday: partly cloudy, widely scattered afternoon rain

TEXAS LOTTO

•Saturday's lotto numbers: 10, 11, 20, 28, 35, 46
•Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$3 million

-The Associated Press

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