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NEWS BRIEFS

Humanitarian aid on hold after gun fire

SARAJEVO, Bosnia (AP) — The humanitarian airlift to Sarajevo was suspended Wednesday after several planes were fired on, U.N. officials said. Two U.N. forces planes were fired on as they took off at about midday. U.N. officials in Zagreb, Croatia, said bullet holes were discovered in the planes after they returned to base here. No injuries were reported. U.N. officials had hoped to restart the airlift about noon after a morning postponement because of concerns about mortar rounds that landed near the airport late Tuesday. Instead, the airlift was canceled for the day, said Kris Janowski, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Several relief planes were already en route to Sarajevo when they got word to return to bases in Croatia, Italy and Germany.

Clinton distributes money to hire police

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promising police the "power to change the future of your communities," President Clinton doled out the first fruits of his crime bill Wednesday: \$200 million to hire 2,770 officers.

"Today, we have rejected decades of excuses that crime is a local problem that Washington can do nothing about," Clinton told a crowd of police and local politicians from around the country at a sunny South lawn ceremony. "Washington can do a lot to help you fight crime."

The \$200 million will go to 392 communities that must contribute 25 percent of the cost to hire the officers. This is the first installment of \$8.8 billion approved in the new crime law for hiring up to 100,000 police over the next six years.

Clinton noted the crime law is supposed to be paid for by trimming the size of the federal government.

"This is something Washington has done to give you the power to change the future of your communities," he said.

Remains of Davidians to return to Waco

FORT WORTH (AP) — The remains of about 30 Branch Davidians are expected to be moved to McLennan County by Friday, the first step toward burial after nearly 12 years of storage.

McLennan County officials are expected to meet Thursday to map their next moves and should remove the remains by Friday, Darrell Thompson, spokesman for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said Wednesday.

Tarrant County has been threatening to charge McLennan County or the Davidians' relatives \$25-a-day per body for storage, McLennan and Tarrant officials said. That would have amounted to more than \$20,000 a month.

"We would like to see the returns returned respectfully, in a Christian way as soon as possible," Assistant Tarrant County District Attorney Van Thompson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

McLennan County Justice of the Peace David Pareya said he didn't know when the bodies will be buried.

News caster searches for teddy bear owner

NEW YORK (AP) — Jane Pauley has a bear of a mystery on her hands. The NBC newscaster and one of her children found a teddy bear in the back of a cab Monday night, and Pauley is looking for the owner.

"Since I have three children, I have had many nightmare experiences with lost bears and bunnies," she said. "Some sainted person always recognized they were worth more than gold and returned them."

The bear is "small and brown and nearly a veteran of years of love," Pauley said.

She contacted the city Taxi and Limousine Commission, but without a tag number or the driver's medallion number, she was told there was nothing they could do.

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Students react to resignation of officer

By Amanda Fowle
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College Republicans' vice president for publicity, Bo Armstrong, was forced to resign Wednesday for posting unapproved fliers, which some students found to be racially offensive.

"I regret that anyone took offense to them," Armstrong said. "If I had it to do over, I would keep the same messages but I would reword them."

Armstrong said that he believes all quotas forced by affirmative action are wrong, but that he has nothing against minorities.

"I support colorblind hiring," he said. "I believe that hiring quotas are wrong. I have seen injustices on both sides."

Armstrong agreed to resign from his position at the College Republicans' officer meeting late Tuesday night.

Chad Walter, College Republican president, said the officers agreed that Armstrong should resign.

"I asked Bo if he thought it was best for

College Republicans' vice president steps down after outrage over fliers

him to resign," Walter said, "and he said he thought it was the only option he had."

Armstrong said that his resignation was the in the best interest of the organization.

"It seemed like the right thing to do," he said. "It was the best thing overall to do for the club."

Walter has appointed David Johnson as the interim vice president for publicity. There will be an election in three weeks to permanently fill the position.

Minority students are pleased with Armstrong's resignation, but are still demanding a public apology from the College Republicans.

Anamaria Salinas, an ExCEL team leader, said that Armstrong's resignation is not enough.

"Blaming one person is not enough," she said. "How could their advisers let this happen? The damage has been done, but I would like to see a public apology."

Claudio Sosa, chair of ExCEL, said the College Republicans should have been more careful.

"I regret that no one was there to stop this guy before the mistake was made," he said. "Hopefully they will be more careful in the future."

Walker said that the fliers were not approved by the College Republicans and were only up for a few hours.

He said that when he noticed they had been posted around campus late Sunday night, he and another College Republican member took down all of the fliers they

could find. "Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication with the committee in charge of the fliers," he said, "and on Monday some of the fliers were put back up."

Armstrong said he has received many supportive phone calls and comments from students.

He said that many people have said they agree with the point of the fliers and are glad he has taken responsibility.

Armstrong said that some people have told him they think he has been made a scapegoat for the College Republicans, but he disagrees.

"The fliers were my responsibility," he said.

Shawn Williams, president of the A&M chapter of the NAACP, said that education is necessary to prevent offending minorities.

"If people had more interaction with minorities, they would know what is offensive," he said.



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Taking care of Aggieland

Seniors Nick Pena (left) an industrial distribution major, and Kamphi Claiborne, a construction science major, clean up

graffiti on a wall of the Sterling C. Evans Library on Wednesday morning.

College Republican apologizes to Senate

By Melissa Jacobs
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College Republicans President Chad Walter apologized at a Student Senate meeting on Wednesday for the distribution of fliers some minority students found racially offensive.

Brooke Leslie, student body president, said it is important for student senators to hear the story concerning a flier that states "You're black, you're female, you have a 2.0, you have a job. You're white, you're male, you have a 4.0, your point. College Republicans support equal opportunity."

Walter said the fliers were not approved by the College Republicans officers.

"We had a dorm canvass Sunday night to make sure every student had registered to vote," he said. "Since we were doing that, we didn't have an officer's meeting."

Walter said he received a phone call late Sunday night informing him about the fliers.

"I went and tore them down that night," he said. "I missed Heldenfels and I know that because I got several calls about those fliers."

Walter criticized a story appearing on KBTX Wednesday night because the news anchors read the top half of both of the fliers, but not the bottom halves.

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A&M officials give opinion of Clinton's recent priorities

By Stephanie Dube
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Despite recent criticism that President Bill Clinton has been focusing too much on international issues, several Texas A&M officials agree recent world events have forced Clinton to turn to foreign policy.

Dr. Patricia Hurley, professor of political science, said recent events have left Clinton with no choice but to focus on international issues.

"The U.S. must play some role in these international events," Hurley said. "It's not a question of what Clinton wants to work on. If Clinton were to ignore the events and focus on domestic issues, he would be subject to justifiable criticism."

Chad Walter, president of the College Republicans, said Clinton has been reacting to foreign issues, not intentionally focusing on them.

"I think Clinton has done a good job with Iraq and he should continue," Walter said. "We need to continue to get a good defensive force and leave our options open."

Eric Gruetzner, president of Aggie Democrats, said Clinton had no control over the foreign

issues. "Clinton's foreign policy has been by necessity, he has had to take action," Gruetzner said. "He has had to devote more time in the foreign arena than he had expected. A president never knows what problems will come up."

Gruetzner said the situation in Iraq is an example of the unexpected foreign problems Clinton has had to face.

"Iraq was out of the blue," Gruetzner said. "This is almost a cat-and-mouse game. Saddam is trying to test Clinton and see how serious he is about following UN accords."

Dr. James Dyer, associate professor of political science, said all presidents follow public opinion polls, but the main question is to what extent they follow the polls.

Clinton has been focusing on international issues because he must, not because of public opinion polls, Dyer said.

"Certain international events have been thrust on Clinton," he said. "In foreign policy, generally public opinion plays less of a role than it does in domestic issues. What Clinton has done in foreign policy, he has had to do."

Walter, however, said Clinton relies on polls before he makes decisions, which accounts for much of the vacillating in his opinions.

"Clinton flip-flops," Walter said. "He waits on the polls, and the polls shift. He relies on the polls before he does things."

Dyer said he does not think Clinton relies heavily on polls.

"With the health plan, Clinton thought the population was

for the plan and they ended up being less so," Dyer said. "I do not think he backed away from the plan, it was just not politically feasible."

Hurley said she feels Clinton's health care plan did not pass because Congress was unwilling to pass it, not because Clinton did not work enough on it.

"There is nothing Clinton can do until next year with the new Congress," Hurley said. "Clinton

has not made the progress he wants to. He's done a lot of on-the-job learning."

To pass the health plan, Clinton will need to scale it down and pass individual reforms rather than aiming for a complete overhaul of the system, Hurley said.

"I think he will bring the is

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University experts disagree over U.S. future in Persian Gulf

By Amy Lee
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With United States troops amassing in the Persian Gulf and the retreat of Iraqi's from the Kuwait border, Texas A&M experts are at odds as to what the future outcome in the Middle East will be.

Steve Muller, supply officer for Navy ROTC at A&M, said it is likely that the United States could go to war with Iraq.

"I think the political and financial situation in Iraq is a key element with Iran, with the Serbs,

the Shiites and in Saudi Arabia," he said. "The strangle hold that these countries have on (Saddam Hussein) will force this man to do something for their economy."

Dr. Woosang Kim, professor of political science, said he does not think that the U.S. will go to war.

"Hussein knows better," he said. "He has sent out messages to the U.S. and the world saying, 'We may attack Kuwait if you do not respond and no one listened.'"

Dr. H.W. Brands, professor of history, said he believes that a war with Iraq is no more than a slim possibility.

"Any aggression on his part will be met with strong American action," he said.

Muller said that the solution to the problems in Iraq are not for the United States to solve.

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